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# The Power of Information

The CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR THE HUFFINGTON POST

## Egypt Journalists Roundup Continues As Violence Escalates



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Why do people want to kill journalists?

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**Approximately three times every month, a journalist is killed.**

**Seven out of ten are murdered, many on the orders of government officials.**

**Few cases are ever solved.**

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**CPJ has documented 2 Journalists killed in 2011**

Dolgoa  
European Pressphoto Agency  
January 17, 2011, in Tunis, Tunisia

Geo IV  
January 13, 2011, in Karachi, Pakistan

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**Who is Doing the Killing?**  
Suspected Perpetrators In Murder Cases

88% are carried out with complete impunity  
35% are threatened before being murdered  
19% are taken captive before being murdered

Source: The Committee to Protect Journalists

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**Journalists Targeted: One Story**  
**Sri Lankan journalist predicted own execution**

**'I hope my murder will be seen not as a defeat of freedom but an inspiration'**

This extraordinary article by the editor of the Sri Lankan Sunday Leader was published three days after he was shot dead in Colombo

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**The Power of Information: Three Themes**

**There is a universal need to receive and share**

**Why do people kill – or risk death – over information?**


**The battle to control information is also universal**

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**The News Blackout is Over - Change Your Homepage**

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# Classroom Etiquette



- No Cellphones
- No Smartphones
- No Texting
- No Talking
- No Sleeping
- Be on Time

**Violators will be asked to leave class**

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# News Matters



*You Write a sentence here, connecting the news to a course concept.*

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Submitted by: YOUR NAME GOES HERE  
Professor: MY NAME GOES HERE

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# News Matters

## NASA Identifies 54 Potentially Habitable Alien Planets

by Dallas Eason, SPACE.com Staff Writer  
Date: 02 February 2011 Time: 11:19 AM ET



SPACE.COM

In three weeks, I'll say this illustrates "News Drivers"

2/2/2011 Submitted by: Stu Dint Professor Smartypants 1

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# News Matters

## Dallas hunts teen sex rings before Super Bowl; big game said to attract thousands of pimps, hookers

NYDailyNews.com



DAILY NEWS

In three weeks, I'd say it illustrates a news driver, or two

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# News Matters



P Diddy sued for \$1 trillion and accused of causing 9/11 attacks

Valerie Turks says Diddy owes her damages...

January 28, 2011 | 2 Comments



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# Why is there a universal need to share and receive news?



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# I've Got a Secret But Can't Keep It



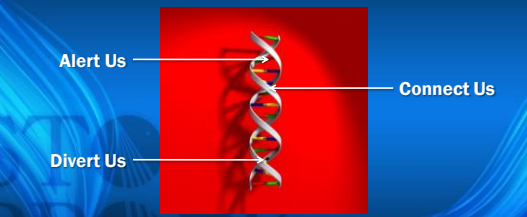
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# President Clinton on the Day His Impeachment Trial Began




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# News is Part of Our "DNA"



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# It Alerts Us...



Even a Caveman Needs to Know...

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# It Alerts Us...

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**Governor's Budget Would Cost Stony Brook \$67 Million in State Funding**

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Stony Brook University is reeling from Governor Andrew Cuomo's budget for 2011-2012, which was released earlier today.

Stony Brook Hospital could lose an of a \$55 million state subsidy if Governor Cuomo's budget is approved.

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...to the dangers of bad eggs.

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# It Alerts Us...



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...to the dangers bad weather

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# It Diverts Us...




美國荒唐真人秀  
小Snooki大爆紅

We're Obsessed with Celebrity

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# It Connects Us...



"Human Interest" or Campfire Stories

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# And It's Nothing New...



A lot of "Tittle-tattle...Gladiator pairs...trials...burglary"

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## Real Blood



Why do Journalists risk their lives?

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## Information Can Be a Weapon of Mass Murder



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## Information Can Prevent Mass Murder



Newsday's Roy Gutman exposes Bosnian atrocities

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## Information protects the weakest from the most powerful




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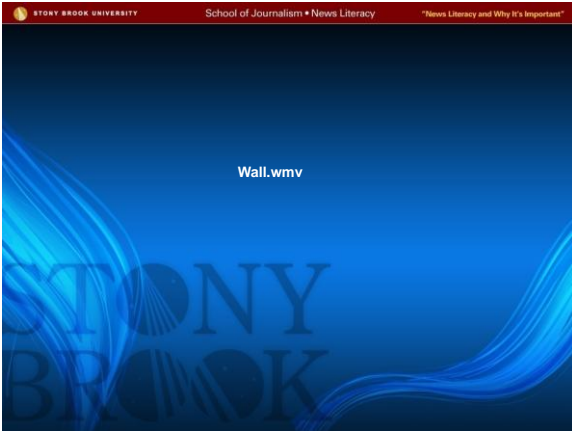
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## The Power of Information to Topple Oppressors



1989: The Berlin Wall Comes Down



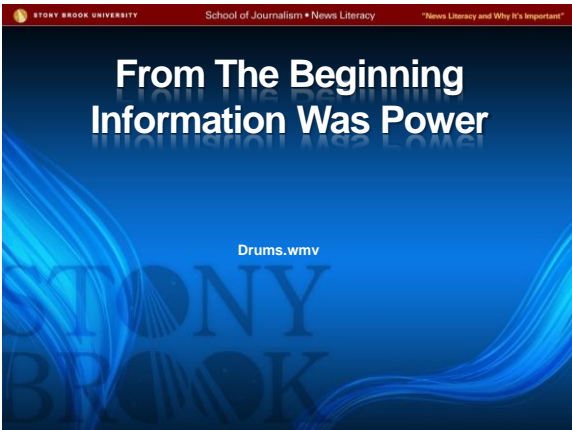
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## Even (especially) Emperors Need to Control Information



"I fear three newspapers more than a hundred thousand bayonets."





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## North America's First Newspaper

1690: Publick Occurrences Both Forreign and Domestick

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## The Battle Isn't Ancient History

### Map of Press Freedom 2010

Map Legend: Free (Green), Partly Free (Yellow), Not Free (Purple)

Freedomhouse.org

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## Cultural Differences: Whose Business is a Bridge Failure?

Does informing the public help or hinder solutions?

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## Is this most famous photo of the Tiananmen Square Rebellion? Not in China

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## The Battle in Russia

### Russian Journalists, Fighting Graft, Pay in Blood

"Last spring, I called for the resignation of the city's leadership," Mr. Beketov said in one of his final editorials. "A few days later, my automobile was blown up. What is next for me?"

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## Who Are the Front-Line Casualties of The Battle to Control Information?

MEXICO WHERE BEING A JOURNALIST GETS YOU KILLED

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# Drug Cartels Decide What Is News ...and What Is Not

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# TUNISIA: Stifling Dissent by Criminalizing Information

Los Angeles Times

Tunisia protesters use Facebook, Twitter and YouTube to help organize and report

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# The Battle Rages Here, Too

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# Dying for Journalism in the US

Oakland Post Editor  
Chauncey Bailey Killed Aug. 2, 2007

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# Journalists Under Attack- A Happy Ending

The New York Times

March 28, 2003

## A NATION AT WAR: JOURNALISTS

Two Newsday Journalists Presumed Missing After Days of Silence

By JACQUES STEINBERG

Two Newsday journalists who had been working in Baghdad since late February are presumed missing after last contacting their editors on Monday afternoon, the newspaper said yesterday.

The journalists, Matthew McAllester, 33, a reporter, and Moises Saman, 28, a photographer, were last seen at their hotel, the Palestine, on Monday evening, several journalists from other news organizations said. They also missing, and might have been reported.

Mr. McAllester said she arrived on November 10, Mr. Y., spoke with Mr. McAllester and Mr. Saman last week about the situation in Iraq.

According to Baghdad, dozens of journalists have left the city, either by choice or after being ordered out by their employers.

They were advised, Mr. McAllester said.

Newsday's Matthew McAllester and Moises Saman Freed After 15 Days of Captivity in Iraq

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# Your Assignments...

## 1) The Censorship Packet

Read the Google vs. China articles in the Virtual Course Reader on Blackboard. In a 250-word essay, you will debate implications of following or not following China's policies on freedom of information.

Due at your next recitation.