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Q1(c)

Media is the fourth pillar of democracy. Discuss.

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Fourth estate

Liberal image of press as a check on official power.

Paid news

Electoral-era practice that sells the pillar as advertising.

Ownership concentration

Corporate-political control that narrows what counts as news.

Local language press

A remaining site where district power can still be named.

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