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Table of Global Press Freedom Rankings

Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Denmark	8	Free
	Iceland	8	Free
	Sweden	8	Free
4	Belgium	9	Free
	Finland	9	Free
	Norway	9	Free
	Switzerland	9	Free
8	New Zealand	10	Free
9	Palau	11	Free
	St. Lucia	11	Free
11	Liechtenstein	12	Free
	Luxembourg	12	Free
	Marshall Islands	12	Free
	The Netherlands	12	Free
15	Andorra	13	Free
	Monaco	13	Free
	United States	13	Free
18	Australia	14	Free
	Bahamas	14	Free
	Portugal	14	Free
	San Marino	14	Free
	St. Vincent & Grenadines	14	Free
23	Canada	15	Free
	Malta	15	Free
25	Germany	16	Free
	Grenada	16	Free
	Ireland	16	Free

28	Barbados	17	Free
	Dominica	17	Free
	Estonia	17	Free
	Jamaica	17	Free
	Latvia	17	Free
33	Cyprus	18	Free
	Japan	18	Free
	Lithuania	18	Free
	Suriname	18	Free
37	Costa Rica	19	Free
	France	19	Free
	Micronesia	19	Free
	Poland	19	Free
	Slovenia	19	Free
	Spain	19	Free
	Tuvalu	19	Free
	United Kingdom	19	Free
45	Guyana	20	Free
	Hungary	20	Free
47	St. Kitts & Nevis	21	Free
	Slovakia	21	Free
49	Belize	22	Free
50	Austria	23	Free
	Chile	23	Free
	Czech Republic	23	Free
	Taiwan	23	Free
	Vanuatu	23	Free
55	Samoa	24	Free
	South Africa	24	Free
57	Nauru	25	Free
	Papua New Guinea	25	Free
	Trinidad and Tobago	25	Free
60	Mauritius	26	Free
	Uruguay	26	Free
62	Kiribati	27	Free
	Mali	27	Free
64	Ghana	28	Free
	Greece	28	Free
	Israel	28	Free
	Sao Tome & Principe	28	Free

68	East Timor	29	Free
	Fiji	29	Free
	South Korea	29	Free
71	Benin	30	Free
	Botswana	30	Free
	Solomon Islands	30	Free
74	Italy	33	Partly Free
75	Namibia	34	Partly Free
	Peru	34	Partly Free
	Philippines	34	Partly Free
78	Argentina	35	Partly Free
	Bulgaria	35	Partly Free
80	Brazil	36	Partly Free
	Cape Verde	36	Partly Free
	Mexico	36	Partly Free
	Mongolia	36	Partly Free
84	Bolivia	37	Partly Free
	Croatia	37	Partly Free
	Nicaragua	37	Partly Free
	Senegal	37	Partly Free
88	Burkina Faso	39	Partly Free
	Dominican Republic	39	Partly Free
	Thailand	39	Partly Free
91	Lesotho	40	Partly Free
	Serbia & Montenegro	40	Partly Free
93	India	41	Partly Free
	Madagascar	41	Partly Free
95	Ecuador	42	Partly Free
	El Salvador	42	Partly Free
97	Antigua and Barbuda	43	Partly Free
98	Tonga	44	Partly Free
	Uganda	44	Partly Free
100	Comoros	45	Partly Free
	Mozambique	45	Partly Free
	Panama	45	Partly Free
103	Romania	47	Partly Free
104	Bosnia-Herzegovina	48	Partly Free
105	Albania	49	Partly Free
106	Tanzania	50	Partly Free
107	Honduras	52	Partly Free

	Malawi	52	Partly Free
	Seychelles	52	Partly Free
	Turkey	52	Partly Free
111	Macedonia	53	Partly Free
	Nigeria	53	Partly Free
	Sri Lanka	53	Partly Free
114	Congo (Brazzaville)	54	Partly Free
	Georgia	54	Partly Free
	Paraguay	54	Partly Free
117	Indonesia	55	Partly Free
118	Niger	56	Partly Free
119	Kuwait	57	Partly Free
120	Sierra Leone	58	Partly Free
121	Pakistan	59	Partly Free
122	Kenya	60	Partly Free
123	Morocco	61	Not Free
	Qatar	61	Not Free
125	Gabon	62	Not Free
	Guatemala	62	Not Free
127	Algeria	63	Not Free
	Cambodia	63	Not Free
	Colombia	63	Not Free
	The Gambia	63	Not Free
	Guinea-Bissau	63	Not Free
	Jordan	63	Not Free
	Moldova	63	Not Free
	Zambia	63	Not Free
135	Armenia	64	Not Free
	Central African Republic	64	Not Free
	Maldives	64	Not Free
	Mauritania	64	Not Free
	Singapore	64	Not Free
140	Cote d'Ivoire	65	Not Free
	Nepal	65	Not Free
142	Angola	66	Not Free
	Djibouti	66	Not Free
	Ethiopia	66	Not Free
	Iraq	66	Not Free
	Lebanon	66	Not Free
147	Cameroon	67	Not Free

	Russia	67	Not Free
	Yemen	67	Not Free
150	Bangladesh	68	Not Free
	Bhutan	68	Not Free
	Ukraine	68	Not Free
	Venezuela	68	Not Free
154	Malaysia	69	Not Free
155	Bahrain	70	Not Free
156	Azerbaijan	71	Not Free
	Guinea	71	Not Free
	Kyrgyzstan	71	Not Free
159	Afghanistan	72	Not Free
160	Tajikistan	73	Not Free
161	Brunei	74	Not Free
	Chad	74	Not Free
	Kazakhstan	74	Not Free
	Oman	74	Not Free
165	Burundi	75	Not Free
	Liberia	75	Not Free
	United Arab Emirates	75	Not Free
168	Egypt	76	Not Free
169	Swaziland	77	Not Free
170	Togo	78	Not Free
171	Haiti	79	Not Free
	Iran	79	Not Free
173	China	80	Not Free
	Congo (Kinshasa)	80	Not Free
	Saudi Arabia	80	Not Free
	Somalia	80	Not Free
	Syria	80	Not Free
	Tunisia	80	Not Free
179	Laos	82	Not Free
	Rwanda	82	Not Free
	Vietnam	82	Not Free
182	Belarus	84	Not Free
	Uzbekistan	84	Not Free
184	Sudan	85	Not Free
185	Israeli Administered Territories/Palestinian Authority	86	Not Free
186	Equatorial Guinea	89	Not Free

	Eritrea	89	Not Free
	Zimbabwe	89	Not Free
189	Libya	94	Not Free
190	Burma	95	Not Free
	Turkmenistan	95	Not Free
192	Cuba	96	Not Free
193	North Korea	98	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percent of total
Free	73	38%
Partly Free	49	25%
Not Free	71	37%
<i>TOTAL</i>	193	100 %

Explanatory notes:

- The ratings in this table reflect events from January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003.
- Each country is rated on a numerical scale from 0 to 100, with 0 representing the best score and 100 representing the worst.
- Every country is also assigned a category rating of having Free, Partly Free, or Not Free media. A score of 0-30 places a country in the Free group, 31-60 in Partly Free, and 61-100 in the Not Free group.