

**Democracy Improvement Ranking 2015\***

Rank of Democracy Improvement	Country	Rank Loss/Gain	Democracy Loss/Gain Score
1	Tunisia	+32	11.0
2	Cote d'Ivoire	+2	8.3
3	Senegal	+15	4.6
4	Nepal	+8	4.1
5	Georgia	+8	3.9
6	Niger	+6	3.8
7	Madagascar	+5	3.8
8	France	+4	3.4
9	Zambia	+3	3.0
10	Colombia	+6	2.8
11	Malawi	+2	2.7
12	Estonia	+3	2.5
13	Albania	+3	2.5
14	Togo	+1	2.4
15	El Salvador	+2	2.3
16	Ireland	+2	2.2
17	Nicaragua	+5	2.2
18	Yemen, Rep. <sup>1</sup>	0	2.1
19	Latvia	+2	2.1
20	Guinea	+2	2.0
21	Slovenia	+1	1.9
22	Bolivia	+1	1.9
23	Kenya	0	1.9
24	Namibia	0	1.9
25	Guatemala	+3	1.8
26	Armenia	-1	1.8
27	Egypt, Arab Rep. <sup>1</sup>	0	1.8
28	Moldova	0	1.8
29	Philippines	+3	1.7
30	Serbia	+2	1.7
31	Japan	+1	1.6
32	Botswana	+5	1.6
33	Singapore	+3	1.6
34	Brazil	+1	1.6
35	Lithuania	+5	1.6
36	India	+2	1.5
37	Belgium	-1	1.4
38	Mongolia	+1	1.4
39	Sierra Leone	+3	1.4
40	Indonesia	+2	1.3
41	Mexico	0	1.3
42	Lesotho	+4	1.2
43	Germany	+1	1.1
44	Morocco	+1	1.1
45	Chile	0	1.1
46	Italy	+2	1.0
47	Denmark	0	1.0
48	Netherlands	0	1.0

49	Peru	0	1.0
50	Poland	0	0.9
51	Benin	+1	0.9
52	Switzerland	0	0.9
53	South Africa	-2	0.9
54	Uruguay	0	0.9
55	Mozambique	-1	0.9
56	Ghana	-1	0.8
57	Romania	-1	0.8
58	Panama	+1	0.8
59	United Kingdom	0	0.8
60	Argentina	+1	0.8
61	Tanzania	+3	0.7
62	Timor-Leste	-2	0.7
63	Sweden	0	0.7
64	China <sup>1</sup>	-1	0.7
65	Nigeria	-1	0.6
66	Burkina Faso	+3	0.6
67	Kyrgyz Republic	-3	0.6
68	Costa Rica	-1	0.6
69	Australia	0	0.6
70	Bulgaria	0	0.6
71	Mauritius	+1	0.6
72	Czech Republic	-1	0.5
73	Korea, Rep.	0	0.5
74	Dominican Republic	-4	0.4
75	Papua New Guinea	-1	0.4
76	Norway	0	0.4
77	Ecuador	-4	0.4
78	Pakistan	-2	0.4
79	Austria	-1	0.4
80	Jamaica	-4	0.3
81	Slovak Republic	+2	0.3
82	Paraguay	-4	0.3
83	Finland	0	0.3
84	Israel	-1	0.2
85	New Zealand	-1	0.2
86	Malaysia	-4	0.2
87	Canada	-1	0.1
88	Trinidad and Tobago	-6	0.1
89	Hong Kong SAR, China	-3	0.1
90	United States	-1	0.0
91	Bosnia and Herzegovina	-4	0.0
92	Portugal	0	0.0
93	Haiti	+1	-0.1
94	Russian Federation <sup>1</sup>	-2	-0.1
95	Guyana	-6	-0.1
96	Turkey	-7	-0.2
97	Croatia	+1	-0.2
98	Liberia	-5	-0.2
99	Ukraine	-7	-0.3
100	Honduras	-1	-0.3
101	Bangladesh	-1	-0.3

102	Macedonia, FYR	-10	-0.5
103	Hungary	-2	-0.5
104	Kuwait	-3	-0.5
105	Cyprus	-7	-1.4
106	Spain	-3	-1.4
107	Lebanon	-7	-1.6
108	Bahrain <sup>1</sup>	-2	-1.8
109	Sri Lanka	-14	-1.9
110	Greece	-7	-2.7
111	Venezuela, RB	-8	-3.0
112	Syrian Arab Republic <sup>1</sup>	-1	-6.6
113	Mali	-16	-7.1
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

<sup>1</sup> Please note: The Democracy Ranking 2015 covers countries that are categorized by Freedom House as “free” or “partly free” in the years 2013 and 2014. Therefore, scores for Bahrain, China, Egypt, the Russian Federation, Syria, and Yemen are “virtual scores”. Furthermore, Hong Kong (SAR, China) represents a regional case study and analysis.

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