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WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

"WE HAVE TO UPHOLD A FREE PRESS AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH -
BECAUSE, IN THE END, LIES AND MISINFORMATION ARE NO MATCH FOR THE TRUTH."
- BARACK OBAMA -

WHY DO WE MARK THIS DAY?



World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993 following the recommendation of UNESCO's General Conference. This day acts as a reminder to governments of the need to respect their commitment to press freedom. UNESCO works to foster free, independent and pluralistic media in print, broadcast and online with its mandate to promote 'the free flow of ideas by word and image'. This is believed to contribute to fostering peace, sustainability, poverty eradication and human rights.



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- ✓ What does freedom of the press mean?
- ✓ What are the challenges faced by journalists today?
- ✓ What can we do to empower the voices of journalists?
- ✓ Are there any organizations or people who work to promote the press freedom? What are their works?

MEET TODAY'S GLOBAL CITIZEN



MARIA RESSA



DMITRY MURATOV

In 2021, Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the two journalists, Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov in recognition of their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression. Maria Ressa, a Filipino-American journalist, has co-founded Rappler, an online news website, which has revealed the government corruption and documented the drug war of the Philippines. Dmitry Muratov is a Russian journalist and co-founded the pro-democracy newspaper Novaya Gazeta, reporting on governmental corruption and human rights violations.