## **Government Restrictions Index**

The following table shows all 197 countries and territories in descending order of their scores on the Pew Forum's index of government restrictions on religion as of mid-2010. The Pew Forum 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. This is particularly the case at the low end of the scale: The range of scores among the 50 countries in the Very High and High categories is greater than the range of scores among the 94 countries in the Low category.

	AND HIGHER
Egypt	
Indonesia	
Maldives	-
Saudi Arabia	
Afghanistan	
Iran	
Uzbekistan	
Tunisia	4
Eritrea	
China	
Syria	
Burma (Myan	imar)
Russia	
Vietnam	
Yemen	
Azerbaijan	
, izer baljari	

### High

SCORES FROM 4.5	TO 6.5
Kyrgyzstan	
Tajikistan	
Brunei	<b></b>
Jordan	<b></b>
Malaysia	-
Pakistan	
Morocco	<b></b>

	Mauritania
	srael
	Sri Lanka 🔺
(	Chad 🔺
١	Western Sahara
I	_ibya 🔻
	Turkey
1	Nigeria 🔺
	_aos 🔻
	Kazakhstan
(	Qatar
•••	Furkmenistan 🔻
	Bangladesh
•••	Greece
	Sudan
(	Oman
	ndia
	Somalia*
	Singapore
	Cuba
	Voldova
	Armenia
	Kenya
	Kuwait

### Moderate

### SCORES FROM 2.4 TO 4.4

Central African Republic Romania

United Arab Emi	rates
United Kingdom	<b>_</b>
Ethiopia	
Bahrain	
France	
Germany	<b></b>
Ukraine	<b></b>
Tanzania	<b></b>
Rwanda	<b></b>
Lebanon	
Angola	<b></b>
Belgium	
Bhutan	-
Comoros	
Mexico	
Serbia	<b>•</b>
Palestinian territ	ories**
Venezuela	<b></b>
Thailand	
Mongolia	
Uganda	
Denmark	
Nepal	
Bulgaria	
Madagascar	
Austria	
Nicaragua	<b></b>
Bahamas	
Niger	
Fiji	

▲ Denotes an increase of one point or more from mid-2009 to mid-2010.

▼ Denotes a decrease of one point or more from mid-2009 to mid-2010.

# **Government Restrictions Index (cont.)**

Guinea	-
Tuvalu	
Democratic Rep. of the C	ongo 🖌
Iceland	4
Colombia	4
Cyprus	
Republic of Macedonia	4
Spain	4
United States	4
Cambodia	
Croatia	
Slovakia	
Peru	4
Costa Rica	
Italy	
Zambia	
Swaziland	
Equatorial Guinea	

### Low

#### SCORES FROM 0.0 TO 2.3

Switzerland
Djibouti
Guyana 🔺
Latvia
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Ivory Coast
Japan 🔺
Gabon
South Korea
Tonga
Monaco
Gambia
Poland
Australia 🔺
Malta

Liberia 🔺
Kosovo
Honduras
Canada
Lithuania
Argentina
Senegal
Sweden
El Salvador
Jamaica
Estonia
Liechtenstein
Samoa
Тодо
Albania
Burkina Faso
Chile
Netherlands
St. Lucia
Seychelles
Luxembourg
Botswana
Antigua and Barbuda
Mauritius
Philippines
Hong Kong 🔻
Papua New Guinea
Mozambique
Nauru
Czech Republic 🛛 🔻
Panama
Finland
Paraguay
Taiwan
Bolivia
Guatemala
Republic of the Congo Brazil
Vanuatu
Slovenia

Ghana
Malawi
Solomon Islands
Suriname
Trinidad and Tobago
Mali
Dominica
Ecuador
Belize
Portugal
Barbados
Haiti
Grenada
Hungary
Andorra
Burundi
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
South Africa
St. Kitts and Nevis
Namibia
Lesotho
New Zealand
Ireland
Dominican Republic
Macau 🔻
Cameroon
Benin
Timor-Leste
Kiribati
Montenegro
Uruguay
Guinea Bissau
Cape Verde
Palau Fadarated States of Microposia
Federated States of Micronesia
Marshall Islands
Sao Tome and Principe
San Marino
Sierra Leone

Please see page 54 for notes on North Korea, Somalia and the Palestinian territories.

NOTE: Increases or decreases of one point or more between mid-2009 and mid-2010 are indicated with an arrow.

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

\* **SOMALIA:** The level of government restrictions in Somalia is difficult to assess due to the lack of a functioning national government; the social hostilities index may be a more reliable indicator of the situation in Somalia.

\*\* **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).