



FREEDOM OF THE PRESS 2007

Table of Global Press Freedom Rankings

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
1	Finland	9	F
	Iceland	9	F
3	Belgium	11	F
	Denmark	11	F
	Norway	11	F
	Sweden	11	F
7	Luxembourg	12	F
	Switzerland	12	F
9	Andorra	13	F
	Netherlands	13	F
	New Zealand	13	F
12	Liechtenstein	14	F
	Palau	14	F
	Portugal	14	F
15	Jamaica	15	F
16	Estonia	16	F
	Germany	16	F
	Ireland	16	F
	Monaco	16	F
	Saint Lucia	16	F
	United States	16	F
22	Bahamas	17	F
	Barbados	17	F
	Canada	17	F
	Marshall Islands	17	F
	Malta	17	F

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	17	F
	San Marino	17	F
29	Czech Republic	18	F
	Lithuania	18	F
31	Latvia	19	F
	United Kingdom	19	F
33	Costa Rica	20	F
	Dominica	20	F
	Micronesia	20	F
	Saint Kitts & Nevis	20	F
	Slovakia	20	F
	Taiwan	20	F
39	Australia	21	F
	Austria	21	F
	Belize	21	F
	France	21	F
	Hungary	21	F
	Japan	21	F
	Slovenia	21	F
46	Cyprus	22	F
	Poland	22	F
	Spain	22	F
	Suriname	22	F
50	Grenada	23	F
51	Mali	24	F
	Trinidad & Tobago	24	F
	Vanuatu	24	F
54	Greece	25	F
55	Ghana	26	F
	Mauritius	26	F
	Kiribati	26	F
	Tuvalu	26	F
59	Nauru	28	F
	South Africa	28	F
61	Cape Verde	29	F

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
	Guyana	29	F
	Israel	29	F
	Italy	29	F
	Sao Tome & Principe	29	F
66	Benin	30	F
	Chile	30	F
	Hong Kong	30	F
	Namibia	30	F
	Papua New Guinea	30	F
	Samoa	30	F
	Solomon Islands	30	F
	South Korea	30	F
	Uruguay	30	F
75	Tonga	31	PF
76	Bulgaria	34	PF
77	Botswana	35	PF
	India	35	PF
79	Mongolia	36	PF
80	Bolivia	37	PF
	Croatia	37	PF
	Montenegro	37	PF
83	Antigua & Barbuda	38	PF
84	Burkina Faso	39	PF
	Fiji	39	PF
	Serbia	39	PF
87	Dominican Republic	40	PF
	Mozambique	40	PF
89	Ecuador	41	PF
90	Brazil	42	PF
	East Timor	42	PF
	El Salvador	42	PF
	Lesotho	42	PF
	Nicaragua	42	PF
	Peru	42	PF
	Romania	42	PF

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
97	Panama	43	PF
98	Bosnia	45	PF
	Macedonia	45	PF
100	Philippines	46	PF
	Senegal	46	PF
102	Comoros	48	PF
	Guinea-Bissau	48	PF
	Mexico	48	PF
105	Argentina	49	PF
	Turkey	49	PF
107	Albania	50	PF
	Madagascar	50	PF
109	Congo-Brazzaville	51	PF
	Honduras	51	PF
	Tanzania	51	PF
112	Malawi	53	PF
	Ukraine	53	PF
114	Indonesia	54	PF
	Uganda	54	PF
116	Mauritania	55	PF
	Nigeria	55	PF
118	Kuwait	56	PF
	Sierra Leone	56	PF
120	Colombia	57	PF
	Georgia	57	PF
122	Cambodia	58	PF
	Central African Republic	58	PF
	Nepal	58	PF
	Niger	58	PF
126	Guatemala	59	PF
	Haiti	59	PF
	Kenya	59	PF
	Lebanon	59	PF
	Thailand	59	PF
131	Paraguay	60	PF

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
	Seychelles	60	PF
133	Jordan	61	NF
134	Algeria	62	NF
	Angola	62	NF
	Bhutan	62	NF
	Egypt	62	NF
	Morocco	62	NF
139	Pakistan	63	NF
	Qatar	63	NF
	Sri Lanka	63	NF
142	Armenia	64	NF
	Zambia	64	NF
144	Liberia	65	NF
	Moldova	65	NF
146	Bangladesh	66	NF
147	Cameroon	67	NF
	Guinea	67	NF
	Kyrgyzstan	67	NF
150	Cote d'Ivoire	68	NF
	Malaysia	68	NF
	Maldives	68	NF
	United Arab Emirates	68	NF
154	Afghanistan	69	NF
	Djibouti	69	NF
	Gabon	69	NF
	Singapore	69	NF
158	Iraq	70	NF
159	Bahrain	71	NF
	Oman	71	NF
161	Chad	74	NF
	Togo	74	NF
	Venezuela	74	NF
164	Azerbaijan	75	NF
	Russia	75	NF
166	Brunei	76	NF

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	Kazakhstan	76	NF
	Swaziland	76	NF
	Tajikistan	76	NF
170	Burundi	77	NF
	Ethiopia	77	NF
	Gambia	77	NF
	Vietnam	77	NF
174	Congo-Kinshasa	80	NF
	Yemen	80	NF
176	Laos	81	NF
	Sudan	81	NF
178	Saudi Arabia	82	NF
179	Syria	83	NF
	Tunisia	83	NF
181	China	84	NF
	Iran	84	NF
	Israeli-Occupied Territories / Palestinian Authority	84	NF
	Rwanda	84	NF
185	Somalia	85	NF
186	Belarus	89	NF
	Equatorial Guinea	89	NF
	Zimbabwe	89	NF
189	Uzbekistan	91	NF
190	Eritrea	94	NF
191	Burma	96	NF
	Cuba	96	NF
	Libya	96	NF
	Turkmenistan	96	NF
195	North Korea	97	NF

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	74	38%
Partly Free	58	30%
Not Free	63	32%
<i>TOTAL</i>	195	100%



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Press Freedom Rankings by Region

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
1	Mali	24	Free
2	Ghana	26	Free
	Mauritius	26	Free
4	South Africa	28	Free
5	Cape Verde	29	Free
	Sao Tome & Principe	29	Free
7	Benin	30	Free
	Namibia	30	Free
9	Botswana	35	Partly Free
10	Burkina Faso	39	Partly Free
11	Mozambique	40	Partly Free
12	Lesotho	42	Partly Free
13	Senegal	46	Partly Free
14	Comoros	48	Partly Free
	Guinea-Bissau	48	Partly Free
16	Madagascar	50	Partly Free
17	Congo-Brazzaville	51	Partly Free
	Tanzania	51	Partly Free
19	Malawi	53	Partly Free
20	Uganda	54	Partly Free
21	Mauritania	55	Partly Free
	Nigeria	55	Partly Free
23	Sierra Leone	56	Partly Free

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
24	Central African Republic	58	Partly Free
	Niger	58	Partly Free
26	Kenya	59	Partly Free
27	Seychelles	60	Partly Free
28	Angola	62	Not Free
29	Zambia	64	Not Free
30	Liberia	65	Not Free
31	Cameroon	67	Not Free
	Guinea	67	Not Free
33	Cote d'Ivoire	68	Not Free
34	Djibouti	69	Not Free
	Gabon	69	Not Free
36	Chad	74	Not Free
	Togo	74	Not Free
38	Swaziland	76	Not Free
39	Burundi	77	Not Free
	Ethiopia	77	Not Free
	Gambia	77	Not Free
42	Congo-Kinshasa	80	Not Free
43	Sudan	81	Not Free
44	Rwanda	84	Not Free
45	Somalia	85	Not Free
46	Equatorial Guinea	89	Not Free
	Zimbabwe	89	Not Free
48	Eritrea	94	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percentage of total
Free	8	17%
Partly Free	19	39%
Not Free	21	44%
<i>TOTAL</i>	48	100%

AMERICAS

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
1	Jamaica	15	Free
2	Saint Lucia	16	Free
	United States	16	Free
4	Bahamas	17	Free
	Barbados	17	Free
	Canada	17	Free
	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	17	Free
8	Costa Rica	20	Free
	Dominica	20	Free
	Saint Kitts & Nevis	20	Free
11	Belize	21	Free
12	Suriname	22	Free
13	Grenada	23	Free
14	Trinidad & Tobago	24	Free
15	Guyana	29	Free
16	Chile	30	Free
	Uruguay	30	Free
18	Bolivia	37	Partly Free
19	Antigua & Barbuda	38	Partly Free
20	Dominican Republic	40	Partly Free
21	Ecuador	41	Partly Free
22	Brazil	42	Partly Free
	El Salvador	42	Partly Free
	Nicaragua	42	Partly Free
	Peru	42	Partly Free
26	Panama	43	Partly Free
27	Mexico	48	Partly Free
28	Argentina	49	Partly Free
29	Honduras	51	Partly Free
30	Colombia	57	Partly Free
31	Guatemala	59	Partly Free
	Haiti	59	Partly Free
33	Paraguay	60	Partly Free

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
34	Venezuela	74	Not Free
35	Cuba	96	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percentage of total
Free	17	48%
Partly Free	16	46%
Not Free	2	6%
<i>TOTAL</i>	35	100%

ASIA-PACIFIC

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
1	New Zealand	13	Free
2	Palau	14	Free
3	Marshall Islands	17	Free
4	Micronesia	20	Free
	Taiwan	20	Free
6	Australia	21	Free
	Japan	21	Free
8	Vanuatu	24	Free
9	Kiribati	26	Free
	Tuvalu	26	Free
11	Nauru	28	Free
12	Hong Kong	30	Free
	Papua New Guinea	30	Free
	Samoa	30	Free
	Solomon Islands	30	Free
	South Korea	30	Free
17	Tonga	31	Partly Free
18	India	35	Partly Free
19	Mongolia	36	Partly Free
20	Fiji	39	Partly Free
21	East Timor	42	Partly Free
22	Philippines	46	Partly Free
23	Indonesia	54	Partly Free
24	Cambodia	58	Partly Free
	Nepal	58	Partly Free
26	Thailand	59	Partly Free
27	Bhutan	62	Not Free
28	Pakistan	63	Not Free
	Sri Lanka	63	Not Free
30	Bangladesh	66	Not Free
31	Malaysia	68	Not Free
	Maldives	68	Not Free

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
33	Afghanistan	69	Not Free
	Singapore	69	Not Free
35	Brunei	76	Not Free
36	Vietnam	77	Not Free
37	Laos	81	Not Free
38	China	84	Not Free
39	Burma	96	Not Free
40	North Korea	97	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percentage of total
Free	16	40%
Partly Free	10	25%
Not Free	14	35%
<i>TOTAL</i>	40	100%

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
1	Israel	29	Free
2	Kuwait	56	Partly Free
3	Lebanon	59	Partly Free
4	Jordan	61	Not Free
5	Algeria	62	Not Free
	Egypt	62	Not Free
	Morocco	62	Not Free
8	Qatar	63	Not Free
9	United Arab Emirates	68	Not Free
10	Iraq	70	Not Free
11	Bahrain	71	Not Free
	Oman	71	Not Free
13	Yemen	80	Not Free
14	Saudi Arabia	82	Not Free
15	Syria	83	Not Free
	Tunisia	83	Not Free
17	Israeli–Occupied Territories / Palestinian Authority	84	Not Free
	Iran	84	Not Free
19	Libya	96	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percentage of total
Free	1	5%
Partly Free	2	11%
Not Free	16	84%
<i>TOTAL</i>	19	100%

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE/FORMER SOVIET UNION

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
1	Estonia	16	Free
2	Czech Republic	18	Free
	Lithuania	18	Free
4	Latvia	19	Free
5	Slovakia	20	Free
6	Hungary	21	Free
	Slovenia	21	Free
8	Poland	22	Free
9	Bulgaria	34	Partly Free
10	Croatia	37	Partly Free
	Montenegro	37	Partly Free
12	Serbia	39	Partly Free
13	Romania	42	Partly Free
14	Bosnia	45	Partly Free
	Macedonia	45	Partly Free
16	Albania	50	Partly Free
17	Ukraine	53	Partly Free
18	Georgia	57	Partly Free
19	Armenia	64	Not Free
20	Moldova	65	Not Free
21	Kyrgyzstan	67	Not Free
22	Azerbaijan	75	Not Free
	Russia	75	Not Free
24	Kazakhstan	76	Not Free
	Tajikistan	76	Not Free
26	Belarus	89	Not Free
27	Uzbekistan	91	Not Free
28	Turkmenistan	96	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percentage of total
Free	8	28%
Partly Free	10	36%
Not Free	10	36%
<i>TOTAL</i>	28	100.0%

WESTERN EUROPE

Rank 2007	Country	Rating	Status
1	Finland	9	Free
	Iceland	9	Free
3	Belgium	11	Free
	Denmark	11	Free
	Norway	11	Free
	Sweden	11	Free
7	Luxembourg	12	Free
	Switzerland	12	Free
9	Andorra	13	Free
	Netherlands	13	Free
11	Liechtenstein	14	Free
	Portugal	14	Free
13	Germany	16	Free
	Ireland	16	Free
	Monaco	16	Free
16	Malta	17	Free
	San Marino	17	Free
18	United Kingdom	19	Free
19	Austria	21	Free
	France	21	Free
21	Cyprus	22	Free
	Spain	22	Free
23	Greece	25	Free
24	Italy	29	Free
25	Turkey	49	Partly Free

Status	Number of countries	Percentage of total
Free	24	96%
Partly Free	1	4%
Not Free	0	0%
<i>TOTAL</i>	25	100%