

Honduras

Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, treats

<p>STRENGTHS</p>	<p>There are strong media with some degree of independence that have preserved a relative editorial autonomy in the face of controversial decisions, corruption, and abuse of authority by the government of the Republic. In Honduras, wrong government decisions can still be publicly questioned.</p>
<p>WEAKNESSES</p>	<p>With very weak institutions, branches of government docile to the Executive, and armed forces at the service of the president of the Republic, freedom of expression is limited and journalists cannot question or criticize government activities so openly.</p>
<p>OPPORTUNITIES</p>	<p>The great amount of mainstream and social media encourages an ideological, political, and religious plurality that allows for a relative social peace to those who question and criticize the government's activities. When the media have remained silent, citizens have taken to the streets in protest as a clear sign of their discontent with the actions of the Executive.</p>
<p>THREATS</p>	<p>Current legislation tends to be repressive and restrictive of freedom of expression, which is evident in draft bills such as the one potentially punishing those who take a stance contrary to the current regime on social media. The economic crisis makes government advertising increasingly necessary, which restricts the independence of most media.</p>

