

Government Restrictions Index (cont.)

Georgia			
Guinea	▲		
Tuvalu			
Democratic Rep. of the Congo	▲		
Iceland	▲		
Colombia	▲		
Cyprus			
Republic of Macedonia	▲		
Spain	▲		
United States	▲		
Cambodia			
Croatia			
Slovakia			
Peru	▲		
Costa Rica			
Italy			
Zambia			
Swaziland			
Equatorial Guinea			
Norway			
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			
Togo			
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			
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).
