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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 2019. 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
China
Malaysia
Egypt
Syria
Russia
Iran
Algeria
Indonesia
Maldives
Myanmar
Turkmenistan
Saudi Arabia
Uzbekistan
Iraq
Azerbaijan
Kazakhstan
Turkey
Singapore
Tajikistan 🔻
Sudan
Eritrea
Brunei
Kyrgyzstan

High SCORES 4.5 TO 6.5 Bahrain Vietnam Afghanistan Pakistan Kuwait Morocco Laos Mauritania Israel Sri Lanka Yemen Libya United Arab Emirates Belarus Bulgaria India Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara Qatar Cuba Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	
Bahrain Vietnam Vietnam Vietnam Afghanistan Pakistan Kuwait Morocco Laos Mauritania Israel Sri Lanka Yemen Libya United Arab Emirates Belarus Bulgaria India Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	High
VietnamAfghanistanPakistanKuwaitMoroccoLaosMauritaniaIsraelSri LankaYemenLibyaUnited Arab EmiratesBelarusBulgariaIndiaTanzaniaWestern SaharaComorosOmanQatarCubaThailandNepalJordanBangladeshRomaniaUkraineBhutan	SCORES 4.5 TO 6.5
Afghanistan Pakistan Kuwait Norocco Laos Mauritania Israel Sri Lanka Yemen Libya United Arab Emirates Belarus Bulgaria India Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	Bahrain
Pakistan Kuwait Morocco Laos Mauritania Israel Sri Lanka Yemen Libya United Arab Emirates Belarus Bulgaria India Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	Vietnam
Pakistan Kuwait Morocco Laos Mauritania Israel Sri Lanka Yemen Libya United Arab Emirates Belarus Bulgaria India Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	Afghanistan
Morocco Laos Laos Mauritania Israel Sri Lanka Yemen Libya United Arab Emirates Belarus Bulgaria India Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	
Laos Mauritania Israel Sri Lanka Yemen Libya United Arab Emirates Belarus Bulgaria India Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	Kuwait
Mauritania Israel Sri Lanka Yemen Libya United Arab Emirates Belarus Bulgaria India Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	Morocco
Israel Sri Lanka Yemen Libya United Arab Emirates Belarus Bulgaria India Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	Laos
Sri Lanka Yemen Libya United Arab Emirates Belarus Bulgaria India Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	Mauritania
Yemen Libya United Arab Emirates Belarus Bulgaria India Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	Israel
Yemen Libya United Arab Emirates Belarus Bulgaria India Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	Sri Lanka
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India Tunisia Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	
Tunisia Tanzania Western Sahara ▼ Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba ▲ Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	•••••••
Tanzania Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	
Western Sahara Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	
Comoros Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	
Oman Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	••••••
Qatar Cuba Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	
Cuba A Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	-
Thailand Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	
Nepal Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	
Jordan Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	
Bangladesh Romania Ukraine Bhutan	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Romania Ukraine Bhutan	
Ukraine Bhutan	
Bhutan	
	France

Lebanon	
Moldova	
Niger	

Moderate

SCORES 2.	4 TO 4.4
Austria	
Greece	
Nigeria	
Angola	
Palestinia	n territories
Spain	
Denmark	
Mexico	
Belgium	
Burundi	
Netherlan	ds 🔺
Rwanda	
Venezuela	1
Chad	
Iceland	
Djibouti	
Georgia	
Mozambio	iue
Zimbabwe	
Armenia	······
Cambodia	
Poland	
Bahamas	
Ethiopia	
Serbia	
Jeinia	

▲ Denotes an increase of one point or more from 2018 to 2019.

Denotes a decrease of one point or more from 2018 to 2019.

 \ast See page 63 for notes on North Korea and Somalia.

Government Restrictions Index (cont.)

Frustarial Cuinas
Equatorial Guinea
Somalia
Cameroon
Cyprus
Germany
Norway
United Kingdom
United States
Kenya
Mongolia
Sierra Leone
Zambia
Slovakia
Uganda
Central African Republic
Italy
Kosovo
Luxembourg
Montenegro A
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Hungary
Lithuania
Madagascar
Nicaragua
North Macedonia
Burkina Faso
Costa Rica
Eswatini
Guinea
Latvia
Monaco
Seychelles
South Korea
Sweden
Switzerland
Тодо
Ecuador
Finland
Guyana
Andorra
Brazil

Czech Republic	
Dominica	
South Sudan	

Low

LOW
SCORES 0.0 TO 2.3
Barbados
El Salvador
Croatia
Haiti
Malawi
Malta
Argentina
Jamaica
Canada
Grenada
Honduras
Liechtenstein
Republic of the Congo
Tuvalu
Albania
Guatemala
St. Lucia
Hong Kong
Nauru
Slovenia
Mali
Paraguay
Taiwan
Ghana
Papua New Guinea
Peru
South Africa
St. Kitts and Nevis
Tonga
Uruguay
Cape Verde
Chile
Dominican Republic

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Fiji
Ireland
Mauritius
Panama 🔻
Colombia
Democratic Rep. of the Congo 🔻
Estonia
Ivory Coast
Liberia
Philippines
Samoa
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Botswana
Namibia
Vanuatu
Australia
Belize
Gabon
Gambia
Масао
Bolivia
Portugal
Solomon Islands
Timor-Leste
Trinidad and Tobago
Kiribati
Sao Tome and Principe
Suriname
Antigua and Barbuda
Japan
Benin
Guinea-Bissau
Senegal
Lesotho
Marshall Islands
San Marino
New Zealand
Palau
Federated States of Micronesia

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.

Note: Myanmar is also called Burma. Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland.