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Press Freedom Rankings by Region

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Mali	24	Free
2	Mauritius	26	Free
3	South Africa	27	Free
4	Ghana	28	Free
5	Sao Tome and Principe	29	Free
6	Benin	30	Free
	Namibia	30	Free
8	Cape Verde	32	Partly Free
9	Botswana	35	Partly Free
10	Burkina Faso	38	Partly Free
11	Lesotho	42	Partly Free
12	Mozambique	43	Partly Free
13	Senegal	44	Partly Free
14	Comoros	47	Partly Free
	Guinea-Bissau	47	Partly Free
16	Madagascar	49	Partly Free
17	Tanzania	50	Partly Free
18	Congo (Brazzaville)	51	Partly Free
19	Uganda	52	Partly Free
20	Nigeria	54	Partly Free
21	Malawi	55	Partly Free
22	Niger	56	Partly Free
23	Mauritania	57	Partly Free
24	Kenya	58	Partly Free
25	Sierra Leone	59	Partly Free

26	Seychelles	60	Partly Free
27	Central African Republic	61	Not Free
28	Liberia	64	Not Free
	Zambia	64	Not Free
30	Angola	65	Not Free
	Cameroon	65	Not Free
	Cote d'Ivoire	65	Not Free
33	Gabon	67	Not Free
	Guinea	67	Not Free
35	Djibouti	69	Not Free
36	Chad	73	Not Free
	The Gambia	73	Not Free
38	Burundi	74	Not Free
39	Ethiopia	75	Not Free
40	Swaziland	77	Not Free
41	Togo	78	Not Free
42	Congo (Kinshasa)	81	Not Free
43	Somalia	83	Not Free
44	Rwanda	85	Not Free
	Sudan	85	Not Free
46	Equatorial Guinea	88	Not Free
47	Zimbabwe	90	Not Free
48	Eritrea	91	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percent of total
Free	7	14.5%
Partly Free	19	39.5%
Not Free	22	46%
<i>TOTAL</i>	48	100%

AMERICAS

Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Bahamas	16	Free
	St Vincent & the Grenadines	16	Free
	United States	16	Free
4	Barbados	17	Free
	Jamaica	17	Free
6	Canada	18	Free
	Costa Rica	18	Free
	St Lucia	18	Free
9	Dominica	19	Free
10	Belize	21	Free
	St Kitts & Nevis	21	Free
12	Grenada	23	Free
	Suriname	23	Free
14	Chile	26	Free
	Trinidad & Tobago	26	Free
16	Guyana	27	Free
17	Uruguay	28	Free
18	Bolivia	33	Partly Free
19	Dominican Republic	37	Partly Free
20	Antigua & Barbuda	38	Partly Free
21	Brazil	39	Partly Free
	Peru	39	Partly Free
23	Ecuador	41	Partly Free
24	El Salvador	43	Partly Free
	Panama	43	Partly Free
26	Nicaragua	44	Partly Free
27	Argentina	45	Partly Free
28	Mexico	48	Partly Free
29	Honduras	52	Partly Free
30	Paraguay	57	Partly Free
31	Guatemala	58	Partly Free
32	Colombia	61	Not Free
33	Haiti	68	Not Free
34	Venezuela	72	Not Free
35	Cuba	96	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percent of total
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	13	Free
2	Palau	14	Free
3	Marshall Islands	15	Free
4	Australia	19	Free
5	Japan	20	Free
	Micronesia	20	Free
	Taiwan	20	Free
8	Vanuatu	25	Free
9	Tuvalu	26	Free
10	Fiji	28	Free
	Kiribati	28	Free
12	Hong Kong	29	Free
	Papua New Guinea	29	Free
	Samoa	29	Free
15	Nauru	30	Free
	Solomon Islands	30	Free
	South Korea	30	Free
18	Tonga	32	Partly Free
19	Mongolia	34	Partly Free
20	India	37	Partly Free
21	East Timor	39	Partly Free
22	Philippines	40	Partly Free
23	Thailand	50	Partly Free
24	Indonesia	58	Partly Free
	Sri Lanka	58	Partly Free
26	Cambodia	61	Not Free
	Pakistan	61	Not Free
28	Bhutan	65	Not Free
	Malaysia	65	Not Free
30	Singapore	66	Not Free
31	Bangladesh	68	Not Free
32	Afghanistan	69	Not Free
33	Maldives	70	Not Free
34	Brunei	77	Not Free
	Nepal	77	Not Free

36	Vietnam	79	Not Free
37	Laos	81	Not Free
38	China	83	Not Free
39	Burma	96	Not Free
40	North Korea	97	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percent of total
Free	17	42.5%
Partly Free	8	20%
Not Free	15	37.5%
<i>TOTAL</i>	40	100%

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Israel	28	Free
2	Kuwait	56	Partly Free
3	Lebanon	60	Partly Free
4	Algeria	61	Not Free
	Egypt	61	Not Free
	Jordan	61	Not Free
	Morocco	61	Not Free
	Qatar	61	Not Free
9	United Arab Emirates	65	Not Free
10	Oman	70	Not Free
11	Iraq	71	Not Free
12	Bahrain	72	Not Free
13	Saudi Arabia	79	Not Free
14	Yemen	81	Not Free
15	Tunisia	83	Not Free
16	Iran	84	Not Free
	Syria	84	Not Free
18	Israeli Occupied Territories/Palestinian Authority	86	Not Free
19	Libya	96	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percent 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	Country	Rating	Status
1	Estonia	16	Free
2	Lithuania	18	Free
3	Latvia	19	Free
4	Czech Republic	20	Free
	Slovakia	20	Free
	Slovenia	20	Free
7	Hungary	21	Free
	Poland	21	Free
9	Bulgaria	34	Partly Free
10	Croatia	39	Partly Free
11	Serbia and Montenegro	40	Partly Free
12	Romania	44	Partly Free
13	Bosnia-Herzegovina	45	Partly Free
14	Macedonia	49	Partly Free
15	Albania	50	Partly Free
16	Ukraine	53	Partly Free
17	Georgia	57	Partly Free
18	Armenia	64	Not Free
	Kyrgyzstan	64	Not Free
20	Moldova	65	Not Free
21	Russia	72	Not Free
22	Azerbaijan	73	Not Free
23	Kazakhstan	75	Not Free
24	Tajikistan	76	Not Free
25	Belarus	88	Not Free
26	Uzbekistan	90	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%

WESTERN EUROPE

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
11	Andorra	14	Free
	Portugal	14	Free
13	Ireland	15	Free
14	Germany	16	Free
	Monaco	16	Free
	San Marino	17	Free
17	Malta	18	Free
18	United Kingdom	19	Free
19	Austria	21	Free
	France	21	Free
	Spain	21	Free
22	Cyprus	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%