



## Press Corps/Wall Street Journal

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“We all want more safety” said the delegates working in the Latin American Group. How important is journalists safety? The safety of journalists is a topic that is important, but sometimes ignored. Journalists lives and safety are being challenged around the world because governments and leaders do not want the truth to be told about their corruption. Since 1992 more than 1,300 journalists have been killed, in 2018 more than 250 have been jailed, and a little over 63 journalists are missing. In more issues regarding US politicians’, Micheal Grimm threatened throw a reporter off a building and in 2017 another politician Greg Giantfore body slammed a reporter and broke the reporter’s glasses in the process. Another American politician bigger than these President Donald J. Trump has called journalists “Unpatriotic” and “Enemy of the people.” Because of these people and other countries journalists safety is an important issue. Two of the most problematic places for these issues are Saudi Arabia and Turkmenistan. In Saudi Arabia reporter Jamal Khashoggi was assassinated in the Saudi Arabia

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embassy in Turkey for writing about things that needed to change. Turkmenistan reporter Ogulsapar Murdova was beaten to death by the police. These are reasons why we need to focus on the safety of journalists.

All the delegates working to solve this issue they all agreed that their goal was to protect journalists. I decided to start with the Latin American and Caribbean group (GRULAC). Their main ideas were to send peacekeepers, educate populations, and more Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's).

The Western European and others group (WEOG) had many helpful ideas to help with the safety of Journalists. Their ideas included many education (like GRULAC), defense lawyers, government assistance, aerial meeting's, laws/treaties, monitor program(s), and more security.

While interviewing I came across the delegate of France. He discussed a problem that one of France's reporters' on a trip was blown up in an attack in Syria. He said even though France hasn't done much to help with the safety of Journalists, he hopes that can change.

During the formal consultations all delegation's were trying to compromise on a solution for helping all journalists. A lot of the delegates started to question the representatives for China but they came back and stood strong. This topic is very important to maintain the safety of those who report on truth around the world.