

Chapter Summary – Module Ten

Because of the power of the mass media, the content of media and the behavior of people who work in the media are regulated throughout the world. For example, no person in the United States can legally start broadcasting without permission from the federal government. A Chinese journalist could be sentenced to jail for slandering the government. The degree of speech and press freedoms varies from country to country, but in no country is it absolute. The issues surrounding regulation are complex, because they must cope with changing technologies and changing economic factors, as well as public pressures.