

Assignments – Peace prize 2021 Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LAUREATES AND THEIR WORK

1. What do we mean by freedom of expression?
2. Explain who Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov are and what they work with.
3. Why are freedom of expression and freedom of the press important in a democracy?
4. Sometimes the mass media is described as the fourth estate. What does that mean?

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5. Have a look at the 2021 World Press Freedom Index: <https://rsf.org/en/ranking>. Can you figure out which three countries have the greatest press freedom and which three have the least? What does it mean that a country has a high or low degree of press freedom?
6. Have a look at the statistics showing journalists who have been killed or imprisoned: <https://rsf.org/en/barometer>. Use the statistics to answer these questions:
 - a) How many journalists or others who work in the media are in prison now?
 - b) How many journalists or others who work in the media have been killed in 2021?
7. Describe what conditions are like for journalists in the countries the peace prize laureates come from. Use the statistics from the Press Freedom Index and Barometer in your answer:
<https://rsf.org/en/ranking> <https://rsf.org/en/barometer>
 - a) What place does Russia come in on the Press Freedom Index?
 - b) What place do the Philippines come in on the Press Freedom Index?
 - c) How many journalists are in prison in Russia? How many have been killed in 2021, and how has that changed in recent years?
 - d) How many journalists are in prison in the Philippines? How many have been killed in 2021, and how has that changed in recent years?
8. Figure out if your own country has journalists who have been imprisoned or killed and what place your country comes in on the Press Freedom Index.
9. Do you think it's dangerous to be a journalist? Why? Why not?