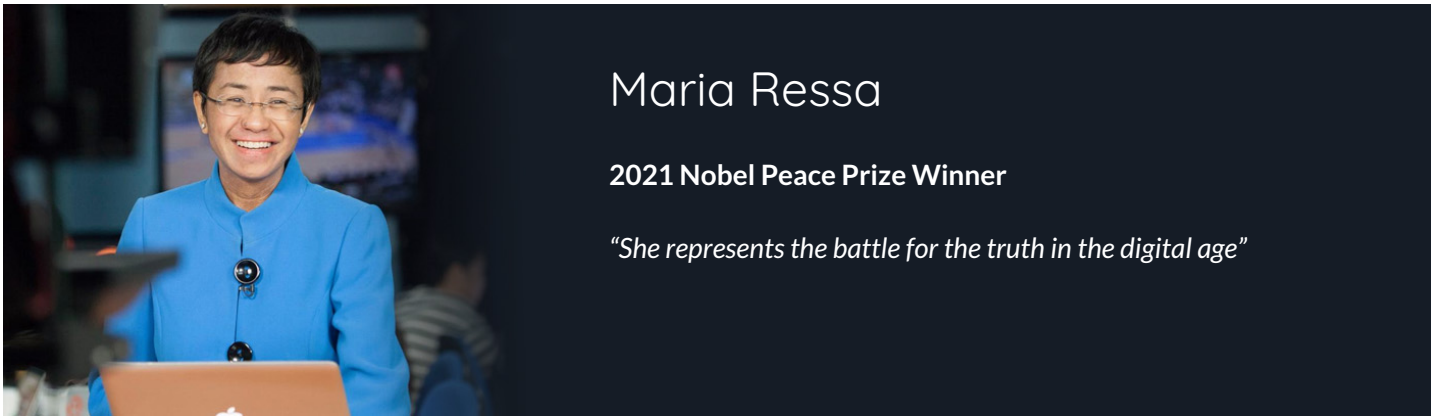


Maria Ressa

2021 Nobel Peace Prize Winner

"She represents the battle for the truth in the digital age"

Maria Ressa is a globally respected journalist, author, media executive, and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, widely recognised as one of the leading defenders of press freedom, democracy, and truth in the digital age. She is best known for her work exposing how power, technology, and disinformation undermine democratic institutions, and for championing journalism as a force for accountability and civic integrity.

TOPICS:

- Freedom of Expression
- Democracy
- Corporate Governance

LANGUAGES:

She presents in English.

PUBLICATIONS:

2022	How to Stand Up to a Dictator
2013	From Bin Laden to Facebook
2003	Seeds of Terror

IN DETAIL:

Maria co-founded Rappler, an independent digital news organisation at the forefront of defending press freedom in the Philippines. She has received numerous international honours, including an Emmy Award, the Golden Pen of Freedom, and the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize. In 2021, she was co-awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her courageous defence of free expression, a cornerstone of democracy. A vocal critic of human rights abuses under President Rodrigo Duterte, she was subjected to sustained legal harassment and intimidation by his government, drawing global attention to the risks faced by independent journalists.

WHAT SHE OFFERS YOU:

Known for her hard-hitting investigations into corruption and human rights abuses, Maria has faced threats and intimidation from influential people worldwide. She never backs down from confrontation or conflict and is internationally recognised as a true champion of free speech and democracy.

HOW SHE PRESENTS:

Maria Ressa is a strong advocate for free speech and democracy, and her work has helped shine a light on the government's human rights abuses.