

# Safety and Work-related Risks

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For the first time in its history, the Worlds of Journalism Study 3 (WJS3) included questions on journalists' safety, an issue that has recently garnered significant attention. The survey examined both safety threats directed at journalists and their concerns about these threats, as well as the support and protective measures journalists may avail when confronted with such risks. In particular, the questions addressed physical, psychological, digital, and financial threats; concerns about their physical and psychological well-being, of potentially losing their job in journalism; and the issue of impunity (that those who harm journalists go unpunished). By incorporating these questions, WJS3 recognized the multidimensional nature of safety, encompassing physical, psychological, digital, and financial aspects (Slavtcheva-Petkova et al., 2023). The questionnaire also included optional items to explore post-threat coping, including the support journalists receive and the protective measures they adopt. The inclusion of these questions underscores the fundamental role that journalists' safety plays in maintaining journalism as a functioning social institution.

## JOURNALISTS' EXPERIENCE OF SAFETY THREATS

Referencing their past five years in the profession, journalists, including those in developed democracies, most commonly reported psychological threats. The three most prominent forms were demeaning or hateful speech, public discrediting of their work, and questioning of their personal morality (see Table 4). In over half of the countries

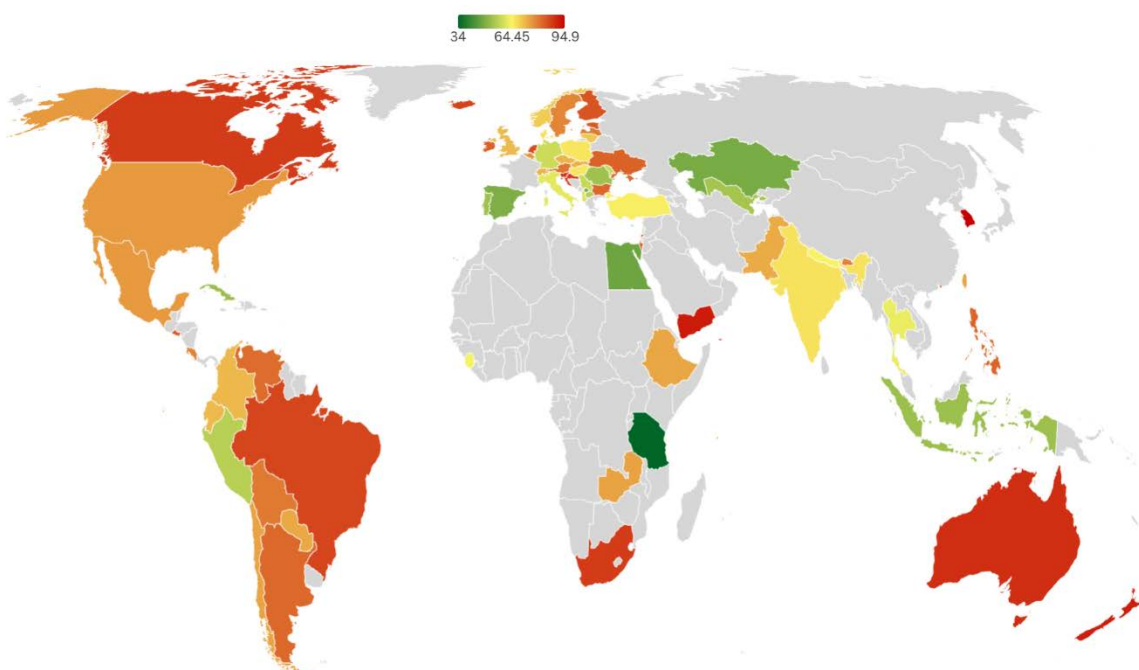
surveyed, more than two-thirds of journalists reported experiencing hate speech. Country-level differences were notable: in Latin America; all but two countries exceeded the global average of journalists reporting such threats. New Zealand and Australia also reported some of the highest percentages worldwide, surpassed only by Yemen and South Korea. While responses regarding the questioning of their personal morality varied more widely, South Korea and New Zealand again ranked highest.

Following these psychological threats, the next most commonly reported threats were digital surveillance and the physical threat of being required to work in environments where COVID-19 spread easily—the latter being an optional question. In 21 countries, mostly in the Global South and a few in Central and Eastern Europe, more than half the journalists reported experiencing digital surveillance over the past five years. Surveillance was especially prevalent in the Middle East and Asia.

Another widespread safety concern was the digital threat of hacking or blocking of social media accounts or websites. Regional differences were pronounced, with Global South countries reporting significantly higher prevalence than Global North countries, particularly in Europe.

## JOURNALISTS' CONCERNS

Among the four types of concerns included in the questionnaire, the most significant globally was impunity—that is, the fear that those who harm journalists go unpunished (see Table 5). This was followed by concerns about



**FIGURE 3: EXPERIENCE OF VERBAL ATTACKS**

Percentages of journalists who experienced demeaning or hateful speech directed at them

emotional and mental well-being, physical well-being, and, finally, the possibility of losing one's job in journalism within the next 12 months.

Latin American journalists expressed the greatest concern regarding impunity, while journalists in Denmark and Norway reported the least worry about this issue. The highest levels of concern for emotional and mental well-being were also reported in Latin America, as well as in some countries in the Middle East, North Africa, and parts of Asia. Regarding physical well-being, the 10 countries with the most significant concerns were all located in the Global South. A similar pattern emerged for fear related to job loss within the next year; only Italy and Portugal from the Global North displayed comparable levels of concern.

## PROTECTION AND PREVENTION

Only 47 countries included the optional questions regarding the types of support journalists received after experiencing a safety threat and the protective measures they had taken in the past five years (see Table 6). Some journalists indicated in open-ended responses that they did not seek help; therefore, these results should be interpreted as reflecting the sources of support when journalists actively sought it. On average, journalists relied most on their colleagues—both within their own news organization and in other outlets—and on their news organizations, including owners and top editors. Government authorities were the least consulted source of support, though Asian journalists reported slightly higher reliance on them compared to other regions.

The two most common protective measures adopted by journalists were increased attention to fact verification and modifications to work routines to reduce exposure to COVID-19—the latter reflecting the most tangible

challenges experienced during the period of data collection (the rise of disinformation and the COVID-19 pandemic) (see Table 7). Latin American journalists were particularly attentive to fact-checking practices. The third most prevalent protective measure, reported by journalists in over half of the countries, was self-censorship. Except for Ukraine, all countries where more than half of the journalists practiced self-censorship were in the Global South. Notably, even in some European Union countries, levels of self-censorship were surprisingly high despite freedom of expression being enshrined as a fundamental right in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (Himma-Kadakas & Ivask, 2022). Seeking government protection was the least common measure, chosen by fewer than one in ten journalists—with higher prevalence largely restricted to countries in the Global South.

## CONCLUSION

Overall, journalists worldwide face a range of safety threats, with psychological and digital threats being the most prevalent. Regional differences are pronounced: threats and related concerns are far more common among journalists in the Global South than in the Global North. These conditions underscore the importance of adopting protective strategies, particularly in contexts where trust in state protection is low. Fact verification and self-censorship are the most commonly reported protective measures, while government support is rarely sought. Although psychological and digital threats dominate globally, the intensity of these threats and the strategies used to mitigate them vary significantly across countries, reflecting persistent structural and systemic disparities in the media environment.

TABLE 4: EXPERIENCE OF THREATS TO SAFETY

Country	Demeaning or hateful speech	Public discrediting of work	Surveillance	Hacking / blocking of social media / websites	Arrests, detentions or imprisonment	Legal actions due to work	Stalking	Other threats or intimidation
Albania	61.5%	34.9%	56.4%	21.5%	2.5%	8.5%	8.9%	20.9%
Argentina	81.9%	75.5%	42.0%	31.1%	2.1%	23.1%	32.2%	42.3%
Australia	89.2%	78.7%	34.6%	32.1%	4.3%	35.7%	18.6%	54.3%
Austria	80.4%	68.0%	17.7%	13.1%	1.1%	16.1%	14.7%	42.2%
Belgium	76.6%	67.5%	37.2%	15.1%	2.4%	18.0%	19.2%	45.4%
Bhutan	78.9%	67.4%	67.8%	46.1%	10.1%	14.8%	32.6%	44.9%
Bolivia	79.8%	53.1%	58.2%	45.3%	5.7%	16.0%	47.6%	57.9%
Brazil	86.2%	82.9%	73.6%	28.4%	4.2%	24.3%	31.1%	55.6%
Bulgaria	82.3%	58.0%	37.3%	37.7%	1.8%	30.3%	19.2%	40.3%
Canada	87.5%	78.6%	31.9%	30.0%	3.7%	30.6%	13.4%	62.4%
Chile	74.6%	62.7%	24.9%	19.9%	4.8%	18.7%	25.0%	44.8%
Colombia	72.0%	57.3%	43.9%	39.7%	5.3%	26.9%	29.3%	44.3%
Costa Rica	78.6%	72.1%	32.8%	29.3%	2.2%	14.4%	31.4%	47.2%
Croatia	87.9%	73.5%	65.2%	33.2%	2.6%	32.6%	24.0%	61.7%
Cuba	52.8%	39.7%	39.7%	37.3%	7.0%	8.5%	25.4%	33.5%
Czech Republic	72.5%	78.5%	15.2%	15.7%	1.2%	22.1%	8.8%	42.3%
Denmark	67.2%	52.5%	9.6%	6.9%	0.9%	5.3%	4.9%	30.8%
Ecuador	71.9%	49.5%	41.1%	39.1%	7.7%	15.4%	31.1%	38.1%
Egypt	47.3%	42.9%	55.3%	33.7%	10.9%	17.9%	15.2%	24.0%
El Salvador	83.7%	76.9%	58.7%	43.8%	6.7%	17.8%	47.6%	56.3%
Estonia	83.6%	78.5%	31.9%	10.1%	1.3%	15.8%	16.1%	43.0%
Ethiopia	74.2%	67.4%	67.5%	49.3%	32.0%	35.1%	46.4%	56.9%
Finland	84.4%	79.5%	50.9%	9.8%	0.7%	6.1%	11.7%	35.5%
Germany	58.9%	62.1%	4.8%	6.9%	0.4%	9.5%	9.4%	26.5%
Hong Kong	83.0%	77.5%	61.5%	35.6%	9.3%	26.0%	22.6%	39.4%
Hungary	66.3%	60.5%	44.7%	38.9%	3.7%	24.7%	14.7%	37.4%
Iceland	86.5%	78.9%	46.4%	5.9%	0.4%	14.8%	16.0%	47.3%
India	66.9%	59.2%	55.2%	40.3%	26.4%	31.4%	38.4%	45.8%
Indonesia	53.1%	60.0%	17.4%	27.6%	6.3%	7.2%	40.3%	55.6%
Ireland	82.9%	78.5%	24.9%	21.5%	0.8%	34.1%	10.9%	42.7%
Israel	83.8%	77.7%	48.2%	20.7%	1.8%	49.6%	34.3%	57.4%
Italy	61.6%	61.3%	28.7%	13.5%	1.6%	29.7%	15.0%	38.3%
Kazakhstan	48.7%	46.9%	48.7%	39.2%	36.3%	34.4%	33.0%	35.2%
Kosovo	48.0%	32.9%	26.2%	25.4%	10.1%	15.0%	3.5%	25.9%
Latvia	79.5%	73.2%	23.2%	11.7%	0.6%	22.2%	13.9%	37.2%
Lithuania	70.2%	56.3%	9.3%	12.6%	0.7%	25.5%	12.9%	40.1%
Mexico	75.8%	65.6%	49.4%	38.1%	7.2%	17.2%	38.6%	46.6%
Moldova	58.4%	50.2%	46.9%	28.9%	3.0%	14.4%	18.4%	36.4%
Nepal	64.9%	55.4%	38.9%	38.5%	4.5%	6.5%	33.3%	40.8%
Netherlands	85.8%	84.6%	47.4%	25.0%	4.7%	24.1%	14.3%	48.6%
New Zealand	91.1%	83.7%	33.0%	28.1%	4.4%	37.9%	22.8%	61.5%
North Cyprus	72.1%	50.0%	35.2%	30.6%	14.8%	32.0%	52.1%	50.4%
North Macedonia	56.0%	44.8	16.7%	15.5%	0.9%	8.2%	8.6%	26.7%
Norway	69.6%	62.3%	17.4%	12.8%	1.7%	6.3%	5.3%	25.5%
Pakistan	73.6%	73.3%	76.9%	63.6%	35.8%	40.5%	59.0%	58.7%
Paraguay	74.0%	58.5%	31.3%	26.5%	3.8%	16.2%	28.8%	46.3%
Peru	56.5%	39.7%	33.9%	48.7%	4.8%	34.9%	27.2%	31.9%
Philippines	82.4%	76.0%	59.1%	46.3%	7.9%	26.1%	44.6%	53.4%
Poland	66.4%	58.2%	39.9%	45.3%	12.5%	27.4%	32.2%	37.9%
Portugal	53.3%	52.2%	4.4%	8.2%	0.5%	1.4%	1.9%	30.6%
Romania	53.4%	45.8%	44.1%	26.4%	3.0%	13.4%	21.5%	30.8%
Serbia	58.2%	41.8%	54.1%	19.0%	1.1%	23.9%	13.1%	40.7%
Seychelles	71.4%	57.1%	44.4%	27.0%	3.2%	12.7%	15.9%	28.6%
Sierra Leone	63.9%	40.9%	57.5%	33.2%	15.3%	15.9%	27.9%	48.0%
Singapore	75.0%	70.7%	46.2%	18.6%	2.7%	16.3%	11.4%	31.0%
Slovakia	72.8%	57.0%	16.4%	13.5%	2.0%	17.0%	15.8%	36.8%
Slovenia	88.8%	76.5%	66.0%	18.5%	0.6%	17.8%	11.2%	48.2%
South Africa	87.5%	77.0%	49.2%	42.6%	5.0%	37.5%	24.7%	56.9%
South Korea	94.9%	93.5%	79.5%	45.7%	12.7%	40.5%	19.7%	49.5%
Spain	49.4%	52.4%	34.0%	13.6%	0.8%	18.9%	21.1%	36.9%
Sweden	78.3%	75.1%	20.6%	17.2%	0.6%	2.7%	15.5%	33.7%
Switzerland	72.5%	66.8%	18.5%	10.3%	1.1%	17.8%	13.0%	36.7%
Taiwan	74.4%	68.9%	32.6%	17.0%	2.3%	31.6%	7.8%	34.3%
Tanzania	34.0%	38.0%	35.1%	25.3%	14.2%	16.8%	29.1%	28.7%
Thailand	62.5%	49.7%	38.9%	41.1%	13.3%	17.7%	19.5%	29.7%
Turkey	65.6%	43.9%	46.6%	20.1%	14.1%	23.3%	51.8%	45.3%
UAE		76.8%		77.3%		77.8%		
UK	71.8%	65.9%	20.9%	25.4%	2.4%	16.8%	8.7%	35.3%
Ukraine	82.7%	71.4%	25.4%	49.7%	5.4%	23.8%	17.3%	50.3%
USA	75.8%	65.8%	18.7%	28.5%	2.3%	22.8%	18.1%	55.3%
Uzbekistan	54.1%	74.1%	68.7%	69.3%	57.0%	62.6%	66.2%	66.6%
Venezuela	81.4%	65.8%	60.1%	56.0%	13.1%	20.1%	47.0%	57.8%
Yemen	91.5%	82.0%	91.2%	62.9%	55.5%	53.7%	55.8%	57.6%
Zambia	74.7%	60.1%	57.3%	31.6%	18.4%	18.7%	40.9%	58.2%
<b>Average</b>	<b>72.0%</b>	<b>63.4%</b>	<b>40.9%</b>	<b>29.9%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>24.4%</b>	<b>43.1%</b>

Percentage of respondents saying "very often", "often", "sometimes" or "rarely." Question: "In the last five years, how often have you experienced any of the following actions related to your work as a journalist?"

TABLE 4: EXPERIENCE OF THREATS TO SAFETY (CONTINUED)

Country	Sexual assault or harassment	Other physical attacks	Coercion	Questioning of one's morality	Others using byline for fabricated stories	Others disseminating personal information	Workplace bullying
Albania	8.3%	11.8%	4.7%	18.5%	17.1%	26.2%	25.5%
Argentina	16.0%	10.6%	30.1%	63.0%	18.6%	31.6%	32.4%
Australia	17.2%	10.0%	23.7%	67.8%	15.9%	23.7%	45.0%
Austria	14.3%	4.9%				24.7%	30.5%
Belgium	6.6%	11.9%	13.6%	55.3%	7.4%	16.0%	14.0%
Bhutan	10.1%	6.7%					
Bolivia	10.0%	34.7%	30.8%	56.0%	31.8%	42.1%	32.4%
Brazil	25.2%	20.1%	42.4%	69.3%	22.3%	23.8%	41.5%
Bulgaria	7.7%	8.9%	21.6%	27.5%	23.8%	31.4%	14.5%
Canada	17.2%	12.3%					33.7%
Chile	10.6%	17.9%		53.1%		24.4%	23.5%
Colombia	13.2%	16.9%	32.0%	42.9%	17.5%	29.4%	37.8%
Costa Rica	8.7%	12.7%	16.6%	58.1%	18.3%	29.3%	19.2%
Croatia	20.1%	16.0%	10.9%	57.5%	48.2%	31.6%	33.9%
Cuba	10.2%	4.7%	25.1%	45.8%	11.1%	18.4%	16.6%
Czech Republic	9.7%	6.6%	50.2%	59.7%	7.2%	23.2%	16.9%
Denmark	4.8%	2.6%					
Ecuador	15.7%	21.7%	18.1%	46.8%	21.7%	35.5%	29.8%
Egypt	13.1%	13.6%	21.4%	26.9%	19.2%	23.6%	31.1%
El Salvador	28.4%	20.2%	22.1%	61.1%	14.9%	29.3%	31.7%
Estonia	3.0%	3.7%				22.8%	19.8%
Ethiopia	20.3%	27.6%					
Finland	10.0%	4.4%	53.3%	59.7%	14.7%	8.3%	19.8%
Germany	6.8%	5.2%				16.3%	15.7%
Hong Kong	11.4%	14.2%	18.3%	60.2%	14.2%	38.4%	29.4%
Hungary	4.7%	3.7%	14.7%	50.0%	26.8%	22.6%	6.3%
Iceland	12.7%	3.8%	24.3%	61.0%	9.7%	25.4%	14.8%
India	26.2%	29.8%	31.0%	46.1%	45.9%	43.8%	43.1%
Indonesia	15.4%	32.9%	22.1%	40.3%	27.4%	35.7%	25.1%
Ireland	9.4%	7.2%		63.9%		32.5%	28.7%
Israel	12.2%	13.4%					
Italy	7.1%	8.7%					
Kazakhstan	36.3%	29.3%	36.2%	43.5%	39.0%	37.7%	36.2%
Kosovo	9.2%	11.4%	3.1%	18.0%	8.8%	12.3%	1.8%
Latvia	5.2%	3.1%	4.8%	59.7%	24.1%	22.0%	13.2%
Lithuania	7.6%	5.3%	12.3%	48.3%	18.3%	20.2%	14.6%
Mexico	17.2%	26.9%	27.8%	52.7%	23.8%	32.8%	36.1%
Moldova	5.6%	10.2%	32.5%	30.5%	13.4%	16.4%	16.7%
Nepal	5.5%	6.0%	7.5%	8.3%	20.4%	23.6%	13.1%
Netherlands	5.2%	14.3%			10.3%	21.7%	15.8%
New Zealand	20.4%	14.5%	23.1%	79.9%	10.7%	29.0%	44.4%
North Cyprus	9.1%	19.2%	39.3%	32.2%	10.7%	15.7%	24.4%
North Macedonia	2.2%	6.0%	4.3%	24.1%	9.1%	8.2%	22.8%
Norway	9.1%	3.4%	8.1%	42.4%	4.4%	12.4%	20.5%
Pakistan	34.2%	45.5%	46.3%	62.8%	63.9%	64.2%	60.6%
Paraguay	14.1%	18.8%	20.0%	53.4%	27.6%	33.6%	21.2%
Peru	5.8%	14.5%	11.2%	23.1%	14.1%	20.1%	13.0%
Philippines	20.3%	13.0%			36.9%	46.3%	39.1%
Poland	9.6%	17.9%	29.4%	48.7%	32.4%	38.4%	20.3%
Portugal	3.0%	2.5%	6.6%	5.1%	0%	1.2%	1.6%
Romania	7.4%	6.8%	32.7%	33.2%	15.8%	17.4%	18.3%
Serbia	9.0%	7.5%	10.1%	40.8%	11.9%	23.9%	27.2%
Seychelles	11.1%	3.2%	12.7%	34.9%	22.2%	19.0%	17.5%
Sierra Leone	11.3%	35.5%	27.7%	32.7%	36.9%	40.6%	35.4%
Singapore	14.1%	3.3%			19.6%	29.3%	29.3%
Slovakia	7.3%	5.6%	38.9%	50.3%	7.9%	15.5%	17.5%
Slovenia	7.1%	5.1%	18.5%	62.8%	7.7%	28.7%	30.0%
South Africa	16.1%	16.8%	26.4%	65.3%	18.4%	38.5%	45.2%
South Korea	25.9%	25.7%	70.0%	73.8%	50.5%	58.6%	34.9%
Spain	4.9%	3.6%	38.6%				23.8%
Sweden	9.8%	6.0%				32.2%	21.2%
Switzerland	9.8%	4.5%				16.8%	22.2%
Taiwan	14.4%	13.7%	26.5%	25.2%	13.9%	15.6%	24.5%
Tanzania	26.8%	22.4%					
Thailand	15.1%	16.1%	26.6%	18.5%	22.2%	26.0%	30.2%
Turkey	15.2%	29.0%	50.4%	45.5%	50.9%	27.6%	26.6%
UAE				73.6%	39.4%	57.9%	
UK	12.9%	4.7%					
Ukraine	7.0%	13.0%	24.3%	65.9%	26.5%	38.9%	24.9%
USA	15.2%	8.9%	20.2%	65.9%	17.1%	32.2%	33.1%
Uzbekistan	51.1%	64.3%	63.9%	64.1%	53.4%	63.3%	64.5%
Venezuela	10.8%	28.1%	41.2%	49.7%	21.9%	26.4%	25.9%
Yemen	44.5%	52.3%	53.0%	49.8%	49.1%	50.2%	59.0%
Zambia	19.2%	30.0%	31.1%	42.2%	33.1%	35.5%	29.9%
<b>Average</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>26.4%</b>	<b>47.7%</b>	<b>22.8%</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>26.8%</b>

Percentage of respondents saying "very often", "often", "sometimes" or "rarely." Question: "In the last five years, how often have you experienced any of the following actions related to your work as a journalist?"

TABLE 5: WORK-RELATED CONCERNS (MEAN SCORES)

Country	Losing job within the next 12 months	Physical well-being	Emotional and mental wellbeing	Concerned that those who harm journalists go unpunished
Albania	2.37	2.95	3.63	3.79
Argentina	2.99	2.21	3.63	4.25
Australia	2.52	2.22	3.03	3.27
Austria	2.04	2.55	2.69	2.96
Belgium	2.07	2.35	2.93	2.93
Bhutan	2.37	3.09	3.47	3.15
Bolivia	3.16	3.30	3.62	4.57
Brazil	3.27	3.25	4.16	4.65
Bulgaria	2.29	2.69	3.03	4.36
Canada	2.81	2.55	3.47	3.88
Chile	2.80	2.17	3.58	4.19
China	2.78	3.84	3.77	3.25
Colombia	3.27	3.04	3.77	4.53
Costa Rica	3.05	2.62	3.67	4.28
Croatia	2.17	1.97	3.03	3.93
Cuba	2.29	2.08	3.18	3.73
Czech Republic	2.01	1.38	2.26	2.94
Denmark	2.68	2.25	2.61	2.15
Ecuador	3.42	3.51	3.83	4.18
Egypt	3.40	2.74	3.18	3.16
El Salvador	3.21	3.77	4.18	4.64
Estonia	2.16	1.88	2.83	2.71
Ethiopia	2.64	2.91	3.12	3.87
Finland	1.98	2.37	2.91	3.49
Germany	1.89	2.45	2.29	2.96
Hong Kong	3.01	2.91	3.69	4.33
Hungary	2.61	2.54	3.09	3.31
Iceland	2.54	2.72	2.81	2.93
India	2.91	3.10	3.19	3.36
Indonesia	2.78	3.34	3.13	4.11
Ireland	2.48	2.41	3.09	3.35
Israel	2.71	2.74	2.88	3.98
Italy	3.17	3.08	3.40	4.08
Kazakhstan	2.43	2.81	2.77	3.38
Kosovo	2.41	2.54	3.07	4.04
Latvia	2.44	3.05	3.42	3.51
Lithuania	2.10	2.41	2.52	2.68
Mexico	3.29	3.36	3.98	4.83
Moldova	2.66	3.18	3.63	3.96
Nepal	2.35	1.82	2.61	2.64
Netherlands	1.80	2.12	2.47	3.50
New Zealand	2.52	2.46	3.15	3.37
North Cyprus	2.49	3.22	3.39	3.83
North Macedonia	1.84	2.42	2.75	4.58
Norway	1.69	1.96	2.20	2.59
Paraguay	2.73	2.75	3.52	4.56
Peru	3.16	3.80	4.02	4.52
Philippines	2.68	3.65	3.83	4.61
Poland	2.19	2.53	2.94	3.27
Portugal	3.01	1.33	3.70	4.13
Romania	2.00	2.91	3.06	3.71
Serbia	2.60	2.94	3.18	4.37
Seychelles	1.87	2.50	3.19	2.94
Sierra Leone	2.34	3.52	3.39	3.66
Singapore	2.24	2.77	3.40	2.90
Slovakia	2.30	2.06	2.66	3.75
Slovenia	2.58	3.39	3.55	4.26
South Africa	3.10	2.88	3.58	4.05
South Korea	2.04	3.39	3.35	3.25
Spain	2.21	1.34	2.99	3.85
Sweden	2.04	2.36	2.60	3.48
Switzerland	1.97	2.27	2.76	2.70
Taiwan	2.37	3.48	3.28	3.27
Tanzania	2.11	2.04	2.13	2.92
Thailand	3.03	3.42	3.28	3.47
Turkey	3.67	3.60	3.78	4.29
UAE	2.73	2.83	2.62	2.98
UK	2.76	2.44	3.11	3.52
Ukraine	2.95	3.45	3.88	4.16
USA	2.51	2.30	3.13	3.63
Uzbekistan	2.30	2.24	2.16	2.82
Venezuela	3.36	3.54	3.97	4.61
Yemen	4.23	4.09	4.10	4.39
Zambia	2.48	3.25	3.41	4.29
<b>Average</b>	<b>2.59</b>	<b>2.75</b>	<b>3.21</b>	<b>3.68</b>

Question: "Thinking about your work, please tell me how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements." (Scale: 5 = Strongly agree; 4 = Agree; 3 = Neither agree nor disagree; 2 = Disagree; 1 = Strongly disagree.

TABLE 6: SUPPORT RECEIVED

Country	News organization (owners and top editors)	Other journalists	Journalists' organizations	NGOs or human rights organizations that support journalists	Government authorities
Albania	74.7%	84.7%	23.1%	15.6%	7.9%
Argentina	62.6%	79.8%	36.9%	19.4%	12.3%
Belgium	71.9%	81.3%	39.0%	9.4%	9.6%
Bolivia	82.6%	91.8%	65.1%	30.0%	10.4%
Brazil	54.1%	80.0%	30.2%	12.7%	9.5%
Bulgaria	70.2%	71.2%	25.4%	18.2%	11.2%
Colombia	58.2%	70.5%	35.5%	25.9%	20.7%
Costa Rica	65.5%	68.0%	18.3%	10.2%	8.6%
Czech Republic	63.0%	85.2%	4.6%	4.3%	1.9%
Ecuador	68.1%	77.0%	33.7%	26.3%	16.7%
Egypt	53.5%	65.7%	37.3%	19.3%	22.1%
El Salvador	68.9%	75.3%	52.1%	35.8%	2.6%
Finland	54.9%	65.1%	17.9%	4.3%	7.2%
Hong Kong	55.0%	78.1%	44.6%	24.4%	4.3%
Iceland	73.2%	81.8%	46.7%	18.9%	3.2%
India	34.9%	26.8%	41.7%	44.4%	49.7%
Indonesia	77.3%	73.7%	77.3%	40.3%	23.6%
Kazakhstan	49.5%	93.5%	9.5%	16.7%	4.9%
Kosovo	75.0%	65.2%	52.8%	47.6%	27.4%
Latvia	72.5%	73.5%	16.5%	8.7%	9.0%
Lithuania	44.8%	50.6%	6.3%	4.0%	8.3%
Mexico	65.1%	79.8%	30.2%	20.6%	13.3%
Moldova	62.4%	56.4%	38.0%	33.3%	13.9%
Nepal	54.2%	63.2%	50.8%	18.7%	8.4%
North Cyprus	10.1%	9.2%	15.6%	5.5%	2.8%
North Macedonia	60.3%	64.5%	27.3%	10.7%	14.9%
Pakistan	66.4%	71.6%	58.1%	49.9%	36.7%
Paraguay	24.3%	96.6%	0%	0%	0%
Peru	73.0%	72.6%	52.1%	20.3%	7.9%
Poland	60.7%	74.0%	44.4%	32.5%	22.2%
Portugal	14.0%	17.8%	8.3%	1.9%	1.3%
Romania	52.6%	47.6%	16.3%	12.7%	6.0%
Serbia	63.7%	59.9%	31.8%	30.0%	8.4%
Seychelles	32.6%	51.2%	23.3%	9.3%	4.7%
Sierra Leone	38.3%	35.0%	52.1%	65.1%	73.6%
Slovakia	74.4%	71.7%	13.7%	17.1%	3.1%
Slovenia	60.1%	77.9%	40.6%	13.3%	4.6%
South Africa	73.9%	87.2%	35.3%	24.5%	9.1%
South Korea	52.4%	64.6%	26.7%	13.4%	7.8%
Sweden	62.9%	71.4%	28.0%	3.5%	8.2%
Taiwan	70.9%	78.4%	25.1%	16.5%	14.4%
Thailand	62.8%	77.6%	37.5%	27.1%	32.1%
Turkey	45.0%	65.8%	46.8%	11.7%	1.3%
Ukraine	80.1%	89.0%	41.3%	52.6%	16.6%
USA	74.0%	83.8%	28.1%	9.2%	14.7%
Uzbekistan	32.0%	33.9%	25.1%	23.0%	29.7%
Venezuela	75.8%	85.4%	61.0%	52.5%	8.5%
Zambia	54.6%	53.9%	37.2%	25.3%	19.3%
<b>Average</b>	<b>58.9%</b>	<b>68.3%</b>	<b>33.5%</b>	<b>21.6%</b>	<b>13.6%</b>

Percentage of respondents saying "Yes, received support." Question: "When you experienced, to any extent, these actions, did you receive support (for example, legal or emotional support, time off work) from any of the following sources?"

TABLE 7: MEASURES TAKEN FOR PROTECTION

Country	Taken safety training / used safety equipment and protocols	Sought government protection	Sought legal protection	Engaged in self-censorship	Changed news beats or jobs at news organization	Changed news organization	Changed personal or daily routines	Moved to another place
Albania	7.5%	1.6%	5.4%	25.8%	17.4%	17.8%	24.7%	5.4%
Argentina	28.5%	5.9%	14.6%	42.3%	35.6%	13.0%	23.9%	3.2%
Belgium	11.4%	4.4%	11.0%	17.7%	9.2%	6.8%	17.7%	2.6%
Bolivia	71.3%	24.6%	24.6%	32.7%	22.8%	8.8%	48.7%	4.5%
Brazil	36.9%	3.9%	4.5%	54.5%	17.5%	21.5%	42.5%	10.2%
Bulgaria	33.7%	3.7%	30.7%	28.3%	10.4%	14.5%	36.5%	3.9%
Chile			9.3%	31.5%	27.5%	12.9%	45.2%	
Colombia	43.0%	13.7%	16.6%	45.9%	31.1%	16.1%	37.2%	13.2%
Costa Rica	20.6%	4.0%	8.5%	30.5%	20.2%	6.3%	24.7%	5.4%
Croatia	16.5%	5.2%	19.7%	37.9%	19.1%	14.8%	30.0%	6.5%
Czech Republic	13.4%	0%	14.8%	23.7%	7.9%	7.5%	14.8%	3.3%
Ecuador	55.2%	16.7%	16.4%	33.4%	38.8%	20.7%	50.5%	14.4%
Egypt	33.9%	6.4%	13.7%	53.7%	18.8%	17.2%	40.1%	17.8%
El Salvador	75.0%	7.2%	32.2%	58.7%	25.5%	9.1%	57.2%	16.8%
Finland	18.1%	0.7%	2.7%	24.0%	3.7%	4.2%	9.3%	2.0%
Hong Kong	46.1%	1.8%	15.2%	78.7%	38.8%	34.9%	53.4%	4.3%
Iceland	6.4%	3.0%	11.6%	35.0%	11.6%	13.4%	20.7%	7.8%
India	33.5%	8.4%	18.7%	26.8%	29.2%	30.3%	41.8%	20.6%
Indonesia	64.6%	11.3%	26.8%	44.3%	14.4%	22.1%	33.9%	11.5%
Kazakhstan	21.7%	15.8%	18.9%	14.8%	21.3%	13.4%	4.6%	2.9%
Kosovo	30.1%	9.3%	15.9%	4.0%	9.0%	11.2%	12.0%	8.8%
Latvia	17.5%	1.5%	14.5%	26.4%	13.5%	15.5%	38.6%	5.4%
Lithuania	13.6%	0%	8.6%	26.2%	7.0%	4.3%	21.9%	1.3%
Mexico	56.6%	13.6%	14.3%	55.1%	24.4%	10.7%	45.9%	6.1%
Moldova	63.3%	2.3%	9.2%	40.3%	29.8%	17.7%	51.5%	11.8%
Nepal	11.3%	25.2%	6.3%	27.5%	3.5%	2.8%	7.6%	3.3%
Netherlands	30.0%	5.9%	9.1%	19.1%	10.7%	8.7%	18.2%	2.4%
North Cyprus	4.1%	1.6%	0.8%	34.7%	4.9%	13.1%	13.9%	0%
North Macedonia	27.6%	8.2%	9.9%	19.7%	11.4%	9.9%		
Pakistan	53.2%	26.7%	36.1%	54.8%	46.6%	49.0%	53.7%	33.2%
Paraguay	39.3%	11.5%	14.9%	41.3%	28.0%	17.4%	30.9%	6.6%
Peru	69.4%	21.2%	28.6%	9.5%	13.6%	13.5%	40.9%	6.3%
Philippines	46.9%	6.2%	14.7%	39.0%	19.4%	9.4%	42.2%	8.2%
Poland	45.4%	12.3%	34.1%	31.2%	15.6%	15.2%	35.2%	18.5%
Portugal	3.5%	0%	0.8%	2.7%	0%	3.9%	2.4%	0%
Romania	62.6%	1.9%	4.7%	26.9%	14.9%	15.0%	33.8%	9.7%
Serbia	20.9%	5.6%	10.8%	23.9%	16.8%	20.5%	27.2%	3.7%
Sierra Leone	26.3%	70.0%	66.4%	36.7%	62.3%	61.8%	46.5%	61.3%
Singapore	20.6%	1.9%	4.4%	44.4%	16.9%	6.9%	16.3%	1.3%
Slovakia	9.9%	1.2%	14.0%	22.2%	3.8%	9.1%	15.2%	2.6%
Slovenia	9.8%	0%	12.8%	32.0%	10.8%	6.6%	26.9%	1.8%
South Korea	24.6%	3.5%	7.8%	62.2%	25.1%	15.9%	42.2%	4.3%
Sweden	30.0%	1.5%	3.2%	20.8%	4.2%	4.6%	14.7%	2.3%
Taiwan	31.0%	5.0%	17.6%	61.2%	23.6%	20.6%	45.1%	7.6%
Tanzania	25.7%	9.1%	21.0%	45.7%	29.1%	25.0%	37.2%	20.7%
Thailand	56.8%	7.3%	7.3%	16.1%	8.3%	8.6%	22.4%	1.6%
Turkey	3.8%	2.0%	2.8%	24.1%	12.8%	8.1%	15.8%	2.3%
UAE	38.8%	7.8%	10.0%	55.1%	27.8%	26.8%	58.4%	21.9%
Ukraine	64.3%	8.6%	29.7%	50.3%	25.4%	27.6%	63.8%	36.8%
USA	48.9%	2.9%	10.6%	30.2%	17.2%		26.7%	8.7%
Uzbekistan	41.5%	38.8%	40.5%	39.2%	35.3%	27.1%	32.4%	25.1%
Venezuela	68.1%	11.3%	23.1%	63.8%	53.5%	20.9%	52.3%	11.1%
Yemen	49.2%	13.6%	28.8%	84.8%	45.5%	34.8%	62.1%	41.5%
Zambia	38.5%	28.6%	23.5%	57.8%	33.0%	22.9%	42.2%	20.7%
<b>Average</b>	<b>34.3%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>36.5%</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>33.1%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>

Percentage of respondents saying "Yes." Question: "In the last five years, have you engaged in any of the following measures to protect yourself? Please choose all that apply."

TABLE 7: MEASURES TAKEN FOR PROTECTION (CONTINUED)

Country	Limited time spent in dangerous reporting areas	Removed or hidden press IDs	Published anonymously	Changed phone number / taken precautions to safeguard devices	Established communication networks with peers or supervisors for security	Filtered ideas / information to international media or published stories abroad	Paid greater attention to verification of facts
Albania	7.9%	18.7%	16.7%	8.9%	2.7%	8.9%	61.8%
Argentina	15.4%	9.6%	13.8%	10.9%	21.0%	5.1%	58.0%
Belgium	7.8%	18.8%	15.3%	10.4%	14.0%	4.4%	44.8%
Bolivia	42.0%	31.8%	22.2%	28.1%	56.0%	11.8%	96.5%
Brazil	29.3%	36.9%	27.7%	11.9%	18.9%	9.4%	81.8%
Bulgaria	13.0%	4.8%	14.9%	4.8%	21.4%	8.3%	64.0%
Chile		27.8%	15.2%	13.9%		7.4%	
Colombia	30.3%	29.8%	19.0%	17.2%	26.6%	9.0%	61.2%
Costa Rica	18.8%	22.9%	11.2%	10.8%	15.2%	6.3%	60.1%
Croatia	16.1%	17.4%	20.6%	10.3%	25.1%	18.8%	69.3%
Czech Republic	4.9%	11.5%	9.5%	4.9%	13.5%	2.3%	53.0%
Ecuador	39.5%	28.4%	20.1%	17.1%	29.1%	11.0%	68.9%
Egypt	21.0%	24.7%	15.4%	11.9%	17.2%	31.7%	59.0%
El Salvador	44.2%	50.0%	27.4%	51.0%	63.0%	24.5%	86.1%
Finland	2.9%	2.2%	12.7%	11.7%	5.9%	4.2%	46.0%
Hong Kong	27.1%	27.0%	50.4%	23.8%	38.7%	21.6%	83.3%
Iceland	6.3%	2.2%	17.2%	6.9%	9.5%	15.5%	44.8%
India	27.5%	18.4%	20.8%	17.3%	25.9%	18.3%	52.7%
Indonesia	44.6%	25.7%	21.7%	25.1%	54.2%	33.1%	87.8%
Kazakhstan	10.0%	3.8%	7.5%	2.1%	5.4%	4.2%	28.5%
Kosovo	9.4%	5.4%	9.4%	4.5%	9.4%	9.9%	35.1%
Latvia	7.2%	9.3%	17.2%	6.1%	6.7%	4.6%	65.1%
Lithuania	9.9%	13.6%	16.2%	2.0%	7.0%	0.7%	48.7%
Mexico	48.3%	40.3%	35.7%	30.1%	55.6%	13.1%	89.1%
Moldova	27.9%	12.5%	19.7%	10.5%	26.6%	22.0%	71.5%
Nepal	6.3%	12.2%	6.6%	6.8%	1.8%	1.3%	28.1%
Netherlands	7.9%	13.1%	11.9%	13.5%	14.3%	11.5%	27.3%
North Cyprus	19.3%	2.5%	1.7%	2.5%	15.7%	5.9%	67.8%
North Macedonia			4.3%	3.0%	10.8%		
Pakistan	49.6%	41.9%	37.7%	35.3%	39.7%	38.8%	63.9%
Paraguay	24.2%	20.8%	20.5%	17.1%	25.8%	16.0%	85.0%
Peru	21.1%	12.7%	6.6%	12.6%	18.6%	11.6%	73.8%
Philippines	24.9%	30.5%	15.2%	22.9%	36.1%	9.4%	76.2%
Poland	30.5%	19.7%	24.4%	24.4%	26.7%	20.1%	55.4%
Portugal	0.8%	2.4%	0.8%	0.8%	0.4%	0%	17.1%
Romania	21.9%	8.6%	18.4%	6.7%	16.1%	14.1%	68.6%
Serbia	19.0%	12.3%	19.4%	5.6%	17.2%	10.8%	69.4%
Sierra Leone	42.6%	51.3%	66.2%	65.4%	42.9%	57.1%	21.8%
Singapore	3.1%	10.6%	11.9%	7.5%	10.6%	3.1%	71.3%
Slovakia	23.4%	7.3%	5.8%	10.8%	15.2%	2.3%	51.5%
Slovenia	9.0%	9.5%	11.3%	8.0%	26.4%	9.0%	55.2%
South Korea	16.2%	13.2%	12.2%	4.1%	20.5%	4.1%	72.4%
Sweden	13.4%		9.9%	15.1%	10.5%		33.6%
Taiwan	27.6%	23.8%	18.3%	6.2%	20.9%	15.6%	66.0%
Tanzania	26.6%	31.7%	34.0%	23.9%	21.3%	23.6%	47.9%
Thailand	21.1%	12.5%	11.2%	5.7%	25.0%	3.4%	59.4%
Turkey	21.6%	3.1%	4.8%	11.5%	22.0%	4.6%	59.0%
UAE	31.7%	10.1%	9.0%	6.1%	7.4%		66.1%
Ukraine	39.5%	14.6%	33.5%	25.4%	53.0%	35.1%	86.5%
USA	25.8%	19.6%	7.8%	12.3%	28.4%	4.6%	72.6%
Uzbekistan	35.1%	24.6%	31.7%	33.2%	36.5%	24.6%	42.4%
Venezuela	52.8%	55.5%	39.7%	36.7%	55.5%	32.7%	87.9%
Yemen	36.9%	60.0%	47.0%	43.1%	33.3%	60.0%	84.6%
Zambia	45.9%	48.0%	26.2%	20.4%	40.5%	24.5%	76.9%
<b>Average</b>	<b>23.3%</b>	<b>20.5%</b>	<b>19.0%</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>23.8%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>61.6%</b>

Percentage of respondents saying "Yes." Question: "In the last five years, have you engaged in any of the following measures to protect yourself? Please choose all that apply."