

George Orwell appears to have taken inspiration from a 1941 speech and his own experiences working at the BBC to create the four key ministries in his novel 1984. Each ministry is named after an object that is ironically antithetical to its purpose. For example, the Ministry of Truth is focused on lies, a concept that Orwell may have gained from his experiences at the BBC. The Ministry of Truth being a Ministry of Lies is also a satirical commentary on the idea of "freedom of speech," which is one of the four freedoms.