

ARGENTINA

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS	Journalism in Argentina has constitutional and legal guarantees against the attacks of power, be it Executive, Legislative or Judicial. In that area, the Judiciary, the rulings are usually favorable to freedom of expression. A vital tool is access to public information both in the national government and in nineteen of the twenty-four provinces. National and international associations ensure the defense of the exercise of journalism, considered fundamental for the preservation of democracy.
WEAKNESSES	Social polarization creates extremes that are functional for politicians and in which some journalists and media outlets incur. The confrontation, in a country burdened by inflation, insecurity and corruption, contributes to the practice of so-called journalism by journalists instead of relying on information sources. The cost, faced with the possibility of personal or virtual disqualifications, may be self-censorship, in order to avoid grievances in a context of job insecurity in which many journalists must have multiple jobs to support themselves.
OPPORTUNITIES	Beyond the fact that social and entertainment networks for private users have in many cases become the main means of information, the media continue to impose society's discussion. This premise represents the added value that the brand and the signatures impose on the unverified comments that seek to impose certain positions. The call for moderation on the eve of the 2023 general elections may put things in their place.
THREATS	The complex situation of journalists and the economic losses of numerous media outlets, as well as the emergence of artificial intelligence, threaten the practice of journalism. The autocratic bias of some politicians, as well as threats and attacks, limits the investigative and oversight work of journalists, associated in popular ideology with ideological or partisan positions outside their mission to inform, educate and entertain. The lack of protection and respect works against freedom of expression.

