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The “Network of Concerned Historians” (NCH) is an NGO at the intersection of historiography and human rights advocacy. It collects data on the censorship and persecution of historians worldwide and promotes campaigns of human rights organizations in support of historians: <http://concernedhistorians.org>.

As part of its work, the network publishes an annual report whose 27th edition has just been released: <http://concernedhistorians.org/ar/21.pdf>

. The current report details cases of censorship of history and history producers in 106 countries from all over the globe.

The report serves as an urgent and chilling reminder that the freedom of expression of historians is continuously threatened in many parts of the world and that those in power often have an interest in distorting history and silencing historians.

Documenting the worst of potential consequences for historians and honouring those that have been silenced forever, the NCH maintains the “provisional memorial for history producers killed for political reasons” on its website:

[http://concernedhistorians.org/content\\_f.../memorialpage.pdf](http://concernedhistorians.org/content_f.../memorialpage.pdf)

Additionally, the organization also provides a big repository of documents related to human rights and over 200 codes of ethical conduct for historians, archaeologists and archivists on its webpage that are handy for research and everyone more interested in these topics.

NCH does great work for the freedom of historical research worldwide, if mostly negatively by revealing where this freedom is seriously curtailed. It reminds us of the potential powers of historical knowledge and the often uncomfortable truths that come with it for those in power. But also of the exceedingly high price that many history producers paid and are continuing to pay for their efforts to speak those truths to power.

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