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<b>COUNTRY/TERRITORY</b>	<b>Religious Freedom</b>	<b>GAI Score (2004-2008)</b>	<b>GAI Score (2009-2013)</b>	<b>GAI Score (change)</b>	<b>Pew Social Hostilities Index(SHI)</b>
Afghanistan	3.5				6.9
Albania	8.4	3.35	2.92	-0.43	0.1
Algeria	2.0	2.87	2.19	-0.68	6.3
Andorra	7.6	5.28	6.04	0.76	0.0
Angola	5.9				3.2
Antigua and Barbuda	7.8				0.0
Argentina	7.3	4.85	5.31	0.46	1.8
Armenia	6.3	2.78	1.95	-0.83	2.6
Australia	8.9	4.97	5.44	0.47	2.6
Austria	5.8	4.35	4.55	0.20	3.2
Azerbaijan	3.2	2.11	0.96	-1.15	0.8
Bahamas	7.0				0.0
Bahrain	3.8	3.89	3.98	0.09	2.1
Bangladesh	5.2	2.27	1.30	-0.97	7.2
Barbados	7.7				0.3
Belarus	3.6	3.34	2.94	-0.40	1.4
Belgium	6.2	5.24	5.92	0.68	2.2
Belize	8.9				0.3
Benin	8.8	3.31	3.15	-0.16	3.9
Bhutan	5.4				0.4
Bolivia	9.0	3.84	3.81	-0.03	3.9
Bosnia-Herzegovina	7.1	3.16	2.63	-0.53	3.2
Botswana	8.7	4.18	4.30	0.12	0.0
Brazil	8.7	4.75	4.76	0.01	4.3
Brunei	3.4				2.4
Bulgaria	4.7	3.78	3.79	0.01	4.2
Burkina Faso	8.2	2.68	2.01	-0.67	4.3
Burma (Myanmar)	3.1				5.9
Burundi	7.6	2.94	2.63	-0.31	1.5
Cambodia	6.8				1.5
Cameroon	6.8	3.09	2.62	-0.47	5.2
Canada	8.8	4.91	5.44	0.53	2.4
Cape Verde	9.5	5.24	5.54	0.30	0.0
Central African Republic	7.4				7.7
Chad	6.1				2.2
Chile	8.7	4.54	4.83	0.29	1.3
China	1.1	3.45	3.18	-0.27	1.3
Colombia	8.0	4.05	4.18	0.13	2.2
Comoros	2.6				0.6
Costa Rica	6.8	4.11	4.27	0.16	0.1
Croatia	7.6	3.72	3.66	-0.06	0.4
Cuba	5.7				0.2
Cyprus	7.5	4.08	4.31	0.23	2.8
Czech Republic	6.7	4.34	4.72	0.38	2.6
Democratic Republic of the Congo	7.0				4.0
Denmark	6.0	5.61	6.31	0.70	4.4
Djibouti	6.0				1.6
Dominica	8.4				0.0
Dominican Republic	8.7	4.16	4.36	0.20	0.0

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Ecuador	7.5	3.92	3.89	-0.03	0.4
Egypt	2.0	2.29	1.50	-0.79	8.5
El Salvador	8.0	3.83	3.85	0.02	1.0
Equatorial Guinea	6.7				0.8
Eritrea	2.4				0.0
Estonia	8.8	3.83	3.81	-0.02	0.8
Ethiopia	5.9	3.01	2.37	-0.64	3.9
Federated States of Micronesia	9.3				0.4
Fiji	8.5				0.2
Finland	7.4	4.76	5.26	0.50	1.7
France	5.1	5.05	5.74	0.69	6.0
Gabon	9.1	3.30	2.98	-0.32	1.1
Gambia	9.3				3.0
Georgia	6.5	2.00	1.08	-0.92	3.1
Germany	6.8	4.97	5.62	0.65	7.1
Ghana	8.4	3.05	2.04	-1.01	2.6
Greece	5.7	4.09	4.26	0.17	5.1
Grenada	7.8				0.0
Guatemala	7.8	3.89	3.81	-0.08	0.4
Guinea	7.5	2.46	1.81	-0.65	3.9
Guinea-Bissau	9.6				0.8
Guyana	7.5				0.0
Haiti	7.3				1.9
Honduras	6.7	3.92	3.95	0.03	1.4
Hong Kong	8.2	4.00	4.14	0.14	0.3
Hungary	6.7	3.91	3.90	-0.01	3.7
Iceland	6.3	6.02	7.37	1.35	0.1
India	4.6	3.04	2.99	-0.05	9.5
Indonesia	2.1	2.43	1.67	-0.76	5.9
Iran	1.6	2.67	1.84	-0.83	2.6
Iraq	3.6	2.77	2.10	-0.67	8.8
Ireland	9.0	5.17	5.68	0.51	1.2
Israel	4.5	4.11	4.41	0.30	7.3
Italy	7.1	4.46	4.77	0.31	5.0
Ivory Coast	9.0	3.37	3.16	-0.21	0.3
Jamaica	8.6	3.91	3.89	-0.02	0.4
Japan	9.1	4.22	4.50	0.28	0.3
Jordan	4.7	2.48	1.82	-0.66	3.4
Kazakhstan	2.9	3.16	2.69	-0.47	0.8
Kenya	6.7	3.17	1.86	-1.31	6.5
Kiribati	9.1				1.2
Kosovo	7.3	3.02	2.31	-0.71	4.4
Kuwait	3.9	3.07	2.40	-0.67	1.9
Kyrgyzstan	4.3	3.10	2.64	-0.46	4.0
Laos	3.1				2.4
Latvia	7.4	3.56	3.41	-0.15	1.2
Lebanon	6.5	3.36	3.02	-0.34	5.2
Lesotho	9.3	3.23	3.05	-0.18	1.0
Liberia	7.4	3.21	2.86	-0.35	3.1
Libya	5.9	3.11	2.58	-0.53	7.1
Liechtenstein	7.5				0.8
Lithuania	7.5	3.58	3.44	-0.14	0.6

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Luxembourg	7.5	5.14	5.64	0.50	0.8
Macau	9.0				0.0
Madagascar	7.0	3.09	2.52	-0.57	1.5
Malawi	7.9	2.57	2.30	-0.27	1.5
Malaysia	1.7	3.20	2.84	-0.36	4.5
Maldives	1.8				2.6
Mali	8.8	2.95	2.61	-0.34	5.1
Malta	7.9	4.64	5.08	0.44	0.8
Marshall Islands	9.4				0.1
Mauritania	3.3				2.1
Mauritius	8.5	4.41	4.57	0.16	1.5
Mexico	5.9	4.44	4.56	0.12	5.6
Moldova	5.6	3.10	2.55	-0.55	4.5
Monaco	7.2				0.0
Mongolia	6.9				0.3
Montenegro	7.8	3.29	2.75	-0.54	1.1
Morocco	3.0	2.80	2.00	-0.80	3.0
Mozambique	8.6	4.32	4.45	0.13	2.5
Namibia	9.1	4.58	4.79	0.21	0.0
Nauru	8.5				0.0
Nepal	5.4				4.7
Netherlands	7.4	5.84	6.67	0.83	2.8
New Zealand	9.5	4.85	5.34	0.49	2.6
Nicaragua	8.3	4.05	4.12	0.07	0.3
Niger	6.3	2.74	2.00	-0.74	3.1
Nigeria	5.1	2.84	2.17	-0.67	8.1
North Macedonia	7.8	3.20	2.77	-0.43	2.2
Norway	7.1	5.26	5.92	0.66	2.6
Oman	4.6				0.4
Pakistan	3.4	3.01	2.36	-0.65	7.7
Palau	9.6				0.0
Palestinian territories	5.7	2.87	2.15	-0.72	7.0
Panama	7.4	4.07	4.34	0.27	0.0
Papua New Guinea	8.6				2.4
Paraguay	8.1	3.95	4.00	0.05	1.5
Peru	8.0	3.92	3.96	0.04	0.3
Philippines	9.0	4.40	4.72	0.32	4.0
Poland	7.1	3.98	3.99	0.01	2.2
Portugal	9.0	4.51	4.74	0.23	0.3
Qatar	4.4	2.79	2.08	-0.71	2.6
Republic of the Congo	8.1				0.0
Romania	5.2	3.52	3.25	-0.27	3.7
Russia	1.9	3.21	2.91	-0.30	6.3
Rwanda	6.3	2.42	1.56	-0.86	2.4
Samoa	8.7				2.8
San Marino	9.4				0.0
Sao Tome and Principe	9.5	4.01	4.14	0.13	0.0
Saudi Arabia	2.2	2.16	1.19	-0.97	4.7
Senegal	8.8	2.17	1.57	-0.60	1.0
Serbia	5.8	3.38	2.95	-0.43	1.1
Seychelles	7.4				0.0
Sierra Leone	6.6	2.77	2.15	-0.62	2.6

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Singapore	2.9	3.98	4.12	0.14	1.9
Slovakia	7.0	3.67	3.75	0.08	2.7
Slovenia	7.4	4.22	4.43	0.21	0.2
Solomon Islands	9.0				2.1
Somalia	5.6				7.1
South Africa	9.1	4.03	4.00	-0.03	2.8
South Korea	7.6	3.42	3.19	-0.23	0.8
South Sudan	7.0				3.0
Spain	5.5	5.18	5.90	0.72	4.0
Sri Lanka	6.2				5.6
St. Kitts and Nevis	7.8				0.1
St. Lucia	8.1				0.1
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	8.6				0.1
Sudan	3.3				2.7
Suriname	9.1				0.0
Swaziland	7.6	3.52	3.42	-0.10	0.3
Sweden	7.7	5.80	6.55	0.75	4.5
Switzerland	7.5	5.06	5.73	0.67	4.6
Syria	0.7				9.0
Taiwan	8.3	4.06	4.29	0.23	0.7
Tajikistan	2.5				2.0
Tanzania	5.3	3.45	2.74	-0.71	2.9
Thailand	5.4	3.45	3.32	-0.13	4.7
Timor-Leste	9.0				1.7
Togo	7.9	3.00	2.64	-0.36	0.8
Tonga	8.4				0.3
Trinidad and Tobago	9.2	3.65	3.52	-0.13	1.2
Tunisia	4.9	2.91	2.29	-0.62	3.8
Turkey	2.9	3.09	2.51	-0.58	5.3
Turkmenistan	2.1				0.4
Tuvalu	8.0				2.8
Uganda	7.6	2.46	1.72	-0.74	6.7
Ukraine	6.2	3.40	3.06	-0.34	7.1
United Arab Emirates	4.2	2.87	2.37	-0.50	1.0
United Kingdom	7.4	5.01	5.59	0.58	6.8
United States	6.7	4.57	4.90	0.33	4.4
Uruguay	8.9	4.94	5.56	0.62	1.0
Uzbekistan	2.0	3.26	2.85	-0.41	1.7
Vanuatu	8.5				0.6
Venezuela	6.1	4.26	4.29	0.03	1.4
Vietnam	2.4	3.97	4.07	0.10	1.5
Western Sahara	3.5				0.0
Yemen	5.3	3.17	2.69	-0.48	7.2
Zambia	6.8	2.73	2.41	-0.32	2.0
Zimbabwe	7.2	2.90	2.04	-0.86	2.1

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## DATA

The measures compared in this analysis are the LGBT Global Acceptance Index (GAI) and the inverse of the Global Restrictions on Religion Index (GRI). The Global Acceptance Index (GAI)\* is produced by The Williams Institute, a think tank at the UCLA School of Law. The GAI seeks to measure the relative level of social acceptance of LGBT people and rights in each country at specific time periods.

Acceptance is the extent to which LGBT people are seen in ways that are positive and inclusive, both with respect to an individual's opinions about LGBT people and with regard to an individual's position on LGBT policy. The Williams Institute created a single score for each country from global survey data, including: the America's Barometer, the Eurobarometer, the European Social Survey, the European Values Survey, the Gallup World Poll, the 2016 International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans and Intersex Association Global Attitudes Survey, the International Social Survey Programme, Ipsos International, the Latinobarómetro, the Pew Global surveys, and the World Values Surveys. Most of the questions contained in these surveys are subject-matter specific to homosexuality, but more recent surveys collected information pertaining specific to transgender people and rights.

<https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/Polarized-Progress-April-2018.pdf>

The Global Restrictions on Religion Index (GRI)\*\* is produced by the Pew Research Center, a nonpartisan fact tank that informs the public about the issues, attitudes and trends shaping the world, but does not take policy positions. The GRI assesses the level of restrictions on religion by governments around the world, and to turn this into a positive measure, the scores were inverted. For example, the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation took China's GRI score of 8.9 and subtracted in from the total possible (10) to arrive at its Religious Freedom Score of 1.1. To measure religious restrictions, Pew Research Center does not survey people but rather codes 20 questions for the Government Restrictions Index by combing through 20 published sources of information, including: Country constitutions; U.S. State Department; Freedom House; Human Rights Watch; Crisis Group; United Kingdom Foreign & Commonwealth Office; START Global Terrorism Database; United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; Anti-Defamation League; Uppsala University's Conflict Data Program; Human Rights Without Frontiers; Amnesty International; and U.S. government reports with information on the situation in the United States.

[https://www.pewforum.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2019/07/Restrictions\\_X\\_WEB\\_7-15\\_FULL-VERSION-1.pdf](https://www.pewforum.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2019/07/Restrictions_X_WEB_7-15_FULL-VERSION-1.pdf)



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