

# State-Supported Journalism

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State-supported journalism  
refers to journalism that is  
directly supported by state  
governments

# Public Service and Propaganda

- State support for journalism is often oriented toward promoting sustainable, critical, and high-quality journalism **that serves the public**
  - In such cases, state support is seen as a necessary correction to market failure
- However, support can also be used to create **state-controlled media**, wherein organizations are used to **advance the government's interests**
  - In such cases, the media organization serves as a mouthpiece



# Independent State-Supported Journ.



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# Example: BBC



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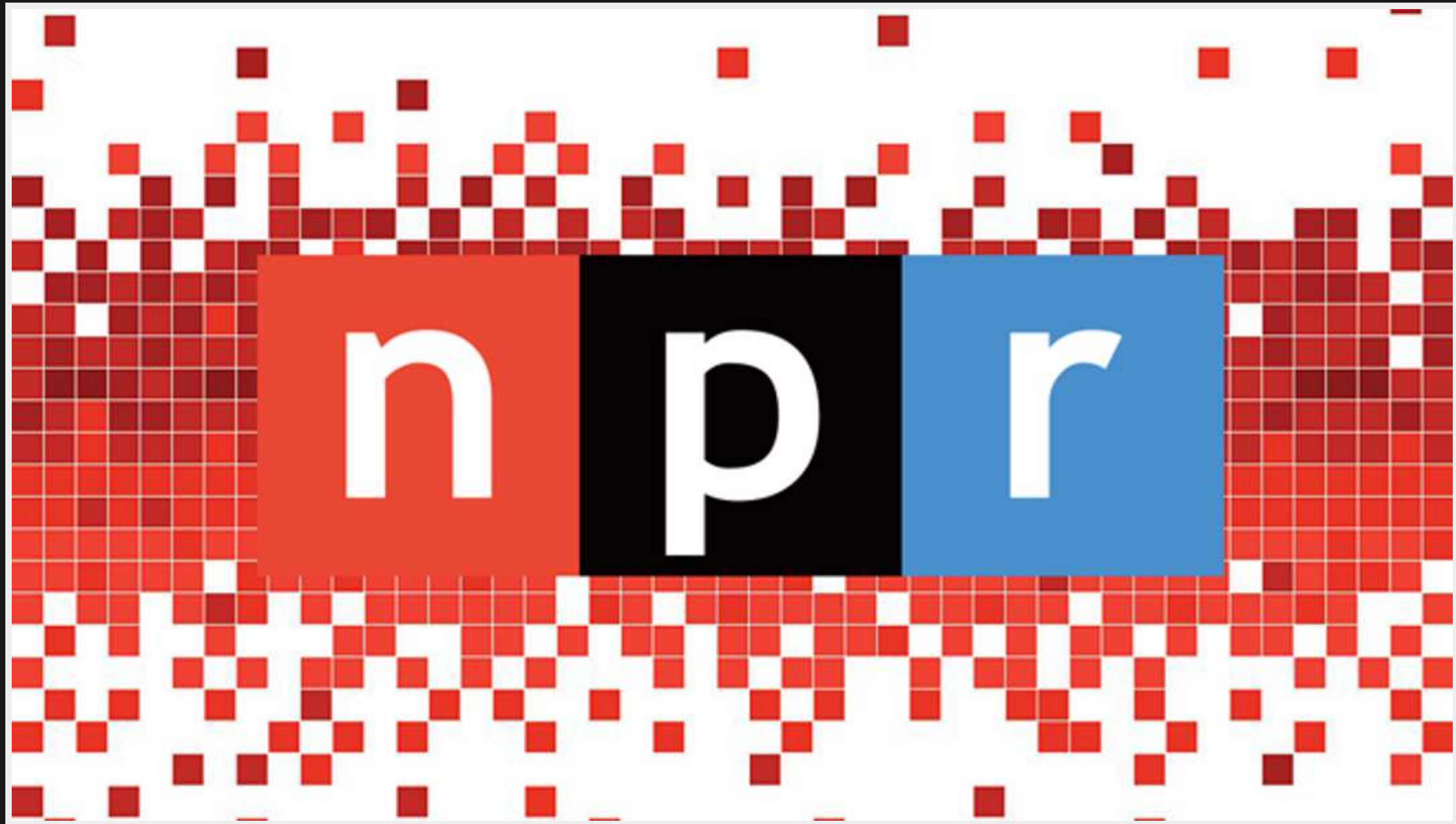


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In the absence of structures to protect the independence of journalists, **state-supported media** can become **state-controlled media**



# Example: Xinhua News Agency



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# Media and Foreign Influence

The screenshot shows the Xinhua News website homepage. At the top is a navigation bar with links for Home, China, World, Business, Culture, Sports, In-depth, Xinhua New Media, More, and Editions. Below the navigation bar is the Xinhua News logo (www.news.cn, 新华网, XINHUANET, www.xinhuanet.com) and a search bar. To the right of the search bar is a 'Xi's Time' banner featuring a photo of Xi Jinping. The main content area features a large image of Xi Jinping speaking at a podium, with a caption: 'Xi Focus: Xi stresses development of science, technology to meet significant national needs'. Below this are three smaller news items: 'China announces new rules regulating financial holding companies', 'China firmly opposes U.S. report on Chinese military: defense spokesman', and 'China, ASEAN, other regional countries to step up cooperation in post-pandemic recovery'. The bottom right corner shows a globe graphic.

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# Key Takeaways

- State-supported journalism refers to journalism that is directly supported by state governments
- Strong, independent public-service journalistic outlets can emerge in media systems that receive substantial state support
- State subsidies can also support state-controlled media outlets that are designed to promote the viewpoints of ruling parties and serve as instruments for advancing foreign influence