

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Indivisible: Freedom of the Press

“Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost.” Thomas Jefferson

From The New Republic:

At least 34 journalists were [murdered in 2018](#), an 89 percent increase over the previous year. The number of journalists in jail is also at record highs—251 by the most recent count. Together, these statistics tell a damning story about the current era, the worst in recent history in which to be a reporter.

A new generation of populist leaders, including Donald Trump, now define themselves in opposition to the media. They attack their own journalists and are largely indifferent to the fate of reporters in the rest of the world. This attitude has consequences, or rather prevents consequences for people who deserve them. More than 85 percent of murders of journalists [go unpunished](#)

Before Zinke left office, he initiated a new regulation to limit access guaranteed by the Freedom of Information Act. We have until January 28 to comment at: Freedom of Information Act, [Regulations.gov](#) Docket No. DOI-2018-0017.

What our committee has accomplished:

Raising awareness about Net Neutrality (The Obama-era rules, which lasted from 2015 to 2018, [banned broadband providers from slowing or blocking access](#) to the internet or charging companies higher fees for faster access. The battle to reinstate open internet protections, however, continues in the courts. Supporters are challenging the FCC's repeal of the rules, and the FCC is challenging states that pass their own net neutrality regulations.

Creating and writing postcards to government officials

Bringing local press and politicians into our meetings

Writing letters to the editor

Attending protests

Posting on social media

Connecting with students via Bliss Bruen

Freedom of Information Act