

**ARGENTINA:
SWOT Analysis**

<p>STRENGTHS</p>	<p>Argentina has a good social and legal framework that guarantees some protection to the media and journalists. At last, justice has ruled in favor of freedom of the press as a fundamental instance of democracy. There are institutions and press associations that watch over the defense of freedom of the press and operate locally and internationally to expose cases of abuse. Journalists have the tools to defend themselves against abuse of power.</p>
<p>WEAKNESSES</p>	<p>The strong social and political fragmentation results in confrontation between some media outlets and some politicians, as well as among some media themselves. The situation of confrontation and social tensions creates an atmosphere of continuous conflict. The media are in a very fragile economic situation, which has a strong impact on job uncertainty for journalists.</p>
<p>OPPORTUNITIES</p>	<p>The media have been strengthened in terms of credibility after the pandemic. Restrictions on circulation and access to certain areas imposed by the pandemic have been lifted. The 2023 presidential elections may contribute to the balance of social tension.</p>
<p>THREATS</p>	<p>Judges continue to make questionable interpretations of the law and to criminally persecute journalists for simply doing their job, or also by requesting the press to give access to their sources. Police authorities do not have the tools or incentives to behave correctly in situations of violence against journalists. Acts of violence perpetrated against the media represent some concern that should be examined.</p>

