



Radio Free Asia

Launched

September 1996

Headquarters

Washington, D.C.

Budget

\$60.8 million

Last estimated weekly audience:

58.3 million*

Coverage

**RFA – 6 countries,
9 languages + English**

- China (Cantonese, Mandarin, Tibetan, Uyghur)
- Myanmar
- North Korea
- Cambodia
- Vietnam
- Laos

**BenarNews – 5 countries
+ Pacific Island nations**

**歪脑 | WHYNOT – Chinese
diaspora**

Recent awards

National Edward R. Murrow
(RTDNA)

Gracie Awards (Alliance for
Women in Media)

Online Journalism Award (Online
News Association)

Human Rights Press Awards

Formats

Web and social media, traditional
broadcast, video and radio
(SW and MW), and satellite
transmissions.

* According to the most recent
data, as conditions have not
allowed audience surveys in China
and North Korea.



Freedom and courage in reporting

RADIO FREE ASIA (RFA) and its digital brands BenarNews and 歪脑 | WHYNOT empower populations living under repressive regimes throughout Asia and the Pacific with truth-telling, incisive news and content. Through its journalism, RFA puts pressure on the ruling CCP in China and other malign regimes by covering sensitive issues that would otherwise be censored or ignored by state-controlled media, and dissecting false narratives and misinformation.

Its groundbreaking reporting on the **Uyghur genocide in Xinjiang**, [the CCP's cover-up of COVID-19 fatalities](#), the **unfolding crisis in Myanmar since the 2021 coup**, and the **journeys of North Korean defectors** has won prestigious awards and been cited by major media outlets and publications.

While regimes often try to block its access, RFA has experienced historic growth in online engagement, amassing **257 million website views** in 2024 – a nearly **20% increase** from 2023. Meanwhile its following across all social media platforms has grown to **38.1 million**.

“It dares to speak directly, truthfully, without evading or fearing anyone.”

— WOMAN IN VIETNAM

Overseas offices

Taipei Seoul
Bangkok Dharamsala

Staff

400 full time
500 stringers
+ contractors

Funding

Congressionally funded annual grant: 1 of 5 networks under the U.S. Agency for Global Media



“This quick and accurate reporting sets RFA apart from many other sources, and it’s the main reason I regularly tune in to their updates every day.”

— MAN IN MYANMAR

Our impact

Exposing PRC influence: RFA documents China’s expanding influence and aggression in the South China Sea, the Pacific and elsewhere. It has reported on China’s activities at Cambodia’s [Ream naval base](#), overseas [police stations](#) on U.S. soil, increasing presence in the [Arctic](#), and campaigns targeting [Taiwan](#).

Providing a lifeline in Myanmar: RFA published a five-part series focusing on Myanmar’s [Gen-Z joining the fight against the junta](#), which generated a combined 5M views across social media platforms.

Breaking the Uyghur genocide:

RFA [first informed](#) the world about the mass extrajudicial incarcerations of Uyghurs in China’s Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, designated a genocide by the U.S. government.

Covering DPRK involvement in Ukraine:

RFA Korean was the first Korean-language outlet to report on North Korean soldiers [joining Russian forces](#) in the Kremlin’s war on Ukraine.

Monitoring PRC aggression in the South China Sea: In tandem with its digital brand BenarNews, RFA has closely covered China’s [aggressive maritime incursions](#) near [contested shoals](#) claimed by the Philippines.

“My general feeling when listening to RFA was as if I saw a lighthouse of hope.”

— NORTH KOREAN DEFECTOR

“If I want to understand something more deeply, I turn to RFA.”

— HONG KONG RESIDENT

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