

BOLIVIA
SWOT Analysis

<p>STRENGTHS</p>	<p>Public protests, statements, a strong stance from journalistic and media guilds against abuses, atrocities, and initiatives from the Legislative and the Judiciary that violate freedom of expression and the press, the right to information and even the very lives of journalists, have been the spearhead containing and blowing the whistle on instances of excess and transgressions both from the established authorities and groups supporting the ruling party.</p>
<p>WEAKNESSES</p>	<p>The Executive, Legislative, and Judicial environments have had a leading role in situations where rights relating to freedom of expression and the press are violated. The outlook of plurality and democracy is deteriorated by frequent threats, stigmatization, physical, verbal, and psychological attacks against journalists and the media, as well as legislative attempts to breach constitutional freedoms for the exercise of journalism.</p>
<p>OPPORTUNITIES</p>	<p>Because of the violations against the freedom of expression and the press, solid, comprehensive, and articulated networks of professional and trade associations for the defense of the rights of the field and that of citizens in general are in place. The institutional scope of advocacy is completed with (civilian and non-governmental) organizations that support and join efforts to these causes, human rights advocates, activists, academics, etc., who pay close attention to the situation of the right to information, freedom of expression and the press.</p>
<p>THREATS</p>	<p>The stigmatization of journalists by authorities or political leaders; the acts of intimidation and legal persecution on news endeavors, to the extent of imprisonment and police violence; bills seeking to suppress fundamental rights for the practice of journalism; unresolved cases of violence against press or media workers; threats of economic stranglehold and discretionary allocation of government advertising, among others, have become the recurring —even normalized— instruments from the echelons of power against the work of journalism and the media, in a climate prone to censorship and self-censorship.</p>

