

## Government Restrictions Index

The following table shows all 198 countries and territories in descending order of their scores on the Pew Research Center's index of government restrictions on religion as of the end of 2011. Pew Research 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 56 countries in the Very High and High categories is greater than the range of scores among the 100 countries in the Low category.

| <b>Very High</b><br>SCORES 6.6 AND HIGHER |                          | <b>Moderate</b><br>SCORES FROM 2.4 TO 4.4 |
|---|--------------------------|---|
| Egypt                                     | Bahrain ▲                | Moldova                                   |
| Saudi Arabia                              | Turkmenistan             | Bhutan                                    |
| Iran                                      | Bangladesh               | Serbia                                    |
| China                                     | Jordan                   | Nepal                                     |
| Indonesia                                 | Singapore                | Comoros                                   |
| Maldives                                  | Israel                   | Belgium                                   |
| Afghanistan                               | Armenia ▲                | Bulgaria                                  |
| Algeria                                   | Morocco                  | France                                    |
| Syria                                     | Mauritania               | Ukraine                                   |
| Somalia* ▲                                | Tunisia ▼                | Denmark                                   |
| Burma (Myanmar)                           | Qatar                    | Tanzania                                  |
| Eritrea                                   | Kazakhstan               | Ivory Coast ▲                             |
| Pakistan ▲                                | Tajikistan               | Palestinian territories**                 |
| Malaysia                                  | Nigeria                  | Zimbabwe                                  |
| Russia                                    | United Arab Emirates ▲   | Lebanon                                   |
| Uzbekistan                                | Laos                     | Mexico                                    |
| Yemen                                     | Oman                     | Germany                                   |
| Brunei                                    | Chad                     | Thailand                                  |
| Vietnam                                   | Kenya                    | Costa Rica                                |
| Sudan ▲                                   | Kuwait                   | Venezuela                                 |
|   | Greece                   | Slovakia                                  |
|   | Sri Lanka                | Rwanda                                    |
|   | Western Sahara           | United States                             |
|   | Turkey                   | United Kingdom ▼                          |
|   | Cuba                     | Uganda                                    |
|   | India                    | Spain                                     |
|   | Iraq                     | Latvia                                    |
|   | Ethiopia                 | Bahamas                                   |
|   | Angola ▲                 | Italy                                     |
|   | Central African Republic | Guinea                                    |
|   | Romania                  |   |
|   | Mongolia ▲               |   |

▲ Denotes an increase of one point or more from mid-2010 to the end of 2011.

▼ Denotes a decrease of one point or more from mid-2010 to the end of 2011.

## Government Restrictions Index (cont.)

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| Cyprus                | Kosovo                         | Ireland                        |
| Djibouti              | Zambia                         | Hungary                        |
| Republic of Macedonia | South Korea                    | Timor-Leste                    |
| Equatorial Guinea     | Seychelles                     | Malta                          |
| Colombia              | Gambia                         | Papua New Guinea               |
| Madagascar            | Togo                           | Philippines                    |
| Nicaragua             | Liechtenstein                  | Montenegro                     |
| Austria               | Tonga                          | Burkina Faso                   |
| Norway                | El Salvador                    | Panama                         |
| Honduras              | Mali                           | Samoa                          |
| Cambodia              | Finland                        | Ecuador                        |
| Swaziland             | Haiti                          | Portugal                       |
|                       | Tuvalu ▼                       | Grenada                        |
|                       | Chile                          | Macau                          |
|                       | Poland                         | Uruguay                        |
|                       | Gabon                          | South Africa                   |
|                       | Czech Republic                 | Solomon Islands                |
|                       | Senegal                        | Andorra                        |
|                       | St. Lucia                      | New Zealand                    |
|                       | Albania                        | Slovenia                       |
|                       | Barbados                       | Palau                          |
|                       | Guyana                         | Taiwan                         |
|                       | Mauritius                      | Lesotho                        |
|                       | Dominica                       | Botswana                       |
|                       | Luxembourg                     | Namibia                        |
|                       | St. Kitts and Nevis            | Nauru                          |
|                       | Suriname                       | Kiribati                       |
|                       | Guatemala                      | Republic of the Congo          |
|                       | South Sudan                    | Benin                          |
|                       | Belize                         | Brazil                         |
|                       | Estonia                        | Ghana                          |
|                       | Trinidad and Tobago            | Guinea Bissau                  |
|                       | Vanuatu                        | Sierra Leone                   |
|                       | Mozambique                     | Cape Verde                     |
|                       | Liberia                        | Burundi                        |
|                       | Dominican Republic             | Federated States of Micronesia |
|                       | St. Vincent and the Grenadines | Marshall Islands               |
|                       | Paraguay                       | Sao Tome and Principe          |
|                       | Bolivia                        | San Marino                     |

  

| Low                          |
|------------------------------|
| SCORES FROM 0.0 TO 2.3       |
| Croatia                      |
| Antigua and Barbuda ▲        |
| Lithuania                    |
| Niger                        |
| Switzerland                  |
| Australia                    |
| Cameroon ▲                   |
| Iceland                      |
| Jamaica                      |
| Hong Kong                    |
| Peru                         |
| Democratic Rep. of the Congo |
| Sweden                       |
| Georgia                      |
| Monaco                       |
| Fiji                         |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina           |
| Malawi ▲                     |
| Netherlands                  |
| Argentina                    |
| Japan                        |
| Canada                       |

Please see page 74 for notes on North Korea, Somalia and the Palestinian territories.

**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 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).

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