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Earlier this month, Maria Ressa shared something with me that I've been thinking about ever since.

Maria — the winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize alongside Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov — was talking with me on [The Frontline Dispatch](#) podcast about how this was the first time since 1935 that a journalist has won the award — and how she feels conditions are similar today in terms of what she calls “a global rise in fascism, a word I don't use lightly.”

“[Carl von Ossietzky](#) never got to accept his award, because he was languishing in a Nazi concentration camp,” she said. “The more I read about Carl, about the last time a journalist won this, the more I realized that: Yes, it could get better, but it could also get much worse. I think this moment is existential, and the accelerant is technology.”

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