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Freedom of press is not just about helping journalists to provide information without filtering what they show to others, but also making sure that the audience has safe access to the information that is provided by the goverment and people who share the said information with them. People should be allowed to express themselves without having to worry about the consequences that may come out of it. It is clear that in the countries that are under the oppression of another country, or force will most likely be stuck in situations in which the people of the city can’t access or share unfiltered information that is against the said force or country without being silenced for their need of expression.

Italy is a country that had past problems regarding the issue of freedom of press. But it was always made sure that the rights of those who share information, the press members and journalists’, rights were preserved. As an example we can provide is the constution of the freedom of press that was passed in 1948 as a response to the cencorship that occured during the fachist regime of Benito Mussolini.\*

Because of these issues we had in the past in our opinion, this issue has many layer as to why it can only be solved if every step and layer of problems are solved individually both with care and devotion in order to make sure every aspect of freedom of press is secured. First and foremost it should be taken into account that not every country have a goverment that can provide this need for freedom of press as some issues in this topic are caused by the goverment itself. In that cas e it is important to bring in outside forces whom will be willing to help out with the cause of providing freedom of speech, and media at the same time.

We, as the country of Italy think that first step into providing freedom of speech should be focused on getting the citizens interest about fighting for their right to have freedom of speech. In most countries whom have faced oppression for years seems to have a small amount of people who are aware of their rights to be able to access free and safe information, both about their own lives, and the other global lives and serious issues and problems that are growing around them. People should be encoureged to speak freely and be informed of their rights to do so.

The second thing that should be done to cover these issues are to form groups whom will protect the rights of those who want to share information to spread more awareness in these countries. The main reasons to why a country may have lost its freedom of speech may be caused because of the lack of people sharing these news, which usually occurs when the said country doesn’t have a functioning law or a state department to protect those people who try to spread the news, and/or information that they gather to share with the people who are interested. In most cases these people who face discrimination and/or violance are the journalists and press members whose right should be kept safe and it should be maken sure that their lives are kept safe as well as their rights.

* https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Censorship\_in\_Italy#:~:text=In%20Italy%2C%20freedom%20of%20the,debate%20in%20the%20modern%20era.