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# THE 10 LEAST DISCRIMINATORY COUNTRIES AGAINST THE NON-RELIGIOUS

according to the Freedom of Thought Report 2020

- |   |   |                       |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| 1 |    | Belgium               |
| = |    | Netherlands           |
| = |    | Taiwan                |
| 4 |   | Ecuador               |
| = |  | Nauru                 |
| = |  | São Tomé and Príncipe |
| 7 |  | Norway                |
| 8 |  | St Kitts and Nevis    |
| 9 |  | Estonia               |
| = |  | Sweden                |

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|----|---|--------------|
| 10 |    | Malaysia     |
| 9  |    | Maldives     |
| 8  |    | Mauritania   |
| 7  |  | Brunei       |
| 6  |  | Yemen        |
| 5  |  | UAE          |
| 4  |  | Afghanistan  |
| 3  |  | Pakistan     |
| 2  |  | Iran         |
| 1  |  | Saudi Arabia |



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There are 68 countries that punish blasphemy

# AT LEAST 68 COUNTRIES PUNISH BLASPHEMY

according to the Freedom of Thought Report 2020

16 with a fine  
45 with a prison sentence  
**7 with death:**



Afghanistan



Iran



Nigeria



Pakistan



Saudi Arabia



Mauritania



Brunei



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And at least 17 countries that punish apostasy

# AT LEAST 17 COUNTRIES PUNISH APOSTASY

according to *the Freedom of Thought Report 2020*

**5 with a prison sentence, and  
12 with a potential death sentence:**



Bahrain



Kuwait



Comoros



Oman



Gambia



Mauritania



Afghanistan



Qatar



Iran



Somalia



Nigeria



UAE



Saudi Arabia



Yemen



Malaysia



Brunei



Maldives



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In at least 34 countries, religious education is mandatory in all or most state-funded schools, with no secular or humanist alternative. In 5 of these such instruction may be of a coercive fundamentalist or extremist variety.

# RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

according to *the Freedom of Thought Report 2020*

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religious education is mandatory in all  
or most state-funded schools, with  
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be of a coercive fundamentalist  
or extremist variety:



**Afghanistan**



**Bangladesh**



**North Korea**



**Pakistan**



**Saudi Arabia**



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17 countries brutally repress expression of humanist values

# 17 COUNTRIES BRUTALLY REPRESS EXPRESSION OF HUMANIST VALUES

according to the Freedom of Thought Report 2020



**Afghanistan**



**Bangladesh**



**Brunei**



**China**



**Gambia**



**Iran**



**Jordan**



**Kuwait**



**Mauritania**



**North Korea**



**Pakistan**



**Qatar**



**Saudi Arabia**



**Sudan**



**Syria**



**UAE**



**Yemen**



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And in 15 countries, it is difficult or illegal to run an overtly humanist organization

# IN 15 COUNTRIES IT IS DIFFICULT OR ILLEGAL TO RUN AN OVERTLY HUMANIST ORGANIZATION

according to the Freedom of Thought Report 2020



Brunei



Comoros



Egypt



Eritrea



Indonesia



Iran



Iraq



Jordan



Malaysia



Maldives



Morocco



Pakistan



Saudi Arabia



Somalia



UAE



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In 79 countries, there is discriminatory state funding of religion

# IN 79 COUNTRIES THERE IS DISCRIMINATORY STATE FUNDING OF RELIGION

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Algeria  
Andorra  
Angola  
Argentina  
Armenia  
Australia  
Bhutan  
Brazil  
Brunei  
Bulgaria  
Burkina Faso  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Cambodia  
Cameroon  
Canada  
Cape Verde  
Chad  
Costa Rica  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
Finland  
Gambia  
Georgia

Germany  
Greece  
Guinea  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Hungary  
Iran  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy  
Jamaica  
Jordan  
Republic of Korea  
Latvia  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Macedonia  
Malaysia  
Maldives  
Malta  
Mauritius  
Montenegro  
Myanmar  
Namibia  
New Zealand

Nicaragua  
Pakistan  
Papua New Guinea  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Poland  
Romania  
Russia  
Saudi Arabia  
Senegal  
Serbia  
Slovakia  
Spain  
Switzerland  
Thailand  
Timor-Leste  
Togo  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Turkmenistan  
UK  
Uruguay  
Vanuatu  
Venezuela  
Yemen  
Zimbabwe



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In 26 countries, the non-religious are barred from holding office

# IN 26 COUNTRIES THE NON-RELIGIOUS ARE BARRED FROM HOLDING OFFICE

according to *the Freedom of Thought Report 2020*

16 from some government offices  
**10 from all government offices:**



**Brunei**



**Indonesia**



**Iran**



**Maldives**



**Mauritania**



**Pakistan**



**Rwanda**



**Somalia**



**UAE**



**Yemen**



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In 35 countries, state legislation is derived from religious law

# IN 35 COUNTRIES STATE LEGISLATION IS DERIVED FROM RELIGIOUS LAW

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20 partly derived  
**15 largely or entirely derived:**



Afghanistan



Bahrain



Brunei



Iran



Jordan



Kuwait



Libya



Maldives



Mauritania



Saudi Arabia



Somalia



Sudan



Syria



UAE



Yemen



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In 60 countries, religious authorities have power. In Iran, they have supreme authority over the state; in the other 59, there is systematic religious privilege.

# IN 60 COUNTRIES RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES HAVE POWER

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In **Iran** they have supreme  
authority over the state  
In **59** there is systematic  
religious privilege:

Algeria  
Argentina  
Armenia  
Bahrain  
Belize  
Botswana  
Brazil  
Cambodia  
Chile  
Costa Rica  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Dominican Republic

Egypt  
El Salvador  
Eritrea  
Finland  
Georgia  
Germany  
Greece  
Guinea  
Guyana  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Iceland  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy

Jamaica  
Latvia  
Libya  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Madagascar  
Malta  
Moldova  
Palestine  
Papua New Guinea  
Peru  
Philippines  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania

Russia  
Rwanda  
Saint Lucia  
Serbia  
Slovakian  
Spain  
Sri Lanka  
Thailand  
Timor-Leste  
Togo  
Tunisia  
UK  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe







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Here are some changes we have witnessed due to COVID-19




# COVID-19

according to *the Freedom of Thought Report 2020*

As a result of COVID-19, we have witnessed undue restrictions placed on the rights to:

-  Freedom of expression and the media
-  Freedom of assembly and association
-  Sexual and reproductive health rights
-  Adequate housing

As well as:

-  Exacerbation of existing inequalities
-  Scapegoating of minorities
-  Increased insecurity of non-believers trapped at home, unable to flee and unable to live a life true to their values

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