FREEDOM OF THE PRESS? A Brief History of American Journalism Let's see how free press and freedom gets silenced over time, when we don't all participate, by runaway government NOT of the people, and it keeps killing 300 million American dreams today. YEAR 1690 Benjamin Harris John Campbell PUBLICK The Boston News-Letter **OCCURRENCES** publified by Anthoney. From Shonbay April 17 to Shonbay April 14 1784 Leader Priory Pull from the and, at we get, whose Rivers from Normal bring up the Copy of a Cheese beetly Delated trees, Instituted, the Septemberry, and be given for a Cheese above for Sectional. In a Leave of the Company, concerning the paging Lange of the Europe, concerning the paging Lange of the Section of the Europe of the Section of the Research of the Europe of the Section of the Research of the Section of the Section of the Research of the Section of the Sec John, Thursday Squ. 25th, 1650. The Boston News-Letter launched in 1704 by the local Mr. Harris published the first edition of "Publick Occurrences postmaster. This was followed by The New England Courant Here we go and 1704 Both Foreign and Domestick" in Boston. He did not get prior in 1721 by James Franklin employing his younger bother, approval and was shut down after a single edition. Benjamin, as apprentice. 1735 NY Gov. William Cosby John Peter Zenger Zenger, publisher of the New York weekly was acquitted of This was the first legal ruling in America for freedom of the Oh Crap! libel charges brought by Gov. Crosby. press. 1765 British Flag American Flag This is akin to the 2018 recent Presidential repeal of Net The Stamp Act of 1765 taxed paper, the burden fell on Neutrality which over time will make the Internet, where the printers who mostly supported the Patriots. All newspapers and 2018 Tax to Kill people get their news today, serve the Federalist wealth were party driven. Loyalists papers shut down or moved to class message and squash the peoples free press indirectly. NYC. In 1765 such kingly acts led to revolution 9 years later. 1787 James Madison George Mason The drafter of the Constitution, guided by Washington, George Mason was one of three attendees of the closed Who Said Hamilton and Jay, didn't think freedom of the press was door Constitutional Convention along with Edmund necessary so he left it out of the framework of the next Randolph and Elbridge Gerry who REFUSED to sign we get free American government. The Federalists high-jacked the press ratification of the new 'constitution' without a Bill of Rights revolution and without the grit of George Mason, America as a and an end to the Slave trade. He fought for both again in rights? free nation would have ended in 1788. 1787 led Madison to finally introduce a Bill of rights in 1789. 1789 Bill of Rights Liberty Bell Congress of THE Coly of Now yet and beld at the Coly of March one through the forest of March one through the same to the same through the forest of March one through the same through the forest of the same through the same thr Amendment I. Congress shall make no law respecting an WE the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; people say Amendment 1-Freedom of Religion, Speech, and the Press or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to SO petition the government for a redress of grievances. John Adams 1798 Thomas Jefferson Thomas Jefferson believed the Sedition Act repressed President Adams solely restricted freedom of speech and the political opposition to President Adams and the Federalists. press. Adams, a Federalist, signed into law the Alien and Democratic-Republicans, Jefferson's new party to oppose Sedition Act of 1798 which were four bills passed by the this Federalist dictatorial central government were the Federalist-dominated 5th United States Congress. They made minority in Congress, and couldn't stop the bill. The new it harder for an immigrant to become a citizen (Naturalization Sedition law outlawed any "false, scandalous and malicious Act), allowed the president to imprison and deport nonwriting" against Congress or the president, and made it citizens who were deemed dangerous (Alien Friends Act of illegal to conspire "to oppose any measure or measures of 1798) or who were from a hostile nation (Alien Enemy Act of the government." This was our first police state: IN 1798! A Our 1st 1798), and criminalized making false statements that were Republican Senator Timothy Lyon, of Vermont, spent four Police State and 1800 critical of the federal government (Sedition Act of 1798). This months in prison. James Calendar, a journalist, 9 months in Starts was to stop criticism of any type against the Federal prison. 26 people were prosecuted, most from Jefferson's Government. You can see how this false government fear opposing political party. Outrage against all this fueled inciting and limiting of liberty rights (they ignored the Bill of Thomas Jefferson's election to President in 1800. By 1802, Rights, what the Federalists acquiesced to so the States all of the Alien and Sedition Acts had been repealed or would Ratify the Constitution. The Federalists caught us all in expired, except the Alien Enemies Act. In 1918, Congress their endless web of false promises), all led to the terrible showed equality amending it to include women: a full year Internment camps in America of Japanese and Asian citizens before women got the right to vote! So if you look at 5 during World War 2 and endless runaway government we above, the Federalists VIOLATED the constitution/Bill of have today. Rights, profusely: without a care. 1954 Joseph McCarthy Edward R. Murrow In pure bravo, Edward R. Murrow, our foremost American Senator McCarthy used a second Red Scare (falsely Journalist and TV broadcaster, explained to the American accusing many in government of being Communist) to pit one people in detail denouncing the fascist practices of Senator political party against the other in America. If allowed to McCarthy that ultimately led to McCarthy's censure from Fascism in proceed one party would be destroyed and this country could Congress and the end of the sad chapter of McCarthyism. In the Press not endure a one party system. McCarthy was trying to end doing so in a free press, one Edward R. Murrow and his put down American democracy using lies, accusations and rumor to broadcasting firm CBS, stood up boldly to combat hate, lies, discredit honest people and exploit fear of communism. Only and disinformation that was causing widespread fear and one man, Edward R. Murrow was brave enough to take him causing our government and our future, to slide into on and take him down in a high point of American journalism. question. 1971 Daniel Ellsberg in 1971 Nixon in 1971 Nixon's White House response was a court injunction Mr. Ellsberg, a citizen activist, uncovered crimes against the barring free press threatening jail time if publishing of the American people while working for the government. For 30 papers continued. A DIRECT VIOLATION of the 1st years the government had been lying to the American people Amendment once more, by a U.S. President. As the White fighting a false un-winnable war in Vietnam, wasting 50,000 House prosecuted Ellsberg, it directed three CIA agents to U.S. servicemen's lives, destroying the lives of their families, break into Democratic Headquarters located in the and wasting billions of dollars ravaging all of Southeast Asia Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C., to find medical 2nd Police for no good reason other than they didn't want to lose a war. records the White House would publish to discredit Ellsberg. State Ellsberg took The Pentagon Papers, a detailed internal review Yet another VIOLATION of use of government power as the Averted of the war's decision making, to the New York Times paper, CIA was used by the President on US soil against American then to the Washington Post for publication. Ellsberg's actions citizens: it was a foreign intelligence service. Nixon's cover led to the end of the Vietnam War and Richard Nixon. After a up of this bungled burglary, his obstruction of Justice, led to vigorous defense, Ellsberg did not serve prison time due in his disgrace, impeachment, and REMOVAL from office. in part to the Supreme Court 6-3 ruling dismissing the White 1971 all Americans became cynical forever of government. House Court injunction to stop publishing of the Pentagon All these references point to the need for MORE free press. But again, as we will see, we got less! 9 1927 Congress Dome Ronald Reagan The Federal Radio Commission (1926-34) was created to The Fairness Doctrine was a policy of the United States regulate radio use "as the public interest, convenience, Federal Communications Commission (FCC), started in or necessity" requires. The Radio Act of 1927 superseded 1949 requiring the holders of broadcast licenses both to the Radio Act of 1912, which had given regulatory powers present controversial issues of public importance, and over radio communication to the Secretary of Commerce to do so in a manner that was—in the Commission's and Labor. The Federal Communications Commission view—honest, equitable, and balanced. But then we had yet another president that had to politicize the media (FCC) is an independent agency of the United States government to regulate interstate communications by radio, which led to the complete paralysis of the Congress and television, wire, satellite, and cable. In 1934 the FCC the nation for the 35 years since he left office. President (Federal Communications Commission) replaced the func-Reagan repealed the fairness doctrine and the era of tions of the Federal Radio Commission. All these agencies Fake News began. This reversed 25 years of FCC holdwere supposed to regulate fair use of public communicaings that the doctrine had been put into law in 1959. tion modes to promote useful information and quality of The Fairness Doctrine was repealed in 1987 by the FCC information for the American citizen. They were supposed under new chair Dennis R. Patrick, a lawyer and Reagan to be politically impartial. But today in 2018 they are far White House aide. Once again, mis use of power, politics and politicians seek to control public thought. The more from that. The SEC (Security and Exchange Commission) was supposed to regulate size and scope of mega mergers ominous affect of the repeal is that it, and the politicizing not in the public interest, not make it happen! It was supof the SEC (which regulated how big media companies posed to enhance free speech, free press, etc., not diminand others could get without hurting the public interest) was that it enabled Corporate America to enter, to just ish it as it keeps doing. But as global money overran both political parties this was all thrown to the wayside until buy, our media. Our free press was no longer free. Media today six, only six major media companies control 90% of and journalism in America became "make-believe" (make the programming Americans see. And its just that, prothe people believe) entertainment programming. How? gramming. Programming us all to NOT see problems until The repeal of the Fairness Doctrine killed real journalism their made up bubble burst on us all, or simple solutions, in America by taking out facts and equal time to hear and to keep us all living in numb sleep producing coma we all sides of an argument. Enter Roger Ailes who was a call daily life as our country heads for an economic and gofer on the Mike Douglass show which was Oprah 40 social cliff that could well end our way of life we call Ameryears before Oprah and Jimmy Kimmel before Kimmel. ica. That last passage feels like I'm channeling Edward R. He became Nixon's newsman crafting a TV message by hand to 25 major American cities: when footage had to Murrow! But that's how we got to Fake News 24/7 from be flown overnight to each city! Then he became media 1,000 TV stations and 1 million Internet stations. Any decency, any control of media in America has been literally advisor to Regan to get him re-elected after a failed first bought and paid for by the corporate wealth class elite so Presidential debate. Without Roger, Reagan would have only their message and voice is heard, and the American lost re-election and we may still have had the Fairness people have been silenced. Real Journalism in America is Doctrine and America may have functioned for the people not the wealth class elite for the next 35 years and Dead. the media monopolies hiding the truth like the 30 years of the Vietnam war while ripping off our treasury. Roger? He went on the head MSNBC then Fox News where he mocked the Fairness Doctrine and us all by calling his news agency "Fair and Balanced". The hypocrisy. After being paid \$20 million a year for all that fake news he resigned in disgrace for multiple allegations of sexual misconduct. The irony is that the media he controlled now sealed his fate and legacy as he quickly passed 2015 Net Neutrality Passed 2018 Billionaire President's FCC Repeals it CONCLUSIONS As a country, to restore everyone's American dream, we all have to speak up loudly at once and enact a plan to curb All these historical reference points keep showing that this ongoing runaway government and runaway executive Billionaire backed presidents limit and destroy free speech so power. It's transformed our democracy into a Corporate they can win a corporate propaganda war. From Adams, to It's Time to Oligarchy that keeps controlling media to blind us to their Nixon, to Reagon to Trump. All the wealth class does is divert Redeem the changing of laws taking away rights and bankrupting the government policies to channel all out money to the existing Dream Now nation and all its citizens except for the elite 10% their new wealth class which are their donors. Please wake up and Federalist, I call Corporatist policies, do. The Federalist at object to the repeal of Net Neutrality with all your Congress RTDNOW.C thought the elite should rule and channeled all the money people and Senators. The Internet was the hope for real and power to themselves. And they can do that only by journalism. But what did the wealth class elite do again? killing real journalism. And by monopolizing it, they've done Strangle free speech it in it's crib again just like Adams did in just that. And repealing Net Neutrality, they are doing it one 1787. more time. They do everything they can to kill any competition and 300 million American dreams. THE NEXT STEP IN FREE PRESS EXPAND REDEEM THE DREAM RADIO John Hancock Free daily at RTDNOW.COM I am asking every single American to add their name at RTDNOW.COM to the second Declaration of Independence from modern runaway government I have in part described here in this paper about the death of journalism in America and how that killed America and 300 million American dreams. Adding your name means you are supporting the RTDNOW (REDEEM THE DREAM NOW) PLAN that When you are dependent on a corrupt government that is We have to changes policy overnight to instantly double the take home politicized, your future is planned but not for you. When its save pay for 90% of all Americans. But that's not good enough. been Politicized to pander to the global elite wealth class ourselves. constantly at the expense of 300 million dying or dead We need a system to have all our voices heard. We need a As you can 2018 American dreams, we are all doomed. Yes doomed. America true people fact driven, truth finding, problem and solution see from 2020 And is \$26 TRILLION in debt headed toward \$40 TRILLION in 10 oriented non-political, non-biased news agency owned BY this paper, Beyond short years when it all collapses. We have to have a free and THE PEOPLE. That is why I'm asking you to read the nobody's impartial press, and all need equal access to it to revive our RTDNOW PLAN at RTDNOW.COM and to Subscribe for coming to just \$1.00 per month. If we all do, or a great many do, we Democracy, to have all our voices heard, and to restore the save us but American dream of equality. Where we all have the equal will have a peoples source of information, we will revive our all of us. start to pursue life, liberty and happiness. democracy, our government, and our American spirit. My basis message is try. I'm trying real hard. 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