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Independent Media in Russia and Belarus: The Ways to Exist Despite Control



The situation surrounding press freedoms in Russia and Belarus nowadays is becoming more and more tense. Several independent media groups in Russia that were known for their anti-corruption investigations were labeled as "foreign agents," which puts their future under question. In Belarus, dozens of journalists have been detained or arrested since the mass protests started; many others had to leave the country due to safety concerns. However, independent journalism in both countries is still alive despite the pressure. How can independent media find the way to survive and even thrive in this new era?



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