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NCAC Launches CENSORPEDIA, a Crowdsourced Wiki of Censorship Incidents

New York, NY, 12/9/2016- On the occasion of Human Rights day, the National Coalition Against Censorship (NCAC) is announcing the launch of [CENSORPEDIA](#), a crowdsourced Wiki, cataloging over 1,200 individual censorship incidents throughout history.

The United Nation's annual Human Rights Day, which commemorates the UN General Assembly's 1950 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, calls on organizations and individuals to reflect on the progress that has been made, and the ways we have to go, in securing the inalienable protections each and every human being is entitled to.

On this day, NCAC, one of the oldest US civil liberties coalitions dedicated to protecting the right to freedom of expression, is proud to unveil Censorpedia, a tool enabling researchers, journalists, academics, students and anyone interested in free speech to explore the current landscape of censorship in the world and delve into censorship's history.

The database's crowdsourced model allows anyone with relevant source materials to add a case: past, present, ongoing or resolved. Visitors can browse or search these cases by the region in which they occurred, the grounds for censorship and the medium of expression. The 1,200 incidents currently cataloged on Censorpedia are the product of over 20 years of contributions from NCAC staff, volunteers, artists and students to Antoni Muntadas landmark 1994 art project, The File Room. Censorpedia takes the ideas and passion behind Muntadas' art and repurposes them as a resource for a new generation of activists interested in human rights and creative freedom.

"In today's political climate, free speech and censorship are concerns of special urgency," said NCAC's Director of Programs Svetlana Mintcheva. "We want Censorpedia to become *the* tool to help those interested in learning about and defending free speech understand what is currently going on and what came before."

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