

Part II

Media Ethics, Freedom and Responsibilities

We define freedom of the press as that degree of freedom from restraint which is essential to enable proprietors, editors and journalists to advance the public interest by publishing the facts and opinions without which a democratic electorate cannot make responsible judgments.

The British Royal Commission on the Press,
Cmnd. 6810 (1977), para 2.3

Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one.

A. J. Liebling, *The Press* (1964)