

New Media Landscape for a Stronger Democracy — Groups

PROJECT CENSORED

Project Censored's mission is to promote critical media literacy, independent journalism, and democracy. They educate students and the public about the importance of a truly free press for democratic self-government. Censorship undermines democracy. They expose and oppose news censorship and promote independent investigative journalism, media literacy, and critical thinking. Although mainly concerned with providing critical media literacy for teachers at all levels, there are also many good materials on their website for anyone interested in becoming critically media literate, like their Decoding Democracy series. See www.projectcensored.org

Free Press closely monitors the decisions shaping the media landscape and sounds the alarm when people's rights to connect and communicate are in danger. They focus on saving Net Neutrality, achieving affordable internet access for all, uplifting the voices of people of color in the media, challenging old and new media gatekeepers to serve the public interest, ending unwarranted surveillance, defending press freedom and reimagining local journalism. Through activism and advocacy on all these issues and more, they work to challenge powerful corporations, influence policy makers, raise public awareness and mobilize millions. They invite people to envision what a transformed media could look like and how technology could improve their lives — and then they fight alongside them to make it happen. See <https://www.freepress.net/>



Media and Democracy Project is a grassroots civic membership organization fighting for a more informative and pro-democracy media operating in the public interest. They believe a well-informed citizenry is the foundation of a democratic society. Deregulation and technological upheavals have left the crucial work of informing Americans in the grip of corporations with profit directives and political agendas. They often fail to provide the accurate information Americans need to understand the world. Fox News, and the Murdoch family lied to us about the 2020 election. Join thousands of people who are demanding the Federal Communications Commission hold an immediate hearing into Fox's broadcast license renewal. See www.mediaanddemocracyproject.org

The Center for Media and Democracy (CMD) is a nationally recognized watchdog that leads in-depth, award-winning investigations into the corruption that undermines our democracy, environment, and economic prosperity. Founded by John Stauber, one of the first investigative journalists to highlight the manipulative techniques of public relations and propaganda in the media, CMD operates PR Watch and believes in the public's right to know how government operates and how corporations influence our democracy — and the true motivations for their actions. See <https://www.prwatch.org/>



Prometheus Radio Project builds participatory radio as a tool for social justice organizing and a voice for community expression. To that end, they demystify media policy and technology, advocate for a more just media system, and help grassroots organizations build communications infrastructure to strengthen their communities and movements.

They envision a world in which the media is not a means to limit democratic participation, but a way for communities and movements to express themselves and struggle for justice. They imagine a nationwide community radio infrastructure made up of hundreds of independent, locally-orientated stations, part of a global movement to put media in the hands of the people. They can help you plan, build and fund your own low-powered radio station. Check them out at <https://www.prometheusradio.org/>

Institute for Public Accuracy increases the reach and capacity of progressive and grassroots organizations — at no cost to them — to address public policy by getting them and their ideas into the mainstream media. IPA gains media access for those whose voices are commonly excluded or drowned out by government or corporate-backed institutions. As a national consortium of independent public-policy researchers, analysts and activists, IPA widens media exposure for progressive perspectives on many issues including the environment, human rights, foreign policy, and economic justice.



REBUILD LOCAL NEWS is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that advances public policies to counter the collapse of local news, revitalize community journalism, and strengthen democracy. Their goal is to help create model, sustainable, Radio, TV, Online and Print news organizations to do local news and better cover marginalized communities. They also incentivize consumers and businesses to support those local newsrooms. Finally, they work to amend public policies to emphasize local ownership, and support journalists who pursue careers in local public service journalism. See <https://www.rebuildlocalnews.org/>