

## Appendix A: Government Restrictions Index

The following table shows all 198 countries and territories in descending order of their scores on Pew Research Center's index of government restrictions on religion as of the end of 2016. The Center has not attached numerical rankings to the countries because there are numerous tied scores and the differences between the scores of countries that are close to each other on this table are not necessarily meaningful.

Very High SCORES 6.6 AND HIGHER	High SCORES 4.5 TO 6.5	Moderate SCORES 2.4 TO 4.4
China	Israel	Mexico
Iran	Vietnam	Nigeria
Indonesia	Kyrgyzstan	Djibouti ▲
Malaysia	Pakistan	Palestinian territories
Maldives ▲	Belarus	Rwanda
Russia	Kuwait	Angola
Egypt	Comoros	Ukraine
Turkmenistan ▲	Qatar	Denmark
Syria	Bahrain	Sri Lanka
Algeria	Afghanistan	Uganda ▲
Uzbekistan	Sudan	Belgium
Saudi Arabia	United Arab Emirates	Lebanon
Kazakhstan	Jordan	Austria
Tajikistan	Tunisia ▲	Armenia
Eritrea	Bulgaria	Gambia ▲
Morocco	Yemen	Georgia
Brunei	Oman	Iceland
Singapore	Thailand	Cambodia
Turkey	France	Niger
Western Sahara	Nepal	Chad
Azerbaijan	India	Libya
Laos ▲	Cuba	Kenya
Burma (Myanmar)	Bangladesh	Hungary ▲
Iraq	Romania ▲	Poland
Mauritania	Ethiopia ▲	Costa Rica
	Tanzania ▲	Venezuela
	Moldova	Republic of the Congo ▲
	Bhutan	Panama
	Greece	United States
	Somalia	Central African Republic

▲ Denotes an increase of one point or more from 2015 to 2016.

▼ Denotes a decrease of one point or more from 2015 to 2016.

\* See page 57 for notes on North Korea and Somalia.

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Colombia ▲	Republic of Macedonia	Philippines
Kosovo	Montenegro	Australia
Serbia	Guatemala	Burkina Faso
Cameroon	Haiti	Canada
Italy	United Kingdom	Benin
Spain	Grenada	Estonia
Germany	Malta	Papua New Guinea
Bahamas	St. Kitts and Nevis	Albania ▼
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Taiwan ▲	Cape Verde
Tuvalu	Chile	Belize
Burundi	Paraguay	Mozambique
Swaziland	Ecuador	Senegal
Equatorial Guinea ▼	Lithuania	Samoa
Honduras	Nicaragua	Solomon Islands
Sweden	Luxembourg	Bolivia
Cyprus	Nauru	Kiribati
Antigua and Barbuda	Dominica	Suriname
Switzerland	Malawi ▲	Trinidad and Tobago
Zimbabwe	El Salvador	Uruguay
Guinea	Togo	Macau
Argentina	Hong Kong	Ireland
Sierra Leone	Democratic Rep. of the Congo	Japan
Peru	St. Lucia	South Africa
Monaco	Fiji	San Marino
Norway	Dominican Republic	Lesotho
Mongolia	Slovenia	Mali
Seychelles	Liberia	Portugal
Slovakia	Croatia	Gabon
Czech Republic	Ivory Coast	Sao Tome and Principe
Finland	Namibia	Marshall Islands
Liechtenstein	Netherlands	New Zealand
Latvia	Botswana	Federated States of Micronesia
South Korea	Ghana	Guinea-Bissau
	Tonga	Palau
	Timor-Leste	
	Vanuatu	
	Brazil	
	Jamaica	
	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	
	South Sudan	
	Guyana	
	Mauritius	

**Low**  
SCORES 0.0 TO 2.3

Barbados
Madagascar
Andorra
Zambia

**NORTH KOREA:** The sources used for this study clearly indicate that the government of North Korea is among the most repressive in the world with respect to religion as well as other civil liberties. But because North Korean society is effectively closed to outsiders, the sources are unable to provide the kind of specific and timely information that Pew Research coded in this quantitative study. Therefore, the report does not include a score for North Korea on either index.

**SOMALIA:** Starting with data covering 2013, researchers changed the way they coded government restrictions in Somalia. See the Methodology for more details.