# OLIGARCHS, REVOLUTION AND WAR: ADAPTING THE MEDIA BUSINESS MODEL TO A TUMULTUOUS MARKET



FREEDOM OF THE PRESS WORLDWIDE IN 2014

## Oligarch dominated media

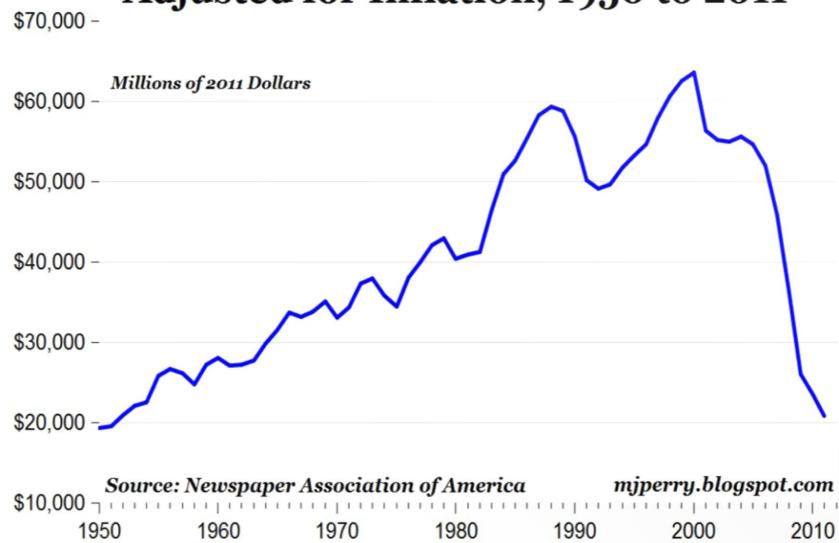
- Complete control of audiovisual media;
  overwhelming control of print publications;
  relative freedom online
- Government as one of many players
- Destroys the market through subsidies
- Freedom slips through the cracks of competition







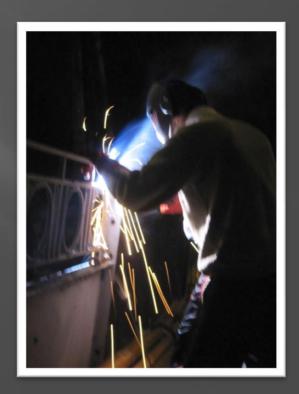
#### Print Newspaper Advertising Revenue Adjusted for Inflation, 1950 to 2011





### Building a new media model

- Media as the heart and nervous system of the community
- Lateral vs. vertical marketing
- Redefining the needs of readers
- Not only about technology



#### New revenue model

- Community events: conferences, special projects
- Making media a part of everyday life
- Subscriptions
- Premium products



### Making the reader the owner

- In some way or other, the media always end up serving those who pay them. The best solution is to make that the reader
- The paywall can be used as a positioning tool
- Easier for smaller, more unique groups
- Kyiv Post experience: 1/3 intial dip in readership; 12 months later, approx. 20% of monthly revenue

#### Three goals of media

- Power: little focus on expenditures, reach above all
- Prestige: high-brow or high-quality content, keeping costs low is critical
- Money: premium product or massive volume
- You need to set your priority

