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Statement from Karrin Vasby Anderson,

While most presidents after Richard Nixon have had an adversarial relationship with the press—arguably, that’s built into the fourth estate’s role as a watchdog—Trump has demonstrated a level of hostility towards individual reporters that hasn’t been seen since the Nixon era. Early in his political career, he directed much of his ire toward women reporters like [Megyn Kelly](#) and [Katie Tur](#), but his focus has expanded to include many individual reporters, news outlets, and even large media corporations. It was dangerous for reporters when he was demonizing them on social media, but his willingness to use levers of federal power to censor and shape news coverage is an alarming indicator of his authoritarianism.