

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS 2008

Table of Global Press Freedom Rankings

Rank 2008	Country	Rating	Status
1	Finland	9	Free
	Iceland	9	Free
3	Denmark	10	Free
	Norway	10	Free
5	Belgium	11	Free
	Sweden	11	Free
7	Luxembourg	12	Free
8	Andorra	13	Free
	Netherlands	13	Free
	New Zealand	13	Free
	Switzerland	13	Free
12	Liechtenstein	14	Free
	Palau	14	Free
14	Ireland	15	Free
	Jamaica	15	Free
16	Estonia	16	Free
	Germany	16	Free
	Monaco	16	Free
	Portugal	16	Free
	St. Lucia	16	Free
21	Marshall Islands	17	Free
	San Marino	17	Free
	St. Vincent & Grenadines	17	Free
	United States	17	Free
25	Canada	18	Free
	Czech Republic	18	Free
	Lithuania	18	Free
	United Kingdom	18	Free
29	Barbados	19	Free
	Costa Rica	19	Free
	St. Kitts & Nevis	19	Free

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32	Bahamas	20	Free
	Malta	20	Free
	Taiwan	20	Free
35	Australia	21	Free
	Austria	21	Free
	Hungary	21	Free
	Japan	21	Free
	Micronesia	21	Free
40	Belize	22	Free
	Cyprus	22	Free
	Dominica	22	Free
	France	22	Free
	Latvia	22	Free
	Slovakia	22	Free
46	Slovenia	23	Free
	Spain	23	Free
	Suriname	23	Free
	Trinidad & Tobago	23	Free
	Vanuatu	23	Free
51	Grenada	24	Free
	Poland	24	Free
53	Kiribati	26	Free
	Mauritius	26	Free
	Tuvalu	26	Free
56	Ghana	27	Free
	Greece	27	Free
	Mali	27	Free
59	Cape Verde	28	Free
	Israel	28	Free
	Nauru	28	Free
	Papua New Guinea	28	Free
	Sao Tome & Principe	28	Free
	South Africa	28	Free
65	Italy	29	Free
	Samoa	29	Free

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67	Chile	30	Free
	Hong Kong	30	Free
	Namibia	30	Free
	Solomon Islands	30	Free
	South Korea	30	Free
	Uruguay	30	Free
73	Benin	31	Partly Free
	Guyana	31	Partly Free
	Tonga	31	Partly Free
76	Bulgaria	33	Partly Free
77	India	35	Partly Free
78	Botswana	36	Partly Free
	Croatia	36	Partly Free
80	Fiji	37	Partly Free
81	East Timor	38	Partly Free
	Mongolia	38	Partly Free
	Montenegro	38	Partly Free
84	Antigua & Barbuda	39	Partly Free
	Bolivia	39	Partly Free
	Dominican Republic	39	Partly Free
	Serbia	39	Partly Free
88	Mozambique	40	Partly Free
89	Burkina Faso	41	Partly Free
	Ecuador	41	Partly Free
91	Brazil	42	Partly Free
	El Salvador	42	Partly Free
93	Nicaragua	43	Partly Free
94	Panama	44	Partly Free
	Peru	44	Partly Free
	Romania	44	Partly Free
97	Bosnia	45	Partly Free
	Philippines	45	Partly Free
99	Lesotho	46	Partly Free
100	Argentina	47	Partly Free
	Macedonia	47	Partly Free

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102	Madagascar	48	Partly Free
	Tanzania	48	Partly Free
104	Senegal	49	Partly Free
105	Albania	50	Partly Free
106	Congo-Brazzaville	51	Partly Free
	Honduras	51	Partly Free
	Mexico	51	Partly Free
	Turkey	51	Partly Free
110	Guinea-Bissau	53	Partly Free
	Nigeria	53	Partly Free
	Uganda	53	Partly Free
	Ukraine	53	Partly Free
114	Comoros	54	Partly Free
	Indonesia	54	Partly Free
	Kuwait	54	Partly Free
117	Lebanon	55	Partly Free
	Malawi	55	Partly Free
119	Haiti	56	Partly Free
	Mauritania	56	Partly Free
	Thailand	56	Partly Free
122	Nepal	57	Partly Free
123	Guatemala	58	Partly Free
124	Colombia	59	Partly Free
	Egypt	59	Partly Free
	Seychelles	59	Partly Free
	Sierra Leone	59	Partly Free
128	Cambodia	60	Partly Free
	Georgia	60	Partly Free
	Kenya	60	Partly Free
	Paraguay	60	Partly Free
132	Bhutan	61	Not Free
	Central African Republic	61	Not Free
134	Algeria	62	Not Free
135	Angola	63	Not Free
	Jordan	63	Not Free

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135 (cont.)	Niger	63	Not Free
138	Morocco	64	Not Free
	Qatar	64	Not Free
	Zambia	64	Not Free
141	Cameroon	65	Not Free
	Liberia	65	Not Free
	Malaysia	65	Not Free
144	Armenia	66	Not Free
	Cote d'Ivoire	66	Not Free
	Guinea	66	Not Free
	Maldives	66	Not Free
	Moldova	66	Not Free
	Pakistan	66	Not Free
150	Sri Lanka	67	Not Free
151	Bangladesh	68	Not Free
	United Arab Emirates	68	Not Free
153	Gabon	69	Not Free
	Iraq	69	Not Free
	Singapore	69	Not Free
156	Kyrgyzstan	70	Not Free
157	Afghanistan	71	Not Free
	Bahrain	71	Not Free
	Oman	71	Not Free
160	Djibouti	72	Not Free
161	Burundi	74	Not Free
	Chad	74	Not Free
	Togo	74	Not Free
	Venezuela	74	Not Free
165	Brunei	75	Not Free
166	Ethiopia	76	Not Free
	Swaziland	76	Not Free
168	Azerbaijan	77	Not Free
	Tajikistan	77	Not Free
170	Kazakhstan	78	Not Free
	Russia	78	Not Free

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170 (cont.)	Sudan	78	Not Free
	Yemen	78	Not Free
174	The Gambia	79	Not Free
175	Congo-Kinshasa	81	Not Free
	Saudi Arabia	81	Not Free
	Tunisia	81	Not Free
178	Vietnam	82	Not Free
179	Laos	83	Not Free
	Syria	83	Not Free
181	China	84	Not Free
	Israeli Occupied Territories/ Palestinian Authority	84	Not Free
	Rwanda	84	Not Free
	Somalia	84	Not Free
185	Iran	85	Not Free
186	Equatorial Guinea	89	Not Free
	Zimbabwe	89	Not Free
188	Belarus	91	Not Free
189	Uzbekistan	92	Not Free
190	Cuba	94	Not Free
	Eritrea	94	Not Free
	Libya	94	Not Free
193	Turkmenistan	96	Not Free
194	Burma	97	Not Free
195	North Korea	98	Not Free

Status	Number of countries	Percentage of total
Free	72	37%
Partly Free	59	30%
Not Free	64	33%
<i>TOTAL</i>	195	100%