

JOURNALISTS AND POLITICIANS. COMMUNICATION IN A DEMOCRATIC CLIMATE OR MUTUAL CONTROL?

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Abstract. *Politics and Journalism are two major fields on which society has shown an interesting interconnection, over the years. Journalism is sometimes referred to as the „fourth estate”, and is seen by some as being crucial to the functioning of a healthy and fair society. The role of politicians is supposed to be the representation of those who elected them and to ensure that the concerns of that electorate are listened to, considered, and acted upon.*

Nowadays, politicians are often not comfortable with the media, and at the same time, the media look at the government with disrespect whenever its freedom is tampered with. The governing powers are frequently in war with reporters and the reason for this is the suspicion that a free press could influence citizens to an extent of causing changes in that political sphere. This supposition is not accepted in journalism. The link between journalism and politics is therefore divergent, uneasy and sometimes troublesome.

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