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

THE 10 MOST DISCRIMINATORY COUNTRIES AGAINST THE NON-RELIGIOUS

*according to **the Freedom of Thought Report 2020***

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


Comoros


Gambia


Afghanistan


Iran


Nigeria


Saudi Arabia


Malaysia


Maldives


Kuwait


Oman


Mauritania


Qatar


Somalia


UAE


Yemen


Brunei

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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***

- 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

according to ***the Freedom of Thought Report 2020***

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

according to ***the Freedom of Thought Report 2020***

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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