

**VENEZUELA**  
**ANALYSIS OF STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES,**  
**OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS**

<b>STRENGTHS</b>	Combative spirit on the part of journalistic initiatives that, despite the arrests of social communicators, persist in the dissemination of information inside and outside the country. The popular sectors, once allies of Chavismo, joined the citizen protest actions and provided complaint material through the content they shared on social networks.
<b>WEAKNESSES</b>	There is no autonomy of the State institutions, which prevents guaranteeing the rule of law for critics and opponents of the Executive branch. Restrictions on the right to freedom of expression keep the population uninformed, especially those who do not have Internet access. Police repression and threats of arrest against journalists and citizens restrict communication and the flow of information. Self-censorship is present in the available radio and television media. Blocking platforms, such as X and TikTok, distance some audiences from public debate. Presence of informants who accuse citizens for expressing themselves critically about the political situation of the nation.
<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b>	The exile of Venezuelan journalists has allowed the voice of criticism to be raised in international audiences, allowing international human rights organizations to extend the radius of influence over complaints in the construction of public opinion on a global scale. Censorship evasion methods, such as WhatsApp bulletins, continue to be among the possibilities for disseminating information by journalistic initiatives within the country. The support of the international community persists, translated into monitoring of incidents against citizens' rights.
<b>THREATS</b>	Possibility of new blocks to other Internet communication platforms. Political repression operations and the detention of critical voices could expand the government's range to other spheres even less controlled by the Executive. Within the National Assembly, a new bill on Journalism could be approved that would further constrain information actions in the country. The sophistication of censorship, through new mechanisms of persecution of dissent, based on the hunt for critical comments shared through direct messaging.

