

Summary of Results

Government Restrictions on Religion

To assess the level of restrictions on religion by governments around the world, the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life selected the following 20 questions for the Government Restrictions Index (GRI). The Pew Forum's staff then combed through 18 published sources of information, including reports by the U.S. State Department, the United Nations and various nongovernmental organizations, to answer the questions on a country-by-country basis. (For more details, see the Methodology.)

This summary shows the questions, followed by various possible answers and the number and percentage of countries that fell into each category. For example, on Question No. 5 – “Is public preaching by religious groups limited by any level of government?” – the study found that for the period ending in mid-2009, 135 countries (68%) had no reported limits on preaching, 39 countries (20%) had limits on preaching by some religious groups and 24 countries (12%) had limits on preaching by all religious groups.

To see how each country scored on each question, see the Results by Country (available online at <http://pewforum.org/uploadedFiles/Topics/Issues/Government/Results-by-Country.pdf>).

This summary covers two overlapping periods: July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008, and July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2009. The summary shows whether particular religious restrictions occurred at any time during the periods according to the multiple sources analyzed by the Pew Forum.

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GRI.Q.1

Does the constitution, or law that functions in the place of a constitution (basic law), specifically provide for “freedom of religion” or include language used in Article 18 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights? ¹

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| Yes | 143 | 72% | 143 | 72% |
| The constitution or basic law does not specifically provide for freedom of religion but does protect some religious practices | 48 | 24 | 48 | 24 |
| No | 7 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

Responses for the period ending in mid-2008 were recoded to match the coding conventions used for the period ending in mid-2009. As a result, data for the period ending in mid-2008 reflects an update to data published in the baseline report. See the Methodology for more details.

GRI.Q.2

Does the constitution or basic law include stipulations that appear to qualify or substantially contradict the concept of “religious freedom”?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 41 | 21% | 41 | 21% |
| Yes, there is a qualification | 39 | 20 | 39 | 20 |
| Yes, there is a substantial contradiction and only some religious practices are protected | 111 | 56 | 111 | 56 |
| Religious freedom is not provided in the first place | 7 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

Responses for the period ending in mid-2008 were recoded to match the coding conventions used for the period ending in mid-2009. As a result, data for the period ending in mid-2008 reflects an update to data published in the baseline report. See the Methodology for more details.

¹ Article 18 states: “Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.”

GRI.Q.3

Taken together, how do the constitution/basic law and other national laws and policies affect religious freedom?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| National laws and policies provide for religious freedom, and the national government respects religious freedom in practice | 53 | 27% | 75 | 38% |
| National laws and policies provide for religious freedom, and the national government generally respects religious freedom in practice; but there are some instances (e.g., in certain localities) where religious freedom is not respected in practice | 88 | 44 | 66 | 33 |
| There are limited national legal protections for religious freedom, but the national government does not generally respect religious freedom in practice | 51 | 26 | 49 | 25 |
| National laws and policies do not provide for religious freedom and the national government does not respect religious freedom in practice | 6 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

For GRI Q.3, the differences between the coding periods may not be as significant as they appear due to minor changes in coding procedures. See Methodology for more details.

GRI.Q.4*Does any level of government interfere with worship or other religious practices?*

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 70 | 35% | 67 | 34% |
| Yes, in a few cases | 55 | 28 | 39 | 20 |
| Yes, in many cases | 35 | 18 | 42 | 21 |
| Government prohibits worship or religious practices of one or more religious groups as a general policy | 38 | 19 | 50 | 25 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.5*Is public preaching by religious groups limited by any level of government?*

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 135 | 68% | 135 | 68% |
| Yes, for some religious groups | 37 | 19 | 39 | 20 |
| Yes, for all religious groups | 26 | 13 | 24 | 12 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.6*Is proselytizing limited by any level of government?*

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 123 | 62% | 123 | 62% |
| Yes, for some religious groups | 42 | 21 | 43 | 22 |
| Yes, for all religious groups | 33 | 17 | 32 | 16 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.7*Is converting from one religion to another limited by any level of government?*

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 162 | 82% | 160 | 81% |
| Yes | 36 | 18 | 38 | 19 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.8*Is religious literature or broadcasting limited by any level of government?*

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 118 | 60% | 111 | 56% |
| Yes | 80 | 40 | 87 | 44 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.9*Are foreign missionaries allowed to operate?*

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| Yes | 106 | 54% | 105 | 53% |
| Yes, but with restrictions | 81 | 41 | 76 | 38 |
| No | 11 | 6 | 17 | 9 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.10

Is the wearing of religious symbols, such as head coverings for women and facial hair for men, regulated by law or by any level of government?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 156 | 79% | 145 | 73% |
| Yes | 42 | 21 | 53 | 27 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.11

Was there harassment or intimidation of religious groups by any level of government?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 63 | 32% | 71 | 36% |
| Yes, there was limited intimidation | 80 | 40 | 56 | 28 |
| Yes, there was widespread intimidation | 55 | 28 | 71 | 36 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

Data shown above for the period ending in mid-2008 reflects a minor correction to data published in the baseline report.

GRI.Q.12

Did the national government display hostility involving physical violence toward minority or nonapproved religious groups?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 134 | 68% | 137 | 69% |
| Yes | 64 | 32 | 61 | 31 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.13

Were there instances when the national government did not intervene in cases of discrimination or abuses against religious groups?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 151 | 76% | 144 | 73% |
| Yes | 47 | 24 | 54 | 27 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.14

Does the national government have an established organization to regulate or manage religious affairs?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 79 | 40% | 76 | 38% |
| No, but the government consults a nongovernmental advisory board | 15 | 8 | 17 | 9 |
| Yes, but the organization is noncoercive toward religious groups | 63 | 32 | 58 | 29 |
| Yes, and the organization is coercive toward religious groups | 41 | 21 | 47 | 24 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.15

Did the national government denounce one or more religious groups by characterizing them as dangerous “cults” or “sects”?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 175 | 88% | 174 | 88% |
| Yes | 23 | 12 | 24 | 12 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.16

Does any level of government formally ban any religious group?

| | period ending MID-2008 | | period ending MID-2009 | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 160 | 81% | 158 | 80% |
| Yes | 38 | 19 | 40 | 20 |
| <i>Security reasons stated as rationale</i> | 9 | 5 | 8 | 4 |
| <i>Nonsecurity reasons stated as rationale</i> | 16 | 8 | 12 | 6 |
| <i>Both security and nonsecurity reasons stated as rationale</i> | 13 | 7 | 20 | 10 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.17

Were there instances when the national government attempted to eliminate an entire religious group's presence in the country?

| | period ending MID-2008 | | period ending MID-2009 | |
|-----|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 175 | 88% | 172 | 87% |
| Yes | 23 | 12 | 26 | 13 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.18

Does any level of government ask religious groups to register for any reason, including to be eligible for benefits such as tax exemption?

| | period ending MID-2008 | | period ending MID-2009 | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 20 | 10% | 17 | 9% |
| Yes, but in a nondiscriminatory way | 61 | 31 | 68 | 34 |
| Yes, and the process adversely affects the ability of some religious groups to operate | 38 | 19 | 27 | 14 |
| Yes, and the process clearly discriminates against some religious groups | 79 | 40 | 86 | 43 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.19

Did any level of government use force toward religious groups that resulted in individuals being killed, physically abused, imprisoned, detained or displaced from their homes, or having their personal or religious properties damaged or destroyed?

| | period ending MID-2008 | | period ending MID-2009 | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 107 | 54% | 97 | 49% |
| Yes | 91 | 46 | 101 | 51 |
| 1-9 cases of government force | 27 | 14 | 32 | 16 |
| 10-200 cases of government force | 44 | 22 | 39 | 20 |
| 201-1,000 cases of government force | 11 | 6 | 14 | 7 |
| 1,001-9,999 cases of government force | 6 | 3 | 9 | 5 |
| 10,000+ cases of government force | 3 | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

For GRI Q.19, the differences between the coding periods may not be as significant as they appear due to minor changes in coding procedures.

GRI.Q.20

Do some religious groups receive government support or favors, such as funding, official recognition or special access?

| | period ending MID-2008 | | period ending MID-2009 | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 9 | 5% | 7 | 4% |
| Yes, the government provides support to religious groups, but it does so on a more-or-less fair and equal basis | 25 | 13 | 31 | 16 |
| Yes, the government gives preferential support or favors to some religious group(s) and clearly discriminates against others | 164 | 83 | 160 | 81 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

This is a summary table that puts the restrictions identified in Questions 20.1, 20.2, 20.3a, b and c, 20.4 and 20.5 into a single measure indicating the level to which a government supports religious groups in the country. Government support of a religion or religions is considered restrictive only when preferential treatment of one or more religious groups puts other religious groups at a disadvantage.

GRI.Q.20.1

Does the country's constitution or basic law recognize a favored religion or religions?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 109 | 55% | 110 | 56% |
| Yes | 89 | 45 | 88 | 44 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.20.2

Do all religious groups receive the same level of government access and privileges?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| All religious groups are generally treated the same | 17 | 9% | 20 | 10% |
| Some religious groups have minimal privileges unavailable to other religious groups, limited to things such as inheriting buildings or properties | 12 | 6 | 19 | 10 |
| Some religious groups have general privileges or government access unavailable to other religious groups | 65 | 33 | 51 | 26 |
| One religious group has privileges or government access unavailable to other religious groups, but it is not recognized as the country's official religion | 53 | 27 | 55 | 28 |
| One religious group has privileges or government access unavailable to other religious groups, and it is recognized by the national government as the official religion | 51 | 26 | 53 | 27 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.20.3

Does any level of government provide funds or other resources to religious groups?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 28 | 14% | 19 | 10% |
| Yes, but with no obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups | 19 | 10 | 27 | 14 |
| Yes, and with obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups | 151 | 76 | 152 | 77 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

This is a summary table that puts the restrictions identified in Questions 20.3a-c into a single measure indicating the level to which a government provides funds or other resources to religious groups in the country. Government funding of a religion or religions is considered restrictive only when preferential treatment of one or more religious groups puts other religious groups at a disadvantage.

GRI.Q.20.3.a

Does any level of government provide funds or other resources for religious education programs and/or religious schools?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 57 | 29% | 55 | 28% |
| Yes, but with no obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups | 18 | 9 | 29 | 15 |
| Yes, and with obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups | 123 | 62 | 114 | 58 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.20.3.b

Does any level of government provide funds or other resources for religious property (e.g., buildings, upkeep, repair or land)?

| | period ending MID-2008 | | period ending MID-2009 | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 106 | 54% | 92 | 46% |
| Yes, but with no obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups | 8 | 4 | 18 | 9 |
| Yes, and with obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups | 84 | 42 | 88 | 44 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.20.3.c

Does any level of government provide funds or other resources for religious activities other than education or property?

| | period ending MID-2008 | | period ending MID-2009 | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 88 | 44% | 54 | 27% |
| Yes, but with no obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups | 11 | 6 | 32 | 16 |
| Yes, and with obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups | 99 | 50 | 112 | 57 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.20.4

Is religious education required in public schools?

| | period ending MID-2008 | | period ending MID-2009 | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 118 | 60% | 118 | 60% |
| Yes, by at least some local governments | 8 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Yes, by the national government | 72 | 36 | 75 | 38 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

GRI.Q.20.5

Does the national government defer in some way to religious authorities, texts or doctrines on legal issues?

| | period ending MID-2008 | | period ending MID-2009 | |
|-----|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 148 | 75% | 143 | 72% |
| Yes | 50 | 25 | 55 | 28 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

Additional Question

The following question was added for the study period ending in mid-2009. For consistency's sake, the results are not included in the Government Restrictions Index (GRI). The data have been analyzed separately starting on page 67 in the section on laws against blasphemy, apostasy and defamation of religion.

Does any level of government penalize the defamation of religion, including penalizing such things as blasphemy, apostasy, and criticism or critiques of a religion or religions?

| | period ending MID-2009 | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 139 | 70% |
| Yes, but penalties are not enforced | 15 | 8 |
| Yes, and penalties are enforced | 44 | 22 |
| | 198 | 100 |

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Social Hostilities Involving Religion

To assess the level of social hostilities involving religion around the world, the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life used the following 13 questions for the Social Hostilities Index (SHI). The Pew Forum's staff then combed through 18 published sources of information, including reports by the U.S. State Department, the United Nations and various nongovernmental organizations, to answer the questions on a country-by-country basis. (For more details, see the Methodology.)

This summary shows the questions, followed by various possible answers and the number and percentage of countries that fell into each category. For example, on Question No. 12 – “Were there incidents of hostility over proselytizing?” – the study found that for the period ending in mid-2009, 127 countries (64%) had no reported incidents of hostility over proselytizing, 39 countries (20%) had incidents that fell short of physical violence and 32 countries (16%) had incidents involving violence.

To see how each country scored on each question, see the Results by Country (available online at <http://pewforum.org/uploadedFiles/Topics/Issues/Government/Results-by-Country.pdf>).

In general, this summary covers two overlapping periods: July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008, and July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2009. The summary shows whether particular religious hostilities occurred at any time during the periods according to the multiple sources analyzed by the Pew Forum. In some questions (SHI Q.6-13), events going back to the previous year (mid-2005 for the period from mid-2006 to mid-2008, or mid-2006 for the period from mid-2007 to mid-2009) are also included in the findings if they were having an ongoing impact.

Some differences from year to year might not be as significant as they appear due to minor changes in coding procedures and changes in the amount of information available between years. For example, sources for the most recent period studied sometimes had more information on incidents in a country than sources previously had reported. Such additional information may reflect either an actual increase in restrictions in a country, improved reporting for that country or both. For additional information, see the notes on individual questions and the Methodology.

Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

SHI.Q.1

Were there crimes, malicious acts or violence motivated by religious hatred or bias?

| | <i>period ending MID-2008</i> | | <i>period ending MID-2009</i> | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES* | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES* |
| No | 57 | 29% | 56 | 28% |
| Yes ^ | 141 | 71 | 142 | 72 |
| <i>Harassment/ intimidation</i> | 138 | 70 | 132 | 67 |
| <i>Property damage</i> | 77 | 39 | 85 | 43 |
| <i>Detentions/ abductions</i> | 18 | 9 | 21 | 11 |
| <i>Displacement from homes</i> | 25 | 13 | 24 | 12 |
| <i>Physical assaults</i> | 78 | 39 | 77 | 39 |
| <i>Deaths</i> | 35 | 18 | 36 | 18 |

This is a summary table intended to capture the severity of religious hatred or bias in each country.

* Percentages add to more than 100 because countries can have multiple types of hostilities.

^ This line represents the number or percentage of countries in which at least one of the following hostilities occurred.

Figures shown above for the period ending in mid-2008 reflect a minor correction to data published in the baseline report.

SHI.Q.2

Was there mob violence related to religion?

| | <i>period ending MID-2008</i> | | <i>period ending MID-2009</i> | |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 160 | 81% | 146 | 74% |
| Yes, but there were no deaths reported | 22 | 11 | 35 | 18 |
| Yes, and there were deaths reported | 16 | 8 | 17 | 9 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

SHI.Q.3

Were there acts of sectarian or communal violence between religious groups?

| | period ending MID-2008 | | period ending MID-2009 | |
|-----|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 176 | 89% | 171 | 86% |
| Yes | 22 | 11 | 27 | 14 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

Sectarian or communal violence involves two or more religious groups facing off in repeated clashes.

SHI.Q.4

Were religion-related terrorist groups active in the country?

| | period ending MID-2008 | | period ending MID-2009 | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 135 | 68% | 124 | 63% |
| Yes | 63 | 32 | 74 | 37 |
| <i>Yes, but their activity was limited to recruitment and fundraising</i> | 41 | 21 | 37 | 19 |
| <i>Yes, with violence that resulted in some casualties (1-9 injuries or deaths)</i> | 5 | 3 | 11 | 6 |
| <i>Yes, with violence that resulted in multiple casualties (10-50 injuries or deaths)</i> | 2 | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| <i>Yes, with violence that resulted in many casualties (more than 50 injuries or deaths)</i> | 15 | 8 | 18 | 9 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

Religion-related terrorism is defined as politically motivated violence against noncombatants by subnational groups or clandestine agents with a religious justification or intent.

Figures shown above for the period ending in mid-2008 reflect a minor update using new information not available at the time of the baseline report. Some of the increase in religion-related terrorism between mid-2008 and mid-2009 could reflect the use of new source material providing greater detail on terrorist activities than was provided by sources used in the baseline report. See footnote on page 51 and the Methodology for more details.

SHI.Q.5

Was there a religion-related war or armed conflict in the country?

| | <i>period ending MID-2008</i> | | <i>period ending MID-2009</i> | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 173 | 87% | 173 | 87% |
| Yes | 25 | 13 | 25 | 13 |
| <i>Yes, with fewer than 10,000 casualties or people displaced from their homes</i> | 7 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| <i>Yes, with tens of thousands of casualties or people displaced</i> | 8 | 4 | 10 | 5 |
| <i>Yes, with hundreds of thousands of casualties or people displaced</i> | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| <i>Yes, with millions of casualties or people displaced</i> | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

Religion-related war is defined as armed conflict (involving sustained casualties over time or more than 1,000 battle deaths) in which religious rhetoric is commonly employed to justify the use of force, or in which one or more of the combatants primarily identifies itself or the opposing side by religion.

Figures shown above for the period ending in mid-2008 reflect a minor update using new information not available at the time of the baseline report.

SHI.Q.6

Did violence result from tensions between religious groups?

| | <i>period ending MID-2008</i> | | <i>period ending MID-2009</i> | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 26 | 13% | 25 | 13% |
| There were public tensions between religious groups, but they fell short of hostilities involving physical violence | 46 | 23 | 40 | 20 |
| Yes, with physical violence in a few cases | 83 | 42 | 83 | 42 |
| Yes, with physical violence in numerous cases | 43 | 22 | 50 | 25 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

The period ending in mid-2008 includes data from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2008; the period ending in mid-2009 includes data from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2009.

SHI.Q.7

Did organized groups use force or coercion in an attempt to dominate public life with their perspective on religion, including preventing some religious groups from operating in the country?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 67 | 34% | 71 | 36% |
| Yes | 131 | 66 | 127 | 64 |
| <i>At the local level</i> | 51 | 26 | 59 | 30 |
| <i>At the regional level</i> | 29 | 15 | 23 | 12 |
| <i>At the national level</i> | 51 | 26 | 45 | 23 |

The period ending in mid-2008 includes data from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2008; the period ending in mid-2009 includes data from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2009.

SHI.Q.8

Did religious groups themselves attempt to prevent other religious groups from being able to operate?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 94 | 47% | 100 | 51% |
| Yes | 104 | 53 | 98 | 49 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

The period ending in mid-2008 includes data from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2008; the period ending in mid-2009 includes data from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2009.

SHI.Q.9

Did individuals or groups use violence or the threat of violence, including so-called honor killings, to try to enforce religious norms?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 148 | 75% | 151 | 76% |
| Yes | 50 | 25 | 47 | 24 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

The period ending in mid-2008 includes data from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2008; the period ending in mid-2009 includes data from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2009.

Figures shown above for the period ending in mid-2008 reflect a minor update using new information not available at the time of the baseline report.

SHI.Q.10

Were individuals assaulted or displaced from their homes in retaliation for religious activities, including preaching and other forms of religious expression, considered offensive or threatening to the majority faith?

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 135 | 68% | 131 | 66% |
| Yes | 63 | 32 | 67 | 34 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

The period ending in mid-2008 includes data from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2008; the period ending in mid-2009 includes data from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2009.

SHI.Q.11*Were women harassed for violating religious dress codes?*

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 182 | 92% | 165 | 83% |
| Yes | 16 | 8 | 33 | 17 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

The period ending in mid-2008 includes data from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2008; the period ending in mid-2009 includes data from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2009.

SHI.Q.12*Were there incidents of hostility over proselytizing?*

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 129 | 65% | 127 | 64% |
| Yes, but they fell short of physical violence | 39 | 20 | 39 | 20 |
| Yes, and they included physical violence | 30 | 15 | 32 | 16 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

The period ending in mid-2008 includes data from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2008; the period ending in mid-2009 includes data from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2009.

SHI.Q.13*Were there incidents of hostility over conversions from one religion to another?*

| | <i>period ending</i> MID-2008 | | <i>period ending</i> MID-2009 | |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES | NUMBER OF COUNTRIES | PERCENT OF COUNTRIES |
| No | 141 | 71% | 138 | 70% |
| Yes, but they fell short of physical violence | 25 | 13 | 26 | 13 |
| Yes, and they included physical violence | 32 | 16 | 34 | 17 |
| | 198 | 100 | 198 | 100 |

The period ending in mid-2008 includes data from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2008; the period ending in mid-2009 includes data from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2009.