

Democracy Improvement Ranking 2012*

Rank of Democracy Improvement	Country	Rank Loss/Gain	Democracy Loss/Gain Score
1	Tunisia ¹	+9	8.1
2	Bangladesh	+12	6.3
3	Libya ¹	+2	4.1
4	Zambia	+2	3.6
5	Pakistan	+2	3.6
6	Moldova	+8	3.3
7	Tanzania	+3	3.1
8	Georgia	+9	2.7
9	Togo	0	2.7
10	Kenya	+1	2.7
11	Egypt, Arab Rep. ¹	+2	2.3
12	Singapore	+2	2.2
13	Benin	+1	2.1
14	Thailand	+4	2.0
15	Macedonia, FYR	+5	2.0
16	Belgium	+3	1.9
17	Indonesia	+2	1.9
18	Philippines	+1	1.9
19	Mongolia	+3	1.9
20	Brazil	+1	1.8
21	Ghana	+4	1.6
22	Haiti	-2	1.6
23	Lebanon	-1	1.5
24	Panama	+1	1.4
25	Korea, Rep.	+5	1.4
26	India	+5	1.4
27	Costa Rica	+6	1.3
28	Paraguay	+3	1.3
29	Germany	+1	1.3
30	Poland	+4	1.2
31	Serbia	+1	1.2
32	Norway	0	1.1
33	Timor-Leste	-3	1.1
34	Guatemala	+3	1.1
35	Mauritius	0	1.1
36	Nigeria	0	1.1
37	Bolivia	0	1.0
38	Romania	0	1.0
39	Switzerland	0	1.0
40	Austria	+1	1.0
41	Canada	+1	0.9
42	Japan	+1	0.9
43	Chile	+4	0.9
44	Malaysia	+1	0.8
45	Uruguay	+2	0.8

46	Argentina	0	0.7
47	Croatia	+1	0.7
48	Australia	-1	0.7
49	China ¹	-1	0.7
50	Namibia	-2	0.7
51	Senegal	+1	0.6
52	Nepal	-1	0.6
53	El Salvador	+1	0.6
54	Finland	0	0.6
55	Colombia	0	0.5
56	Trinidad and Tobago	+1	0.5
57	Albania	-1	0.5
58	Lesotho	-2	0.5
59	Mozambique	-1	0.4
60	Nicaragua	-1	0.4
61	Cyprus	+2	0.3
62	Armenia	-2	0.3
63	Denmark	0	0.3
64	Netherlands	0	0.3
65	Yemen, Rep. ¹	-1	0.2
66	United States	-1	0.2
67	Kyrgyz Republic	-3	0.2
68	Slovenia	0	0.2
69	Kuwait	+1	0.2
70	Ireland	-1	0.2
71	Bosnia and Herzegovina	-1	0.2
72	Portugal	0	0.1
73	Morocco	-1	0.1
74	New Zealand	0	0.0
75	Russian Federation ¹	-3	0.0
76	Turkey	-3	0.0
77	Peru	-1	-0.2
78	Jamaica	-2	-0.3
79	Sweden	0	-0.4
80	United Kingdom	-3	-0.4
81	Israel	-1	-0.4
82	Czech Republic	-1	-0.4
83	Spain	0	-0.5
84	South Africa	-7	-0.5
85	Syrian Arab Republic ¹	-1	-0.6
86	Ecuador	-1	-0.6
87	Venezuela, RB	-7	-0.6
88	Botswana	-5	-0.6
89	Slovak Republic	+1	-0.7
90	Bulgaria	-3	-0.7
91	Estonia	-3	-0.9
92	France	0	-1.1
93	Lithuania	-4	-1.2
94	Dominican Republic	-2	-1.2

95	Guinea-Bissau	-3	-1.2
96	Mexico	-4	-1.3
97	Greece	-2	-1.7
98	Italy	-6	-1.7
99	Sri Lanka	-6	-1.7
100	Ukraine	-8	-1.7
101	Latvia	-4	-2.2
102	Honduras	-6	-2.3
103	Bahrain ¹	-6	-2.5
104	Hungary	-5	-2.5
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

¹Please note: The Democracy Ranking (Democracy Improvement Ranking) covers countries that are categorized by Freedom House as “free” or “partly free”. Therefore, scores for Bahrain, China, Egypt, Libya, the Russian Federation, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen are “virtual scores”.

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