



INTERNET RESOURCES FOR JOURNALISTS

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<http://www.hud.gov/>

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<http://www.doi.gov/>

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<http://www.usdoj.gov/>

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<http://www.dot.gov/>

Department of Labor

<http://www.dol.gov/>

Department of the Treasury

<http://www.ustreas.gov/>

Presentation

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The Public Affairs Section (American Cultural Center) of the United States Embassy to Cameroon is happy to present Cameroon journalists with this booklet of Internet journalism links. With globalization comes the rapid sharing of knowledge and experiences through the Internet. With commodities as well as experiences now being organized and "traded" increasingly on the Internet, this cost-free medium is now available to anyone with an e-mail address.

However, as one American librarian put it:

"The Internet is the world's largest library containing millions of books, artifacts, images, documents, maps, etc. There is but one small problem in this library: everything is scattered about on the floor, with growing hordes of confused and bewildered users frantically shifting through the maze, occasionally crying out, 'Great Lord, look at what I just found!'"

This booklet intends to enhance the means and resources available to journalists, by providing them a "personal librarian" to help navigate the "world's largest library."

I hope you will enjoy using it and I thank you in advance for forwarding your comments and remarks to our Information Resource Center (IRC).

Dan Whitman

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Firstgov.gov

<http://firstgov.gov/>

Welcome to the government of the 21st century. [...] FirstGov is the "Front Door" to my Administration's e-Government Initiative. [...] FirstGov is a one-stop, easy-to-use web portal to all government online services. This means that you can click onto this web site and quickly find and conduct business without needing to know which department or agency provides it. FirstGov helps you cut through governmental red tape to find online services that matter to you. [President George W. Bush]

D. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LINKS

The White House

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

The United States House of Representatives

<http://www.house.gov/>

The United States Senate

<http://www.senate.gov/>

President Bush's Cabinet

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/cabinet.html>

Department of State

<http://www.state.gov/>

Department of Agriculture

<http://www.usda.gov/>

Department of Commerce

<http://www.doc.gov/>

implements a variety of information initiatives and strategic communications programs, including Internet and print publications, traveling and electronically transmitted speaker programs, and information resource services. These reach key international audiences, such as the media, government officials, opinion leaders, and the general public in more than 140 countries around the world.

The Voice of America (VOA)

<http://www.voanews.com>

The Voice of America is a multimedia international broadcasting service funded by the U.S. government through the Broadcasting Board of Governors. VOA broadcasts more than 1,000 hours of news, information, educational, and cultural programming every week to an estimated worldwide audience of more than 100 million people.

Press Relations Office of the U.S. State Department

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/>

At the Press Relations Office, journalists may:

- Obtain and verify information on U.S. foreign policy positions
- Attend press briefings and media events
- Apply for a press corps building pass

C. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNITED STATES

Information USA

<http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/>

Information USA is an authoritative resource for foreign audiences seeking information about American society, political processes, official U.S. policies and culture.

1. Training Tools for Journalists

Poynter Online

<http://www.poynter.org>

Everything you need to be a better journalist! From design/Graphics to Ethics, Photojournalism, Writing and editing, TV and radio. The Poynter Institute is a school for journalists, future journalists, and teachers of journalists. No matter what their job title may be, journalists come to Poynter in a search for excellence.

J-Learning

<http://www.j-learning.org>

A how-to site for community journalism. The site is designed to help individuals, civic groups and school groups jumpstart their own community media projects. Here, you'll find extensive, detailed training in Web site creation, HTML, page design and use of photos, audio, video, animation, surveys and databases. We also offers tips on advertising, fundraising and e-commerce to help sustain these community efforts.

MIT Open Course Ware (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

<http://ocw.mit.edu/index.html>

A free and open educational resource, including lecture notes and assignments for faculty, students, and self-learners around the world [Please type 'journalism' in the search window].

Note: It should be noted that most of the other websites listed below also have journalists' training sections and/or offers.

2. Sites and Mega-sites for journalists

African Women's Media Center

<http://www.awmc.com>

The AWMC's online media directory features more than 500 media companies, non-governmental organizations and journalism education programs in Sub Saharan Africa.

Journalists' Tools Reference Desk

<http://refdesk.com/jourtool.html>

Since 1995, Refdesk is a free web site that indexes and reviews quality, credible, and current web-based resources.

Power Reporting

<http://www.powerreporting.com>

Thousands of free research tools for journalists from the Columbia Journalism Review.

Drudge Report

<http://www.drudgereport.com>

Lists all major newspapers and news agencies in the United States and throughout the World.

A Journalist's Guide to the Internet

<http://reporter.umd.edu>

A website created and maintained by Christopher Callahan is dean of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University.

Society of Professional Journalists

<http://www.spj.org>

Dedicated to the perpetuation of a free press in the United States as a cornerstone to nation and liberty. A model for Cameroon journalists to be emulated.

6. United States Government News on the Internet

A. UNITED STATES EMBASSY NEWS

United States Embassy to Cameroon

<http://yaounde.usembassy.gov>

United States Embassy to Equatorial Guinea

<http://malabo.usembassy.gov>

United States Embassies in Africa and Worldwide

<http://usembassy.state.gov/>

B. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NEWS SOURCES

Foreign Press centers (FPC)

<http://fpc.state.gov/>

The United States Department of State has Foreign Press Centers in Washington, D.C., New York and Los Angeles. They provide foreign-based journalists with a variety of services to help them report on American society, politics and culture. The centers also work with US Embassy Public Affairs offices overseas to assist foreign correspondents visiting the United States on assignment or participating in U.S. government-sponsored professional reporting tours.

Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP)

<http://usinfo.state.gov>

USINFO delivers information about current U.S. foreign policy and about American life and culture. This site is produced and maintained by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP). The designs, develops, and

Online Journalism Review (Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California)
<http://www.ojr.org>

As a journalism review based online, they are committed to covering the full range of journalistic issues in all media, but with a particular emphasis on the Internet. Since their March 1, 1998, launch, they have devoted most of their resources to evaluating the emerging field of online journalism, providing readers commentary, features and resources.

5. Facts - Statistics - Background Information

LibrarySpot.com

<http://libraryspot.com>

Created to break through the information overload of the Web and bring the best reference sites together with insightful editorial in one user-friendly spot. Sites featured are hand-selected and reviewed for their exceptional quality, content and utility. An all-encompassing encyclopedia.

CIA World Fact Book

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

The most detailed political, economic, environmental, military, information on all countries of the world, with maps, graphics and statistics.

New York Times Resources for Journalists:

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/tech/reference/cynavi.html>

- o Search engines
- o Internet resources for Journalists
- o Reference Desk
- o Publications on the Internet
- o Electronic Journals and Newspapers
- o An Amazing One-Stop Shop for E-Newspapers and Magazines

University of Iowa: Listing of Media Internet Resources

<http://bailiwick.lib.uiowa.edu/journalism/j.htm>

Journalism resources including: organizations, reference and tools, cyber journalism, media law, journalism schools and teaching, journals and mags, journalism jobs, etc.

The Journalist's Toolbox

<http://www.americanpressinstitute.org/toolbox>

This is useful toolbox designed by the American Press Institute. (Founded by newspaper publishers in 1946, the American Press Institute is the oldest and largest center devoted solely to training and professional development for the news industry and journalism educators.)

International Journalists Network

<http://www.icfj.org>

For 20 years, the International Center for Journalists (ICFJ) has been dedicated to helping journalists worldwide and raising the

standards of journalism, especially in places with little tradition of a free press.

3. Press Freedom Links

World Association of Newspapers / Association Mondiale des Journaux

<http://www.wan-press.org>

The Paris-based WAN, the global organization for the newspaper industry, defends and promotes press freedom world-wide. It represents 18,000 newspapers; its membership includes 72 national newspaper associations, individual newspaper executives in 102 countries, 13 news agencies and ten regional and world-wide press groups.

World Press Freedom day (World Association of Newspapers)

<http://www.worldpressfreedomday.org>

Journalists killed, journalists in prison, cases of impunity, cartoons, photos, videos, etc.

Article 19 - Global campaign for free expression

<http://www.article19.org/>

ARTICLE 19 is an international human rights organization which defends and promotes freedom of expression and freedom of information all over the world. They take their name from Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Handbook of Independent Journalism

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/journalism/index.htm>

Is composed of newspapers and news agencies in 49 countries. It promotes the welfare and freedom of the Commonwealth press and takes action against infringements on that freedom.

World Press Freedom Committee

<http://www.wpfc.org/>

The World Press Freedom Committee is an international umbrella organization that includes 45 journalistic groups -- print and broadcast, labor and management, journalists, editors, publishers and owners on six continents -- united in the defense and promotion of press freedom.

4. Online Journalism Reviews

American Journalism Review

<http://ajr.org>

American Journalism Review is a national magazine that covers all aspects of print, television, radio and online media. The magazine, which is published six times a year, examines how the media cover specific stories and broader coverage trends. AJR analyzes ethical dilemmas in the field and monitors the impact of technology on how journalism is practiced and on the final product. The magazine is owned by the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland.

The Digital Journalist

<http://digitaljournalist.org/contents.html>

The Digital Journalist is an online monthly magazine for visual journalism.

United Nations system and within the international trade union movement. The IFJ supports journalists and their unions whenever they are fighting for their industrial and professional rights and has established an International Safety Fund to provide humanitarian aid for journalists in need.

Index on Censorship for Free Expression

<http://www.indexonline.org/index.shtml>

Today it is one of the world's leading repositories of original, challenging, controversial and intelligent writing on free expression issues. Index on Censorship continues to log free expression abuses in scores of countries world wide in its Index Index section. reported on censorship issues from all over the world and has added to the debates on those issues.

International Press Institute (IPI)

<http://www.freemedia.at/>

IPI, the global network of editors, media executives and leading journalists, is dedicated to the furtherance and safeguarding of press freedom, the promotion of the free flow of news and information, and the improvement of the practices of journalism

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiatives (CHRI)

<http://www.humanrightsinitiative.org/>

Monitors human rights in the Commonwealth states, with particular emphasis on the right to information. The CHRI educates the public about the value of this right and advocates at the policy level for freedom of information.

The Commonwealth Press Union (CPU)

<http://www.cpu.org.uk/>

International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX)

<http://www.ifex.org/>

IFEX was born in 1992 when many of the world's leading freedom of expression organizations came together in Montreal to discuss how best to further their collective goals. These included The Ford Foundation, which provided funding to hold the first IFEX meeting; the Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation of New York, which supported the establishment of the IFEX Action Alert Network; and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), through its International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC), which provided support for IFEX to extend its links into the developing world and promoted IFEX through its own developmental network.

Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)

<http://www.cpj.org/>

The Committee to Protect Journalists is an independent, nonprofit organization founded in 1981. We promote press freedom worldwide by defending the rights of journalists to report the news without fear of reprisal. [...]Using local and foreign contacts, CPJ can intervene whenever local and foreign correspondents are in trouble. CPJ is prepared to notify news organizations, government officials, and human rights organizations immediately of press freedom violations.

The Freedom Forum (US)

<http://freedomforum.org>

The Freedom Forum, based in Arlington, Va., is a nonpartisan foundation dedicated to free press, free speech and free spirit for all people. The foundation focuses on three priorities: the Newseum, the First Amendment and newsroom diversity.

The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press

<http://www.rcfp.org/>

The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press was created in 1970 at a time when the nation's news media faced a wave of government subpoenas asking reporters to name confidential sources. It is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free legal assistance to journalists.

Reporters Sans Frontières (RSF)

<http://www.rsf.org/>

Reporters Without Borders is an association officially recognized as serving the public interest and defending press freedom... every day. Reporters Without Borders believes imprisoning or killing a journalist is like eliminating a key witness and threatens everyone's right to be informed. It has been fighting such practices for more than 18 years.

Freedom Info

<http://www.freedominfo.org/>

News about Access to Information in International Financial and Trade Institutions.

International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)

<http://www.ifj.org/>

The International Federation of Journalists is the world's largest organization of journalists. Today the Federation represents around 500.000 members in more than 100 countries. The IFJ promotes international action to defend press freedom and social justice through strong, free and independent trade unions of journalists. The IFJ is the organization that speaks for journalists within the

Newseum

<http://www.newseum.org/>

The world's first interactive museum of news. Opened in Arlington, Va., in 1997, its mission was simple: to help the public and the news media understand one another better.

Freedom House (US)

<http://www.freedomhouse.org/>

Freedom House is a clear voice for democracy and freedom around the world. Founded over sixty years ago by Eleanor Roosevelt, Wendell Willkie, and other Americans concerned with the mounting threats to peace and democracy, Freedom House has been a vigorous proponent of democratic values and a steadfast opponent of dictatorships of the far left and the far right.

International Center for Foreign Journalists (ICFJ)

<http://www.icfj.org/>

For 20 years, the International Center for Journalists (ICFJ) has been dedicated to helping journalists worldwide and raising the standards of journalism, especially in places with little tradition of a free press. [There are nice scholarship opportunities for Africa]

International Women's Media Foundation (IWMF)

<http://www.iwmf.org/>

Their motto is: "... No press is truly free unless women share an equal voice". Lots of training opportunities for women, including online.