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"Today, I lend my voice of support and admiration to all those brave men and women of the press who labor to expose truth and enhance accountability around the world. In so doing, I recall the words of Thomas Jefferson: "The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."  
– President Barack Obama, May 3, 2009.

[Freedom of the Press Survey – 2009](#)

[Map of Press Freedom 2009](#)

[The State of the News Media 2009: An Annual Report on American Journalism](#) *Pew Project for Excellence in Journalism*, March, 2009.

[Preparing to Cover the Best Story of Our Lives: Census 2010](#)

[Freedom of Information Is Bedrock of Free and Open Societies](#) on *America.gov*, June 9, 2009.

[Independent News Media Important for Democracy Worldwide](#) on *America.gov*, July 21, 2008.

[The Reconstruction of American Journalism](#) by Leonard Downie & Michael Schudson in *Columbia Journalism Review*. November / December 2009. 24p.

[Iranian Demonstrators Have the Admiration of the World, Says Obama](#) on *America.gov*, Dec. 28'09.

[Three Trends Over Eight Presidential Elections, 1980-2008: Toward Emergence of a Democratic Majority Alignment?](#) by Demetrios J. Caraley in *Political Science Quarterly*, Fall 2009, 20p.

[Freedom of Expression in the Western Hemisphere](#) *U.S. Dept of State*, June 12, 2009

[The Future of the News Industry](#) *Brookings*, May 18, 2009.

[Reflections on Information Technology and Democracy](#) by Joshua Cohen in the *Boston Review*, March/April 2009.

While elections and other institutions of accountability are essential to democracy, their efficacy arguably depends on a complicated, dispersed, ongoing, relatively unstructured public discussion. The author examines the way in which the Internet is changing democratic discourse and the impact of information technology on the society.

[A New Foundation: The Search for Solutions to Journalism's Crisis](#) by Rem Rieder in *AJR*, December / January 2010.

[Saving America's Democracy-Sustaining Journalism](#) by Victoria Pickard & Joseph Torres in *The Seattle Times*, July 4, 2009.

The current newspaper crisis isn't just about the future of the printed product...

#### [The Evolution of Freedom of Information – Photo gallery](#)

Freedom of information lays the foundation for government transparency. Governments with freedom of information legislation are required to provide information at minimal cost to anyone who requests it. However, most laws provide exceptions for the disclosure of information regarding national defense and foreign relations.





## TECHNOLOGY / NEW MEDIA

**Societies Free of Internet Censorship Are Stronger, Obama Says** - "The free flow of information on the Internet builds a stronger society, encourages creativity and helps people around the world participate in the political process and hold their governments accountable... The more freely information is allowed to flow online, including through services like Twitter, "the stronger the society becomes," he said. "Because then citizens of countries around the world can hold their own governments accountable. They can begin to think for themselves. That generates new ideas. It encourages creativity," not only in politics and government, but also in business." – President Barack Obama, November 16, 2009.

**The First Amendment, the Internet, and Net Neutrality: Be Careful What You Wish For** by Robert Corn-Revere. *Progress and Freedom Foundation*, Dec'09. 10p.

**Inside the Political Twittersphere: A Look Inside Twitter's Use for Politics** *Sysomos*, October 2009. [Blog](#)

**Going Public**: Should journalists express their political views on social networking sites? *AJR*, Dec. /Jan.'10.

**For Iranian Bloggers, Risks Have Not Deterred Activity** on *America.gov*, October 6, 2008.

**Digital Influence in News and Politics** *Sparxoo*, September 28, 2009. 22p.

**Tipping Point for the New Media** An interview with Arianna Huffington, editor-in-chief of The Huffington Post in *New Perspectives Quarterly*, Summer 2009.

**The Internet Is Killing America's Free Press and Why It Matters** by Jerry Bowles on *SocialMediaToday*, October 15, 2009.

**Twitter and Status Updating, Fall 2009** *Pew Internet & American Life Project*. Susannah Fox et al. October 21, 2009. 16p.

**Fox News Viewed as Most Ideological Network** by Andrew Kohut & Michael Remez. *Pew Research Center for the People & the Press*, October 29, 2009. 15p.

**Understanding Information Literacy: A Primer** by Forest Woody Horton, Jr. *UNESCO*, 2007. 103p.

**Mobile Access to Information** by Gary Price, September 2009.

**Key Indicators Database** – from Pew Global Attitudes Project (international public opinion).

**The Newsweekly's Last Stand** by Michael Hirschorn in *The Atlantic*, July/August 2009.

**The Twitter Explosion** by Paul Farhi in *American Journalism Review*, June/July 2009.

**Why Iran's Twitter Revolution is Unique** by Yigal Schleifer in *Christian Science Monitor*, June 19, 2009.

**Mapping the Arabic Blogosphere: Politics, Culture, and Dissent** *Internet & Democracy Project at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society*, Harvard, June 2009. 62p. [Summary](#) June 16, 2009.

**Blogs Falling in an Empty Forest** *New York Times*, June 5, 2009

**Freedom on the Net: A Global Assessment of Internet and Digital Media** *Freedom House*, April 1, 2009. 126p. Includes country reports on Brazil, China, Cuba, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, India, Iran, Kenya, Malaysia, Russia, South Africa, Tunisia, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

**Newspaper Web Site Audience Skyrockets in January** *Newspaper Association of America*, March 9, 2009. [Data tables](#)

**Global Faces and Networked Places: A Nielsen Report on Social Networking's New Global Footprint** *Nielsen*, March 2009. 16p. [News Release with Charts](#) notes that social networking is now the fourth most popular online application, ahead of personal email.

**Net Neutrality: The Federal Communications Commission's Authority to Enforce its Network Principles** *CRS*, February 20, 2009.



[Newspapers Face a Challenging Calculus: Online Growth, but Print Losses are Bigger](#) *Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, February 26, 2009.*

[The Fairness Doctrine Distraction](#) by Josh Silver & Marvin Ammori. *Free Press*, February 2009. 7p. On February 26, 2009, the *Free Press* noted that the [U.S. Senate had passed legislation banning reinstatement of the Fairness Doctrine](#)

## U.S. GOVERNMENT

[Advancing Freedom of Information in the New Era of Responsibility](#) Hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, September 30, 2009.

[Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and Voice of America: Soft Power and the Free Flow of Information](#) Hearing before the *Subcommittee on Europe, U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs*, July 23, 2009. [Transcripts](#) and scroll down.

[Copyright Licensing in a Digital Age: Competition, Compensation, and the Need to Update the Cable and Satellite TV Licenses](#) Hearing, *U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary*, February 25, 2009.

[Ensuring Television Carriage in the Digital Age](#) Hearing, *U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary*, February 25, 2009.

## America.gov

[Democracy Dialogues "Engaging the World"](#)

[Women Journalists Honored for Risking Their Lives](#) on *America.gov*, October 16, 2008.

## NEW & EMERGING MEDIA

[American Press Institute](#)

[Berkman Cent. for Internet & Society, Harvard Law School](#)

[Electronic Frontier Foundation](#)

[Internat. Fed. of Library Associations and Institutions](#)

[Internet Crime Complaint Center](#)

[Library of Congress Veterans History Project](#)

[National Association of Broadcasters](#)

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[American Society of Newspaper Editors](#)

[FedNet](#)

[Google Books Library Project](#)

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[MSNBC TV Citizen Journalists Report](#)

[NPR Podcast Directory](#)

[National Native News](#)

[New American Media](#)

[Online News Association](#)

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[Radio-Television News Directors Assn.](#)

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[Unity: Journalists of Color, Inc.](#)

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