

## GLOBAL PRESS FREEDOM RANKINGS

<b>Rank 2011</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	<b>Finland</b>	10	Free
2	<b>Norway</b>	11	Free
	<b>Sweden</b>	11	Free
4	<b>Belgium</b>	12	Free
	<b>Iceland</b>	12	Free
	<b>Luxembourg</b>	12	Free
7	<b>Andorra</b>	13	Free
	<b>Denmark</b>	13	Free
	<b>Switzerland</b>	13	Free
10	<b>Liechtenstein</b>	14	Free
	<b>Netherlands</b>	14	Free
	<b>Palau</b>	14	Free
13	<b>New Zealand</b>	15	Free
	<b>St. Lucia</b>	15	Free
15	<b>Ireland</b>	16	Free
	<b>Monaco</b>	16	Free
17	<b>Germany</b>	17	Free
	<b>Marshall Islands</b>	17	Free
	<b>Portugal</b>	17	Free
	<b>St. Vincent and Grenadines</b>	17	Free
	<b>San Marino</b>	17	Free
	<b>United States of America</b>	17	Free
23	<b>Costa Rica</b>	18	Free
	<b>Estonia</b>	18	Free
	<b>Jamaica</b>	18	Free
26	<b>Barbados</b>	19	Free
	<b>Canada</b>	19	Free
	<b>Czech Republic</b>	19	Free
	<b>United Kingdom</b>	19	Free
30	<b>Bahamas</b>	20	Free
	<b>St. Kitts and Nevis</b>	20	Free
32	<b>Australia</b>	21	Free
	<b>Austria</b>	21	Free
	<b>Japan</b>	21	Free
	<b>Micronesia</b>	21	Free
36	<b>Cyprus</b>	22	Free

<b>Rank 2011</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
	<b>Lithuania</b>	22	Free
	<b>Malta</b>	22	Free
	<b>Slovakia</b>	22	Free
40	<b>Belize</b>	23	Free
	<b>Dominica</b>	23	Free
	<b>France</b>	23	Free
	<b>Spain</b>	23	Free
	<b>Suriname</b>	23	Free
45	<b>Grenada</b>	24	Free
	<b>Mali</b>	24	Free
	<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	24	Free
48	<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	25	Free
	<b>Poland</b>	25	Free
	<b>Slovenia</b>	25	Free
	<b>Taiwan</b>	25	Free
	<b>Uruguay</b>	25	Free
	<b>Vanuatu</b>	25	Free
54	<b>Ghana</b>	26	Free
	<b>Latvia</b>	26	Free
	<b>Tuvalu</b>	26	Free
57	<b>Cape Verde</b>	27	Free
	<b>Kiribati</b>	27	Free
59	<b>Mauritius</b>	28	Free
	<b>Nauru</b>	28	Free
61	<b>Chile</b>	29	Free
	<b>Israel</b>	29	Free
	<b>São Tomé and Príncipe</b>	29	Free
	<b>Solomon Islands</b>	29	Free
65	<b>Greece</b>	30	Free
	<b>Guyana</b>	30	Free
	<b>Hungary</b>	30	Free
	<b>Samoa</b>	30	Free
69	<b>Tonga</b>	31	Partly Free
70	<b>Hong Kong</b>	32	Partly Free
	<b>South Korea</b>	32	Partly Free
72	<b>Benin</b>	33	Partly Free
	<b>Serbia</b>	33	Partly Free
	<b>South Africa</b>	33	Partly Free
75	<b>Italy</b>	34	Partly Free

<b>Rank 2011</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
	<b>Namibia</b>	34	Partly Free
77	<b>Bulgaria</b>	35	Partly Free
	<b>East Timor</b>	35	Partly Free
	<b>India</b>	35	Partly Free
80	<b>Montenegro</b>	37	Partly Free
81	<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	38	Partly Free
82	<b>Mongolia</b>	39	Partly Free
83	<b>Botswana</b>	40	Partly Free
	<b>Dominican Republic</b>	40	Partly Free
85	<b>Burkina Faso</b>	41	Partly Free
	<b>Croatia</b>	41	Partly Free
87	<b>El Salvador</b>	42	Partly Free
	<b>Romania</b>	42	Partly Free
89	<b>Peru</b>	43	Partly Free
90	<b>Brazil</b>	44	Partly Free
	<b>Mozambique</b>	44	Partly Free
	<b>Panama</b>	44	Partly Free
93	<b>Bolivia</b>	46	Partly Free
	<b>Philippines</b>	46	Partly Free
95	<b>Nicaragua</b>	47	Partly Free
96	<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	48	Partly Free
	<b>Comoros</b>	48	Partly Free
	<b>Lesotho</b>	48	Partly Free
	<b>Macedonia</b>	48	Partly Free
	<b>Tanzania</b>	48	Partly Free
101	<b>Haiti</b>	49	Partly Free
102	<b>Albania</b>	50	Partly Free
	<b>Maldives</b>	50	Partly Free
104	<b>Argentina</b>	51	Partly Free
	<b>Kosovo</b>	51	Partly Free
106	<b>Ecuador</b>	52	Partly Free
	<b>Nigeria</b>	52	Partly Free
108	<b>Indonesia</b>	53	Partly Free
	<b>Lebanon</b>	53	Partly Free
	<b>Mauritania</b>	53	Partly Free
	<b>Sierra Leone</b>	53	Partly Free
112	<b>Bangladesh</b>	54	Partly Free
	<b>Congo (Brazzaville)</b>	54	Partly Free
	<b>Kenya</b>	54	Partly Free

<b>Rank 2011</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
	<b>Senegal</b>	54	Partly Free
	<b>Turkey</b>	54	Partly Free
	<b>Uganda</b>	54	Partly Free
118	<b>Georgia</b>	55	Partly Free
	<b>Malawi</b>	55	Partly Free
	<b>Moldova</b>	55	Partly Free
121	<b>Colombia</b>	56	Partly Free
	<b>Seychelles</b>	56	Partly Free
	<b>Ukraine</b>	56	Partly Free
124	<b>Bhutan</b>	57	Partly Free
	<b>Fiji</b>	57	Partly Free
	<b>Guinea-Bissau</b>	57	Partly Free
	<b>Kuwait</b>	57	Partly Free
128	<b>Guatemala</b>	59	Partly Free
	<b>Guinea</b>	59	Partly Free
	<b>Liberia</b>	59	Partly Free
	<b>Nepal</b>	59	Partly Free
	<b>Niger</b>	59	Partly Free
133	<b>Paraguay</b>	60	Partly Free
134	<b>Central African Republic</b>	61	Not Free
	<b>Honduras</b>	61	Not Free
	<b>Pakistan</b>	61	Not Free
	<b>Zambia</b>	61	Not Free
138	<b>Algeria</b>	62	Not Free
	<b>Mexico</b>	62	Not Free
	<b>Thailand</b>	62	Not Free
141	<b>Cambodia</b>	63	Not Free
	<b>Jordan</b>	63	Not Free
143	<b>Angola</b>	64	Not Free
	<b>Madagascar</b>	64	Not Free
	<b>Malaysia</b>	64	Not Free
146	<b>Armenia</b>	65	Not Free
	<b>Egypt</b>	65	Not Free
148	<b>Qatar</b>	66	Not Free
149	<b>Cameroon</b>	67	Not Free
150	<b>Côte d'Ivoire</b>	68	Not Free
	<b>Iraq</b>	68	Not Free
	<b>Morocco</b>	68	Not Free
	<b>Singapore</b>	68	Not Free

<b>Rank 2011</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
154	<b>Gabon</b>	69	Not Free
155	<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	70	Not Free
156	<b>Oman</b>	71	Not Free
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	71	Not Free
	<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	71	Not Free
159	<b>Bahrain</b>	72	Not Free
160	<b>Djibouti</b>	73	Not Free
	<b>Togo</b>	73	Not Free
162	<b>Burundi</b>	74	Not Free
163	<b>Afghanistan</b>	75	Not Free
	<b>Brunei</b>	75	Not Free
	<b>Chad</b>	75	Not Free
166	<b>Swaziland</b>	76	Not Free
	<b>Venezuela</b>	76	Not Free
168	<b>Ethiopia</b>	78	Not Free
	<b>Sudan</b>	78	Not Free
	<b>Tajikistan</b>	78	Not Free
171	<b>Azerbaijan</b>	79	Not Free
172	<b>Kazakhstan</b>	80	Not Free
173	<b>Congo (Kinshasa)</b>	81	Not Free
	<b>The Gambia</b>	81	Not Free
	<b>Russia</b>	81	Not Free
	<b>Zimbabwe</b>	81	Not Free
177	<b>IOT/PA*</b>	83	Not Free
	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	83	Not Free
	<b>Vietnam</b>	83	Not Free
	<b>Yemen</b>	83	Not Free
181	<b>Rwanda</b>	84	Not Free
	<b>Somalia</b>	84	Not Free
	<b>Syria</b>	84	Not Free
184	<b>China</b>	85	Not Free
	<b>Laos</b>	85	Not Free
	<b>Tunisia</b>	85	Not Free
187	<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	90	Not Free
188	<b>Iran</b>	91	Not Free
189	<b>Cuba</b>	92	Not Free
190	<b>Belarus</b>	93	Not Free
191	<b>Burma</b>	94	Not Free
	<b>Eritrea</b>	94	Not Free

<b>Rank 2011</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
	<b>Libya</b>	94	Not Free
	<b>Uzbekistan</b>	94	Not Free
195	<b>Turkmenistan</b>	96	Not Free
196	<b>North Korea</b>	97	Not Free

\* Israeli-Occupied Territories/Palestinian Authority

<b>Status</b>	<b>Number of Countries</b>	<b>Percentage of Total</b>
<b>Free</b>	68	35
<b>Partly Free</b>	65	33
<b>Not Free</b>	63	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>100</b>

## ASIA-PACIFIC

<b>Rank 2011</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	<b>Palau</b>	14	Free
2	<b>New Zealand</b>	15	Free
3	<b>Marshall Islands</b>	17	Free
4	<b>Australia</b>	21	Free
	<b>Japan</b>	21	Free
	<b>Micronesia</b>	21	Free
7	<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	25	Free
	<b>Taiwan</b>	25	Free
	<b>Vanuatu</b>	25	Free
10	<b>Tuvalu</b>	26	Free
11	<b>Kiribati</b>	27	Free
12	<b>Nauru</b>	28	Free
13	<b>Solomon Islands</b>	29	Free
14	<b>Samoa</b>	30	Free
15	<b>Tonga</b>	31	Partly Free
16	<b>Hong Kong</b>	32	Partly Free
	<b>South Korea</b>	32	Partly Free
18	<b>East Timor</b>	35	Partly Free
	<b>India</b>	35	Partly Free
20	<b>Mongolia</b>	39	Partly Free
21	<b>Philippines</b>	46	Partly Free
22	<b>Maldives</b>	50	Partly Free
23	<b>Indonesia</b>	53	Partly Free
24	<b>Bangladesh</b>	54	Partly Free
25	<b>Bhutan</b>	57	Partly Free
	<b>Fiji</b>	57	Partly Free
27	<b>Nepal</b>	59	Partly Free
28	<b>Pakistan</b>	61	Not Free
29	<b>Thailand</b>	62	Not Free
30	<b>Cambodia</b>	63	Not Free
31	<b>Malaysia</b>	64	Not Free
32	<b>Singapore</b>	68	Not Free
33	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	71	Not Free
34	<b>Afghanistan</b>	75	Not Free
	<b>Brunei</b>	75	Not Free
36	<b>Vietnam</b>	83	Not Free

<b>Rank 2011</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
37	<b>China</b>	85	Not Free
	<b>Laos</b>	85	Not Free
39	<b>Burma</b>	94	Not Free
40	<b>North Korea</b>	97	Not Free

<b>Status</b>	<b>Number of Countries</b>	<b>Percentage of Total</b>
<b>Free</b>	14	35
<b>Partly Free</b>	13	32.5
<b>Not Free</b>	13	32.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100</b>



## AMERICAS

<b>Rank 2011</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	<b>St. Lucia</b>	15	Free
2	<b>St. Vincent and Grenadines</b>	17	Free
	<b>United States of America</b>	17	Free
4	<b>Costa Rica</b>	18	Free
	<b>Jamaica</b>	18	Free
6	<b>Barbados</b>	19	Free
	<b>Canada</b>	19	Free
8	<b>Bahamas</b>	20	Free
	<b>St. Kitts and Nevis</b>	20	Free
10	<b>Belize</b>	23	Free
	<b>Dominica</b>	23	Free
	<b>Suriname</b>	23	Free
13	<b>Grenada</b>	24	Free
	<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	24	Free
15	<b>Uruguay</b>	25	Free
16	<b>Chile</b>	29	Free
17	<b>Guyana</b>	30	Free
18	<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	38	Partly Free
19	<b>Dominican Republic</b>	40	Partly Free
20	<b>El Salvador</b>	42	Partly Free
21	<b>Peru</b>	43	Partly Free
22	<b>Brazil</b>	44	Partly Free
	<b>Panama</b>	44	Partly Free
24	<b>Bolivia</b>	46	Partly Free
25	<b>Nicaragua</b>	47	Partly Free
26	<b>Haiti</b>	49	Partly Free
27	<b>Argentina</b>	51	Partly Free
28	<b>Ecuador</b>	52	Partly Free
29	<b>Colombia</b>	56	Partly Free
30	<b>Guatemala</b>	59	Partly Free
31	<b>Paraguay</b>	60	Partly Free
32	<b>Honduras</b>	61	Not Free
33	<b>Mexico</b>	62	Not Free
34	<b>Venezuela</b>	76	Not Free
35	<b>Cuba</b>	92	Not Free

<b>Status</b>	<b>Number of Countries</b>	<b>Percentage of Total</b>
<b>Free</b>	17	49
<b>Partly Free</b>	14	40
<b>Not Free</b>	4	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100</b>

## CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE / FORMER SOVIET UNION

Rank 2011	Country	Rating	Status
1	Estonia	18	Free
2	Czech Republic	19	Free
3	Lithuania	22	Free
	Slovakia	22	Free
5	Poland	25	Free
	Slovenia	25	Free
7	Latvia	26	Free
8	Hungary	30	Free
9	Serbia	33	Partly Free
10	Bulgaria	35	Partly Free
11	Montenegro	37	Partly Free
12	Croatia	41	Partly Free
13	Romania	42	Partly Free
14	Bosnia and Herzegovina	48	Partly Free
	Macedonia	48	Partly Free
16	Albania	50	Partly Free
17	Kosovo	51	Partly Free
18	Georgia	55	Partly Free
	Moldova	55	Partly Free
20	Ukraine	56	Partly Free
21	Armenia	65	Not Free
22	Kyrgyzstan	70	Not Free
23	Tajikistan	78	Not Free
24	Azerbaijan	79	Not Free
25	Kazakhstan	80	Not Free
26	Russia	81	Not Free
27	Belarus	93	Not Free
28	Uzbekistan	94	Not Free
29	Turkmenistan	96	Not Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	8	28
Partly Free	12	41
Not Free	9	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100</b>

## SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

<b>Rank 2011</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	<b>Mali</b>	24	Free
2	<b>Ghana</b>	26	Free
3	<b>Cape Verde</b>	27	Free
4	<b>Mauritius</b>	28	Free
5	<b>São Tomé and Príncipe</b>	29	Free
6	<b>Benin</b>	33	Partly Free
	<b>South Africa</b>	33	Partly Free
8	<b>Namibia</b>	34	Partly Free
9	<b>Botswana</b>	40	Partly Free
10	<b>Burkina Faso</b>	41	Partly Free
11	<b>Mozambique</b>	44	Partly Free
12	<b>Comoros</b>	48	Partly Free
	<b>Lesotho</b>	48	Partly Free
	<b>Tanzania</b>	48	Partly Free
15	<b>Nigeria</b>	52	Partly Free
16	<b>Mauritania</b>	53	Partly Free
	<b>Sierra Leone</b>	53	Partly Free
18	<b>Congo (Brazzaville)</b>	54	Partly Free
	<b>Kenya</b>	54	Partly Free
	<b>Senegal</b>	54	Partly Free
	<b>Uganda</b>	54	Partly Free
22	<b>Malawi</b>	55	Partly Free
23	<b>Seychelles</b>	56	Partly Free
24	<b>Guinea-Bissau</b>	57	Partly Free
25	<b>Guinea</b>	59	Partly Free
	<b>Liberia</b>	59	Partly Free
	<b>Niger</b>	59	Partly Free
28	<b>Central African Republic</b>	61	Not Free
	<b>Zambia</b>	61	Not Free
30	<b>Angola</b>	64	Not Free
	<b>Madagascar</b>	64	Not Free
32	<b>Cameroon</b>	67	Not Free
33	<b>Côte d'Ivoire</b>	68	Not Free
34	<b>Gabon</b>	69	Not Free
35	<b>Djibouti</b>	73	Not Free
	<b>Togo</b>	73	Not Free

<b>Rank 2011</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
37	<b>Burundi</b>	74	Not Free
38	<b>Chad</b>	75	Not Free
39	<b>Swaziland</b>	76	Not Free
40	<b>Ethiopia</b>	78	Not Free
	<b>Sudan</b>	78	Not Free
42	<b>Congo (Kinshasa)</b>	81	Not Free
	<b>The Gambia</b>	81	Not Free
	<b>Zimbabwe</b>	81	Not Free
45	<b>Rwanda</b>	84	Not Free
	<b>Somalia</b>	84	Not Free
47	<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	90	Not Free
48	<b>Eritrea</b>	94	Not Free

<b>Status</b>	<b>Number of Countries</b>	<b>Percentage of Total</b>
<b>Free</b>	5	10
<b>Partly Free</b>	22	46
<b>Not Free</b>	21	44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100</b>

## MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Rank 2011	Country	Rating	Status
1	Israel	29	Free
2	Lebanon	53	Partly Free
3	Kuwait	57	Partly Free
4	Algeria	62	Not Free
5	Jordan	63	Not Free
6	Egypt	65	Not Free
7	Qatar	66	Not Free
8	Iraq	68	Not Free
	Morocco	68	Not Free
10	Oman	71	Not Free
	United Arab Emirates	71	Not Free
12	Bahrain	72	Not Free
13	IOT/PA*	83	Not Free
	Saudi Arabia	83	Not Free
	Yemen	83	Not Free
16	Syria	84	Not Free
17	Tunisia	85	Not Free
18	Iran	91	Not Free
19	Libya	94	Not Free

\* Israeli-Occupied Territories/Palestinian Authority

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	1	5
Partly Free	2	11
Not Free	16	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100</b>

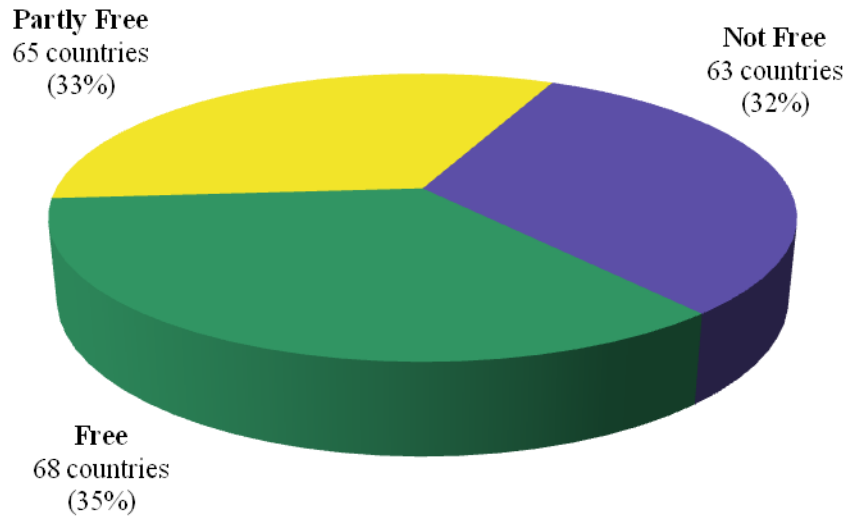
## WESTERN EUROPE

Rank 2011	Country	Rating	Status
1	<b>Finland</b>	10	Free
2	<b>Norway</b>	11	Free
	<b>Sweden</b>	11	Free
4	<b>Belgium</b>	12	Free
	<b>Iceland</b>	12	Free
	<b>Luxembourg</b>	12	Free
7	<b>Andorra</b>	13	Free
	<b>Denmark</b>	13	Free
	<b>Switzerland</b>	13	Free
10	<b>Liechtenstein</b>	14	Free
	<b>Netherlands</b>	14	Free
12	<b>Ireland</b>	16	Free
	<b>Monaco</b>	16	Free
14	<b>Germany</b>	17	Free
	<b>Portugal</b>	17	Free
	<b>San Marino</b>	17	Free
17	<b>United Kingdom</b>	19	Free
18	<b>Austria</b>	21	Free
19	<b>Cyprus</b>	22	Free
	<b>Malta</b>	22	Free
21	<b>France</b>	23	Free
	<b>Spain</b>	23	Free
23	<b>Greece</b>	30	Free
24	<b>Italy</b>	34	Partly Free
25	<b>Turkey</b>	54	Partly Free

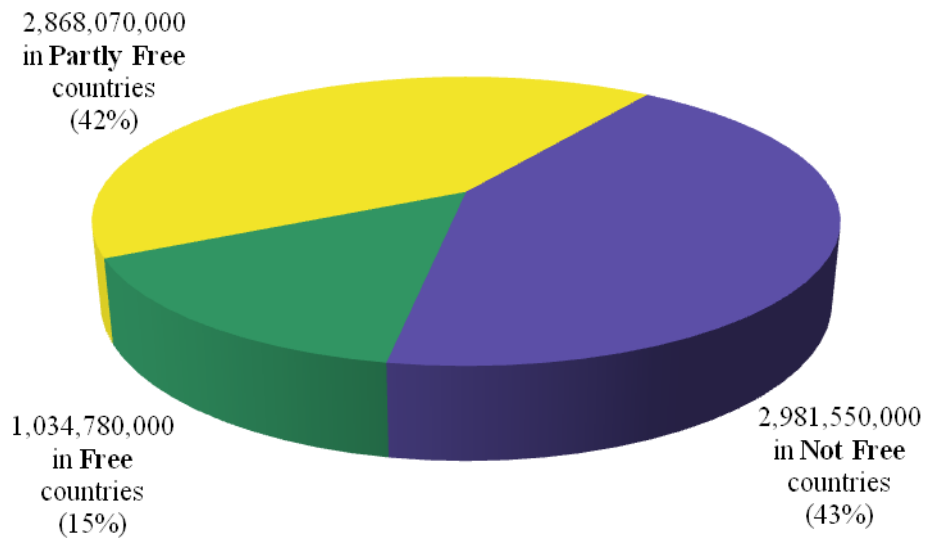
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<b>Free</b>	23	92
<b>Partly Free</b>	2	8
<b>Not Free</b>	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100</b>

## Global Data

### Status Breakdown by Country



### Status Breakdown by Population

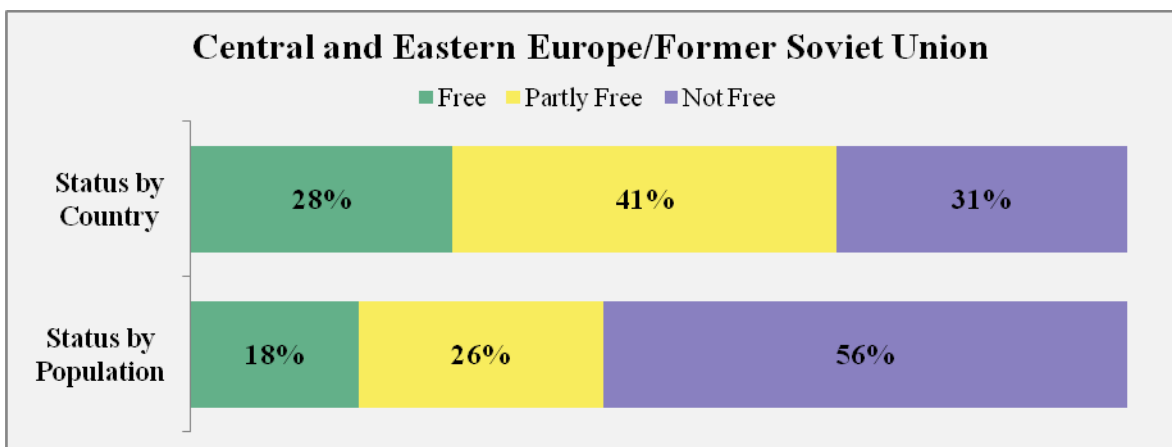
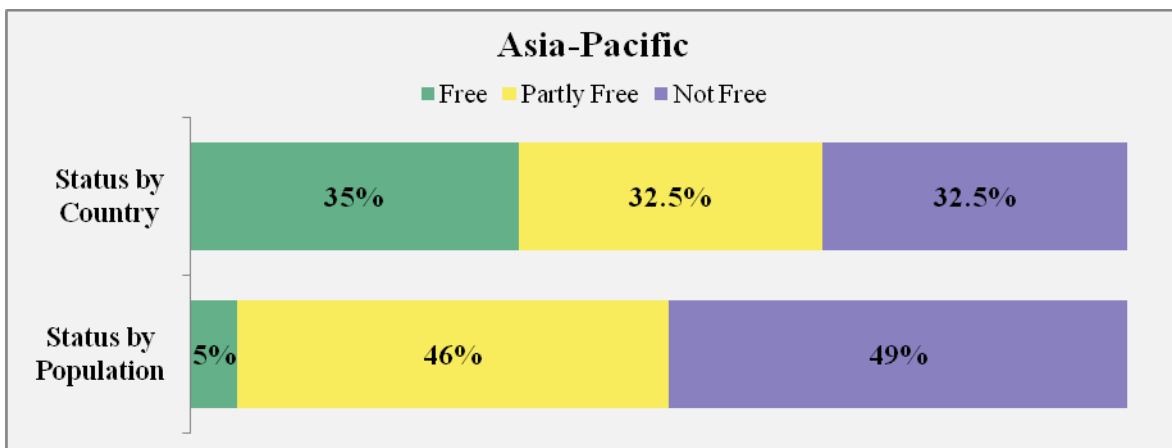
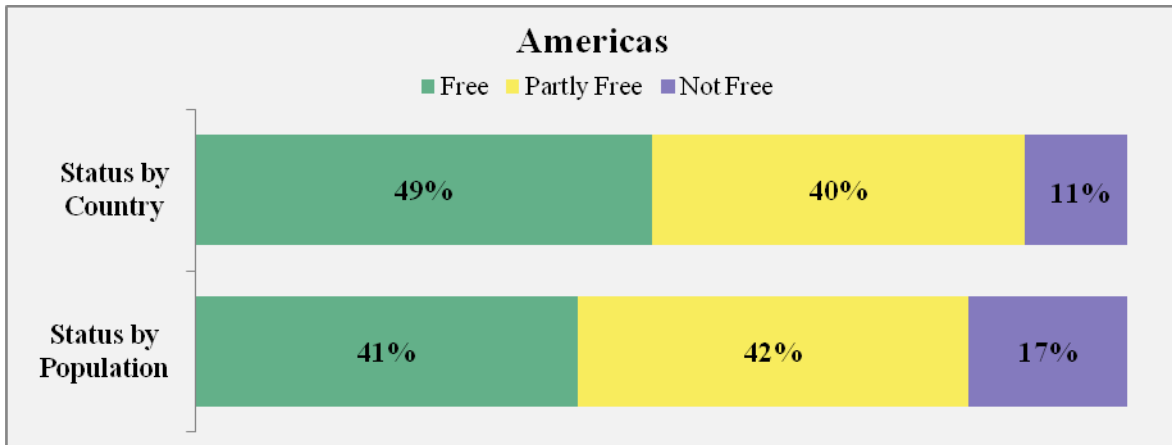


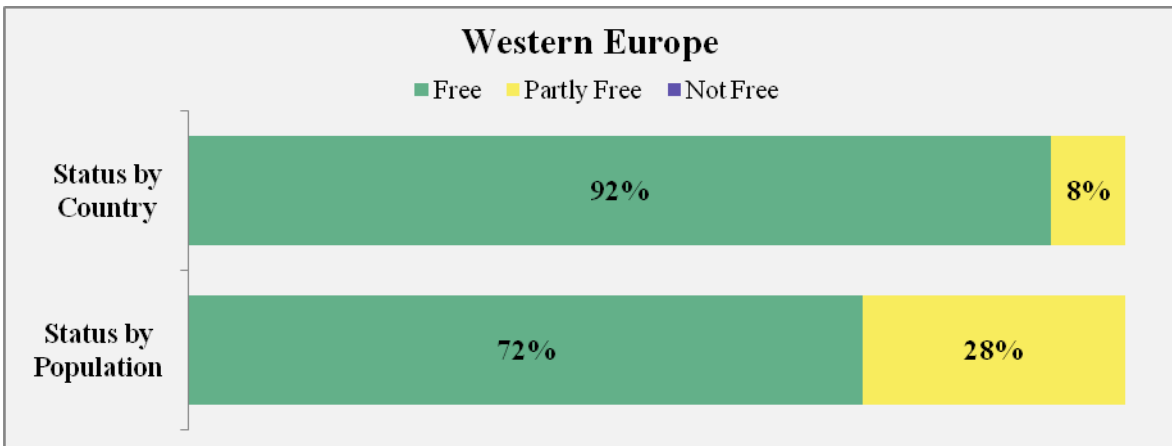
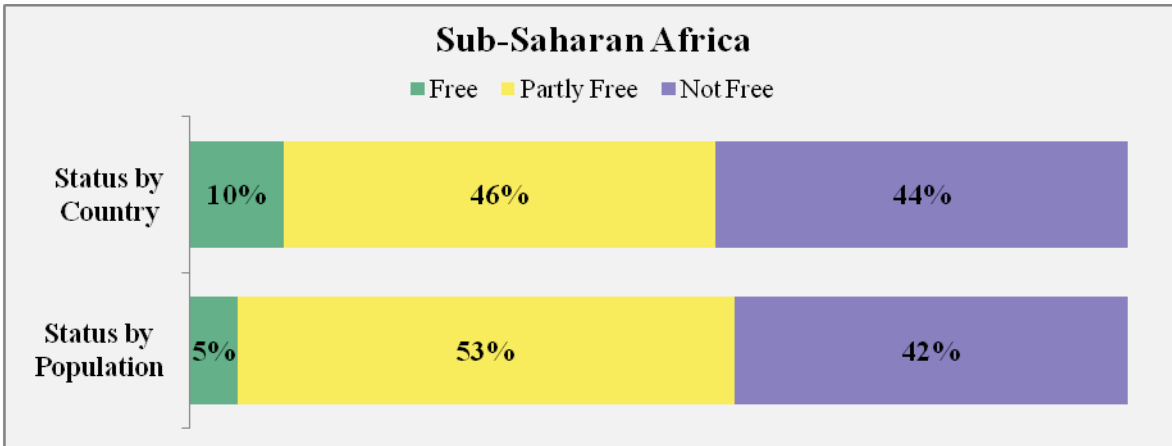
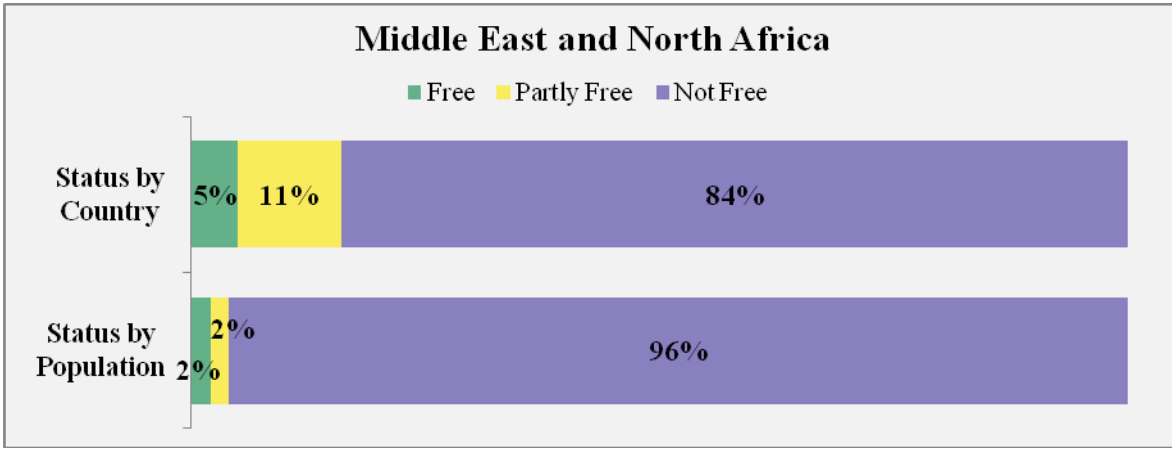
### Global Trends in Press Freedom

Year Under Review	Free Countries		Partly Free Countries		Not Free Countries	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
<b>2010</b>	68	35	65	33	63	32
<b>2000</b>	72	39	53	28	62	33
<b>1990</b>	61	39	34	22	62	39
<b>1980</b>	37	24	31	20	86	56

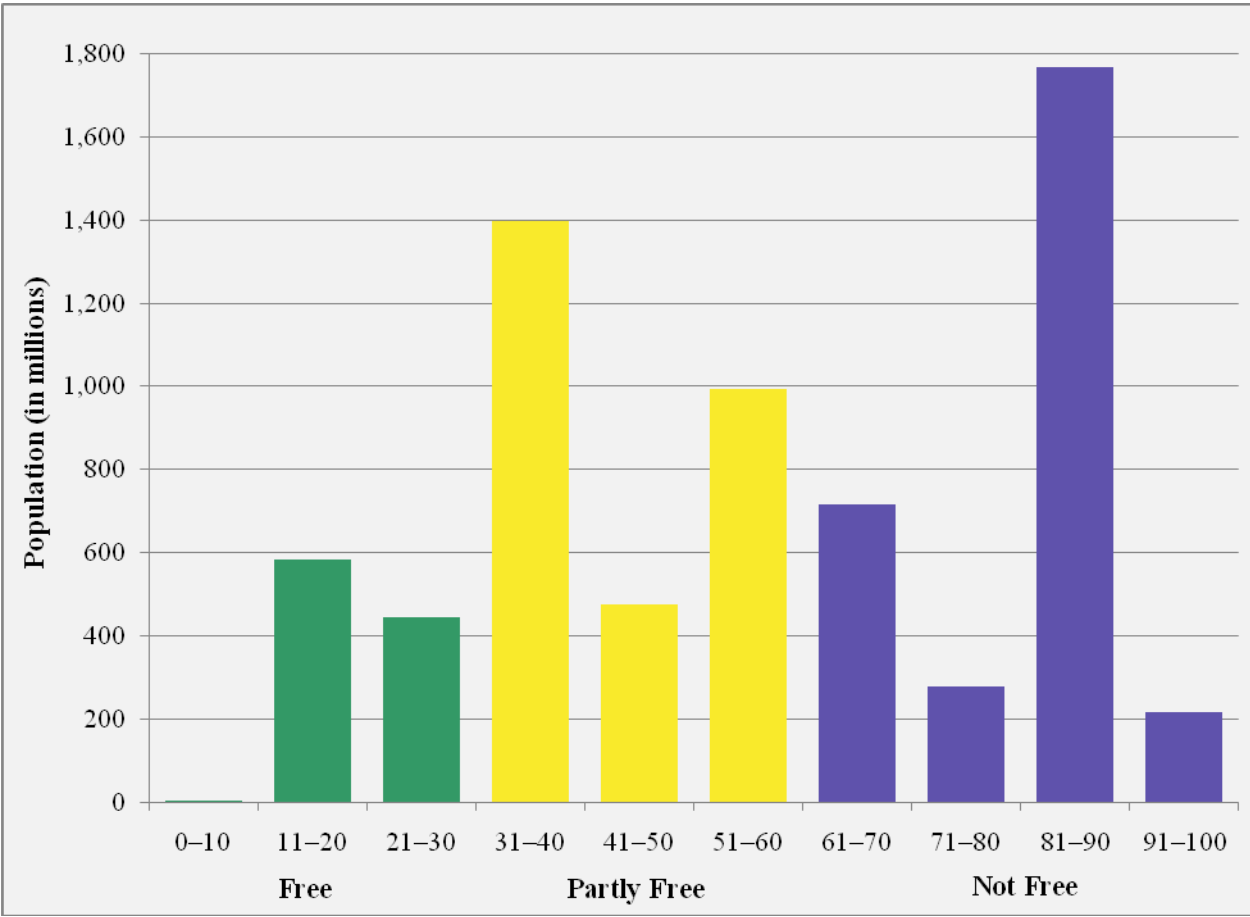


## Regional Data





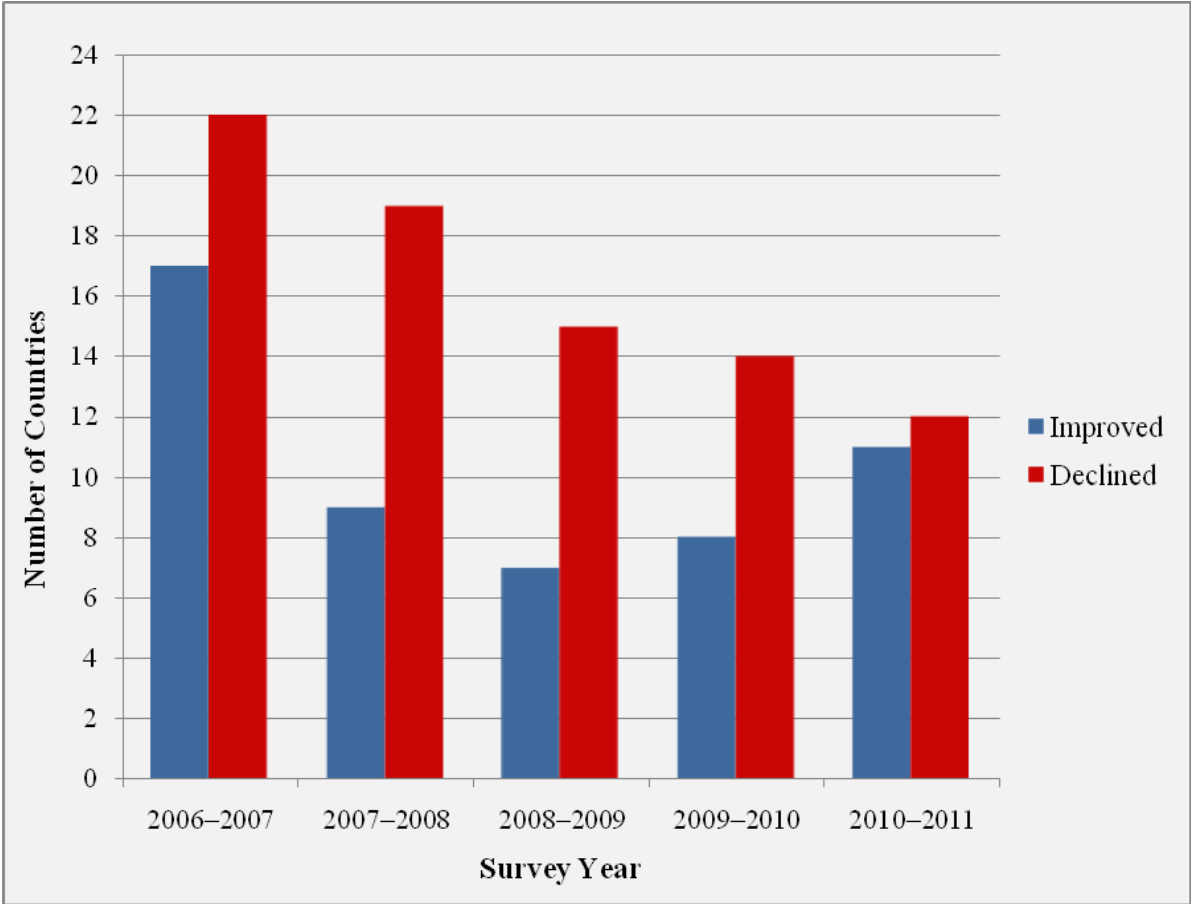
# World Population in 2010 According to Total Press Freedom Score



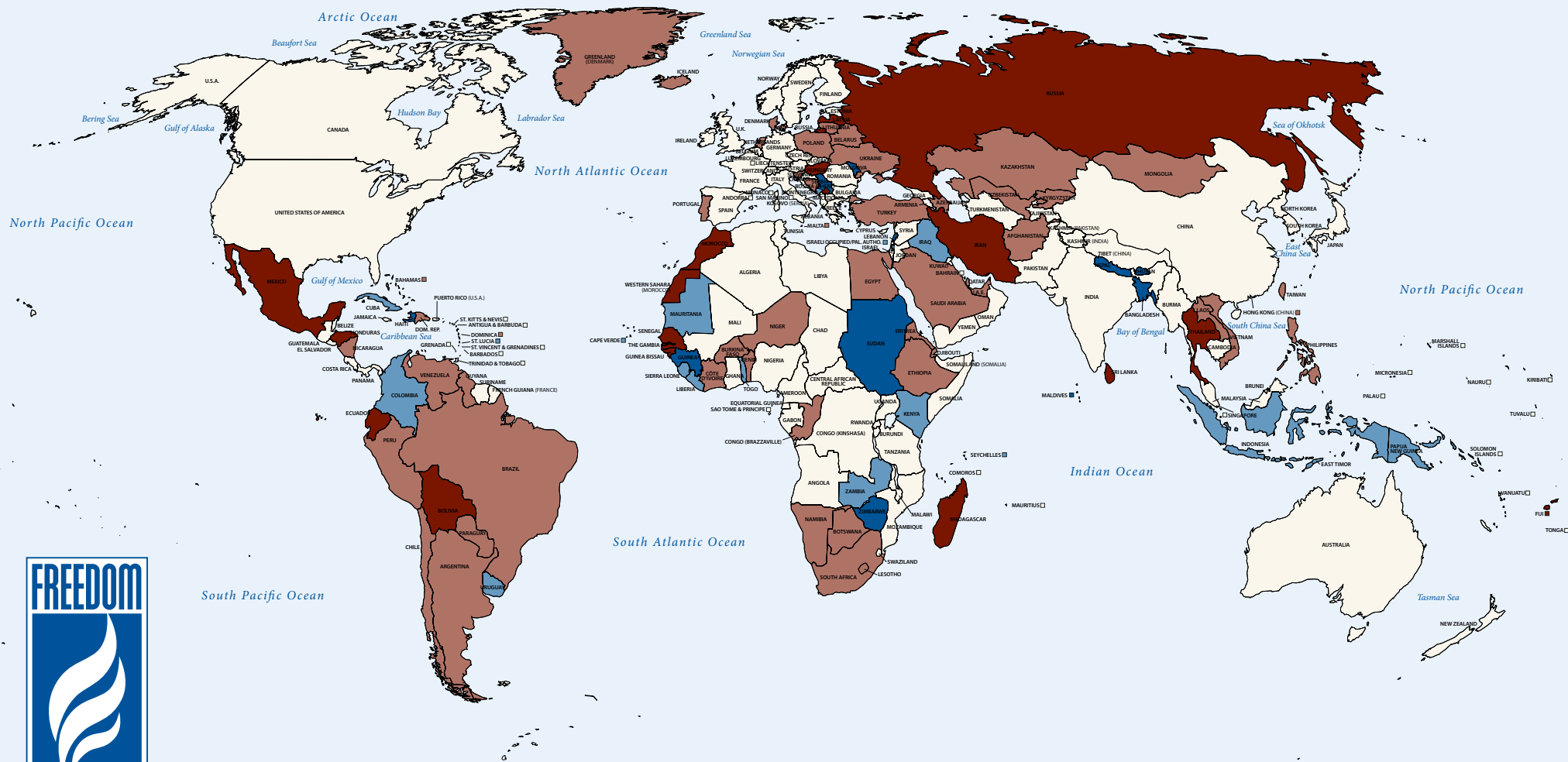
## Key to Press Freedom Scoring and Status Designation

Total Score	Country Status
0-30	Free
31-60	Partly Free
61-100	Not Free

# Countries with a Net Annual Change of 3 or More Points



# Freedom of the Press 2006–2011



## Net Change in Total Score, 2006–2011

- 7+ point improvement
- 3-6 point improvement
- 0-2 point improvement or decline
- 7+ point decline
- 3-6 point decline