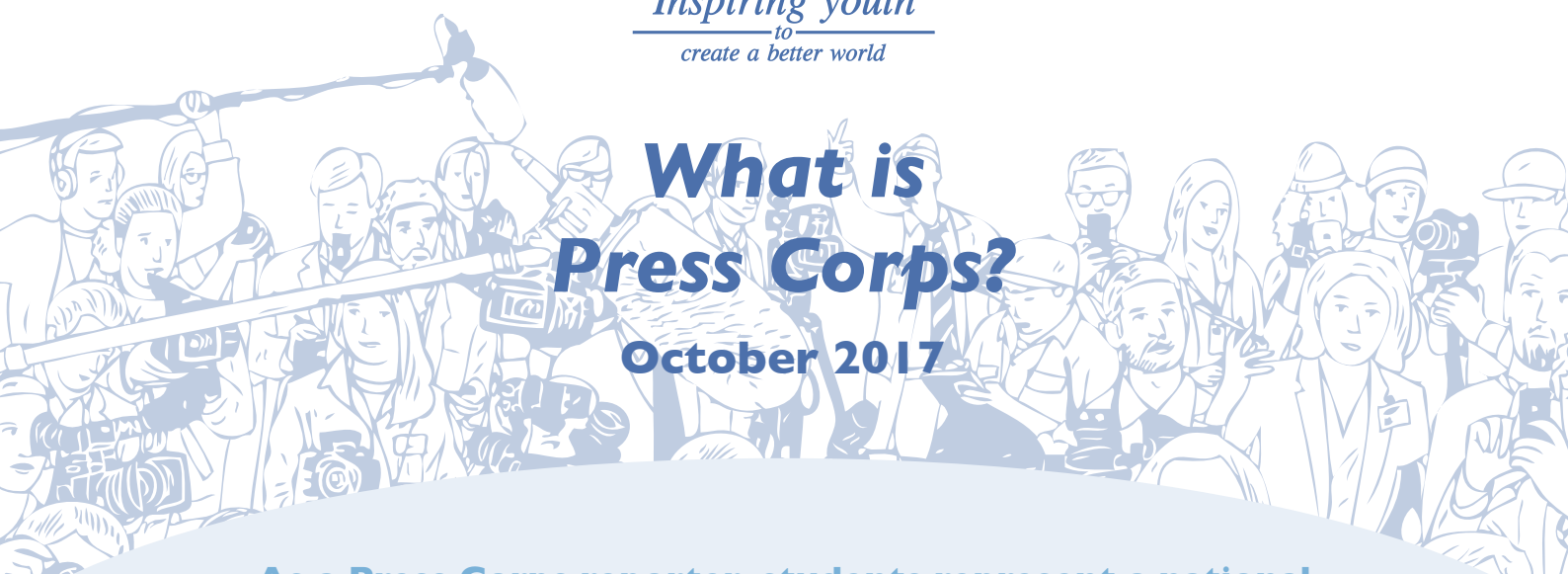




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# What is Press Corps?

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**As a Press Corps reporter, students represent a national or international news agency instead of a country. In preparation for this role, students write an editorial instead of a position paper. During the conference, the reporters will inform the conference about the actions in the committees through a Press Corps Blog and Live Press Briefings.**

**Unlike MMUN delegates, the Press Corps does not have a specific agenda instead reporters choose committee topics on which they want to report. It is engaging work, and it is fun.**

	Research	Writing	Meetings	Student Group Size	Engagement with other students	Output
MMUN Delegate	Country and topics	Position Paper	Committee	Average size 70-80 delegates	Negotiation	Resolutions
Press Corps Reporter	Topics and Media Positions	Editorials on committee topics (based upon news outlet's positions)	Press Corp Meetings, as well as Committee Meetings to follow/report on topic debate/resolutions	Maximum 40 Reporters	Field investigation/ Interviewing/ Eyewitness	Press Articles



### WHY PRESS CORPS IS IMPORTANT

The press is an essential element of democracy and reveals a diversity of perspectives. Worldwide, the press serves as the primary link between the United Nations and the global population. MMUN's Press Corps is responsible for maintaining this link between the delegates and actions of their committees.

Finally, given the vital role of the press in the work of the United Nations, the freedom of the press is a necessary civil liberty. Without widespread respect and awareness of this freedom, the work of the press becomes far more difficult.



### PRESS CORPS FOR WHICH STUDENTS?

Do you have students who like to write, research, interview others or volunteer to do newsletters?

Group negotiations during committee session can be a vulnerable place to share ideas and make your voice heard.

The Press Corps allows students with strong verbal skills, who communicate best through writing, a chance to shine.



### HOW DIFFERENT IS PREPARATION FOR PRESS CORPS?

The press corps preparatory work is similar to general delegate preparation. It is based upon the same general UN research and the conference specific topic research. The press corps students then focus on understanding their chosen news outlet's positions by reviewing their online website articles:

- the viewership
- "specialties" that your news organization heralds (eg. Finance, politics)
- the global perception of your news organization
- past major stories that have been award-winning or notable
- whether your news organization is a member of a coalition of news sources (eg. Associated Press)

This work comes together in the creation of their editorial, which represents a proficient understanding of the topic and the relevant position of their news agency. These editorials, like position papers, must be submitted for approval by the bureau.



### BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

Students will find Press Corps at MMUN a great venue to improve their language skills, explore the field of journalism, and take part in a new way to experience a conference.

As reporters, the students are guided to critically analyze what is being said in committees, discuss the issues in their briefing rooms, determine the facts, and to uncover the real issues in negotiations. Reporters are encouraged to ask tough questions, to expose the hidden, and pursue the story.

In short, the Press Corps offers a completely new lens to view the world and how it communicates.