

Appendix 2: Government Restrictions Index

The following table shows all 198 countries and territories in descending order of their scores on the Pew Research Center's index of government restrictions on religion as of the end of 2013. Pew Research has not attached numerical rankings to the countries because there are numerous tie scores and the differences between the scores of countries that are close to each other on this table are not necessarily meaningful.

Very High SCORES 6.6 AND HIGHER		Moderate SCORES 2.4 TO 4.4
China	Western Sahara	Palestinian territories *
Indonesia	Laos	Thailand
Uzbekistan	Algeria	Greece
Iran	Vietnam	Moldova
Egypt	Qatar	Central African Republic
Afghanistan	Kazakhstan	France
Malaysia	Mauritania	Ukraine
Saudi Arabia	Yemen	Nigeria
Burma (Myanmar)	Kyrgyzstan	Comoros
Russia	Israel	Somalia* ▼
Turkey ▲	Kuwait	Lebanon
Syria	Bulgaria	Nepal
Azerbaijan	Sri Lanka	Belgium
Sudan	Bangladesh	Kenya
Brunei	Armenia	Uganda ▲
Eritrea ▼	Cuba	Sweden ▲
Tajikistan	Oman	South Sudan ▲
Singapore ▲	Djibouti	Madagascar
	India	Serbia
	Angola	Iceland
	Bhutan	Mexico
	Tunisia	Tanzania
	Rwanda	Tuvalu
	Libya	Denmark
	United Arab Emirates ▼	Georgia
	Ethiopia	Austria
	Romania	United States
	Germany	Chad ▼
		Slovakia
		Spain

▲ Denotes an increase of one point or more from 2012 to 2013.

▼ Denotes a decrease of one point or more from 2012 to 2013.

* See page 53 for notes on North Korea, Somalia and the Palestinian territories.

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Bahamas
 Hong Kong
 Venezuela ▼
 Peru
 Hungary
 Latvia
 Zambia
 Zimbabwe
 Costa Rica
 Mongolia
 Switzerland
 Norway
 Republic of Macedonia
 Kosovo ▲
 Cyprus
 Nicaragua

Low

SCORES 0.0 TO 2.3

Seychelles
 Antigua and Barbuda
 Burundi ▲
 Finland
 Lithuania
 Bosnia-Herzegovina
 Albania
 Cambodia
 Poland
 Guinea
 Equatorial Guinea
 Swaziland
 Monaco
 St. Kitts and Nevis
 South Korea
 Argentina
 Honduras
 Italy
 Mozambique
 Guatemala

Liechtenstein
 Netherlands
 Montenegro
 Gambia
 Tonga
 Cameroon
 Mali
 St. Lucia
 Fiji
 Niger
 United Kingdom ▼
 St. Vincent and the Grenadines
 Chile
 Colombia
 Bolivia
 Croatia ▼
 Jamaica
 Togo
 Luxembourg
 Barbados
 Haiti
 El Salvador
 Ireland
 Dominican Republic
 Mauritius
 Timor-Leste
 Liberia
 Australia
 Sierra Leone ▲
 Estonia
 Ghana
 Panama
 Burkina Faso
 Dominica
 Nauru
 Guyana
 Senegal
 Vanuatu
 Canada
 Andorra
 Portugal

Democratic Republic of the Congo
 Belize
 Japan
 Paraguay
 Czech Republic
 Trinidad and Tobago
 Malta
 Solomon Islands
 Papua New Guinea
 Philippines
 Taiwan
 Kiribati
 Guinea Bissau
 Malawi ▼
 Grenada
 New Zealand
 Samoa
 Macau
 Uruguay
 Botswana
 South Africa
 Ivory Coast
 Ecuador
 Republic of the Congo
 Slovenia
 Gabon
 Lesotho
 Namibia
 Benin
 Sao Tome and Principe
 San Marino
 Cape Verde
 Brazil
 Palau
 Marshall Islands
 Federated States of Micronesia
 Suriname

NORTH KOREA: The sources used for this study clearly indicate that the government of North Korea is among the most repressive in the world with respect to religion as well as other civil liberties. But because North Korean society is effectively closed to outsiders, the sources are unable to provide the kind of specific and timely information that Pew Research coded in this quantitative study. Therefore, the report does not include a score for North Korea on either index.

SOMALIA: In the latest year of the study, researchers changed the way they coded government restrictions in Somalia. This contributed to the drop in Somalia's GRI score. See page 44 of the methodology for more details.

PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES: The Palestinian territories' score on government restrictions reflects the policies of the Palestinian Authority government (headed by Mahmoud Abbas and headquartered in the West Bank) rather than the actions of Hamas in Gaza (which is not recognized by most of the sources for this report as a legitimate government).
