



Listeners and readers in 21 countries, including Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Russia, rely on RFE/RL's daily programming for a balanced and reliable account of events in their region and the world.

Fast Facts

- **RFE/RL broadcasts to 21 countries in 28 languages:**
Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Avar, Azerbaijani, Bashkir, Belarusian, Bosnian, Chechen, Circassian, Crimean Tatar, Croatian, Dari, Georgian, Kazakh, Krygyr, Macedonian, Montenegrin, Pashto, Persian, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Tajik, Tatar, Turkmen, Ukrainian, Uzbek
- **Broadcast Hours:** Approximately 1,000 hours/week
- **Platforms:** Radio (AM, FM, Cable, Satellite), Internet (22 websites), Television
- **Audience:** 17.6 million/week (FY 2009)
- **Budget:** \$91.063 million (FY 2010)
- **Employees:** In addition to 500+ employees in Prague and Washington, we maintain 20 local bureaus with a total of 240 journalists and over 700 freelancers and stringers.

Highlights

- In January 2010, RFE/RL launched Radio Mashaal -- a broadcast service to Pakistan's Pashtun heartland along the border with Afghanistan, to counter extremist radio stations in the region.
- RFE/RL's Afghan service Radio Azadi is the most popular radio station in Afghanistan, with a weekly audience of 7.9 million and a market share of about 50%.
- The website of RFE/RL's Persian-language service, Radio Farda, receives over 3 million page views every month and maintains one of the most popular Iranian Facebook pages.
- Recent awards for RFE/RL's journalists: In February 2010, RFE/RL Armenian Service journalist Seda Papoyan won a "Silver Microphone" award in a competition aimed at covering the achievements of women in political, economic and social spheres. In 2009 Malahat Nasibova of RFE/RL's Azerbaijani Service won the prestigious Rafto Prize for her human rights reporting. RFE/RL's Kazakh service won the 2009 Online News Association's award for excellence in online journalism.

Recent Trends

- For the fourth consecutive year, global declines in political rights and civil liberties outweighed gains in 2009, as measured by Freedom House's annual survey, *Freedom in the World 2010*. Reporters Without Borders also documents this declining trend in their Press Freedom Index.
- According to Freedom House's *Freedom of the Press 2010* survey, over the last decade, media freedom has declined in 12 out of the 21 RFE/RL broadcast countries included in the study.

Organization/Oversight

- RFE/RL, Inc. is a private, nonprofit corporation which receives federal funding as a private, nonprofit grantee. RFE/RL's corporate board of directors is composed of nine presidential appointees to the Broadcasting Board of Governors, which has oversight responsibility for all nonmilitary U.S. government-funded international broadcasting activities.