

# FREEDOM OF THE PRESS 2010

## TABLE OF GLOBAL PRESS FREEDOM RANKINGS

Rank 2010	Country	Rating	Status
1	Finland	10	Free
	Iceland	10	Free
	Norway	10	Free
	Sweden	10	Free
5	Denmark	11	Free
6	Belgium	12	Free
	Luxembourg	12	Free
8	Andorra	13	Free
	Switzerland	13	Free
10	Liechtenstein	14	Free
11	Netherlands	14	Free
	New Zealand	14	Free
	Palau	14	Free
14	Ireland	15	Free
	St. Lucia	15	Free
16	Jamaica	16	Free
	Monaco	16	Free
	Portugal	16	Free
19	Estonia	17	Free
	Germany	17	Free
21	Marshall Islands	17	Free
	San Marino	17	Free
	St. Vincent and Grenadines	17	Free
24	Czech Republic	18	Free
	United States of America	18	Free
26	Barbados	19	Free
	Canada	19	Free
	Costa Rica	19	Free
	United Kingdom	19	Free
30	Bahamas	20	Free
	St. Kitts and Nevis	20	Free
32	Austria	21	Free
	Belize	21	Free
	Japan	21	Free
	Lithuania	21	Free
	Micronesia	21	Free

<b>Rank 2010</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
37	Australia	22	Free
	Cyprus	22	Free
	Malta	22	Free
40	Dominica	23	Free
	France	23	Free
	Hungary	23	Free
43	Slovakia	23	Free
	Suriname	23	Free
	Trinidad and Tobago	23	Free
	Vanuatu	23	Free
47	Grenada	24	Free
	Papua New Guinea	24	Free
	Poland	24	Free
	Spain	24	Free
	Taiwan	24	Free
52	Mali	25	Free
	Slovenia	25	Free
	Uruguay	25	Free
55	Ghana	26	Free
	Latvia	26	Free
	Tuvalu	26	Free
58	Kiribati	27	Free
	Mauritius	27	Free
60	Cape Verde	28	Free
	Nauru	28	Free
	Sao Tome and Principe	28	Free
63	Greece	29	Free
	Israel	29	Free
	Samoa	29	Free
	Solomon Islands	29	Free
67	Chile	30	Free
	Guyana	30	Free
	South Korea	30	Free
70	South Africa	32	Partly Free
	Tonga	32	Partly Free
72	Benin	33	Partly Free
	Hong Kong	33	Partly Free
	India	33	Partly Free
	Italy	33	Partly Free

<b>Rank 2010</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
76	<b>Bulgaria</b>	34	Partly Free
	<b>Namibia</b>	34	Partly Free
78	<b>East Timor</b>	35	Partly Free
	<b>Serbia</b>	35	Partly Free
80	<b>Montenegro</b>	37	Partly Free
81	<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	38	Partly Free
82	<b>Botswana</b>	39	Partly Free
	<b>Dominican Republic</b>	39	Partly Free
	<b>Mongolia</b>	39	Partly Free
85	<b>Croatia</b>	40	Partly Free
86	<b>Burkina Faso</b>	41	Partly Free
87	<b>Mozambique</b>	42	Partly Free
88	<b>Bolivia</b>	43	Partly Free
	<b>Brazil</b>	43	Partly Free
	<b>El Salvador</b>	43	Partly Free
	<b>Romania</b>	43	Partly Free
92	<b>Panama</b>	44	Partly Free
	<b>Peru</b>	44	Partly Free
94	<b>Macedonia</b>	46	Partly Free
95	<b>Ecuador</b>	47	Partly Free
	<b>Nicaragua</b>	47	Partly Free
97	<b>Bosnia-Herzegovina</b>	48	Partly Free
	<b>Lesotho</b>	48	Partly Free
	<b>Philippines</b>	48	Partly Free
100	<b>Argentina</b>	49	Partly Free
	<b>Haiti</b>	49	Partly Free
102	<b>Albania</b>	50	Partly Free
	<b>Comoros</b>	50	Partly Free
	<b>Maldives</b>	50	Partly Free
	<b>Tanzania</b>	50	Partly Free
106	<b>Turkey</b>	51	Partly Free
107	<b>Indonesia</b>	52	Partly Free
108	<b>Kosovo</b>	53	Partly Free
	<b>Ukraine</b>	53	Partly Free
110	<b>Congo (Brazzaville)</b>	54	Partly Free
	<b>Fiji</b>	54	Partly Free
	<b>Guinea-Bissau</b>	54	Partly Free
	<b>Nigeria</b>	54	Partly Free
	<b>Uganda</b>	54	Partly Free

<b>Rank 2010</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
115	<b>Kuwait</b>	55	Partly Free
	<b>Lebanon</b>	55	Partly Free
	<b>Sierra Leone</b>	55	Partly Free
118	<b>Bangladesh</b>	56	Partly Free
	<b>Malawi</b>	56	Partly Free
	<b>Mauritania</b>	56	Partly Free
121	<b>Bhutan</b>	57	Partly Free
	<b>Kenya</b>	57	Partly Free
	<b>Senegal</b>	57	Partly Free
124	<b>Seychelles</b>	58	Partly Free
	<b>Thailand</b>	58	Partly Free
126	<b>Georgia</b>	59	Partly Free
	<b>Honduras</b>	59	Partly Free
	<b>Nepal</b>	59	Partly Free
	<b>Paraguay</b>	59	Partly Free
130	<b>Colombia</b>	60	Partly Free
	<b>Egypt</b>	60	Partly Free
	<b>Guatemala</b>	60	Partly Free
	<b>Mexico</b>	60	Partly Free
134	<b>Cambodia</b>	61	Not Free
	<b>Central African Republic</b>	61	Not Free
	<b>Liberia</b>	61	Not Free
	<b>Madagascar</b>	61	Not Free
	<b>Pakistan</b>	61	Not Free
139	<b>Angola</b>	62	Not Free
140	<b>Jordan</b>	63	Not Free
141	<b>Algeria</b>	64	Not Free
	<b>Malaysia</b>	64	Not Free
	<b>Zambia</b>	64	Not Free
144	<b>Iraq</b>	65	Not Free
	<b>Moldova</b>	65	Not Free
146	<b>Armenia</b>	66	Not Free
	<b>Cameroon</b>	66	Not Free
	<b>Cote d'Ivoire</b>	66	Not Free
	<b>Morocco</b>	66	Not Free
	<b>Qatar</b>	66	Not Free
151	<b>Niger</b>	68	Not Free
	<b>Singapore</b>	68	Not Free
153	<b>Bahrain</b>	71	Not Free

<b>Rank 2010</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
	<b>Gabon</b>	71	Not Free
	<b>Guinea</b>	71	Not Free
	<b>Oman</b>	71	Not Free
	<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	71	Not Free
158	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	72	Not Free
159	<b>Burundi</b>	73	Not Free
	<b>Djibouti</b>	73	Not Free
	<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	73	Not Free
162	<b>Togo</b>	74	Not Free
163	<b>Brunei</b>	75	Not Free
	<b>Venezuela</b>	75	Not Free
165	<b>Afghanistan</b>	76	Not Free
	<b>Sudan</b>	76	Not Free
	<b>Swaziland</b>	76	Not Free
168	<b>Chad</b>	77	Not Free
169	<b>Ethiopia</b>	78	Not Free
	<b>Kazakhstan</b>	78	Not Free
	<b>Tajikistan</b>	78	Not Free
172	<b>Azerbaijan</b>	79	Not Free
173	<b>Yemen</b>	80	Not Free
174	<b>Congo (Kinshasa)</b>	81	Not Free
175	<b>Russia</b>	81	Not Free
	<b>The Gambia</b>	81	Not Free
177	<b>Vietnam</b>	82	Not Free
178	<b>Rwanda</b>	83	Not Free
	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	83	Not Free
	<b>Syria</b>	83	Not Free
181	<b>China</b>	84	Not Free
	<b>IOT/PA*</b>	84	Not Free
	<b>Laos</b>	84	Not Free
	<b>Somalia</b>	84	Not Free
	<b>Zimbabwe</b>	84	Not Free
186	<b>Tunisia</b>	85	Not Free
187	<b>Iran</b>	89	Not Free
188	<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	90	Not Free
189	<b>Belarus</b>	92	Not Free
	<b>Uzbekistan</b>	92	Not Free
191	<b>Cuba</b>	93	Not Free
192	<b>Eritrea</b>	94	Not Free

<b>Rank 2010</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
	<b>Libya</b>	94	Not Free
194	<b>Burma</b>	95	Not Free
	<b>Turkmenistan</b>	95	Not Free
196	<b>North Korea</b>	99	Not Free

\*ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES/PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

<b>Status</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Free</b>	69	35%
<b>Partly Free</b>	64	33%
<b>Not Free</b>	63	32%
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>196</b>	<b>100%</b>

## AMERICAS

Rank 2010	Country	Rating	Status
1	St. Lucia	15	Free
2	Jamaica	16	Free
3	St. Vincent and Grenadines	17	Free
4	United States of America	18	Free
5	Barbados	19	Free
	Canada	19	Free
	Costa Rica	19	Free
8	Bahamas	20	Free
	St. Kitts and Nevis	20	Free
10	Belize	21	Free
11	Dominica	23	Free
	Suriname	23	Free
	Trinidad and Tobago	23	Free
14	Grenada	24	Free
15	Uruguay	25	Free
16	Chile	30	Free
	Guyana	30	Free
18	Antigua and Barbuda	38	Partly Free
19	Dominican Republic	39	Partly Free
20	Bolivia	43	Partly Free
	Brazil	43	Partly Free
	El Salvador	43	Partly Free
23	Panama	44	Partly Free
	Peru	44	Partly Free
25	Ecuador	47	Partly Free
	Nicaragua	47	Partly Free
27	Argentina	49	Partly Free
	Haiti	49	Partly Free
29	Honduras	59	Partly Free
	Paraguay	59	Partly Free
31	Colombia	60	Partly Free
	Guatemala	60	Partly Free
	Mexico	60	Partly Free
34	Venezuela	75	Not Free
35	Cuba	93	Not Free

<b>Status</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Free</b>	17	48%
<b>Partly Free</b>	16	46%
<b>Not Free</b>	2	6%
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100%</b>



## ASIA-PACIFIC

Rank 2010	Country	Rating	Status
1	New Zealand	14	Free
	Palau	14	Free
3	Marshall Islands	17	Free
4	Japan	21	Free
	Micronesia	21	Free
6	Australia	22	Free
7	Vanuatu	23	Free
8	Papua New Guinea	24	Free
	Taiwan	24	Free
10	Tuvalu	26	Free
11	Kiribati	27	Free
12	Nauru	28	Free
13	Samoa	29	Free
	Solomon Islands	29	Free
15	South Korea	30	Free
16	Tonga	32	Partly Free
17	Hong Kong	33	Partly Free
	India	33	Partly Free
19	East Timor	35	Partly Free
20	Mongolia	39	Partly Free
21	Philippines	48	Partly Free
22	Maldives	50	Partly Free
23	Indonesia	52	Partly Free
24	Fiji	54	Partly Free
25	Bangladesh	56	Partly Free
26	Bhutan	57	Partly Free
27	Thailand	58	Partly Free
	Nepal	59	Partly Free
29	Cambodia	61	Not Free
	Pakistan	61	Not Free
31	Malaysia	64	Not Free
32	Singapore	68	Not Free
33	Sri Lanka	72	Not Free
34	Brunei	75	Not Free
35	Afghanistan	76	Not Free
36	Vietnam	82	Not Free

<b>Rank 2010</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
37	<b>China</b>	84	Not Free
	<b>Laos</b>	84	Not Free
39	<b>Burma</b>	95	Not Free
40	<b>North Korea</b>	99	Not Free

<b>Status</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Free</b>	15	37.5%
<b>Partly Free</b>	13	32.5%
<b>Not Free</b>	12	30%
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100%</b>

## CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE / FORMER SOVIET UNION

Rank 2010	Country	Rating	Status
1	Estonia	17	Free
2	Czech Republic	18	Free
3	Lithuania	21	Free
4	Hungary	23	Free
	Slovakia	23	Free
6	Poland	24	Free
7	Slovenia	25	Free
8	Latvia	26	Free
9	Bulgaria	34	Partly Free
10	Serbia	35	Partly Free
11	Montenegro	37	Partly Free
12	Croatia	40	Partly Free
13	Romania	43	Partly Free
14	Macedonia	46	Partly Free
15	Bosnia-Herzegovina	48	Partly Free
16	Albania	50	Partly Free
17	Kosovo	53	Partly Free
	Ukraine	53	Partly Free
19	Georgia	59	Partly Free
20	Moldova	65	Not Free
21	Armenia	66	Not Free
22	Kyrgyzstan	73	Not Free
23	Kazakhstan	78	Not Free
	Tajikistan	78	Not Free
25	Azerbaijan	79	Not Free
26	Russia	81	Not Free
27	Belarus	92	Not Free
	Uzbekistan	92	Not Free
29	Turkmenistan	95	Not Free

Status	Number	Percentage
Free	8	28%
Partly Free	11	38%
Not Free	10	34%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100%</b>

## MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Rank 2010	Country	Rating	Status
1	Israel	29	Free
2	Kuwait	55	Partly Free
	Lebanon	55	Partly Free
4	Egypt	60	Partly Free
5	Jordan	63	Not Free
6	Algeria	64	Not Free
7	Iraq	65	Not Free
8	Morocco	66	Not Free
	Qatar	66	Not Free
10	Bahrain	71	Not Free
	Oman	71	Not Free
	United Arab Emirates	71	Not Free
13	Yemen	80	Not Free
14	Saudi Arabia	83	Not Free
	Syria	83	Not Free
16	IOT/PA*	84	Not Free
17	Tunisia	85	Not Free
18	Iran	89	Not Free
19	Libya	94	Not Free

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Status	Number	Percentage
Free	1	5%
Partly Free	3	16%
Not Free	15	79%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

## SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Rank 2010	Country	Rating	Status
1	Mali	25	Free
2	Ghana	26	Free
3	Mauritius	27	Free
4	Cape Verde	28	Free
	Sao Tome and Principe	28	Free
6	South Africa	32	Partly Free
7	Benin	33	Partly Free
8	Namibia	34	Partly Free
9	Botswana	39	Partly Free
10	Burkina Faso	41	Partly Free
11	Mozambique	42	Partly Free
12	Lesotho	48	Partly Free
13	Comoros	50	Partly Free
	Tanzania	50	Partly Free
15	Congo (Brazzaville)	54	Partly Free
	Guinea-Bissau	54	Partly Free
	Nigeria	54	Partly Free
	Uganda	54	Partly Free
19	Sierra Leone	55	Partly Free
20	Malawi	56	Partly Free
	Mauritania	56	Partly Free
22	Kenya	57	Partly Free
	Senegal	57	Partly Free
24	Seychelles	58	Partly Free
25	Central African Republic	61	Not Free
	Liberia	61	Not Free
	Madagascar	61	Not Free
28	Angola	62	Not Free
29	Zambia	64	Not Free
30	Cameroon	66	Not Free
	Cote d'Ivoire	66	Not Free
32	Niger	68	Not Free
33	Gabon	71	Not Free
	Guinea	71	Not Free
35	Burundi	73	Not Free
	Djibouti	73	Not Free

Rank 2010	Country	Rating	Status
37	Togo	74	Not Free
38	Sudan	76	Not Free
	Swaziland	76	Not Free
40	Chad	77	Not Free
41	Ethiopia	78	Not Free
42	Congo (Kinshasa)	81	Not Free
	The Gambia	81	Not Free
44	Rwanda	83	Not Free
45	Somalia	84	Not Free
	Zimbabwe	84	Not Free
47	Equatorial Guinea	90	Not Free
48	Eritrea	94	Not Free

Status	Number	Percentage
Free	5	10%
Partly Free	19	40%
Not Free	24	50%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100%</b>

## WESTERN EUROPE

Rank 2010	Country	Rating	Status
1	Finland	10	Free
	Iceland	10	Free
	Norway	10	Free
	Sweden	10	Free
5	Denmark	11	Free
6	Belgium	12	Free
	Luxembourg	12	Free
8	Andorra	13	Free
	Switzerland	13	Free
10	Liechtenstein	14	Free
	Netherlands	14	Free
12	Ireland	15	Free
13	Monaco	16	Free
	Portugal	16	Free
15	Germany	17	Free
	San Marino	17	Free
17	United Kingdom	19	Free
18	Austria	21	Free
19	Cyprus	22	Free
	Malta	22	Free
21	France	23	Free
22	Spain	24	Free
23	Greece	29	Free
24	Italy	33	Partly Free
25	Turkey	51	Partly Free

Status	Number	Percentage
Free	23	92%
Partly Free	2	8%
Not Free	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100%</b>