

# FREEDOM HOUSE

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US Support for Freedom in the Middle  
East and North Africa

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# POLITICAL RIGHTS

- Electoral Process
- Political Pluralism and Participation
- Functioning of Government



Source:  
<http://www.operations.mod.uk/telic/images/misc/voting.jpg>

# CIVIL LIBERTIES

- Freedom of Expression and Belief
- Associational and Organizational Rights
- Rule of Law
- Personal Autonomy and Individual Rights



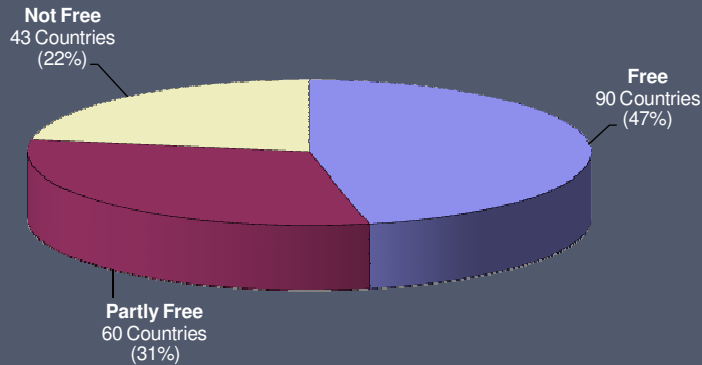
# *Freedom of the Press Index: Basics*



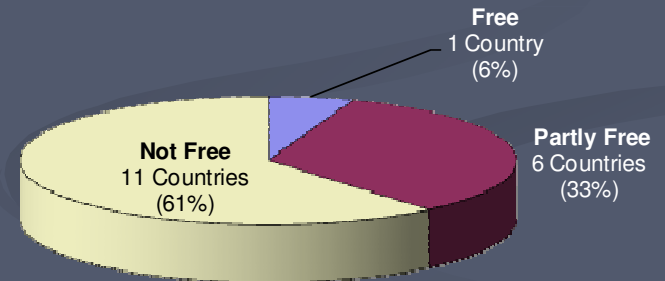
- The 2008 index expands a process conducted since 1980.
- Provides analytical reports and numerical ratings for 195 countries and territories
- Covers print, broadcast, and Internet media freedom.
- Examines entire “enabling environment” that contributes to press freedom, broken down into legal, political, and economic categories.
- The research and ratings process involves several dozen analysts and senior-level ratings advisors.

# Freedom in the World Rankings

## Global

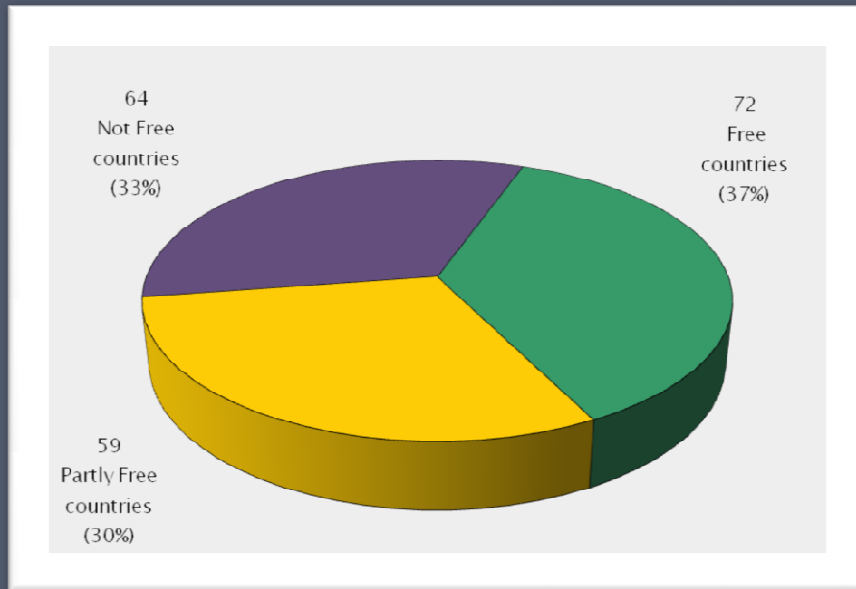


## Middle East and North Africa

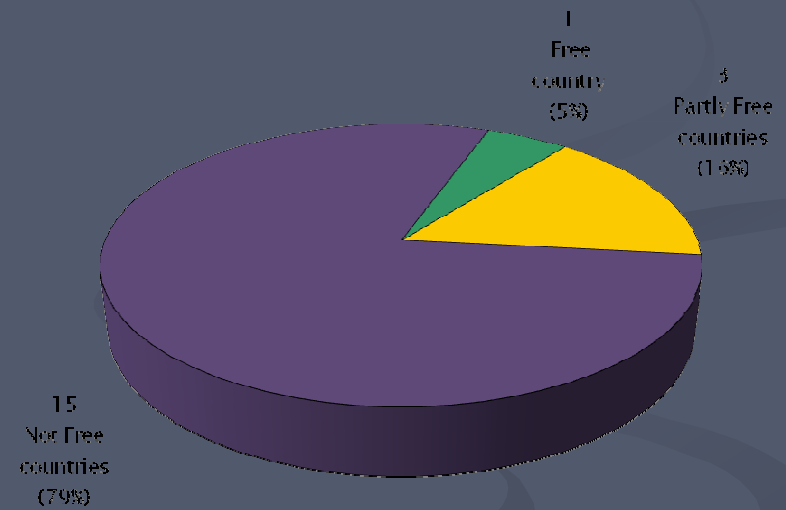


# Press Freedom Rankings

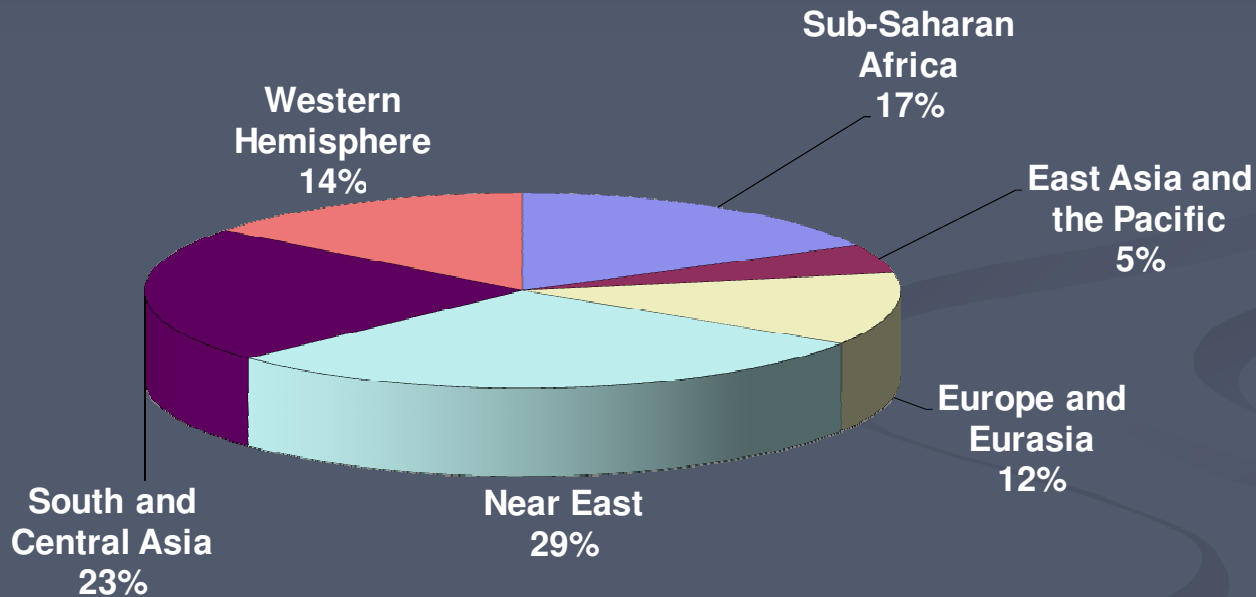
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# Percentage of FY09 GJ&D Requested Funding by Region



# Cumulative Total for the Near East

	<b>FY08 Request</b>	<b>FY08 Estimate</b>	<b>FY09 Request</b>
<b>TOTAL OVERALL FUNDING</b>	5,400,183	5,257,499	5,524,133
<b>GOVERNING JUSTLY &amp; DEMOCRATICALLY</b>	407,340	152,966	453,680
Rule of Law & HR	107,570	35,732	148,250
Good Governance	128,450	40,464	112,580
Political Competition & Consensus-Building	37,000	13,700	46,500
Civil Society	140,620	63,070	146,350



# Freedom in the World 2008 Country Scores

Not Free	Partly Free	Free
Algeria (6,5)	Bahrain (5,5)	Israel (1,2)
Egypt (6,5) ↓	Jordan (5,4)	
Iran (6,6)	Kuwait (4,4)	
Iraq (6,6)	Lebanon (5,4)	
Israeli Occupied Territories (6,6)↓	Morocco (5,4)	
Libya (7,7)	Yemen (5,5)	
Oman (6,5)		
Palestinian Authority (5,6)		
Qatar (6,5)		
Saudi Arabia (7,6)		
Syria (7,6)↓		
Tunisia (7,5)↓		
United Arab Emirates (6,5)		

# Freedom of the Press 2008 Country Scores

<b>Not Free</b>	<b>Partly Free</b>	<b>Free</b>
Algeria (62) ↓	Egypt (59) ↑	Israel (28)
Bahrain (71) ↑	Kuwait (54) ↑	
Israeli Occupied Territories/ Palestinian Authority (84) ↑	Lebanon (55) ↑	
Iraq (69) ↑		
Iran (85)		
Jordan (63) ↓		
Libya (94) ↑		
Morocco (64) ↓		
Oman (71) ↓		
Qatar (64) ↓		
Saudi Arabia (81) ↓		
Syria (83) ↑		
Tunisia (81) ↑		
United Arab Emirates (68) ↓		
Yemen (78) ↑		

# Major issues to be resolved by Congress

- No democracy funding for gulf countries
- Tunisia, Libya and Algeria
- MEPI
- Conditionality