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# FREEDOM OF THE PRESS 2005

## Table of Global Press Freedom Rankings

Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Finland	9	Free
	Iceland	9	Free
	Sweden	9	Free
4	Denmark	10	Free
	Norway	10	Free
6	Belgium	11	Free
	Luxembourg	11	Free
	Netherlands	11	Free
	Switzerland	11	Free
10	New Zealand	12	Free
11	Marshall Islands	13	Free
	Palau	13	Free
13	Andorra	14	Free
	Bahamas	14	Free
	Liechtenstein	14	Free
	Monaco	14	Free
	Portugal	14	Free
18	Ireland	15	Free
	Jamaica	15	Free
20	Germany	16	Free
	San Marino	16	Free
	St Lucia	16	Free
	St Vincent & Grenadines	16	Free
24	Barbados	17	Free
	Canada	17	Free
	Dominica	17	Free
	Estonia	17	Free

	Latvia	17	Free
	United States	17	Free
30	Australia	18	Free
	Lithuania	18	Free
	Malta	18	Free
	Micronesia	18	Free
	United Kingdom	18	Free
35	Costa Rica	19	Free
	Slovenia	19	Free
37	Belize	20	Free
	France	20	Free
	Grenada	20	Free
	Japan	20	Free
	Poland	20	Free
	Suriname	20	Free
	Tuvalu	20	Free
44	Austria	21	Free
	Hungary	21	Free
	Slovakia	21	Free
	Taiwan	21	Free
48	Cyprus	22	Free
	Czech Republic	22	Free
	Spain	22	Free
51	Guyana	23	Free
	Mali	23	Free
	St Kitts & Nevis	23	Free
54	Chile	24	Free
	Trinidad & Tobago	24	Free
	Vanuatu	24	Free
57	Samoa	25	Free
58	Ghana	26	Free
	Kiribati	26	Free
	South Africa	26	Free
61	Greece	28	Free
	Hong Kong	28	Free
	Israel	28	Free
	Mauritius	28	Free
	Sao Tome & Principe	28	Free
66	Namibia	29	Free
	Nauru	29	Free

	Papua New Guinea	29	Free
	South Korea	29	Free
	Uruguay	29	Free
71	Benin	30	Free
	Botswana	30	Free
	East Timor	30	Free
	Fiji	30	Free
	Solomon Islands	30	Free
76	Cape Verde	32	Partly Free
77	Bolivia	35	Partly Free
	Bulgaria	35	Partly Free
	Italy	35	Partly Free
	Mongolia	35	Partly Free
	Philippines	35	Partly Free
82	Croatia	37	Partly Free
	Senegal	37	Partly Free
	Tonga	37	Partly Free
85	Dominican Republic	38	Partly Free
	India	38	Partly Free
87	Antigua & Barbuda	40	Partly Free
	Brazil	40	Partly Free
	Burkina Faso	40	Partly Free
	Peru	40	Partly Free
	Serbia & Montenegro	40	Partly Free
92	Argentina	41	Partly Free
	Ecuador	41	Partly Free
	El Salvador	41	Partly Free
95	Lesotho	42	Partly Free
	Mexico	42	Partly Free
	Nicaragua	42	Partly Free
	Thailand	42	Partly Free
99	Comoros	44	Partly Free
	Panama	44	Partly Free
	Uganda	44	Partly Free
102	Bosnia-Herzegovina	45	Partly Free
	Mozambique	45	Partly Free
104	Romania	47	Partly Free
105	Turkey	48	Partly Free
106	Madagascar	50	Partly Free
107	Albania	51	Partly Free

	Congo (Brazzaville)	51	Partly Free
	Honduras	51	Partly Free
	Macedonia	51	Partly Free
	Tanzania	51	Partly Free
112	Nigeria	52	Partly Free
113	Niger	53	Partly Free
114	Malawi	54	Partly Free
115	Guinea-Bissau	55	Partly Free
116	Georgia	56	Partly Free
	Paraguay	56	Partly Free
	Sri Lanka	56	Partly Free
119	Guatemala	58	Partly Free
	Indonesia	58	Partly Free
	Kuwait	58	Partly Free
	Seychelles	58	Partly Free
123	Sierra Leone	59	Partly Free
	Ukraine	59	Partly Free
125	Lebanon	60	Partly Free
126	Kenya	61	Not Free
	Pakistan	61	Not Free
128	Cambodia	62	Not Free
	Jordan	62	Not Free
	Qatar	62	Not Free
131	Central African Republic	63	Not Free
	Colombia	63	Not Free
	Morocco	63	Not Free
134	Algeria	64	Not Free
	Armenia	64	Not Free
136	Mauritania	65	Not Free
	Moldova	65	Not Free
	Zambia	65	Not Free
139	Angola	66	Not Free
	Bhutan	66	Not Free
	Gabon	66	Not Free
	Haiti	66	Not Free
	Singapore	66	Not Free
144	Djibouti	67	Not Free
145	Afghanistan	68	Not Free
	Bangladesh	68	Not Free
	Cameroon	68	Not Free

	Egypt	68	Not Free
	Ethiopia	68	Not Free
	Maldives	68	Not Free
	Russia	68	Not Free
152	Cote d'Ivoire	69	Not Free
	Malaysia	69	Not Free
	Nepal	69	Not Free
155	Iraq	70	Not Free
156	Bahrain	71	Not Free
	Kyrgyzstan	71	Not Free
158	Azerbaijan	72	Not Free
	Oman	72	Not Free
	The Gambia	72	Not Free
	United Arab Emirates	72	Not Free
	Venezuela	72	Not Free
163	Chad	73	Not Free
	Guinea	73	Not Free
	Liberia	73	Not Free
	Togo	73	Not Free
167	Burundi	74	Not Free
	Tajikistan	74	Not Free
169	Brunei	75	Not Free
	Kazakhstan	75	Not Free
171	Yemen	76	Not Free
172	Swaziland	79	Not Free
173	Iran	80	Not Free
	Saudi Arabia	80	Not Free
	Tunisia	80	Not Free
176	Congo (Kinshasa)	81	Not Free
177	China	82	Not Free
	Vietnam	82	Not Free
179	Laos	83	Not Free
	Somalia	83	Not Free
	Syria	83	Not Free
182	Israeli Occupied Territories & Palestinian Authority	84	Not Free
	Rwanda	84	Not Free
184	Uzbekistan	85	Not Free
185	Belarus	86	Not Free
	Sudan	86	Not Free

187	Equatorial Guinea	88	Not Free
188	Zimbabwe	89	Not Free
189	Eritrea	91	Not Free
190	Libya	95	Not Free
191	Burma	96	Not Free
	Cuba	96	Not Free
	Turkmenistan	96	Not Free
194	North Korea	97	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percent of total
Free	75	39%
Partly Free	50	26%
Not Free	69	35%
<i>TOTAL</i>	194	100%



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## Press Freedom Rankings by Region

### SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Mali	23	Free
2	Ghana	26	Free
	South Africa	26	Free
4	Mauritius	28	Free
	Sao Tome & Principe	28	Free
6	Namibia	29	Free
7	Benin	30	Free
	Botswana	30	Free
9	Cape Verde	32	Partly Free
10	Senegal	37	Partly Free
11	Burkina Faso	40	Partly Free
12	Lesotho	42	Partly Free
13	Comoros	44	Partly Free
	Uganda	44	Partly Free
15	Mozambique	45	Partly Free
16	Madagascar	50	Partly Free
17	Congo (Brazzaville)	51	Partly Free
	Tanzania	51	Partly Free
19	Nigeria	52	Partly Free
	Niger	53	Partly Free
21	Malawi	54	Partly Free
22	Guinea-Bissau	55	Partly Free
23	Seychelles	58	Partly Free
24	Sierra Leone	59	Partly Free
25	Kenya	61	Not Free
26	Central African Republic	63	Not Free

27	Mauritania	65	Not Free
	Zambia	65	Not Free
29	Angola	66	Not Free
	Gabon	66	Not Free
31	Djibouti	67	Not Free
32	Cameroon	68	Not Free
	Ethiopia	68	Not Free
34	Cote d'Ivoire	69	Not Free
35	The Gambia	72	Not Free
36	Chad	73	Not Free
	Guinea	73	Not Free
	Liberia	73	Not Free
	Togo	73	Not Free
40	Burundi	74	Not Free
41	Swaziland	79	Not Free
42	Congo (Kinshasa)	81	Not Free
43	Somalia	83	Not Free
44	Rwanda	84	Not Free
45	Sudan	86	Not Free
46	Equatorial Guinea	88	Not Free
47	Zimbabwe	89	Not Free
48	Eritrea	91	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percent of total
Free	8	17%
Partly Free	16	33%
Not Free	24	50%
<i>TOTAL</i>	48	100%



## AMERICAS

Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Bahamas	14	Free
2	Jamaica	15	Free
3	St Lucia	16	Free
	St Vincent & Grenadines	16	Free
5	Barbados	17	Free
	Canada	17	Free
	Dominica	17	Free
	United States	17	Free
9	Costa Rica	19	Free
10	Belize	20	Free
	Grenada	20	Free
	Suriname	20	Free
13	Guyana	23	Free
	St Kitts & Nevis	23	Free
15	Chile	24	Free
	Trinidad & Tobago	24	Free
17	Uruguay	29	Free
18	Bolivia	35	Partly Free
19	Dominican Republic	38	Partly Free
20	Antigua & Barbuda	40	Partly Free
	Brazil	40	Partly Free
	Peru	40	Partly Free
23	Argentina	41	Partly Free
	Ecuador	41	Partly Free
	El Salvador	41	Partly Free
26	Mexico	42	Partly Free
	Nicaragua	42	Partly Free
28	Panama	44	Partly Free
29	Honduras	51	Partly Free
30	Paraguay	56	Partly Free
31	Guatemala	58	Partly Free
32	Colombia	63	Not Free
33	Haiti	66	Not Free
34	Venezuela	72	Not Free
35	Cuba	96	Not Free

<b>Status</b>	<b>Number of countries</b>	<b>Percent of total</b>
Free	17	49%
Partly Free	14	40%
Not Free	4	11%
<i>TOTAL</i>	35	100%

## ASIA-PACIFIC

Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	New Zealand	12	Free
2	Marshall Islands	13	Free
	Palau	13	Free
4	Australia	18	Free
	Micronesia	18	Free
6	Japan	20	Free
	Tuvalu	20	Free
8	Taiwan	21	Free
9	Vanuatu	24	Free
10	Samoa	25	Free
11	Kiribati	26	Free
12	Hong Kong	28	Free
13	Nauru	29	Free
	Papua New Guinea	29	Free
	South Korea	29	Free
16	East Timor	30	Free
	Fiji	30	Free
	Solomon Islands	30	Free
19	Mongolia	35	Partly Free
	Philippines	35	Partly Free
21	Tonga	37	Partly Free
22	India	38	Partly Free
23	Thailand	42	Partly Free
24	Sri Lanka	56	Partly Free
25	Indonesia	58	Partly Free
26	Pakistan	61	Not Free
27	Cambodia	62	Not Free
28	Bhutan	66	Not Free
	Singapore	66	Not Free
30	Afghanistan	68	Not Free
	Bangladesh	68	Not Free
	Maldives	68	Not Free
33	Malaysia	69	Not Free
	Nepal	69	Not Free
35	Brunei	75	Not Free
36	China	82	Not Free
	Vietnam	82	Not Free

38	Laos	83	Not Free
39	Burma	96	Not Free
40	North Korea	97	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percent of total
Free	18	45%
Partly Free	7	17.5%
Not Free	15	37.5%
<i>TOTAL</i>	40	100%

## MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Israel	28	Free
2	Kuwait	58	Partly Free
3	Lebanon	60	Partly Free
4	Jordan	62	Not Free
	Qatar	62	Not Free
6	Morocco	63	Not Free
7	Algeria	64	Not Free
8	Egypt	68	Not Free
9	Iraq	70	Not Free
10	Bahrain	71	Not Free
11	Oman	72	Not Free
	United Arab Emirates	72	Not Free
13	Yemen	76	Not Free
14	Iran	80	Not Free
	Saudi Arabia	80	Not Free
	Tunisia	80	Not Free
17	Syria	83	Not Free
18	Israeli Occupied Territories & Palestinian Authority	84	Not Free
19	Libya	95	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percent of total
Free	1	5%
Partly Free	2	10%
Not Free	16	85%
<i>TOTAL</i>	19	100%

## CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE–FORMER SOVIET UNION

Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Estonia	17	Free
	Latvia	17	Free
3	Lithuania	18	Free
4	Slovenia	19	Free
5	Poland	20	Free
6	Hungary	21	Free
	Slovakia	21	Free
8	Czech Republic	22	Free
9	Bulgaria	35	Partly Free
10	Croatia	37	Partly Free
11	Serbia & Montenegro	40	Partly Free
12	Bosnia–Herzegovina	45	Partly Free
13	Romania	47	Partly Free
14	Albania	51	Partly Free
	Macedonia	51	Partly Free
16	Georgia	56	Partly Free
17	Ukraine	59	Partly Free
18	Armenia	64	Not Free
19	Moldova	65	Not Free
20	Russia	68	Not Free
21	Kyrgyzstan	71	Not Free
22	Azerbaijan	72	Not Free
23	Tajikistan	74	Not Free
24	Kazakhstan	75	Not Free
25	Uzbekistan	85	Not Free
26	Belarus	86	Not Free
27	Turkmenistan	96	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percent of total
Free	8	30%
Partly Free	9	33%
Not Free	10	37%

<i>TOTAL</i>	27	100%
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## WESTERN EUROPE

Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Finland	9	Free
	Iceland	9	Free
	Sweden	9	Free
4	Denmark	10	Free
	Norway	10	Free
6	Belgium	11	Free
	Luxembourg	11	Free
	Netherlands	11	Free
	Switzerland	11	Free
10	Andorra	14	Free
	Liechtenstein	14	Free
	Monaco	14	Free
13	Portugal	14	Free
14	Ireland	15	Free
15	Germany	16	Free
	San Marino	16	Free
17	Malta	18	Free
	United Kingdom	18	Free
19	France	20	Free
20	Austria	21	Free
21	Cyprus	22	Free
	Spain	22	Free
23	Greece	28	Free
24	Italy	35	Partly Free
25	Turkey	48	Partly Free

Status	Number of countries	Percent of total
Free	23	92%
Partly Free	2	8%
Not Free	0	0%
<i>TOTAL</i>	25	100%