

**Nicaragua**  
**SWOT Analysis**

<b>STRENGTHS</b>	Despite the repression existing in Nicaragua by the Ortega-Murillo regime, independent Nicaraguan journalism has reinvented itself on digital platforms. Additionally, by relying on the citizens themselves, it has overcome censorship, making the voices of people who want to express themselves heard, while blowing the whistle on the serious human rights violations committed by the regime, as well as exposing it domestically and abroad.
<b>WEAKNESSES</b>	An adverse outlook for journalism, where there is tight political control, forces many people to seek their own survival. This undermines independent journalism in Nicaragua because it faces several vulnerabilities, including fear, as do citizens who want to exercise the right to freedom of expression. The outcome is self-censorship and distrust among journalists themselves and neighbors in communities, because they fear becoming victims of repression.
<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b>	In this scenario, where no freedom of expression exists in reason of repressive acts and abuse by the authorities and regime supporters who go unpunished, Nicaraguan journalism has some opportunities: Collaborative work among the media, partnership with citizens and some defecting officials allow to view citizens' dissatisfaction more openly as well as their need to express themselves freely.
<b>THREATS</b>	Threats are latent from the moment anyone seeks to exercise their right to freedom of expression and the press. The reason is that these people willing to exercise their right express themselves freely are exposed to repressive laws, abuse of power, impunity, unlawful imprisonment, travel bans, censorship on the media, expropriation, and all kinds of retaliation.

