



Survey Findings

Freedom Status	Country Breakdown	Population Breakdown (in billions)
FREE	70 (36%)	1.17 (17%)
PARTLY FREE	61 (31%)	2.72 (41%)
NOT FREE	64 (33%)	2.80 (42%)
TOTAL	195 (100%)	6.69 (100%)

The Map of Press Freedom reflects the findings of Freedom House's study *Freedom of the Press 2009: A Global Survey of Media Independence*, which rates the level of press freedom in 195 countries and territories during 2008. Based on these ratings, countries are classified as Free, Partly Free, or Not Free.

The ratings system is designed to capture the varied ways in which pressure can be placed on the flow of information and

the ability of print, broadcast, and internet-based news outlets to operate freely and without fear of repercussions. The study also assesses the degree of news and information diversity available to the public in any given country, from either local or transnational sources.

Criteria include: the legal environment in which the media operate; the degree of political control over the news media; economic pressures on content; and violations of press freedom

ranging from the murder of journalists to other extralegal abuse and harassment by both state and nonstate actors.

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