

Appendix B: Social Hostilities Index

The following table shows all 198 countries and territories in descending order of their scores on Pew Research Center's index of social hostilities involving 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 7.2 AND HIGHER		Moderate SCORES 1.5 TO 3.5
India	France	South Korea ▲
Iraq	Russia ▼	Colombia ▲
Syria	Ethiopia ▲	Spain
Israel ▲	Nepal	Sweden ▼
Nigeria	Kyrgyzstan	Tanzania
Libya	Moldova	Guinea
Egypt ▼	Thailand	El Salvador ▲
Pakistan	United Kingdom ▼	Laos
Central African Republic	Brazil	North Macedonia
Sri Lanka ▲	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Saudi Arabia ▼
	Tunisia	Tajikistan ▲
	Burma (Myanmar) ▼	Bolivia
	Uganda ▼	Morocco
	Georgia ▲	Papua New Guinea
	Armenia ▲	Benin ▼
	Bulgaria	Burkina Faso ▼
	Cameroon ▼	Cyprus
	Philippines	Italy ▼
	Kosovo	Mozambique
	South Africa ▲	Samoa
	Belgium ▲	Slovakia
	Romania	South Sudan
	Switzerland	Australia
	Jordan	Ghana
	Lebanon ▼	Iran
	Hungary	New Zealand
	Denmark	Qatar
	Netherlands	United States ▼
	Turkey ▼	Sierra Leone
		Austria
		Brunei

High SCORES 3.6 TO 7.1
Somalia
Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Indonesia
Yemen
Kenya
Malaysia ▲
Palestinian territories
Algeria
Mali
Ukraine ▼
Germany ▼
Greece
Mexico

▲ 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 62 for a note on North Korea and Yemen.

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Canada		
Niger		
Bosnia-Herzegovina	▼	
Finland		
Gambia		
Liberia		
Poland		
Uzbekistan		
Chad		
Mauritania		
Vietnam		
Burundi		
Haiti		
Trinidad and Tobago		
Turkmenistan	▲	
Tuvalu		
Uruguay	▲	
Zambia		
Czech Republic		
Rwanda		
Singapore		
Sudan		
Nicaragua	▲	
Bahrain		
Maldives		
Norway	▼	
Djibouti		
Liechtenstein		
Madagascar		
Cambodia		
China		
Kuwait		
Paraguay		
Belarus		
Guatemala		
Kazakhstan		
Kiribati		
Mongolia		
Serbia		
United Arab Emirates		
Gabon		
Zimbabwe	▼	
Azerbaijan		
Chile		
Guinea-Bissau		
Lithuania		
Luxembourg		
Malawi		
Marshall Islands		
Senegal		
Solomon Islands	▼	
Timor-Leste		
Togo		
Venezuela		
Peru		
Taiwan		
Croatia		
Comoros		
Bhutan		
Ecuador		
Estonia		
Federated States of Micronesia		
Ivory Coast		
Oman		
Belize		
Hong Kong		
Malta		
Mauritius	▼	
Montenegro		
Portugal		
Swaziland		
Tonga		
Vanuatu		
Eritrea		
Fiji		
Iceland		
Barbados		
Costa Rica		
Cuba		
Jamaica		
Japan		
Latvia	▼	
Slovenia		
St. Kitts and Nevis		
St. Lucia		
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		
Albania		
Andorra		
Antigua and Barbuda		
Bahamas		
Botswana		
Cape Verde		
Dominica		
Dominican Republic		
Equatorial Guinea		
Grenada		
Guyana		
Lesotho	▼	
Macau		
Monaco		
Namibia		
Nauru		
Palau		
Panama		
Republic of the Congo		
San Marino		
Sao Tome and Principe		
Seychelles		
Suriname		
Western Sahara		
Low		
SCORES 0 TO 1.4		
Honduras		
Ireland		
Angola	▼	
Argentina		

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.

YEMEN: Starting with data covering 2016, researchers changed the way they coded social hostilities in Yemen. See the Methodology for more details.
