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THE 10 LEAST DISCRIMINATORY COUNTRIES AGAINST THE NON-RELIGIOUS

according to the Freedom of Thought Report 2020

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|---|---|-----------------------|
| 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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Here are the 10 most discriminatory countries against the non-religious

THE 10 MOST DISCRIMINATORY COUNTRIES AGAINST THE NON-RELIGIOUS

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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

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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*

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:



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*



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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

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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	Germany	Nicaragua
Andorra	Greece	Pakistan
Angola	Guinea	Papua New Guinea
Argentina	Haiti	Paraguay
Armenia	Honduras	Peru
Australia	Hungary	Poland
Bhutan	Iran	Romania
Brazil	Ireland	Russia
Brunei	Israel	Saudi Arabia
Bulgaria	Italy	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Jamaica	Serbia
Côte d'Ivoire	Jordan	Slovakia
Cambodia	Republic of Korea	Spain
Cameroon	Latvia	Switzerland
Canada	Liechtenstein	Thailand
Cape Verde	Lithuania	Timor-Leste
Chad	Luxembourg	Togo
Costa Rica	Macedonia	Tunisia
Croatia	Malaysia	Turkey
Cyprus	Maldives	Turkmenistan
Czech Republic	Malta	UK
Denmark	Mauritius	Uruguay
Egypt	Montenegro	Vanuatu
El Salvador	Myanmar	Venezuela
Finland	Namibia	Yemen
Gambia	New Zealand	Zimbabwe
Georgia		



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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	Egypt	Jamaica	Russia
Argentina	El Salvador	Latvia	Rwanda
Armenia	Eritrea	Libya	Saint Lucia
Bahrain	Finland	Liechtenstein	Serbia
Belize	Georgia	Lithuania	Slovakian
Botswana	Germany	Madagascar	Spain
Brazil	Greece	Malta	Sri Lanka
Cambodia	Guinea	Moldova	Thailand
Chile	Guyana	Palestine	Timor-Leste
Costa Rica	Haiti	Papua New Guinea	Togo
Croatia	Honduras	Peru	Tunisia
Cyprus	Iceland	Philippines	UK
Czech Republic	Ireland	Poland	Zambia
Denmark	Israel	Portugal	Zimbabwe
Dominican Republic	Italy	Romania	







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




COVID-19

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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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