



Survey Findings

Freedom Status	Country Breakdown	Population Breakdown
FREE	89 (46%)	3,055,885,000 (46%)
PARTLY FREE	62 (32%)	1,351,014,000 (20%)
NOT FREE	42 (22%)	2,276,292,000 (34%)
TOTAL	193	6,683,191,000

The Map of Freedom reflects the findings of Freedom House's *Freedom in the World 2009* survey, which rates the level of political rights and civil liberties in 193 countries and 16 related and disputed territories during 2008. Based on these ratings, countries are divided into three categories: **Free**, **Partly Free**, and **Not Free**.

A Free country is one where there is broad scope

for open political competition, a climate of respect for civil liberties, significant independent civic life, and independent media.

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.

A Not Free country is one where basic political

rights are absent, and basic civil liberties are widely and systematically denied.

Freedom House is an independent nongovernmental organization that supports the expansion of freedom worldwide.