

**Democracy Improvement Ranking 2008/2009\***

Rank of Democracy Improvement	Country	Rank Loss/Gain	Democracy Loss/Gain Score
1	Burundi	+6	10.7
2	Lebanon	+14	9.8
3	Guinea-Bissau	+9	9.1
4	Ukraine	+15	8.8
5	Kenya	+8	7.3
6	Bosnia and Herzegovina	+10	5.8
7	Turkey	+8	5.5
8	Niger	+9	5.3
9	Estonia	+1	5.2
10	Ghana	+12	5.0
11	Argentina	+3	4.8
12	Uruguay	+4	4.8
13	Jordan	+8	4.8
14	Korea, Rep.	+2	4.8
15	Singapore	+5	4.7
16	Central African Republic	+1	4.6
17	Greece	+2	4.5
18	Indonesia	+5	4.4
19	Lithuania	-1	4.3
20	Czech Republic	+2	4.3
21	Slovak Republic	+2	4.2
22	Georgia	+4	3.8
23	Kyrgyz Republic	+1	3.7
24	Malaysia	+1	3.7
25	Latvia	+1	3.6
26	Ecuador	+6	3.6
27	Croatia	0	3.6
28	Chile	-1	3.4
29	Colombia	+8	3.2
30	Spain	+2	3.2
31	Nigeria	-2	3.1
32	Trinidad and Tobago	+5	3.1
33	India	+4	3.0
34	Switzerland	+1	2.8
35	Uganda	+1	2.8
36	Ireland	+1	2.7
37	Panama	-1	2.7
38	Dominican Republic	+4	2.6
39	Honduras	-1	2.5
40	El Salvador	+3	2.4
41	Kuwait	+2	2.4
42	Hungary	-5	2.4
43	Costa Rica	-1	2.4
44	Ethiopia	0	2.3
45	Malawi	+3	2.3

46	Senegal	-1	2.3
47	Benin	-1	2.2
48	Bangladesh	0	2.2
49	Belgium	+1	2.1
50	Finland	0	2.0
51	Mauritania	-3	2.0
52	Mauritius	-2	1.9
53	Austria	+1	1.9
54	Israel	+1	1.8
55	South Africa	+1	1.7
56	United Kingdom	0	1.7
57	Mexico	+1	1.6
58	Italy	-1	1.6
59	Canada	0	1.6
60	Poland	-3	1.6
61	Morocco	-1	1.6
62	Guatemala	-1	1.5
63	Romania	-1	1.5
64	Netherlands	-1	1.5
65	Brazil	-1	1.4
66	Namibia	0	1.4
67	Slovenia	0	1.4
68	Japan	0	1.4
69	New Zealand	0	1.3
70	United States	-2	1.2
71	Tanzania	+1	1.2
72	Bulgaria	-3	1.1
73	Jamaica	-4	1.1
74	Peru	-1	1.1
75	Germany	-1	1.1
76	Australia	-1	1.1
77	France	-1	1.1
78	Paraguay	-2	1.1
79	Denmark	0	1.0
80	Norway	0	1.0
81	Moldova	-3	0.9
82	Sierra Leone	-4	0.9
83	Macedonia, FYR	-1	0.9
84	Sweden	0	0.8
85	Portugal	0	0.7
86	Mozambique	-6	0.6
87	Mongolia	-3	0.6
88	Mali	-6	0.4
89	Burkina Faso	-7	0.3
90	Zambia	-4	0.3
91	Nicaragua	-7	0.3
92	Yemen, Rep.	0	0.0
93	Venezuela, RB	-7	-0.1
94	Bolivia	-7	-0.4
95	Philippines	-7	-0.4
96	Sri Lanka	-8	-0.5
97	Gambia, The	-9	-0.6

98	Albania	-1	-0.7
99	Madagascar	-9	-0.7
100	Botswana	-6	-1.4
101	Papua New Guinea	-13	-2.9
102	Armenia	-14	-3.9
103	Gabon	-14	-4.3
Green: Country is among the 10 best		Green: Country has gained in rank since the previous period	Green: Gain of democracy score
		White: Country's rank has remained stable over the two periods	
Red: Country is among the 10 worst		Red: Country has lost in rank since the previous period	Red: Loss of democracy score

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