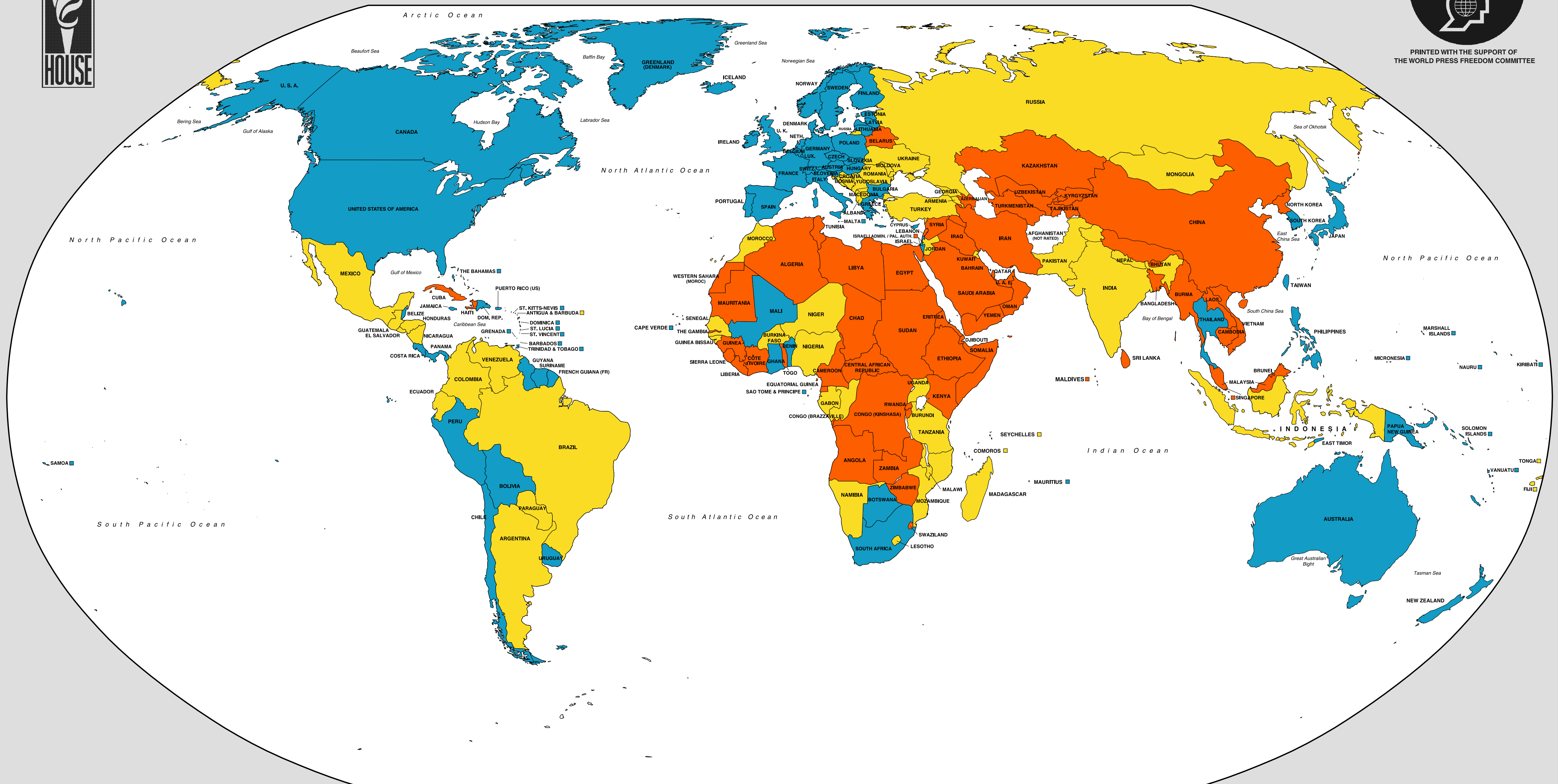




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Criteria include the legal environment in which the media operate; the degree of independence of the news media from governmental ownership and influence; economic pressures on news content; and diverse violations of press freedom from the murder of journalists to other physical abuses and harassments.

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers. Article 19, Universal Declaration of Human Rights - UN General Assembly, 1948

(We) note the expansion in the dissemination of information...and express the hope for the continuation of this process, so as to meet the interest of mutual understanding among peoples.... Final Act of the 35 nations, East and West, in the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, (CSCE, 1975)
Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press.... The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

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	ABUSES AGAINST JOURNALISTS				
	1989	1993	1999	2000*	2001*
Journalists reported killed	63	74	48	24	37
Journalists arrested, detained	324	368	368	81	118
Journalists kidnapped, disappeared	31	47	60	17	6
Journalists physically assaulted	107	17	295	22	221

*2000, 2001 figures provided by Committee to Protect Journalists