

Role of the media

- Information
 - Factual reporting
 - Analysis of events
 - Provide a voice for individual's or groups
- Accountability of
 - Leaders
 - Politicians
 - Experts
 - Others
- Education
 - Health
 - Environment
 - Others
- Entertainment
 - Fictional stories
 - Hobbies
 - Others
- Advertising
 - Income generation
 - Publicise
 - Products
 - Events
 - Others

Function of the media

- Political opinion
- Political agenda
- Link between the government and the people
- Government watchdog
- Socialization

Control of the media (who owns it)

The traditional newspaper ownership was by media barons that had disproportionate powers to influence government policy and public opinion

Modern media radio television and social media has reduced the influence of the traditional media but it is less or not accountable

Control of the media (Restrict the freedom)

Subject to criminal and civil law

Ofcom - statutory regulation for radio and television

Print - is not subject to stationary regulation it has self-regulation or code of practice (Press Complaints Commission)

Defence - public interest (wikileaks)

Freedom of the press -

- A tradition not enshrined in UK law
- E U Human rights articles
- Restrictions
 - national security
 - Preserving public morals