



FREEDOM OF THE PRESS 2006

Table of Global Press Freedom Rankings

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

	Costa Rica	18	Free
	Lithuania	18	Free
	Malta	18	Free
	St Lucia	18	Free
31	Australia	19	Free
	Dominica	19	Free
	Latvia	19	Free
	United Kingdom	19	Free
35	Czech Republic	20	Free
	Japan	20	Free
	Micronesia	20	Free
	Slovakia	20	Free
	Slovenia	20	Free
	Taiwan	20	Free
41	Austria	21	Free
	Belize	21	Free
	France	21	Free
	Hungary	21	Free
	Poland	21	Free
	Spain	21	Free
	St Kitts & Nevis	21	Free
48	Cyprus	22	Free
49	Grenada	23	Free
	Suriname	23	Free
51	Mali	24	Free
52	Vanuatu	25	Free
53	Chile	26	Free
	Mauritius	26	Free
	Trinidad & Tobago	26	Free
	Tuvalu	26	Free
57	Guyana	27	Free
	South Africa	27	Free
59	Fiji	28	Free
	Ghana	28	Free
	Greece	28	Free
	Israel	28	Free
	Kiribati	28	Free
	Uruguay	28	Free

65	Hong Kong	29	Free
	Papua New Guinea	29	Free
	Samoa	29	Free
	Sao Tome and Principe	29	Free
69	Benin	30	Free
	Namibia	30	Free
	Nauru	30	Free
	Solomon Islands	30	Free
	South Korea	30	Free
74	Cape Verde	32	Partly Free
	Tonga	32	Partly Free
76	Bolivia	33	Partly Free
77	Bulgaria	34	Partly Free
	Mongolia	34	Partly Free
79	Botswana	35	Partly Free
	Italy	35	Partly Free
81	Dominican Republic	37	Partly Free
	India	37	Partly Free
83	Antigua & Barbuda	38	Partly Free
	Burkina Faso	38	Partly Free
85	Brazil	39	Partly Free
	Croatia	39	Partly Free
	East Timor	39	Partly Free
	Peru	39	Partly Free
89	Philippines	40	Partly Free
	Serbia and Montenegro	40	Partly Free
91	Ecuador	41	Partly Free
92	Lesotho	42	Partly Free
93	El Salvador	43	Partly Free
	Mozambique	43	Partly Free
	Panama	43	Partly Free
96	Nicaragua	44	Partly Free
	Senegal	44	Partly Free
	Romania	44	Partly Free
99	Argentina	45	Partly Free
	Bosnia-Herzegovina	45	Partly Free
101	Comoros	47	Partly Free
	Guinea-Bissau	47	Partly Free

103	Mexico	48	Partly Free
	Turkey	48	Partly Free
105	Macedonia	49	Partly Free
	Madagascar	49	Partly Free
107	Albania	50	Partly Free
	Tanzania	50	Partly Free
	Thailand	50	Partly Free
110	Congo (Brazzaville)	51	Partly Free
111	Honduras	52	Partly Free
	Uganda	52	Partly Free
113	Ukraine	53	Partly Free
114	Nigeria	54	Partly Free
115	Malawi	55	Partly Free
116	Kuwait	56	Partly Free
	Niger	56	Partly Free
118	Georgia	57	Partly Free
	Mauritania	57	Partly Free
	Paraguay	57	Partly Free
121	Guatemala	58	Partly Free
	Kenya	58	Partly Free
	Indonesia	58	Partly Free
	Sri Lanka	58	Partly Free
125	Sierra Leone	59	Partly Free
126	Lebanon	60	Partly Free
	Seychelles	60	Partly Free
128	Algeria	61	Not Free
	Cambodia	61	Not Free
	Central African Republic	61	Not Free
	Colombia	61	Not Free
	Egypt	61	Not Free
	Jordan	61	Not Free
	Morocco	61	Not Free
	Pakistan	61	Not Free
Qatar	61	Not Free	
137	Armenia	64	Not Free
	Kyrgyzstan	64	Not Free
	Liberia	64	Not Free
	Zambia	64	Not Free

141	Angola	65	Not Free
	Bhutan	65	Not Free
	Cameroon	65	Not Free
	Cote d'Ivoire	65	Not Free
	Malaysia	65	Not Free
	Moldova	65	Not Free
	United Arab Emirates	65	Not Free
148	Singapore	66	Not Free
149	Gabon	67	Not Free
	Guinea	67	Not Free
151	Bangladesh	68	Not Free
	Haiti	68	Not Free
153	Afghanistan	69	Not Free
	Djibouti	69	Not Free
155	Maldives	70	Not Free
	Oman	70	Not Free
157	Iraq	71	Not Free
158	Bahrain	72	Not Free
	Russia	72	Not Free
	Venezuela	72	Not Free
161	Azerbaijan	73	Not Free
	Chad	73	Not Free
	The Gambia	73	Not Free
164	Burundi	74	Not Free
165	Ethiopia	75	Not Free
	Kazakhstan	75	Not Free
167	Tajikistan	76	Not Free
168	Brunei	77	Not Free
	Nepal	77	Not Free
	Swaziland	77	Not Free
171	Togo	78	Not Free
172	Saudi Arabia	79	Not Free
	Vietnam	79	Not Free
174	Congo (Kinshasa)	81	Not Free
	Laos	81	Not Free
	Yemen	81	Not Free
177	China	83	Not Free
	Somalia	83	Not Free

	Tunisia	83	Not Free
180	Iran	84	Not Free
	Syria	84	Not Free
182	Rwanda	85	Not Free
	Sudan	85	Not Free
184	Israeli Occupied Territories/Palestinian Authority	86	Not Free
185	Belarus	88	Not Free
	Equatorial Guinea	88	Not Free
187	Uzbekistan	90	Not Free
	Zimbabwe	90	Not Free
189	Eritrea	91	Not Free
190	Burma	96	Not Free
	Cuba	96	Not Free
	Libya	96	Not Free
	Turkmenistan	96	Not Free
194	North Korea	97	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percent of total
Free	73	38%
Partly Free	54	28%
Not Free	67	34%
<i>TOTAL</i>	194	100%