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2020 ANNUAL AWARDS
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HONG KONG’S PRO-DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT

Special Remarks by Nathan Law
We are very proud to support Freedom House and its leadership, and to the honorees for keeping honesty and integrity as necessary essentials to freedom.

MARC AND ANITA ABRAMOWITZ

Proud to support Freedom House and congratulations to tonight’s honorees.

JEFFREY HIRSCHBERG
HONOREES FREEDOM AWARD
For Leading Democratic Change in Sudan

SUDANESE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Accepted by
Samahir Ali Othman
Almubarak
“When People are Free to Choose, they Choose Freedom.”
Thanks to Freedom House and All its Supporters.

CAROL AND KEN ADEL MAN
HONOREES FREEDOM AWARD
For Leading Democratic Change in Sudan

ORGANIZATION OF THE DECEMBER REVOLUTION MARTYRS’ FAMILIES

Accepted by
Dr. Amira Babiker
Ahmed Osman
Peace is Powerful

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AT&T recognizes the challenges of 2020. Internet access allows ALL to rise above.
HONOREES RAISING AWARENESS AWARD

For Advocacy on Behalf of Human Rights, Women’s Rights, and Refugees

NAZANIN BONIADI

Actress and Activist
Aegon Transamerica is proud to help sponsor tonight’s dinner and congratulate the annual Freedom House Award honorees.
REFLECTIONS

ON U.S. PROTESTS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Kristen Clarke
President & Executive Director,
Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.

—Ronald Reagan

Thank you Freedom House for your, more than, 75 years of tireless promotion of human rights and democracy. Wishing the same, some day... for the people of Iran.

Goli, Darius & Sherwin Ameri
SPECIAL REMARKS BY

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THE HONORABLE NANCY PELOSI

Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
SPECIAL REMARKS BY

THE HONORABLE MARCO RUBIO

U.S. Senator
THE FOGEL FAMILY

congratulates this year’s awardees and continues its longstanding support of Freedom House’s efforts to promote freedom and democracy around the world.
PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF THE FREEDOM AWARD INCLUDE

Vaclav Havel, Winston Churchill, Hala Aldosari, Chen Guangcheng, Willy Brandt
THE JUDY AND PETER BLUM KOVLER FOUNDATION
IS PROUD TO SUPPORT FREEDOM HOUSE
Previous recipients of the Freedom Award include:

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama,
George C. Marshall, Alan Paton, Medgar Evers
In admiration for the courage of the 2020’s awardees and our sustained commitment to the work of Freedom House.

DIANA VILLIERS NEGROPONTE AND JOHN NEGROPONTE

AMBASSADOR MARK PALMER
marching for democracy in streets of Budapest, 1989.
FREEDOM AWARD RECIPIENTS

1943—Walter Lippmann
1944—Sumner Welles
1945—Dwight D. Eisenhower
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1947—George C. Marshall
1948—Arthur H. Vandenberg
1949—Lucius D. Clay
1949—David E. Lilienthal
1950—Dean Acheson
1951—Paul G. Hoffman
1951—Alberto Gainza Paz
1952—James B. Conant
1952—Matthew B. Ridgway
1953—UN Soldiers in Korea accepted by Dag Hammarskjold
1954—Edward R. Murrow
1955—Winston Churchill
1956—Ramon Magsaysay
1956—Luis Munoz Marin
1957—Hungarian Freedom Fighters
1958—The Arkansas Gazette
1959—Paul-Henri Spaak
1960—Alan Paton
1961—Willy Brandt
1962—Jean Monnet
1963—Medgar W. Evers (posthumously)
1965—Harry S. Truman
1966—Lyndon B. Johnson
1967—Roy Wilkins
1968—Pablo Casals
FREEDOM AWARD RECIPIENTS

1969—Milovan Djilas
1969—Earl Warren
1973—15 Soviet Dissenters
1975—Dong-A Ilbo, S. Korea
1975—Responsible Journalists of Vietnam
1977—Cushrow R. Irani, The Statesman, India
1991—His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama
1991—Vaclav Havel

1993—Lane Kirkland, Max M. Kampelman, Malcolm S. Forbes
1995—Sergei Kovalyov
2011—Aung San Suu-Kyi
2012—Abdulhadi al-Khawaja, Maryam, & Zainab Al-Khawaja
2013—Chen Guangcheng
2014—Maina Kiai
2016—Hala Aldosari,

Vian Dakhil (co-recipients)
2017—Luis Almagro
2018—Elena Milashina, Igor Kochetkov (co-recipients)
2019—Ilham Tohti
2020—Hong Kong’s Pro-Democracy Movement, Sudanese Professional Association, Organization of the December Revolution Martyrs’ Families
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Freedom House currently has 14 OFFICES and conducts programs in OVER 30 COUNTRIES in all regions of the world.
NONIE & ANDY PROZES

Applaud the heroic efforts and accomplishments of the Freedom House 2020 Annual Award winners and express appreciation for the outstanding leadership & dedication of Michael Abramowitz & Michael Chertoff & the talented and hardworking Freedom House staff.
“Freedom House found that 2019 was the 14th consecutive year of decline in global freedom.”

“A striking number of new citizen protest movements have emerged over the past year, reflecting the inexhaustible and universal desire for fundamental rights.”

— Freedom House’s Freedom in the World 2020
Current challenges to Democracy, both in the US and abroad, are a threat to ALL. Thank You to this year’s Awardees and Freedom House for your remarkable contributions to Freedom and Human Rights!

SUSAN AND TOM STAUDT
Around the world, journalists, human rights defenders, civil society activists and organizations, religious freedom advocates, and LGBTI activists frequently come under threat because they stand up for their fellow citizens.
TransUnion is pleased to sponsor the 2020 Freedom House Annual Awards and congratulates this year’s honorees.
“A growing number of leaders in Central and Eastern Europe have dropped even the pretense of playing by the rules of democracy.”

— Freedom House’s Nations in Transit 2020
Freedom House provides emergency support, such as emergency evacuation and legal aid, to activists and civil society leaders in closed societies.
We are proud to support all of this year’s Freedom House honorees and the essential work they do defending democratic freedoms

ANNE AND MARCUS WEDNER
Freedom House has provided emergency assistance to OVER 5,000 frontline activists in OVER 110 countries and territories.
Norman & Karen Willoox

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Freedom House helps citizens defend their rights against government abuses in several countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.
THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

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“Democracy and pluralism are under assault.”

“Political rights and civil liberties declined overall in Asia, as authoritarian rulers showed their disdain for democratic values through practices ranging from fabricated criminal cases against opposition leaders to mass persecution of religious and ethnic minorities.”

— FREEDOM HOUSE’S FREEDOM IN THE WORLD 2020
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KATHERINE & IRA CARNAHAN
NONIE & ANDREW PROZES

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In Asia, Freedom House programs enable citizens to assert their rights and supports their efforts to gain a greater say in how they are governed.
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Our heartfelt congratulations to this year’s committed and deserving awardees.

FAITH AND RICHARD MORNINGSTAR
Freedom House works with journalists, lawyers, political leaders, activists, and civil society leaders, to identify and articulate policy recommendations needed for reform.
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Freedom House supports activists from Guatemala, Nicaragua, Venezuela and Cuba in documenting and presenting evidence of their governments’ abuses to international organizations.
THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

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Through field work, emergency assistance, international advocacy, and special research, Freedom House supports pro-democracy advocates across the Eurasia region to actively participate in reforms and seek accountability for injustice.
Volexity is proud to support Freedom House and its mission of promoting democracy, freedom of speech, and human rights around the world.
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