

Mexico

Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, treats

STRENGTHS	In spite of the climate of stigmatization and disqualification on the news and opinion output from some media, and the negative consequences of the policy of budget cuts in government advertising by the President Andrés Manuel López Obrador administration, plural spaces of information and opinion contributing to the consolidation of public debate, assessment, and analysis of the situation experienced by the country still prevail in Mexico.
WEAKNESSES	A historical weakness is the precarious conditions for the work of journalists. This professional class, with few exceptions, does not earn decent salaries and benefits under the law. This has a negative impact on the quality of news production, a situation that has forced some of them to perform other activities to generate income and meet their basic needs.
OPPORTUNITIES	The work of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) committed to defending and respecting free speech is a fundamental activity that gives visibility to the serious problems and enormous challenges facing the country and the Mexican State in the field of freedom of expression. The critical work of CSOs has played a major role in society, as they monitor and blow the whistle on irregularities, unlawful acts, and the violation of the rights of journalists, the media, and society as a whole with regard to freedom of expression and the right to information in Mexico.
THREATS	One of the most evident and long-standing threats over the last 20 years in the country is represented by the actions of attacks on, threats to, and assassination of journalists. This hostile and dangerous environment for the exercise of journalism has negative repercussions, because it instills fear, self-censorship, and silence. On the other hand, the political behavior of the Executive, in the form of harassment and disqualification towards some media and journalists critical of its administration, seriously undermines the democratic principles of freedom of expression in the country.

