



Survey Findings

Freedom Status	Country Breakdown
FREE	41
MOSTLY FREE	38
PARTLY FREE	46
REPRESSIVE	26
VERY REPRESSIVE	14
NOT INCLUDED IN SURVEY	
TOTAL	165

The Map of Workers' Rights reflects the state of trade union and worker freedoms in 165 countries—those with a significant workforce and either an active labor movement or the potential for an active labor movement. The findings are drawn from *Freedom in the World 2010*, Freedom House's annual global survey of political rights and civil liberties. The map is a complement to Freedom House's special report on world labor rights, also published in 2010. The report divides countries into five categories: Free, Mostly Free, Partly Free, Repressive, and Very Repressive.

A Free country is one where labor laws are in basic conformity with international standards and effectively enforced, independent unions and authentic collective-bargaining contracts exist, and unions have wide freedom to participate in electoral politics and advocate for the adoption of laws and policies.

A Mostly Free country is one where labor laws are in basic conformity with international standards and reluctantly enforced under international pressure, collective bargaining is sometimes discouraged, and independent unions exist and are permitted to participate in civic af-

fairs, including electoral politics, and to advocate for laws and policies.

Countries in the Partly Free category have labor laws that are largely in conformity with international standards but are poorly or selectively enforced, permit independent unions to form, impose restrictions on collective bargaining, and place obstacles in the way of unions' participation in civic affairs and political campaigns.

Countries designated as Repressive have labor laws that are in partial conformity with international standards but are either not enforced or manipulated to favor gov-

ernment-approved unions, have little or no genuine collective bargaining, and place significant restrictions on unions' ability to participate in electoral politics.

Countries designated as Very Repressive do not allow collective bargaining, suppress independent labor organizations, and prevent workers from participating freely in electoral politics.

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