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The drumbeat of writing from journalism institutions, press freedom monitors, and academia about the sorry state of the news business is a familiar rhythm by now. Sometime in the last decade of the 20th century—roughly when the internet began “democratizing” the publishing industry—the news business model hit the skids, and the downhill slide has only seemed to gather speed.

Now, a series of reports on [press freedom](#), [propaganda](#), and the [health of the news business](#) confirms that the free press, which is as important in many ways to the health of democracy as free elections, is in dire trouble.

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