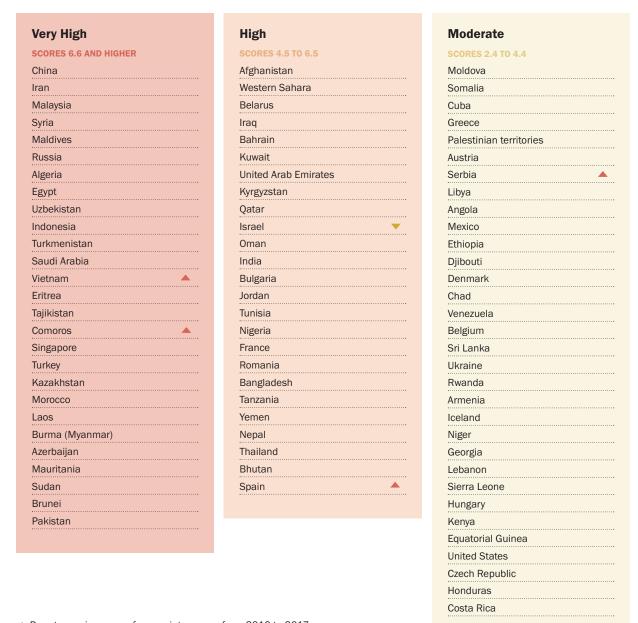
Appendix A: Government Restrictions Index

The following table shows all 198 countries and territories in descending order of their scores on Pew Research Center's index of government restrictions on religion as of the end of 2017. The Center has not attached numerical rankings to the countries because there are numerous tied scores and the differences between the scores of countries that are close to each other on this table are not necessarily meaningful.



[▲] Denotes an increase of one point or more from 2016 to 2017.

[▼] Denotes a decrease of one point or more from 2016 to 2017.

^{*} See page 87 for notes on North Korea and Somalia.

Government Restrictions Index (cont.)



Low
SCORES 0.0 TO 2.3
Barbados
Sweden
Grenada
Guatemala
Antigua and Barbuda
Montenegro
St. Kitts and Nevis
North Macedonia
Togo
Malta
Malawi
El Salvador
Colombia
Tuvalu
Peru
St. Lucia
Paraguay
Republic of the Congo
Hong Kong
Burkina Faso
Nicaragua
Taiwan
Dominica
Albania
Tonga
Ghana
Nauru
Fiji
Mauritius
Vanuatu Panua New Cuinea
Papua New Guinea
Jamaica
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Mozambique
Botswana
Brazil
Dominican Republic
Chile
Samoa
Mali

	Canada Senegal
•	Benin
	Estonia
	Australia
	Belize
٦	Uruguay Macau
•	Timor-Leste
	Solomon Islands
•	Philippines
•	Portugal
•	vory Coast
	Bolivia
•	reland
	Gabon
•	Japan
	South Africa
•	Suriname
	Kiribati
	Namibia
-	Trinidad and Tobago
(Gambia
	Federated States of Micronesia
	Lesotho
	Marshall Islands
	San Marino
(Cape Verde
	Sao Tome and Principe
	New Zealand
(Guinea-Bissau
I	Palau

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 Center coded in this quantitative study. Therefore, the report does not include a score for North Korea on either index.

SOMALIA: Starting with data covering 2013, researchers changed the way they coded government restrictions in Somalia. See the Methodology for more details.