**Report – Press Freedom**

# A general overview

Freedom of the Press is a topic, that isn’t very new, in fact its widely discussed and considered as an important part of modern democracies. However, the concept is not at all new. Some countries, notably the United States of America, have had Freedom of the Press integrated as part of their constitution, since they were founded.

# Recent developments

In recent years, press freedom has increasingly come under attack. The number of countries that are considered free has dropped from 38% in 2005 to 31% in 2015. This, of course is a worrying trend considering how important freedom of the press is for our democracy’s and taking into account how in some countries the press is used to manipulate the whole population. The fallback in press freedom is especially notable in the Middle East und some Asian countries, and even some European countries are now doing worse than one decade ago.As a good, or rather terrifying, example one may want to take a closer look at Turkey. Just over a decade ago, Turkey was considered a liberalcountry even by Western standards. Now, it has been transformed into an oppressive state which jails journalist, for the crime of not aligning with their regime`s and their president`s view.

# Conclusion

As with most civil rights, the freedom of the press is only as strong as the people defending it. If you are interested in helping, there are some easy things every citizen can do. For example, in the days of free social media platforms respectable media sources, like newspapers cannot exist any more. So an often used idea is to take pressure off the media by buying subscriptions.