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Tyler Durden 2019 article is chief aim is to show that international news is not reliable. News presented to the public originates from only three news agencies, named the American Association Press, the Agence France Presse, and Reuters. Since the information must source from the above agencies, it explains why the news presented discusses the same topics and have almost similar wording. Despite the idea that the agencies make the news, the public has little information about them. Durden says that '82% of entire opinion evidence and also interviews favoring US and entire NATO consideration' during the Syria war coverage (Durden, 2019). It, therefore, means that the agencies present what the governments want rather than all the needed information. The author adds that the public is prevented from accessing the agencies because most of the data is not researched. For example, there is no permanent reporter in Africa, and therefore agencies air what the politicians want.

The video, with the title 'journalism or propaganda? US state-sponsored media' also provide insights regarding international communication. The video describes cases in US which have happened since 2016 elections. Media houses such as Voice of America and few others have been given the sole role of presenting news (Al Jazeera English, 2018). However, press freedom is denied as the information collected does not reach the public directly, instead, the government-sponsored bodies have to filter the news to be presented to the people. According to various reports, the story presented by these bodies is propagandas and does not depict the actual states. It is the case because the activities are government-sponsored, meaning that journalists do not display any information disregarded by the bosses. At the end of the video, it is evident that trust in the news has been lost because the information presented is false.

Bethany Ebrahimian primary aim of the article is to show how United States uses media in fighting China. According to the author, the information regarding China presented in United States and rest of the world is false, meant to prevent China from growing economically. Notably, China's development rate is high, which a threat to the United States is. In curbing the defeat, the nation uses media to spread negative information about the country. The writer claims that 'many Chinese hold idea of Western media outlets not covering China fairly. The Western media initiate China weaknesses, fuels its potential making it a regional threat at the same time ignoring its success' (Allen, 2016).

Considering above claims, the authors have a similarity regarding international communication. They believe that press freedom is no longer exercised because politicians influence the process, and the news given is false. The writers claim that media houses are sponsored by governments where the agencies involved are unknown by the public, making it easy to present propaganda. Even though presses are concerned, the freedom to offer news as they are on the ground is denied. Governments do this because they understand the impacts of the report to the people. They, therefore, present the news favorable for them, other than minding the welfare of the people. Thus, the articles are similar in insisting that the story is based on propaganda other than actual events.

I agree with the above claims insisting that changes are needed in the nation. According to research, the United States spends about \$685 million each year on media. However, accountability on how the money is used lacks, indicating that corruption is practiced. Instead of the money being used to research so that the news presented is accurate, politicians use it to alter the story so that propagandas are shown to favor them. I also agree with the writers because all the news channels present similar news, including pictures. Considering that the media has a wide range of things to cover, it is expected that the news

presented is different. However, this is not the source as the source of information is the same to indicate a lack of press freedom.

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