



Set My People Free Intervention
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Working Session 1: Fundamental Freedoms
Including Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Media and information

Since a number of years there were a variety of newspapers, magazines and books published. I can go to a bookshop or kiosk and choose the newspaper or the magazine I like to read. Some I do not like, some others I may think they are lying or bias. Or maybe I do not like its taste. I choose what I want to read.

The democratic governments protected freedom of expression, the media and the press.

We knew different newspapers and magazines had their agenda, different policies and points of views which they supported. In spite of that their freedom of expression was protected. The same freedom was given to the publishers.

So I am wondering why all this raw about the internet and social media? Why the attack against it and the accusation of fake news? Does this mean main stream media has the monopoly of what is true? And that they have no fake news?

Why this protective attitude for one narrative?

We are adults and mature enough to choose what we want to read. Why do we want to force people to read our own choice of reading? Forcing one narrative makes it a propaganda.

Is censorship the solution for fake news? No.

Debate, critical thinking and more freedom of expression and more information and more news with integrity is the answer. Truth will always win at the end. Freedom of expression should be the rule of the game in the internet as it is a public space.

Recommendation:

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

In the press, media the internet, even in FaceBook and Twitter.

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