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The safety of journalists is an issue that pertains to people all around the world. This Thursday, the HRC worked to solve this issue at the March 2020 MMUN conference. All of the delegates present started to vote on ways to solve this. Lots of the delegations were proposing solutions that would create more issues. I interviewed the delegation of France and one of their ideas was to give journalists armed bodyguards.

Another popular idea was to track the journalists and/or put body cams on them. I believe that this would raise more of an issue because no technology is safe. It could get hacked which could result in more deaths, because now people who want to hurt the journalists know where they are.

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One of the few ideas I agree with is to keep the identity of the journalists anonymous. The reason why I agree with it is because if someone is reporting on a topic, especially a political one, that another person doesn't agree with, they're in danger.

An idea I completely disagree with is to arm the journalists. This is an idea that was shut down fairly quickly, but reopened just as quickly. Arming the journalists presents a number of issues. / but there are only a few big ones. The first is, "what about freelance journalists or ones reporting against the people providing the firearms?" And the answer to the first part is simple. For starters, they could buy their own. And if they can't afford them, they have no way to protect themselves.

The last major idea that all delegations agreed with was to educate journalists on how to properly report and how to report safely. Although I couldn't get more details about how they would go about doing it, it seems like a good idea. I would recommend some additional things, though. The first thing would be social media campaigns so that everyone could have access to at least basic info.

Although almost all delegations had the same basic foundation for ideas there was one that stood out,. China wanted to protect their information. When asked about a compromise they said "we would love to compromise, but we won't change any of our ideas, as to not betray our country." China offered to, instead of killing journalists, to throw them in jail. Although I respect China's loyalty to their country, it doesn't seem better than what is already happening. An interview with a delegate from France showed that I'm not the only one that feels this way. "France does not appreciate China's views on the safety of journalists."

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