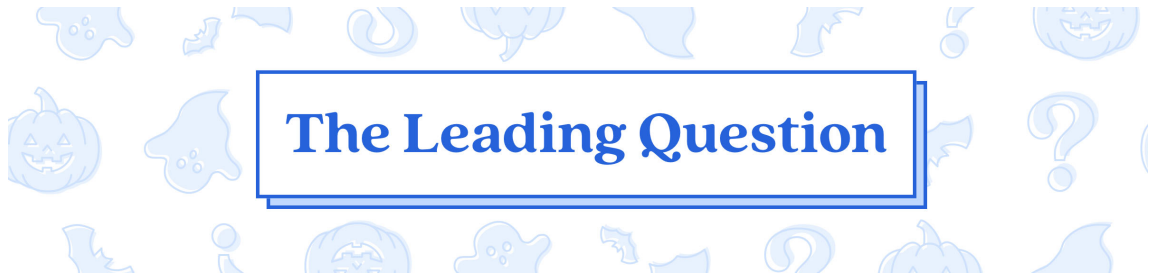


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This Month's Leading Question: What are the creepiest threats that journalism is facing - and how can we drive a stake through their heart?

For those of us in the field of independent media, spooky season has been going on for a while. New challenges from evolving technologies, lack of representation in newsrooms, and rampant disinformation are only a few of the boogeymen haunting us.

But fear not: even in this witching hour, there's plenty that we can do to counter them. In this issue's featured piece, our Europe CEO Meera Selva highlights strategies to support truthful, independent journalism.



Five Challenges for Journalism By Meera Selva, CEO of Internews Europe

In Case You Missed It

- The latest episode of *Turn the Mic Around* featured CNN's Eliza Anyangwe, Managing Editor of the award-winning gender journalism project *As Equals*. Eliza and our President and CEO Jeanne Bourgault discussed a cauldron of ideas for how news outlets everywhere can improve their coverage of gender issues. [Listen to the episode here.](#)
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