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PROTECTION OF JOURNALISTS IN REGIONS OF CONFLICT



WHAT'S GOING ON?

In recent years, there has been an upsurge in the number of journalist deaths in regions of conflict. A shortage of journalists on the ground resulted in the formation of an information hole, leaving certain fighting grounds unreported. Allowing the most biased media outlets to spread potential disinformation.

WHAT CAN THE GOVERNMENT, NGO'S, THE UN AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES DO TO HELP?

The UNESCO proposes that work on journalist safety focuses on specific areas such as public awareness, setting boundaries, policy development, monitoring and reporting. Many NGO's promote journalists protection, like IMS safety training and assistance. For example, in Afghanistan, IMS constructed safety homes for journalists under threats by the Taliban.



WHAT INITIATIVES DO DELEGATES PROPOSE?

The delegation of the UK proposed a few solutions, “Safety guidelines and training for journalists to ensure they can protect themselves in conflict zones”.

When additionally asked how the delegate would work along side UNESCO and any other international bodies.

“The United Kingdom hopes to find shared areas around safety training and basic guidelines of treatment of journalists among member states that can be agreed on.”



WE HAVE TO ACT QUICK!

In conclusion, the problem at hand, if left unresolved, may lead to serious issues, such as conflict areas going unreported and, worse, going unaided. It is vital to discuss about this issue since many individuals wouldn't receive the assistance they require if it weren't for our journalists.

WHAT IS THE MAJOR PROBLEM WITH BIASED NEWS?

Experiments show that media bias shapes behavior and, more specifically, the readership's political ideology.

A study found higher politicization rates with increased exposure to the Fox News channel, and a 2009 study found a weakly-linked decrease in support for the Bush administration when given a free subscription to the right-leaning The Washington Times, or left-leaning The Washington Post.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE UNBIASED VIEWPOINTS?

As it offers various viewpoints on a specific topic, real unbiased news offers a balanced perspective. By offering multiple points of view, it helps to overcome confirmation bias, which is the inclination to seek for information that confirms one's previous opinions. Therefore, promoting critical thinking and makes citizens more informed.