

**COSTA RICA**  
**STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND**  
**THREATS ANALYSIS**

<p><b>STRENGTHS</b></p>	<p>Costa Rica's main strength is the solidity and independence of the judiciary. In cases of limitations and attacks against journalists and media outlets, the Constitutional Chamber has decided in favor of the protection of press freedom, which in turn demonstrates the existence of the rule of law and the separation of powers.</p>
<p><b>WEAKNESSES</b></p>	<p>The massive dissemination of discriminatory speeches against journalists and media outlets, and the use of trolls by political parties has affected the practice of journalism. Also, the absence of regulatory frameworks regarding access to public information and the granting of concessions directly impacts the exercise of press freedom.</p>
<p><b>OPPORTUNITIES</b></p>	<p>One of the main opportunities that both, the Executive and organizations dedicated to the promotion of press freedom, have is the creation of plans to prevent the dissemination of discriminatory speeches and that seek to create an atmosphere of respect in the country's information environment. Likewise, research on the use of trolls during the electoral campaign can favor the adoption of laws that serve as a model for the region.</p>
<p><b>THREATS</b></p>	<p>The increase in verbal attacks and hate speech against journalists and media outlets continues to present significant challenges for those who practice the profession. The municipal elections to be held in 2024 have the potential to increase polarization at the local level, but with national effects.</p>

