



















































The following table shows the five parameters that made up the score of each nation in 2022 and the changes that had occurred since 2021.







































Regime types















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Rank	 Rank	Country	Regime type	Overall score	 Score	Electoral process and pluralism	Functioning of government	Political participation	Political culture	Civil liberties
Full democracies										
1	—	 Norway	Full democracy	9.81	▲ 0.06	10.00	9.64	10.00	10.00	9.41
2	—	 New Zealand	Full democracy	9.61	▲ 0.14	10.00	9.29	10.00	8.75	10.00
3	▲ 2	 Iceland	Full democracy	9.52	▲ 0.34	10.00	9.64	8.89	9.38	9.71
4	—	 Sweden	Full democracy	9.39	▲ 0.13	9.58	9.64	8.33	10.00	9.41
5	▼ 2	 Finland	Full democracy	9.29	▲ 0.02	10.00	9.64	8.33	8.75	9.71
6	—	 Denmark	Full democracy	9.28	▲ 0.19	10.00	9.29	8.33	9.38	9.41
7	▲ 2	 Switzerland	Full democracy	9.14	▲ 0.24	9.58	9.29	8.33	9.38	9.12
8	▼ 1	 Ireland	Full democracy	9.13	▲ 0.13	10.00	8.21	8.33	10.00	9.12
9	▲ 2	 Netherlands	Full democracy	9.00	▲ 0.12	9.58	8.93	8.33	8.75	9.41
10	▼ 2	 Taiwan	Full democracy	8.99	—	10.00	9.64	7.78	8.13	9.41
11	▲ 2	 Uruguay	Full democracy	8.91	▲ 0.06	10.00	8.93	7.78	8.13	9.71
12	—	 Canada	Full democracy	8.88	▲ 0.01	10.00	8.57	8.89	8.13	8.82
13	▲ 1	 Luxembourg	Full democracy	8.81	▲ 0.13	10.00	8.93	6.67	8.75	9.71
14	▲ 1	 Germany	Full democracy	8.80	▲ 0.13	9.58	8.57	8.33	8.13	9.41
15	▼ 6	 Australia	Full democracy	8.71	▼ 0.19	10.00	8.57	7.78	7.50	9.71
16	▲ 1	 Japan	Full democracy	8.33	▲ 0.18	9.17	8.57	6.67	8.13	9.12
17	▲ 3	 Costa Rica	Full democracy	8.29	▲ 0.22	9.58	7.50	7.78	6.88	9.71
18	—	 United Kingdom	Full democracy	8.28	▲ 0.18	9.58	7.50	8.33	6.88	9.12
19	▲ 6	 Chile	Full democracy	8.22	▲ 0.30	9.58	8.21	6.67	7.50	9.12
20	—	 Austria	Full democracy	8.20	▲ 0.13	9.58	7.14	8.89	6.88	8.53
21	▼ 2	 Mauritius	Full democracy	8.14	▲ 0.06	9.17	7.86	6.11	8.75	8.82
22	—	 France	Full democracy	8.07	▲ 0.08	9.58	7.86	7.78	6.88	8.24
	▲ 2	 Spain	Full democracy	8.07	▲ 0.13	9.58	7.50	7.22	7.50	8.53
24	▼ 8	 South Korea	Full democracy	8.03	▼ 0.13	9.58	8.57	7.22	6.25	8.53
Flawed democracies										
25	▲ 4	 Czech Republic	Flawed democracy	7.97	▲ 0.23	9.58	6.43	7.22	7.50	9.12
	▲ 9	 Greece	Flawed democracy	7.97	▲ 0.41	10.00	7.14	6.67	7.50	8.53
27	—	 Estonia	Flawed democracy	7.96	▲ 0.12	9.58	7.86	6.67	6.88	8.82
28	—	 Portugal	Flawed democracy	7.95	▲ 0.13	9.58	7.50	6.67	6.88	9.12
29	▼ 6	 Israel	Flawed democracy	7.93	▼ 0.04	9.58	7.86	9.44	6.88	5.88
30	▼ 4	 United States	Flawed democracy	7.85	—	9.17	6.43	8.89	6.25	8.53
31	▲ 4	 Slovenia	Flawed democracy	7.75	▲ 0.21	9.58	7.14	7.22	6.25	8.53
32	▼ 2	 Botswana	Flawed democracy	7.73	—	9.17	6.79	6.67	7.50	8.53
33	—	 Malta	Flawed democracy	7.70	▲ 0.13	9.17	7.14	5.56	8.13	8.53
34	▼ 3	 Italy	Flawed democracy	7.69	▲ 0.01	9.58	6.79	7.22	7.50	7.35
35	▼ 3	 Cape Verde	Flawed democracy	7.65	—	9.17	7.00	6.67	6.88	8.53
36	—	 Belgium	Flawed democracy	7.64	▲ 0.13	9.58	8.21	5.00	6.88	8.53
37	—	 Cyprus	Flawed democracy	7.38	▼ 0.05	9.17	5.36	6.67	6.88	8.82
38	—	 Latvia	Flawed democracy	7.37	▲ 0.06	9.58	6.07	6.11	6.25	8.82
39	▲ 1	 Lithuania	Flawed democracy	7.31	▲ 0.13	9.58	6.43	6.11	5.63	8.82

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40	 1	 Malaysia	Flawed democracy	7.30	 0.06	9.58	7.86	7.22	6.25	5.59
41		 Trinidad and Tobago	Flawed democracy	7.16		9.58	7.14	6.11	5.63	7.35
42		 Jamaica	Flawed democracy	7.13		8.75	7.14	5.00	6.25	8.53
43	 2	 Slovakia	Flawed democracy	7.07	 0.04	9.58	6.07	5.56	5.63	8.53
44	 1	 East Timor	Flawed democracy	7.06		9.58	5.93	5.56	6.88	7.35
45	 1	 South Africa	Flawed democracy	7.05		7.42	7.14	8.33	5.00	7.35
46		 India	Flawed democracy	7.04	 0.13	8.67	7.50	7.22	5.63	6.18
	 5	 Poland	Flawed democracy	7.04	 0.24	9.17	6.07	6.67	6.25	7.06
48	 1	 Suriname	Flawed democracy	6.95	 0.13	9.58	6.43	6.11	5.00	7.65
49	 1	 Panama	Flawed democracy	6.91	 0.06	9.58	6.07	7.22	3.75	7.94
50		 Argentina	Flawed democracy	6.85		9.17	5.00	7.78	4.38	7.94
51	 4	 Brazil	Flawed democracy	6.78	 0.08	9.58	5.00	6.67	5.00	7.65
52	 2	 Philippines	Flawed democracy	6.73	 0.11	9.17	5.00	7.78	4.38	7.35
53	 6	 Colombia	Flawed democracy	6.72	 0.25	9.17	6.07	6.67	3.75	7.94
54	 2	 Indonesia	Flawed democracy	6.71		7.92	7.86	7.22	4.38	6.18
55	 17	 Thailand	Flawed democracy	6.67	 0.63	7.42	6.07	8.33	5.63	5.88
56		 Hungary	Flawed democracy	6.64	 0.14	8.33	6.79	4.44	6.88	6.76
57	 4	 Bulgaria	Flawed democracy	6.53	 0.11	9.17	5.36	6.11	4.38	7.65
58	 3	 Namibia	Flawed democracy	6.52		7.00	5.36	6.67	5.63	7.94
59	 3	 Croatia	Flawed democracy	6.50		9.17	6.07	6.11	4.38	6.76
60	 7	 Sri Lanka	Flawed democracy	6.47	 0.33	7.00	5.71	7.22	6.25	6.18
61	 13	 Montenegro	Flawed democracy	6.45	 0.43	7.42	6.79	7.22	3.75	7.06
		 Romania	Flawed democracy	6.45	 0.02	9.17	6.43	5.56	3.75	7.35
63	 7	 Ghana	Flawed democracy	6.43	 0.07	8.33	5.00	6.67	6.25	5.88
64	 4	 Albania	Flawed democracy	6.41	 0.30	7.00	6.43	5.00	6.25	7.35
65	 5	 Dominican Republic	Flawed democracy	6.39	 0.06	9.17	5.36	7.22	3.13	7.06
66	 4	 Mongolia	Flawed democracy	6.35	 0.07	8.75	5.36	6.11	5.63	5.88
67	 2	 Guyana	Flawed democracy	6.34	 0.09	6.92	6.07	6.67	5.00	7.06
68	 5	 Serbia	Flawed democracy	6.33	 0.03	7.83	6.07	6.67	3.75	7.35
69		 Moldova	Flawed democracy	6.23	 0.13	7.42	5.36	7.22	4.38	6.76
70	 4	 Singapore	Flawed democracy	6.22	 0.01	4.83	7.86	4.44	7.50	6.47
71	 7	 Lesotho	Flawed democracy	6.19	 0.11	9.17	4.14	5.56	5.63	6.47
72	 1	 North Macedonia	Flawed democracy	6.10	 0.07	7.83	6.07	6.11	3.13	7.35
Hybrid regimes										
73	 2	 Bangladesh	Hybrid regime	5.99		7.42	6.07	5.56	5.63	5.29
74	 5	 Papua New Guinea	Hybrid regime	5.97	 0.13	6.92	6.07	3.89	5.63	7.35
75	 4	 Peru	Hybrid regime	5.92	 0.17	8.75	5.71	5.56	3.13	6.47

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76	 2	 Malawi	Hybrid regime	5.91	 0.17	7.00	4.29	5.56	6.25	6.47
77		 Paraguay	Hybrid regime	5.89	 0.03	8.75	5.36	6.11	1.88	7.35
78	 1	 Zambia	Hybrid regime	5.80	 0.08	7.92	3.64	5.00	6.88	5.59
79	 9	 Senegal	Hybrid regime	5.72	 0.19	6.58	5.71	4.44	6.25	5.59
80	 3	 Madagascar	Hybrid regime	5.70		7.92	3.57	6.67	5.63	4.71
81		 Ecuador	Hybrid regime	5.69	 0.02	8.75	5.00	6.67	1.88	6.18
82	 7	 Armenia	Hybrid regime	5.63	 0.14	7.92	5.71	6.11	3.13	5.29
83	 1	 Fiji	Hybrid regime	5.55	 0.06	6.58	5.00	5.56	5.63	5.00
84	 3	 Bhutan	Hybrid regime	5.54	 0.24	8.75	5.93	3.33	5.00	4.71
85	 10	 Tunisia	Hybrid regime	5.51	 0.48	6.17	4.64	6.11	5.63	5.00
86	 4	 Liberia	Hybrid regime	5.43		7.42	2.71	6.11	5.63	5.29
87	 1	 Ukraine	Hybrid regime	5.42	 0.15	6.50	2.71	7.22	6.25	4.41
88	 3	 Hong Kong	Hybrid regime	5.28	 0.32	2.75	3.29	5.56	6.88	7.94
89	 3	 Mexico	Hybrid regime	5.25	 0.32	6.92	4.64	7.22	1.88	5.59
90	 1	 Georgia	Hybrid regime	5.20	 0.08	7.00	3.57	6.11	3.75	5.59
91	 1	 Honduras	Hybrid regime	5.15	 0.05	8.75	3.93	5.00	2.50	5.59
92		 Tanzania	Hybrid regime	5.10		4.83	5.00	5.00	6.25	4.41
93	 14	 El Salvador	Hybrid regime	5.06	 0.66	8.33	3.57	5.56	3.13	4.71
94		 Kenya	Hybrid regime	5.05		3.50	5.36	6.67	5.63	4.12
95		 Morocco	Hybrid regime	5.04		5.25	4.64	5.56	5.63	4.12
96	 1	 Sierra Leone	Hybrid regime	5.03	 0.06	6.58	2.86	4.44	6.25	5.00
97	 2	 Bosnia and Herzegovina	Hybrid regime	5.00	 0.04	7.00	4.00	5.00	3.13	5.88
98	 1	 Guatemala	Hybrid regime	4.68	 0.06	6.92	3.93	3.89	2.50	6.18
99	 1	 Uganda	Hybrid regime	4.55	 0.07	3.42	3.57	3.89	6.88	5.00
100	 2	 Bolivia	Hybrid regime	4.51	 0.14	4.75	4.29	6.67	1.25	5.59
101		 Nepal	Hybrid regime	4.49	 0.08	4.83	5.36	4.44	2.50	5.29
102	 1	 Gambia	Hybrid regime	4.47	 0.06	4.42	4.29	3.89	5.63	4.12
103		 Turkey	Hybrid regime	4.35		3.50	5.00	5.56	5.63	2.06
104	 2	 Benin	Hybrid regime	4.28	 0.09	1.67	5.71	3.33	6.25	4.41
105	 2	 Nigeria	Hybrid regime	4.23	 0.12	5.17	3.93	3.89	3.75	4.41
106	 1	 Ivory Coast	Hybrid regime	4.22		4.33	2.86	4.44	5.63	3.82
107	 3	 Pakistan	Hybrid regime	4.13	 0.18	5.67	5.00	2.78	2.50	4.71
108		 Mauritania	Hybrid regime	4.03		3.50	3.57	5.56	3.13	4.41
Authoritarian regimes										
109	 13	 Angola	Authoritarian	3.96	 0.59	4.50	3.21	4.44	5.00	2.65
110	 1	 Palestine	Authoritarian	3.86	 0.08	2.92	0.14	8.33	4.38	3.53
111	 1	 Kuwait	Authoritarian	3.83	 0.08	3.17	3.93	4.44	4.38	3.24
112	 13	 Niger	Authoritarian	3.73	 0.07	2.92	1.50	3.89	5.63	4.71
113		 Algeria	Authoritarian	3.66	 0.11	3.08	2.50	3.89	5.00	3.82
114		 Qatar	Authoritarian	3.65		1.50	4.29	3.33	5.63	3.53
115	 4	 Lebanon	Authoritarian	3.64	 0.20	3.50	0.79	6.67	3.13	4.12
116	 1	 Kyrgyzstan	Authoritarian	3.62		4.33	1.50	4.44	3.13	4.71
117	 1	 Mozambique	Authoritarian	3.51		2.58	1.43	5.00	5.00	3.53
118	 3	 Gabon	Authoritarian	3.40		2.17	1.86	4.44	5.00	3.53
119		 Mali	Authoritarian	3.23	 0.25	1.17	0.00	5.56	5.63	3.82
120	 6	 Comoros	Authoritarian	3.20		2.08	2.21	4.44	3.75	3.53
121	 13	 Cambodia	Authoritarian	3.18	 0.28	0.00	3.21	5.00	5.63	2.06
122	 1	 Ethiopia	Authoritarian	3.17	 0.13	0.42	2.86	6.11	5.00	1.47
	 4	 Jordan	Authoritarian	3.17	 0.32	2.67	3.21	3.89	3.13	2.94
124	 8	 Iraq	Authoritarian	3.13	 0.38	5.25	0.00	6.11	3.13	1.18
125	 5	 Oman	Authoritarian	3.12	 0.12	0.08	3.93	2.78	5.00	3.82
126	 1	 Rwanda	Authoritarian	3.10		1.42	4.29	2.78	4.38	2.65

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127	 16	 Burkina Faso	Authoritarian	3.08	 0.76	0.00	2.50	5.00	4.38	3.53
	 1	 Kazakhstan	Authoritarian	3.08	 —	0.50	3.21	5.00	3.75	2.94
129	 1	 Eswatini	Authoritarian	3.01	 0.07	0.92	2.50	2.78	5.63	3.24
130	 6	 Togo	Authoritarian	2.99	 0.07	0.92	2.14	3.33	5.63	2.94
131	 1	 Egypt	Authoritarian	2.93	 —	1.33	3.21	3.33	5.00	1.76
132	 1	 Zimbabwe	Authoritarian	2.92	 —	0.00	2.50	3.89	5.00	3.24
133	 1	 United Arab Emirates	Authoritarian	2.90	 —	0.00	4.29	2.22	5.63	2.35
134	 7	 Azerbaijan	Authoritarian	2.87	 0.19	0.50	2.86	3.33	5.00	2.65
135	 16	 Haiti	Authoritarian	2.81	 0.67	0.00	0.00	2.78	6.25	5.00
136	 1	 Republic of the Congo	Authoritarian	2.79	 —	0.00	2.50	4.44	3.75	3.24
137	 2	 Djibouti	Authoritarian	2.74	 —	0.00	1.29	4.44	5.63	2.35
138	 7	 Vietnam	Authoritarian	2.73	 0.21	0.00	3.93	3.33	3.75	2.65
139	 3	 Cuba	Authoritarian	2.65	 0.06	0.00	3.21	3.33	3.75	2.94
140	 3	 Cameroon	Authoritarian	2.56	 —	0.33	2.14	3.89	4.38	2.06
	 2	 Guinea-Bissau	Authoritarian	2.56	 0.19	4.00	0.00	3.33	3.13	2.35
142	 2	 Bahrain	Authoritarian	2.52	 —	0.42	2.71	3.33	4.38	1.76
143	 3	 Nicaragua	Authoritarian	2.50	 0.19	0.00	2.14	3.33	4.38	2.65
144	 1	 Sudan	Authoritarian	2.47	 —	0.00	1.43	4.44	5.00	1.47
145	 2	 Guinea	Authoritarian	2.32	 0.04	0.83	0.43	3.33	4.38	2.65
146	 22	 Russia	Authoritarian	2.28	 0.96	0.92	2.14	2.22	3.75	2.35
147	 4	 Venezuela	Authoritarian	2.23	 0.12	0.00	1.07	5.56	1.88	2.65
148	 1	 Burundi	Authoritarian	2.13	 —	0.00	0.00	3.89	5.00	1.76
149	 1	 Uzbekistan	Authoritarian	2.12	 —	0.08	1.86	2.78	5.00	0.88
150	 2	 Saudi Arabia	Authoritarian	2.08	 —	0.00	3.57	2.22	3.13	1.47
151	 3	 Libya	Authoritarian	2.06	 0.11	0.00	0.00	3.89	3.75	2.65
152	 1	 Eritrea	Authoritarian	2.03	 —	0.00	2.14	0.56	6.88	0.59
153	 7	 Belarus	Authoritarian	1.99	 0.42	0.00	0.79	3.33	4.38	1.47
154	 —	 Iran	Authoritarian	1.96	 0.25	0.00	2.50	3.33	2.50	1.47
155	 1	 Yemen	Authoritarian	1.95	 —	0.00	0.00	3.89	5.00	0.88
156	 8	 China	Authoritarian	1.94	 0.27	0.00	3.21	2.78	3.13	0.59
	 1	 Tajikistan	Authoritarian	1.94	 —	0.00	2.21	2.22	4.38	0.88
158	 —	 Equatorial Guinea	Authoritarian	1.92	 —	0.00	0.43	3.33	4.38	1.47
159	 —	 Laos	Authoritarian	1.77	 —	0.00	2.86	1.67	3.75	0.59
160	 —	 Chad	Authoritarian	1.67	 —	0.00	0.00	2.22	3.75	2.35
161	 —	 Turkmenistan	Authoritarian	1.66	 —	0.00	0.79	2.22	5.00	0.29
162	 2	 Democratic Republic of the Congo	Authoritarian	1.48	 0.08	1.17	0.00	2.22	3.13	0.88
163	 1	 Syria	Authoritarian	1.43	 —	0.00	0.00	2.78	4.38	0.00
164	 2	 Central African Republic	Authoritarian	1.35	 0.08	0.83	0.00	1.67	1.88	2.35
165	 —	 North Korea	Authoritarian	1.08	 —	0.00	2.50	1.67	1.25	0.00
166	 —	 Myanmar	Authoritarian	0.74	 0.28	0.00	0.00	0.56	3.13	0.00
167	 —	 Afghanistan	Authoritarian	0.32	 —	0.00	0.07	0.00	1.25	0.29

Recent changes

In 2016, the United States was downgraded from a full democracy to a flawed democracy;^[7] its score, which had been declining for some years, crossed the threshold from 8.05 in 2015 to 7.98 in 2016. The report stated that this was caused by myriad factors dating back to at least the late 1960s which have eroded Americans' trust in governmental institutions.^{[8][9]}

The 2017 *Democracy Index* registered, at the time, the worst year for global democracy since 2010–11. Asia was the region with the largest decline since 2016. Venezuela was downgraded from a hybrid regime to an authoritarian regime. In China, Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), further entrenched his power by writing his contribution to the CCP's ideology, dubbed Xi Jinping Thought, into the party's constitution. Moldova was downgraded from a flawed democracy to a hybrid regime as a result of problematic elections. By contrast, Armenia was re-upgraded from an authoritarian regime to a hybrid regime as a result of constitutional changes that shifted power from the presidency to parliament.^[10] In 2017, the Gambia was upgraded again from an authoritarian regime to a hybrid regime after Yahya Jammeh, who was president from 1996 to 2017, was defeated by Adama Barrow, an opposition candidate in the 2016 presidential elections.