

MONGOLIA: MEDIA DEVELOPMENTS



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Saturated Media

Market: Over 350 media outlets

Social media users:

➤ Internet use: 2.9 million

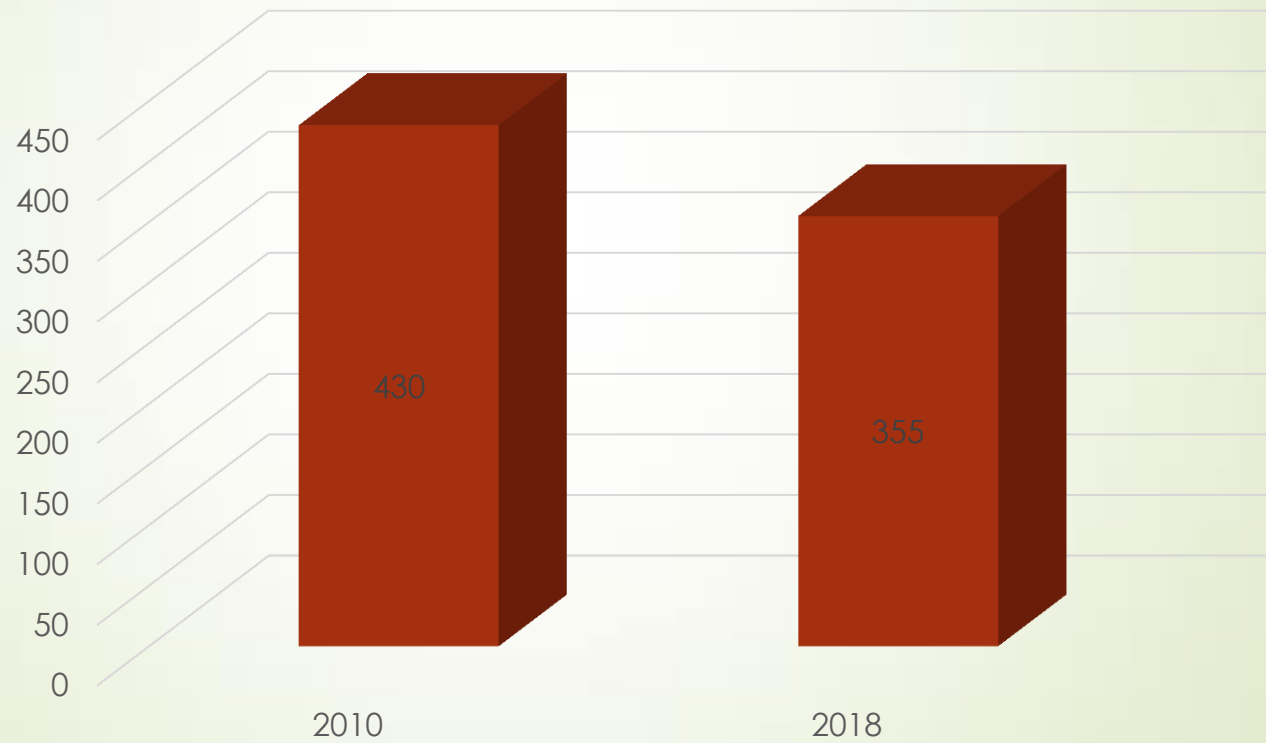
➤ Facebook: 1,2 million.

66 percent is the young Mongolians aged 18-34 years old




Mongolia: 1.5 mln. square km- 3.1 mln. population

Number of Media Outlets





Media Development

- National Security Concept, 2010
 - Guidelines on TV and Radio regulations, 2010
 - National Program on Digital Switch-over, 2010
 - National Program on Information Security, 2010
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Positive Developments

Legal Environment:

- ▶ Law on Information Transparency and Right to Access Information, June 2011
- ▶ Defamation decriminalised- Law on Administrative Offence
- ▶ Law on International Treaties
- ▶ Law on general Administration
- ▶ National Anti-corruption Program: legal protection of journalists and journalistic confidential sources
- ▶ Public Policy Guidelines on Development of Information and Telecommunication- harmonize the national legislation with international conventions



Positive Developments

- ▶ Law on General Administration:
CRC Regulations –United Legal System
- Media Self-regulation:
 - ▶ Media Council of Mongolia
 - ▶ Some media adapted the Guidelines and Rules



On-going discussions

- Law on Amendment to the Criminal Law Criminal Defamation is back-submitted
- Broadcast Law-draft
- Law Information Security- draft
- Law on Data Protection-draft
- Amendment to the Law on Media Freedom – WG
- Law on Amendment to the Law on Telecommunication-submitted
- Social media regulation: 5000 followers

Current Reality

1. Legal Censorship

- ✓ Use of the Law on Administrative Offence
- ✓ Election Law

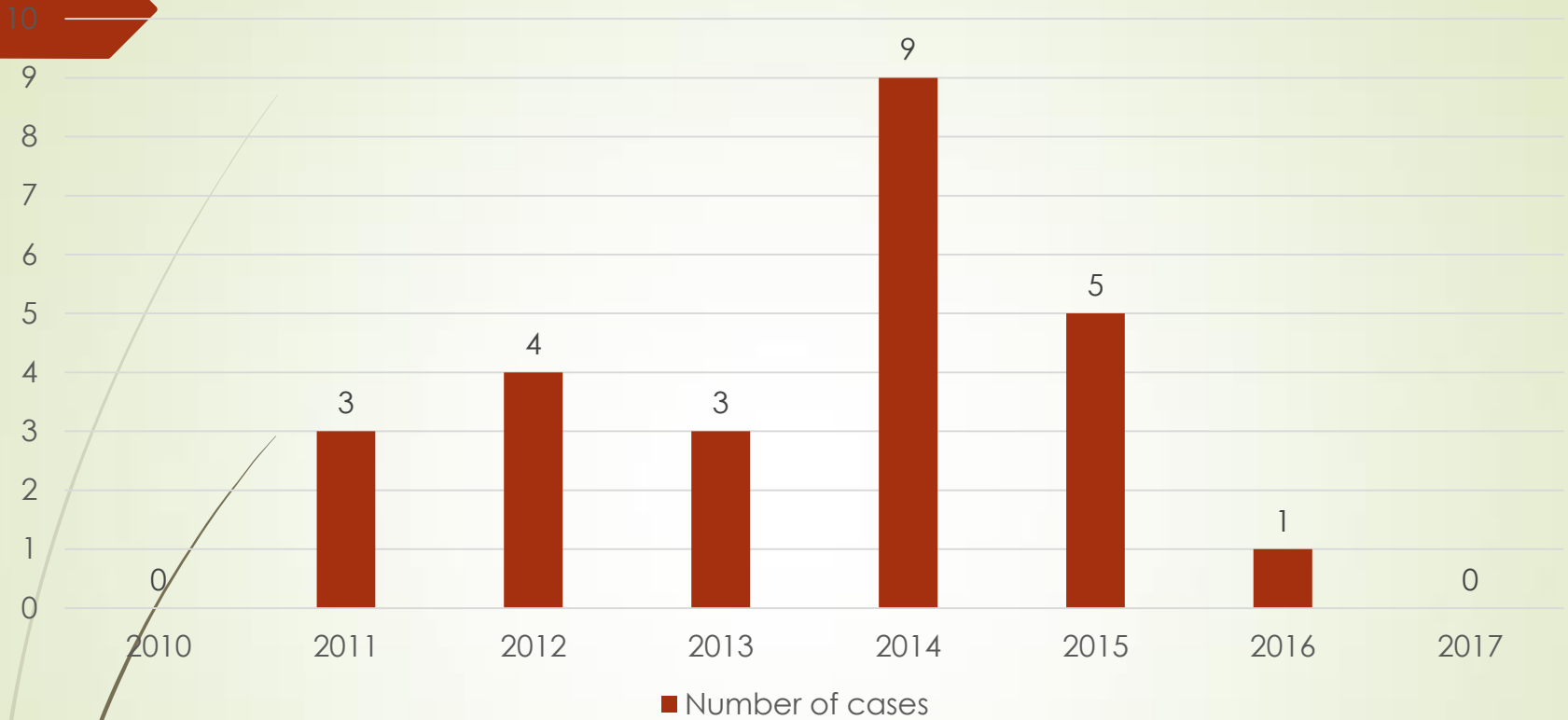
2. Economic censorship

- ✓ Paid content
- ✓ Government advertising
- ✓ Blocking provision- Agreement of Cooperation

3. Political censorship

- Politically driven PSB
- Media Ownership and Concentration

Number of cases



Criminal Defamation



Current reality

- Law and policy implementation is poor
- Use of Law om Administrative Office- censorship- 61 % of the GIC recorded violations against journalists
- Election Law

Number of Violations- 4 suspicious deaths





Mongolia's pledges before the international community

- The UPR Recommendations
 - ✓ 8 countries-FoE
 - ✓ All accepted
 - ✓ Action Plan adopted
- The ICCPR- July 6-7, 2017
 - Decriminalization of defamation
 - Safety of journalists

Thanks for your attention!

