



Media and Democracy in Zimbabwe

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ABSTRACT The nature and operation of laws and regulations that were and are still being used to limit the freedom of the media in Zimbabwe requires attention. Through a legal and political analysis of the evolution and use of these laws and regulations by successive governments in Zimbabwe, the study provided an important perspective on the struggle for media freedom in Zimbabwe. The focus of this study was to examine the extent to which the current media legislation in Zimbabwe is congruent with the constitution. Results of this study exposed that the government is cognizant of the shortcomings in the regulations and laws relating to the media, but is not keen to make genuine and comprehensive reforms. It was evident from the findings that media houses in Zimbabwe are vulnerable. The study concluded that there is restricted freedom of expression in media legislation as has been witnessed from the findings of the study.