

### Brazil

#### Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, treats

<b>STRENGTHS</b>	Institutional action of the Legislative and the Judiciary in defense of free speech represents a strength in the current Brazilian outlook, as checks and balances to actions from Executive. Another important strength consists of the way media companies withstand verbal threats and aggressions against the press.
<b>WEAKNESSES</b>	The remarkably negative action of the Executive against freedom of expression and media professionals represents a major weakness in the Brazilian outlook. The President's hostile and authoritarian bias is associated with the weakening of citizen, critical, and public interest journalism.
<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b>	Threats to and restrictions on freedom of expression have gained wide visibility in the media, representing an opportunity to make this a widespread issue among the population. Its relevance to the improvement of democratic institutions is on the agenda of the public in general and not only that of professionals and academics in the field.
<b>THREATS</b>	The political environment itself represents a threat to freedom of expression. It is highly polarized, with almost daily displays of intolerance by political leaders, which encourages threats and verbal attacks against media professionals, amidst communication policies aimed at controlling the dissemination of information.

