

## 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 2018. 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.

Very High SCORES 6.6 AND HIGHER	High SCORES 4.5 TO 6.5	Moderate SCORES 2.4 TO 4.4
China	Afghanistan	Angola
Iran	Kyrgyzstan	Austria
Malaysia	Pakistan	Cuba
Maldives	Bahrain	Palestinian territories
Syria	Tunisia ▲	Somalia
Russia	Belarus	Sri Lanka
Algeria	Laos	Lebanon
Tajikistan	Sudan	Mexico
Turkmenistan	Israel	Venezuela
Egypt	India	Cambodia
Eritrea	Comoros ▼	Spain
Indonesia	United Arab Emirates	Djibouti
Saudi Arabia	Bulgaria	Ethiopia
Uzbekistan	Kuwait	Greece
Vietnam	Libya ▲	Chad
Burma (Myanmar)	Qatar	Iceland
Iraq	Oman	Niger
Morocco	Thailand	Rwanda
Singapore	Nepal	Serbia
Kazakhstan	Tanzania	Central African Republic
Azerbaijan	France	Georgia
Turkey	Jordan	Belgium
Brunei	Nigeria	Cyprus
Mauritania	Armenia ▲	Equatorial Guinea
Western Sahara	Romania	Germany
Yemen ▲	Ukraine ▲	North Macedonia ▲
	Bangladesh	South Sudan
	Bhutan	Burundi
	Denmark	Kenya
	Moldova	Nicaragua ▲
		Norway
		United States

▲ Denotes an increase of one point or more from 2017 to 2018.

▼ Denotes a decrease of one point or more from 2017 to 2018.

\* See page 59 for notes on North Korea and Somalia.

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Bahamas .....  
 Luxembourg .....  
 Mongolia .....  
 Zambia .....  
 Democratic Republic of the Congo .....  
 Mozambique ..... ▲  
 Slovakia .....  
 Uganda .....  
 Zimbabwe .....  
 Cameroon .....  
 Croatia .....  
 Haiti .....  
 Italy .....  
 Bosnia-Herzegovina .....  
 Czech Republic .....  
 Lithuania .....  
 Madagascar .....  
 Monaco .....  
 Netherlands .....  
 Sweden .....  
 United Kingdom .....  
 Costa Rica .....  
 Hungary .....  
 Finland .....  
 Guinea .....  
 Latvia .....  
 Panama .....  
 Poland .....  
 Seychelles .....  
 Sierra Leone .....  
 Switzerland .....  
 Guyana .....  
 South Korea .....  
 Albania .....  
 Andorra .....  
 Kosovo .....

### Low

#### SCORES 0.0 TO 2.3

Argentina .....  
 Barbados .....  
 El Salvador .....  
 Guatemala .....  
 Ecuador .....  
 Malawi .....  
 Mali ..... ▲  
 Swaziland .....  
 Liberia .....  
 Malta .....  
 Grenada .....  
 Honduras ..... ▼  
 Liechtenstein .....  
 Peru .....  
 Republic of the Congo .....  
 Togo .....  
 Tuvalu .....  
 Paraguay .....  
 Philippines .....  
 St. Lucia .....  
 Australia .....  
 Hong Kong .....  
 Slovenia .....  
 Montenegro .....  
 Taiwan .....  
 Dominica .....  
 Ghana .....  
 Nauru .....  
 St. Vincent and the Grenadines .....  
 Tonga .....  
 Uruguay .....  
 Fiji .....  
 Mauritius .....  
 Papua New Guinea .....  
 St. Kitts and Nevis .....  
 Burkina Faso .....

Colombia .....  
 Jamaica .....  
 Samoa .....  
 South Africa .....  
 Antigua and Barbuda .....  
 Botswana .....  
 Brazil .....  
 Chile .....  
 Dominican Republic .....  
 Ivory Coast .....  
 Vanuatu .....  
 Canada .....  
 Belize .....  
 Gabon .....  
 Macau .....  
 Timor-Leste .....  
 Bolivia .....  
 Federated States of Micronesia .....  
 Ireland .....  
 New Zealand .....  
 Portugal .....  
 Solomon Islands .....  
 Cape Verde .....  
 Estonia .....  
 Gambia .....  
 Kiribati .....  
 Namibia .....  
 Suriname .....  
 Trinidad and Tobago .....  
 Japan .....  
 Benin .....  
 Guinea-Bissau .....  
 Palau .....  
 Sao Tome and Principe .....  
 Senegal .....  
 Lesotho .....  
 Marshall Islands .....  
 San Marino .....

**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.