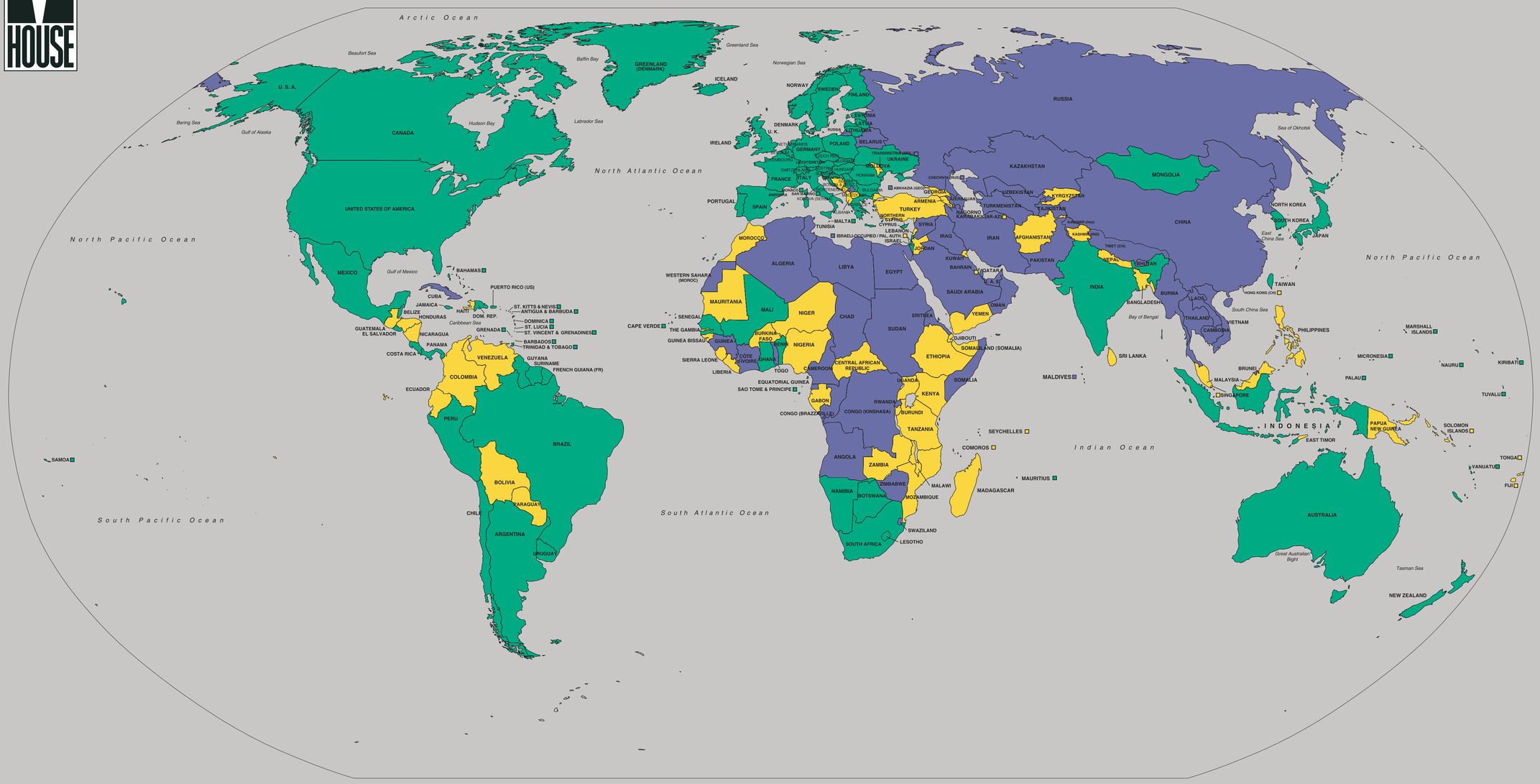
MAP OF FREEDOM 2007



FREE

PARTLY FREE

NOT FREE

The Map of Freedom reflects the findings of Freedom House's 2007 survey Freedom in the World. Freedom in the World is an annual institutional effort that monitors the gains and losses for political rights and civil liberties in 193 countries and 15 related and disputed territories. For each country, the survey provides a concise report on political and human rights developments, along with ratings of political rights and civil liberties. Based on these ratings, countries are divided into three categories: Free, Partly Free, and Not Free, as reflected in the Map of Freedom.

In Free countries, citizens enjoy a high degree of political and civil freedom. Partly Free countries are characterized by some restrictions on political rights and civil liberties, often in a context of corruption, weak rule of law, ethnic strife, or civil war. In Not Free countries, the political process is tightly controlled and basic freedoms are denied.

In 2006, there were 3.01 billion people living in Free societies, representing 46 percent of the world's population. There were 1.08 billion people living in Partly Free societies, representing 17 percent of the world's population. There were 2.45 billion people living in Not Free societies, representing 37 percent of the world's population.

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Global Trends in Freedom

Year Under Review	1996	2001	2006
Free	79	85	90
Partly Free	59	59	58
Not Free	53	48	45
Total	191	192	193