

## 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 19 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, according to the multiple sources analyzed by the Pew Forum. For example, on Question No. 5 – “Is public preaching by religious groups limited by any level of government?” – the study found that for the latest year, ending in mid-2010, 137 countries (70%) had no reported limits on preaching, 31 countries (16%) had limits on preaching for some religious groups and 29 countries (15%) had limits on preaching for all religious groups. (Percentages do not total to 100 due to rounding.)

Additionally, the summary shows whether particular religious restrictions occurred during the previous year, ending in mid-2009, or in the study's baseline year, ending in mid-2007. To see how each country scored on each question, see the Results by Country online.

When comparing these results with the Pew Forum's previous reports, readers should keep in mind that previous reports showed the number of countries in which particular religious restrictions occurred at any time during two overlapping periods: July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008, and July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2009. Because this report presents data on an annual basis, the incidents for a single year may be less than when two years were taken into account.

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.

Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

**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?<sup>1</sup>*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
Yes	143	73%	143	73%	144	73%
The constitution or basic law does not specifically provide for freedom of religion but does protect some religious practices	47	24	47	24	46	23
No	7	4	7	4	7	4
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

**GRI.Q.2**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	41	21%	41	21%	40	20%
Yes, there is a qualification	39	20	39	20	40	20
Yes, there is a substantial contradiction and only some religious practices are protected	110	56	110	56	110	56
Religious freedom is not provided in the first place	7	4	7	4	7	4
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
National laws and policies provide for religious freedom, and the national government respects religious freedom in practice	63	32%	96	49%	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	94	48	59	30	76	39
There are limited national legal protections for religious freedom, but the national government does not generally respect religious freedom in practice	38	19	36	18	36	18
National laws and policies do not provide for religious freedom and the national government does not respect religious freedom in practice	2	1	6	3	10	5
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	85	43%	90	46%	72	37%
Yes, in a few cases	44	22	24	12	41	21
Yes, in many cases	32	16	44	22	47	24
Government prohibits worship or religious practices of one or more religious groups as a general policy	36	18	39	20	37	19
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	141	72%	140	71%	137	70%
Yes, for some religious groups	32	16	36	18	31	16
Yes, for all religious groups	24	12	21	11	29	15
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	132	67%	136	69%	131	66%
Yes, for some religious groups	39	20	39	20	40	20
Yes, for all religious groups	26	13	22	11	26	13
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	166	84%	162	82%	158	80%
Yes	31	16	35	18	39	20
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	130	66%	122	62%	111	56%
Yes	67	34	75	38	86	44
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
Yes	117	59%	115	58%	118	60%
Yes, but with restrictions	72	37	69	35	71	36
No	8	4	13	7	8	4
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

**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>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	176	89%	152	77%	140	71%
Yes	21	11	45	23	57	29
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

**GRI.Q.11**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	79	40%	94	48%	73	37%
Yes, there was limited intimidation	82	42	37	19	38	19
Yes, there was widespread intimidation	36	18	66	34	86	44
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

**GRI.Q.12**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	152	77%	154	78%	146	74%
Yes	45	23	43	22	51	26
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

**GRI.Q.13**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	157	80%	151	77%	146	74%
Yes	40	20	46	23	51	26
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

**GRI.Q.14**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	106	54%	98	50%	89	45%
No, but the government consults a nongovernmental advisory board	12	6	15	8	13	7
Yes, but the organization is non-coercive toward religious groups	54	27	47	24	44	22
Yes, and the organization is coercive toward religious groups	25	13	37	19	51	26
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

**GRI.Q.15**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	180	91%	178	90%	173	88%
Yes	17	9	19	10	24	12
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

**GRI.Q.16**

*Does any level of government formally ban any religious group?*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	162	82%	159	81%	158	80%
Yes	35	18	38	19	39	20
<i>Security reasons stated as rationale</i>	11	6	14	7	12	6
<i>Nonsecurity reasons stated as rationale</i>	18	9	12	6	19	10
<i>Both security and nonsecurity reasons stated as rationale</i>	6	3	12	6	8	4
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

**GRI.Q.17**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	181	92%	174	88%	171	87%
Yes	16	8	23	12	26	13
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>



**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?*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	38	19%	30	15%	27	14%
Yes, but in a nondiscriminatory way	71	36	80	41	71	36
Yes, and the process adversely affects the ability of some religious groups to operate	34	17	11	6	18	9
Yes, and the process clearly discriminates against some religious groups	54	27	76	39	81	41
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

**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?*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	136	69%	114	58%	89	45%
Yes	61	31	83	42	108	55
<i>1-9 cases of government force</i>	18	9	30	15	43	22
<i>10-200 cases of government force</i>	35	18	28	14	43	22
<i>201-1,000 cases of government force</i>	4	2	11	6	12	6
<i>1,001-9,999 cases of government force</i>	2	1	8	4	7	4
<i>10,000+ cases of government force</i>	2	1	6	3	3	2
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

**GRI.Q.19b**

*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?*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	136	69%	114	58%	89	45%
Yes ^	61	31	83	42	108	55
<i>Property damage</i>	7	4	38	19	61	31
<i>Detentions/abductions</i>	47	24	64	32	79	40
<i>Displacement from homes</i>	20	10	26	13	41	21
<i>Physical assaults</i>	25	13	31	16	46	23
<i>Deaths</i>	15	8	17	9	23	12
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

Percentages add to more than 100 because countries can have multiple types of cases of government force.

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

**GRI.Q.20**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	18	9%	21	11%	11	6%
Yes, the government provides support to religious groups, but it does so on a more-or-less fair and equal basis	36	18	43	22	44	22
Yes, the government gives preferential support or favors to some religious group(s) and clearly discriminates against others	143	73	133	68	142	72
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

This is a summary table that puts the restrictions identified in Questions 20.1, 20.2, 20.3a-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>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES
No	141	72%	121	61%	120	61%
Yes	56	28	76	39	77	39
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

This question is a component of GRI.Q.20.

For GRI.Q.20.1, the differences between the coding periods may not be as significant as they appear due to minor changes in coding procedures.

**GRI.Q.20.2**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES
All religious groups are generally treated the same	39	20%	57	29%	38	19%
Some religious groups have minimal privileges unavailable to other religious groups, limited to things such as inheriting buildings or properties	7	4	14	7	21	11
Some religious groups have general privileges or government access unavailable to other religious groups	62	31	37	19	40	20
One religious group has privileges or government access unavailable to other religious groups, but it is not recognized as the country's official religion	48	24	48	24	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	41	21	41	21	43	22
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

This question is a component of GRI.Q.20.

**GRI.Q.20.3**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	45	23%	31	16%	20	10%
Yes, but with no obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups	23	12	43	22	40	20
Yes, and with obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups	129	65	123	62	137	70
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

This question is a component of GRI.Q.20. 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 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.20.3.a**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	71	36%	67	34%	56	28%
Yes, but with no obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups	24	12	40	20	39	20
Yes, and with obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups	102	52	90	46	102	52
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

This question is a component of GRI.Q.20.3.

**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)?*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	128	65%	105	53%	119	60%
Yes, but with no obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups	10	5	27	14	16	8
Yes, and with obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups	59	30	65	33	62	31
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

This question is a component of GRI.Q.20.3.

**GRI.Q.20.3.c**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	106	54%	64	32%	55	28%
Yes, but with no obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups	7	4	41	21	43	22
Yes, and with obvious favoritism to a particular group or groups	84	43	92	47	99	50
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

This question is a component of GRI.Q.20.3.

**GRI.Q.20.4***Is religious education required in public schools?*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	134	68%	130	66%	120	61%
Yes, by at least some local governments	6	3	6	3	13	7
Yes, by the national government	57	29	61	31	64	32
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

This question is a component of GRI.Q.20.

**GRI.Q.20.5***Does the national government defer in some way to religious authorities, texts or doctrines on legal issues?*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	150	76%	144	73%	125	63%
Yes	47	24	53	27	72	37
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

This question is a component of GRI.Q.20.

## 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 19 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, according to the multiple sources analyzed by the Pew Forum. For example, on Question No. 12 – “Were there incidents of hostility over proselytizing?” – the study found that for the latest year, ending in mid-2010, 161 countries (82%) had no reported incidents of hostility over proselytizing, 17 countries (9%) had incidents that fell short of physical violence and 19 countries (10%) had incidents involving violence. (Percentages do not total to 100 due to rounding.)

Additionally, the summary shows whether particular religious hostilities occurred during the previous year, ending in mid-2009, or in the study's baseline year, ending in mid-2007. To see how each country scored on each question, see the Results by Country online.

When comparing these results with the Pew Forum's previous reports, readers should keep in mind that previous reports showed the number of countries in which particular religious hostilities occurred at any time during two overlapping periods: July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008, and July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2009. Because this report presents data on an annual basis, the incidents for a single year may be less than when two years were taken into account.

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.

Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

**SHI.Q.1.a**

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

	baseline year, ending MID-2007		previous year, ending MID-2009		latest year, ending MID-2010	
	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES
No	67	34%	67	34%	51	26%
Yes ^	130	66	130	66	146	74
<i>Harassment/intimidation</i>	127	64	124	63	135	69
<i>Property damage</i>	40	20	67	34	83	42
<i>Detentions/abductions</i>	12	6	13	7	19	10
<i>Displacement from homes</i>	19	10	16	8	22	11
<i>Physical assaults</i>	55	28	54	27	82	42
<i>Deaths</i>	25	13	28	14	38	19
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

This is a summary table that captures the types of religious hatred or bias.

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.

**SHI.Q.1.b**

How many different types of crimes, malicious acts or violence motivated by religious hatred or bias occurred? The six different types considered include: harassment/intimidation, property damage, detentions/abductions, displacement from homes, physical assaults and killings.

	baseline year, ending MID-2007		previous year, ending MID-2009		latest year, ending MID-2010	
	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES
No	67	34%	67	34%	51	26%
Yes: one type	56	28	45	23	38	19
Yes: two types	30	15	38	19	33	17
Yes: three types	25	13	23	12	44	22
Yes: four types	11	6	14	7	17	9
Yes: five types	5	3	4	2	9	5
Yes: six types	3	2	6	3	5	3
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

This is a summary table that captures the severity of religious hatred or bias.



**SHI.Q.2***Was there mob violence related to religion?*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	174	88%	159	81%	161	82%
Yes, but there were no deaths reported	14	7	25	13	18	9
Yes, and there were deaths reported	9	5	13	7	18	9
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

**SHI.Q.3***Were there acts of sectarian or communal violence between religious groups?*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	181	92%	173	88%	172	87%
Yes	16	8	24	12	25	13
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

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?

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	% OF COUNTRIES
No	137	70%	134	68%	124	63%
Yes	60	30	63	32	73	37
<i>Yes, but their activity was limited to recruitment and fundraising</i>	43	22	26	13	33	17
<i>Yes, with violence that resulted in some casualties (1-9 injuries or deaths)</i>	7	4	10	5	12	6
<i>Yes, with violence that resulted in multiple casualties (10-50 injuries or deaths)</i>	2	1	9	5	7	4
<i>Yes, with violence that resulted in many casualties (more than 50 injuries or deaths)</i>	8	4	18	9	21	11
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Some of the increase in religion-related terrorism between the year ending in mid-2007 and the year ending in 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.

**SHI.Q.5**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	176	89%	180	91%	168	85%
Yes	21	11	17	9	29	15
<i>Yes, with fewer than 10,000 casualties or people displaced</i>	9	5	6	3	8	4
<i>Yes, with tens of thousands of casualties or people displaced</i>	6	3	3	2	5	3
<i>Yes, with hundreds of thousands of casualties or people displaced</i>	3	2	4	2	12	6
<i>Yes, with millions of casualties or people displaced</i>	3	2	4	2	4	2
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

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.

Some of the increase shown above for the year ending in mid-2010 reflects ongoing displacements that were not coded in previous years, including the religion-related conflicts in such places as Nagorno-Karabakh and Cyprus.

**SHI.Q.6**

*Did violence result from tensions between religious groups?*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	50	25%	61	31%	45	23%
There were public tensions between religious groups, but they fell short of hostilities involving physical violence	56	28	50	25	76	39
Yes, with physical violence in a few cases	69	35	51	26	45	23
Yes, with physical violence in numerous cases	22	11	35	18	31	16
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

The data for each year also takes into account information from the two previous years.

**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>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	113	57%	142	72%	128	65%
Yes	84	43	55	28	69	35
<i>At the local level</i>	22	11	12	6	18	9
<i>At the regional level</i>	31	16	12	6	11	6
<i>At the national level</i>	31	16	31	16	40	20
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

The data for each year also takes into account information from the two previous years.

**SHI.Q.8**

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

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	130	66%	153	78%	148	75%
Yes	67	34	44	22	49	25
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

The data for each year also takes into account information from the two previous years.

**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>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	162	82%	166	84%	147	75%
Yes	35	18	31	16	50	25
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

The data for each year also takes into account information from the two previous years.

**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>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	149	76%	150	76%	138	70%
Yes	48	24	47	24	59	30
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

The data for each year also takes into account information from the two previous years.

**SHI.Q.11**

*Were women harassed for violating religious dress codes?*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	183	93%	165	84%	160	81%
Yes	14	7	32	16	37	19
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

The data for each year also takes into account information from the two previous years.

**SHI.Q.12**

*Were there incidents of hostility over proselytizing?*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	148	75%	151	77%	161	82%
Yes, but they fell short of physical violence	30	15	26	13	17	9
Yes, and they included physical violence	19	10	20	10	19	10
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

The data for each year also takes into account information from the two previous years.

**SHI.Q.13**

*Were there incidents of hostility over conversions from one religion to another?*

	<i>baseline year, ending MID-2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending MID-2009</i>		<i>latest year, ending MID-2010</i>	
	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>NUMBER OF COUNTRIES</b>	<b>% OF COUNTRIES</b>
No	153	78%	155	79%	150	76%
Yes, but they fell short of physical violence	23	12	20	10	26	13
Yes, and they included physical violence	21	11	22	11	21	11
	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>100</b>

The data for each year also takes into account information from the two previous years.