

Artistic Freedom



Artistic freedom is the freedom to imagine, create and distribute diverse cultural expressions free of governmental censorship, political interference or the pressures of non-stakeholders. It includes the right of all citizens to have access to these works and is essential for the wellbeing of societies.

Cultural diversity can be protected and promoted only if human rights and fundamental freedoms, such as freedom of expression, information and communication, as well as the ability of individuals to have access to diverse cultural expressions, are guaranteed.

Artistic freedom under threat

Attacks on the freedom of (cultural) expression from intolerant individuals and groups, hate-speech, racism, and xenophobia mean others do not think it is of the fundamental prerequisites of democracy; the right of everyone to participate in decisions for and by individuals.

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Through its Global Report series, UNESCO shares information on policies and measures that support human rights and fundamental freedoms and monitors progress and challenges over time.

UNESCO also works with international artists' associations to assess the impact of the 1980 Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist in areas such as **digital technologies**, **freedom of expression**, **transnational mobility**, and **social and**