




THE U.S. PRESS FREEDOM TRACKER

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A database of press freedom incidents in the United States — everything from ● arrests of journalists and the ● seizure of their equipment to ○ assaults and ✨ interrogations at the U.S. border. The Press Freedom Tracker documents incidents across the country, involving national, state and local authorities.

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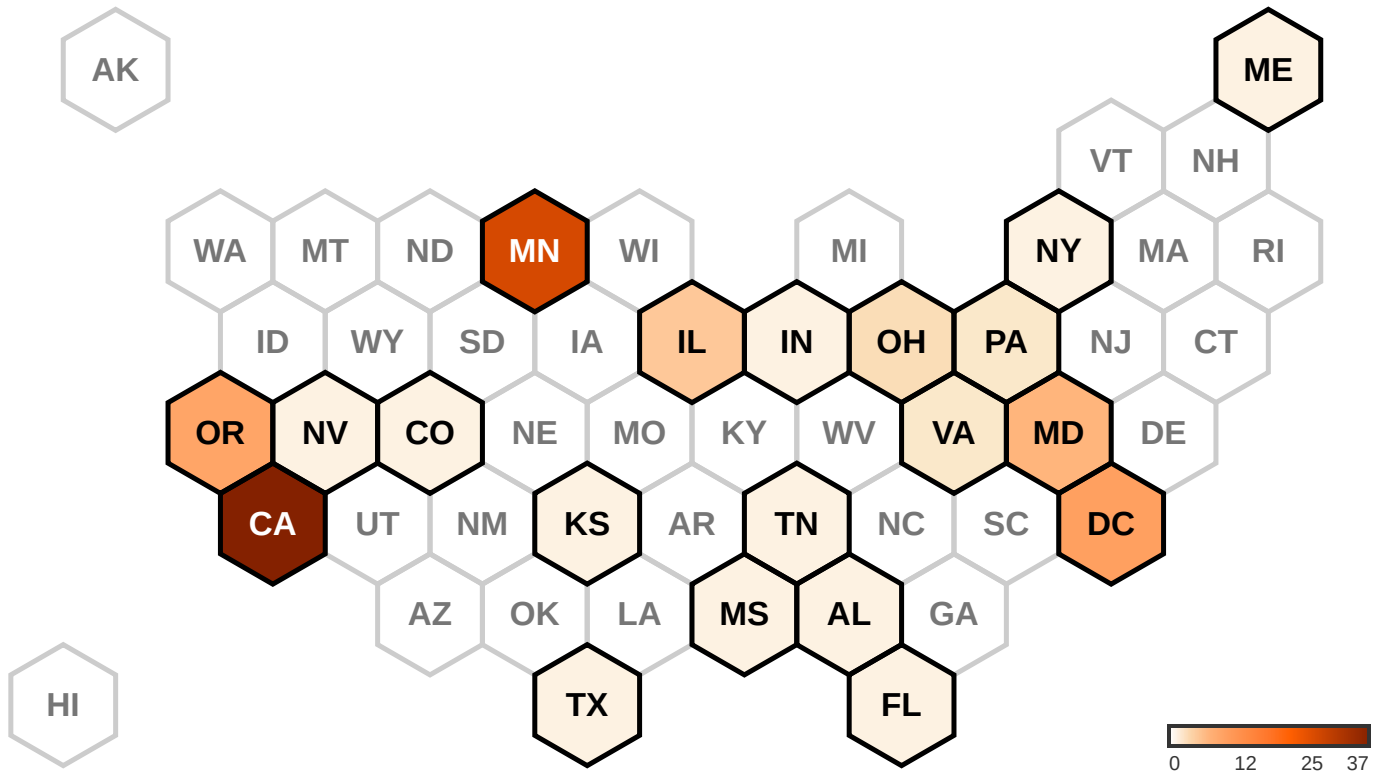
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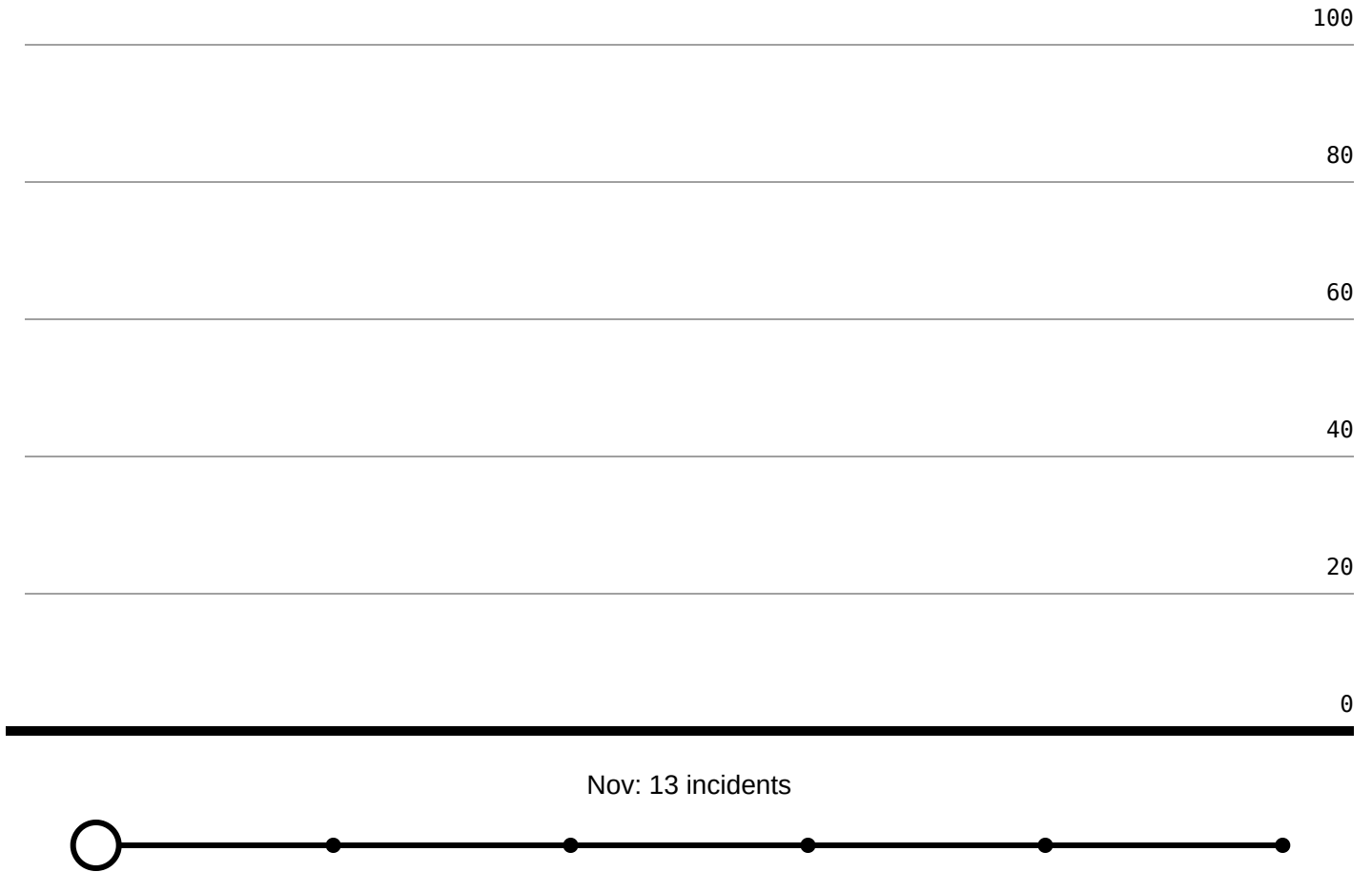
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Showing incidents grouped by type of attack. An incident can fall under more than one category.

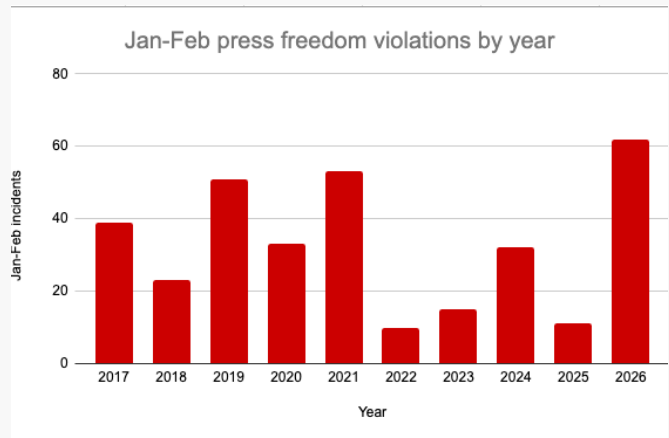
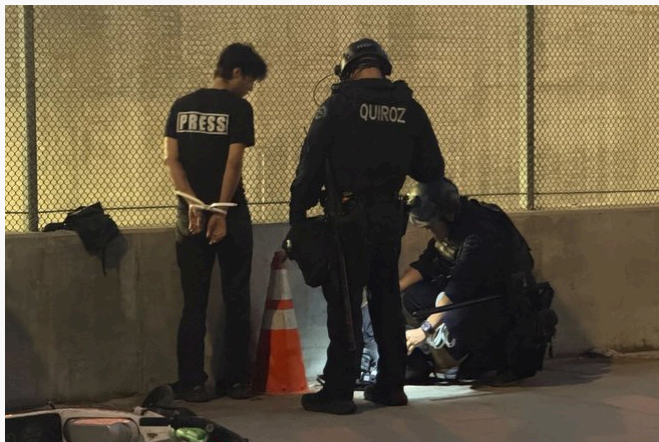
Showing incidents distribution in the U.S. Incidents are grouped by state.



Showing the number of journalists targeted per month.



Our Original Analysis



Record number of violations mar first two months of year

'No Kings,' and curbing government restrictions on the press

Published February 26, 2026

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Featured Incidents



Reporter shoved, lunged at by police at LA protest

[Assault](#)

Date of incident March 28, 2026

Location Los Angeles, California

Targets Ryanne Mena ([Los Angeles] Daily News)

[#chemical irritant](#)

[#immigration](#)

[#protest](#)



Recently updated

Pete Hegseth restricts journalists' access inside Pentagon

[Denial of Access](#)

Updated on March 23, 2026

Date of incident May 23, 2025

Location Arlington, Virginia

Targets Media

[#Department of Defense](#)



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Equipment Search or Seizure Leak Case Prior Restraint Subpoena/Legal Order Other Incident

Recent Incidents

Reporter shoved, lunged at by police at LA protest

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Journalist manhandled, his reporting obstructed, by police at LA protest

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Photojournalist hit with munitions at LA protest

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Student journalist detained, zip-tied while documenting LA protest

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Student documentarian detained, zip-tied while covering LA protest

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Reporter pushed by police, threatened with arrest at LA protest

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Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth targets news outlets, leakers

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