

# From Free Press to Billionaire Press: Reviewing the Top (Censored) Stories of 2022

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*“The narrative of the West is so far away from reality that practically every major story which appears in the Western Press has a hidden or shadow real story which we need to bring out!”*

– Professor Radhika Desai, from this week’s interview

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If there is a single term that could describe the news stories shaping the past year, it would be POLARIZING.

We saw it in the Freedom Convoy in Canada in January and February. Some sympathized with the demand by truckers to end the COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Others saw it as a collection of threatening individuals that made the Prime Minister’s use of the human rights suspending Emergencies Act a necessary evil. [1]

We saw it in the U.S. mid term elections as voters divided according to their stands on abortion rights, gun control, and immigration. [2]

And we also saw it in the widening of the gap between countries dedicated to a US-NATO supremacy, which supposedly defends human rights and democracy, and the alternative model made up of China, Russia and many of the countries in the BRICS alliance, described by the West as the “authoritarians.” When Russia launched a “special military operation” in Ukraine and got hit hard with sanctions as a result, the world witnessed its unravelling into two factions. It is predicted that nothing short of a nuclear climax will once again reunite humanity – via universal destruction! [3]

But beyond this reality, the media itself is seeing massive changes. Different perspectives from the more NATO-friendly stories is quickly dismissed as “fake news” serving the Kremlin. Levels discouraging the dissent from these sorts of perspectives are approaching, and possibly even surpassing those in evidence during the Joseph McCarthy years of anti-communist madness. [4]

Here at the Global Research News Hour, we are striving to point out major flaws in the major news coverage. This is attributable to who or what actually owns the major press outlets, and who or what advances their financial success through advertising, not to mention devices like Operation Mockingbird and a host of other mechanisms between the Fourth Estate and the State itself.

We thus have made an annual ritual at this time of year to look into which stories relevant to the general public are actually getting under-reported or even censored by the wealthy press outlets.

Our regular guide on this journalistic journey is the renowned media institution [Project Censored](#). PC educates the public on the important links between a free press and a democratic self-government and provides them with regular lists of news stories under-reported or censored by mainstream media.

In our first half hour, Andy Lee Roth, the contributing editor for the group returns once again as a travelling companion pointing out some of the incredible stories you otherwise might have missed out on in 2022. He also gives us a look at *Censored 2023*, the yearbook highlighting some of the major themes in journalistic suppression over the course of the past year.

In our second half hour, we are joined by three past guests and independent media producers to get their own takes on major stories and perspectives in the world in 2022 that were left out of mainstream news coverage. Our guests are Professor Radhika Desai, Matthew Ehret, and Max Blumenthal.

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1. <https://www.netnewsledger.com/2022/02/12/poll-finds-support-for-freedom-convoy-at-20-a-cross-canada/>
2. <https://english.almayadeen.net/news/politics/guide-into-us-most-polarized-midterm-elections>
3. <https://carnegieeurope.eu/strategieurope/86831>
4. <https://www.globalresearch.ca/conform-or-be-cast-out-the-new-model-of-journalism-during-a-time-of-war/5795751>

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