

# FREEDOM OF THE PRESS 2009

## Table of Global Press Freedom Rankings

Rank 2009	Country	Rating	Status
1	Iceland	9	Free
2	Finland	10	Free
	Norway	10	Free
4	Denmark	11	Free
	Sweden	11	Free
6	Belgium	12	Free
	Luxembourg	12	Free
8	Andorra	13	Free
	Netherlands	13	Free
	Switzerland	13	Free
11	Liechtenstein	14	Free
	New Zealand	14	Free
	Palau	14	Free
14	Estonia	15	Free
	Ireland	15	Free
	Jamaica	15	Free
	St Lucia	15	Free
18	Germany	16	Free
	Monaco	16	Free
	Portugal	16	Free
21	Marshall Islands	17	Free
	San Marino	17	Free
	St Vincent & Grenadines	17	Free
24	Czech Republic	18	Free
	Lithuania	18	Free
	United States	18	Free
27	Barbados	19	Free
	Canada	19	Free
	Costa Rica	19	Free
	St Kitts & Nevis	19	Free
	United Kingdom	19	Free
32	Bahamas	20	Free
33	Austria	21	Free
	Belize	21	Free
	Hungary	21	Free
	Japan	21	Free
	Micronesia	21	Free

Rank 2009	Country	Rating	Status
38	Australia	22	Free
	Cyprus	22	Free
	Dominica	22	Free
	France	22	Free
	Malta	22	Free
43	Latvia	23	Free
	Slovakia	23	Free
	Suriname	23	Free
	Taiwan	23	Free
	Trinidad & Tobago	23	Free
	Vanuatu	23	Free
49	Grenada	24	Free
	Poland	24	Free
	Slovenia	24	Free
	Spain	24	Free
53	Ghana	26	Free
	Mali	26	Free
	Mauritius	26	Free
	Papua New Guinea	26	Free
	Tuvalu	26	Free
	Uruguay	26	Free
59	Kiribati	27	Free
60	Cape Verde	28	Free
	Nauru	28	Free
	Sao Tome and Principe	28	Free
63	Chile	29	Free
	Greece	29	Free
	Samoa	29	Free
66	Guyana	30	Free
	Namibia	30	Free
	Solomon Islands	30	Free
	South Africa	30	Free
	South Korea	30	Free
71	Benin	31	Partly Free
	Israel	31	Partly Free
73	Italy	32	Partly Free
	Tonga	32	Partly Free
75	Hong Kong	33	Partly Free
76	Bulgaria	36	Partly Free
	India	36	Partly Free
78	Botswana	37	Partly Free
	East Timor	37	Partly Free
	Montenegro	37	Partly Free

<b>Rank 2009</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
81	<b>Antigua &amp; Barbuda</b>	38	Partly Free
	<b>Croatia</b>	38	Partly Free
83	<b>Serbia</b>	39	Partly Free
84	<b>Dominican Republic</b>	40	Partly Free
	<b>Fiji</b>	40	Partly Free
86	<b>Burkina Faso</b>	41	Partly Free
	<b>Mongolia</b>	41	Partly Free
	<b>Mozambique</b>	41	Partly Free
89	<b>Bolivia</b>	42	Partly Free
	<b>Brazil</b>	42	Partly Free
	<b>El Salvador</b>	42	Partly Free
92	<b>Ecuador</b>	44	Partly Free
	<b>Panama</b>	44	Partly Free
	<b>Peru</b>	44	Partly Free
	<b>Romania</b>	44	Partly Free
96	<b>Nicaragua</b>	45	Partly Free
	<b>Philippines</b>	45	Partly Free
98	<b>Bosnia–Herzegovina</b>	47	Partly Free
	<b>Macedonia</b>	47	Partly Free
99	<b>Lesotho</b>	48	Partly Free
100	<b>Argentina</b>	49	Partly Free
101	<b>Albania</b>	50	Partly Free
	<b>Comoros</b>	50	Partly Free
	<b>Tanzania</b>	50	Partly Free
	<b>Turkey</b>	50	Partly Free
106	<b>Madagascar</b>	51	Partly Free
107	<b>Guinea–Bissau</b>	52	Partly Free
	<b>Honduras</b>	52	Partly Free
109	<b>Congo (Brazzaville)</b>	53	Partly Free
	<b>Haiti</b>	53	Partly Free
	<b>Senegal</b>	53	Partly Free
	<b>Uganda</b>	53	Partly Free
113	<b>Indonesia</b>	54	Partly Free
	<b>Nigeria</b>	54	Partly Free
115	<b>Kuwait</b>	55	Partly Free
	<b>Mexico</b>	55	Partly Free
	<b>Ukraine</b>	55	Partly Free
118	<b>Lebanon</b>	56	Partly Free
	<b>Malawi</b>	56	Partly Free
	<b>Maldives</b>	56	Partly Free
	<b>Sierra Leone</b>	56	Partly Free
122	<b>Nepal</b>	57	Partly Free
	<b>Thailand</b>	57	Partly Free

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124	Mauritania	58	Partly Free
125	Colombia	59	Partly Free
	Paraguay	59	Partly Free
	Seychelles	59	Partly Free
128	Egypt	60	Partly Free
	Georgia	60	Partly Free
	Guatemala	60	Partly Free
	Kenya	60	Partly Free
132	Angola	61	Not Free
	Bhutan	61	Not Free
	Cambodia	61	Not Free
	Central African Republic	61	Not Free
136	Algeria	62	Not Free
	Pakistan	62	Not Free
138	Bangladesh	63	Not Free
	Liberia	63	Not Free
140	Jordan	64	Not Free
	Morocco	64	Not Free
	Niger	64	Not Free
143	Cameroon	65	Not Free
	Malaysia	65	Not Free
	Qatar	65	Not Free
	Zambia	65	Not Free
147	Guinea	66	Not Free
148	Cote d'Ivoire	67	Not Free
	Iraq	67	Not Free
	Moldova	67	Not Free
151	Armenia	68	Not Free
	Singapore	68	Not Free
153	Gabon	69	Not Free
	United Arab Emirates	69	Not Free
155	Sri Lanka	70	Not Free
156	Bahrain	71	Not Free
	Oman	71	Not Free
158	Kyrgyzstan	72	Not Free
	Togo	72	Not Free
160	Djibouti	73	Not Free
	Venezuela	73	Not Free
162	Afghanistan	74	Not Free
163	Brunei	75	Not Free
	Burundi	75	Not Free
165	Chad	76	Not Free
	Ethiopia	76	Not Free

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	Swaziland	76	Not Free
168	Azerbaijan	78	Not Free
	Kazakhstan	78	Not Free
	Sudan	78	Not Free
	Tajikistan	78	Not Free
172	The Gambia	79	Not Free
	Yemen	79	Not Free
174	Russia	80	Not Free
175	Congo (Kinshasa)	81	Not Free
176	Saudi Arabia	82	Not Free
	Tunisia	82	Not Free
178	Syria	83	Not Free
	Vietnam	83	Not Free
180	Somalia	84	Not Free
181	China	85	Not Free
	Iran	85	Not Free
	Rwanda	85	Not Free
184	IOT/PA*	86	Not Free
	Laos	86	Not Free
186	Zimbabwe	88	Not Free
187	Equatorial Guinea	90	Not Free
188	Belarus	91	Not Free
189	Uzbekistan	93	Not Free
190	Cuba	94	Not Free
	Eritrea	94	Not Free
	Libya	94	Not Free
193	Burma	96	Not Free
	Turkmenistan	96	Not Free
195	North Korea	98	Not Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	70	36%
Partly Free	61	31%
Not Free	64	33%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Israeli–Occupied Territories/Palestinian Authority

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## Press Freedom Rankings by Region

### AMERICAS

Rank 2009	Country	Rating	Status
1	Jamaica	15	Free
	St Lucia	15	Free
3	St Vincent & Grenadines	17	Free
4	United States	18	Free
5	Barbados	19	Free
	Canada	19	Free
	Costa Rica	19	Free
	St Kitts & Nevis	19	Free
9	Bahamas	20	Free
10	Belize	21	Free
11	Dominica	22	Free
12	Suriname	23	Free
	Trinidad & Tobago	23	Free
14	Grenada	24	Free
15	Uruguay	26	Free
16	Chile	29	Free
17	Guyana	30	Free
18	Antigua & Barbuda	38	Partly Free
19	Dominican Republic	40	Partly Free
20	Bolivia	42	Partly Free
	Brazil	42	Partly Free
	El Salvador	42	Partly Free
23	Ecuador	44	Partly Free
	Panama	44	Partly Free
	Peru	44	Partly Free
26	Nicaragua	45	Partly Free
27	Argentina	49	Partly Free
28	Honduras	52	Partly Free
29	Haiti	53	Partly Free
30	Mexico	55	Partly Free

<b>Rank 2009</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Status</b>
31	Colombia	59	Partly Free
	Paraguay	59	Partly Free
33	Guatemala	60	Partly Free
34	Venezuela	73	Not Free
35	Cuba	94	Not Free

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

## ASIA-PACIFIC

Rank 2009	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	Taiwan	23	Free
	Vanuatu	23	Free
9	Papua New Guinea	26	Free
	Tuvalu	26	Free
11	Kiribati	27	Free
12	Nauru	28	Free
13	Samoa	29	Free
14	Solomon Islands	30	Free
	South Korea	30	Free
16	Tonga	32	Partly Free
17	Hong Kong	33	Partly Free
18	India	36	Partly Free
19	East Timor	37	Partly Free
20	Fiji	40	Partly Free
21	Mongolia	41	Partly Free
22	Philippines	45	Partly Free
23	Indonesia	54	Partly Free
24	Maldives	56	Partly Free
25	Nepal	57	Partly Free
	Thailand	57	Partly Free
27	Bhutan	61	Not Free
	Cambodia	61	Not Free
29	Pakistan	62	Not Free
30	Bangladesh	63	Not Free
31	Malaysia	65	Not Free
32	Singapore	68	Not Free
33	Sri Lanka	70	Not Free
34	Afghanistan	74	Not Free
35	Brunei	75	Not Free



Rank 2009	Country	Rating	Status
36	Vietnam	83	Not Free
37	China	85	Not Free
38	Laos	86	Not Free
39	Burma	96	Not Free
40	North Korea	98	Not Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	15	38%
Partly Free	11	27%
Not Free	14	35%
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>40</b>	<b>100%</b>

## CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE / FORMER SOVIET UNION

Rank 2009	Country	Rating	Status
1	Estonia	15	Free
2	Czech Republic	18	Free
	Lithuania	18	Free
4	Hungary	21	Free
5	Latvia	23	Free
	Slovakia	23	Free
7	Poland	24	Free
	Slovenia	24	Free
9	Bulgaria	36	Partly Free
10	Montenegro	37	Partly Free
11	Croatia	38	Partly Free
12	Serbia	39	Partly Free
13	Romania	44	Partly Free
14	Bosnia-Herzegovina	47	Partly Free
	Macedonia	47	Partly Free
16	Albania	50	Partly Free
17	Ukraine	55	Partly Free
18	Georgia	60	Partly Free
19	Moldova	67	Not Free
20	Armenia	68	Not Free
21	Kyrgyzstan	72	Not Free
22	Azerbaijan	78	Not Free
	Kazakhstan	78	Not Free
	Tajikistan	78	Not Free
25	Russia	80	Not Free
26	Belarus	91	Not Free
27	Uzbekistan	93	Not Free
28	Turkmenistan	96	Not Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	8	28%
Partly Free	10	36%
Not Free	10	36%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>100%</b>

## MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Rank 2009	Country	Rating	Status
1	Israel	31	Partly Free
2	Kuwait	55	Partly Free
3	Lebanon	56	Partly Free
4	Egypt	60	Partly Free
5	Algeria	62	Not Free
6	Jordan	64	Not Free
	Morocco	64	Not Free
8	Qatar	65	Not Free
9	Iraq	67	Not Free
10	United Arab Emirates	69	Not Free
11	Bahrain	71	Not Free
	Oman	71	Not Free
13	Yemen	79	Not Free
14	Saudi Arabia	82	Not Free
	Tunisia	82	Not Free
16	Syria	83	Not Free
17	Iran	85	Not Free
18	IOT/PA*	86	Not Free
19	Libya	94	Not Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	0	0%
Partly Free	4	21%
Not Free	15	79%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Rank 2009	Country	Rating	Status
1	Ghana	26	Free
	Mali	26	Free
	Mauritius	26	Free
4	Cape Verde	28	Free
	Sao Tome and Principe	28	Free
6	Namibia	30	Free
	South Africa	30	Free
8	Benin	31	Partly Free
9	Botswana	37	Partly Free
10	Burkina Faso	41	Partly Free
	Mozambique	41	Partly Free
12	Lesotho	48	Partly Free
13	Comoros	50	Partly Free
	Tanzania	50	Partly Free
15	Madagascar	51	Partly Free
16	Guinea-Bissau	52	Partly Free
17	Congo (Brazzaville)	53	Partly Free
	Senegal	53	Partly Free
	Uganda	53	Partly Free
20	Nigeria	54	Partly Free
21	Malawi	56	Partly Free
	Sierra Leone	56	Partly Free
23	Mauritania	58	Partly Free
24	Seychelles	59	Partly Free
25	Kenya	60	Partly Free
26	Angola	61	Not Free
	Central African Republic	61	Not Free
28	Liberia	63	Not Free
29	Niger	64	Not Free
30	Cameroon	65	Not Free
	Zambia	65	Not Free
32	Guinea	66	Not Free
33	Cote d'Ivoire	67	Not Free
34	Gabon	69	Not Free
35	Togo	72	Not Free
34	Djibouti	73	Not Free
37	Burundi	75	Not Free

Rank 2009	Country	Rating	Status
38	Chad	76	Not Free
	Ethiopia	76	Not Free
	Swaziland	76	Not Free
41	Sudan	78	Not Free
42	The Gambia	79	Not Free
43	Congo (Kinshasa)	81	Not Free
44	Somalia	84	Not Free
45	Rwanda	85	Not Free
46	Zimbabwe	88	Not Free
47	Equatorial Guinea	90	Not Free
48	Eritrea	94	Not Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	7	14.6%
Partly Free	18	37.5%
Not Free	23	47.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## WESTERN EUROPE

Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Iceland	9	Free
2	Finland	10	Free
	Norway	10	Free
4	Denmark	11	Free
	Sweden	11	Free
6	Belgium	12	Free
	Luxembourg	12	Free
8	Andorra	13	Free
	Netherlands	13	Free
	Switzerland	13	Free
11	Liechtenstein	14	Free
12	Ireland	15	Free
13	Germany	16	Free
	Monaco	16	Free
	Portugal	16	Free
16	San Marino	17	Free
17	United Kingdom	19	Free
18	Austria	21	Free
19	Cyprus	22	Free
	France	22	Free
	Malta	22	Free
22	Spain	24	Free
23	Greece	29	Free
24	Italy	32	Partly Free
25	Turkey	50	Partly Free

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