

Executive Highlights

- Countries with higher levels of economic freedom substantially outperform others in economic growth, per capita incomes, health care, education, protection of the environment, and reduction of poverty, according to data collected for the 2013 *Index of Economic Freedom*.
- Regrettably, the results also indicate that economic freedom is not advancing strongly. Only 31 countries have increased their economic freedom scores by 1 point or more over the past year, and 35 registered declines of that magnitude. The average world economic freedom score increased only 0.1 point, reflecting policy stagnation that in turn is reflected in lower world growth rates.
- Government spending scores improved somewhat on average, heralding serious efforts in many countries to halt the rapid budget growth that accelerated during the financial crisis and recession. By contrast, regulatory efficiency declined as countries attempted to stem growing unemployment by increasing minimum wages or otherwise tightening labor market controls. The failure of those policies was evident in many countries around the globe.
- Five emerging economies have notably improved economic freedom in recent years, surviving the global economic turmoil with sustained positive growth rates: Colombia, Indonesia, Jordan, Poland, and the United Arab Emirates. With a cumulative score improvement of 3.5 points or more, each of these countries has achieved five consecutive years of improving economic freedom and turned the global economic crisis into an opportunity to upgrade its economic system.
- On the other hand, two advanced economies and one developing country have registered five consecutive years of declining economic freedom: the United States, Ireland, and Equatorial Guinea. Each has recorded a cumulative score decline of 5 points or more since 2008. All have suffered from substantial declines broadly across the 10 components of economic freedom, particularly in the areas of the rule of law and limited government.
- The importance of political stability to economic freedom and prosperity is illustrated this year by the suspension of Libya and Syria from the *Index* rankings. Ongoing conflicts in those two countries have made it impossible to

gather the necessary data to grade all aspects of their economic freedom, and it is obvious that economic development has ground to a halt at least temporarily in both countries.

THE RULE OF LAW

Given the political turmoil engulfing the Middle East and the ongoing problems in other regions of the world, the 2013 *Index* includes a number of special studies focusing on the importance for development and economic prosperity of maintaining and advancing the rule of law.

- Dr. Robert Barro of Harvard University examines the relationship between “Democracy, Law and Order, and Economic Growth” and, with particular relevance in view of the ongoing turmoil in the Middle East, concludes that reform efforts in poor countries should concentrate on establishing the rule of law, property rights, and free markets rather than democracy, which has little relationship to future economic performance.
- The relationship between “Economic Freedom and Government-Granted Privilege” is extraordinarily destructive, according to Dr. Matthew Mitchell of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. Government interventions on behalf of specific firms and individuals violate one of the fundamental tenets of economic freedom—equitable treatment for all—and lead to unproductive behavior and a loss of efficiency. Dr. Mitchell concludes that such privileges are “pathological,” limiting the prospects for mutually beneficial exchange, raising prices, lowering quality, and discouraging innovation.
- The protection of property rights is the key to ensuring beneficial development outcomes in countries seeking to exploit endowments of natural resources, according to James M. Roberts of The Heritage Foundation and John A. Robinson. They explain that “Property Rights

Can Solve the ‘Resource Curse,’” encouraging investment, entrepreneurship, and innovation. By contrast, bad outcomes follow when abundant resources are made available to a corrupt regime.

- According to Myron Brilliant, Senior Vice President for International Affairs of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, “Good Business Demands Good Governance,” and better international metrics for the rule of law would inspire government reforms that would improve investment flows and job creation in countries that maintain high standards and are effective in controlling corruption.

THE WORLD RANKINGS

- Hong Kong again leads the world rankings, followed by Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and Switzerland. These economies, judged economically free according to the *Index* criteria, demonstrate the benefits of policies that consistently strive to protect and expand economic freedom.
- The top performers in the *Index* come from all parts of the world. Hong Kong, Switzerland, Canada, Chile, Mauritius, and Bahrain each claimed a regional crown, with scores among the dozen best overall.
- With Ireland’s decline in rank from 9th place to 11th place, the eurozone is no longer represented in the *Index* Top 10. A significant realignment of European countries is underway in terms of economic freedom. Sweden, Germany, Georgia, the Czech Republic, Norway, Poland, Romania, and Bulgaria all recorded their highest economic freedom scores ever in 2013. France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, and the United Kingdom all registered scores about the same or lower than those they first registered nearly two decades ago when the *Index* began recording economic freedom.

2013 Index of Economic Freedom World Rankings

World Rank	Country	Overall Score	Change from 2012	Property Rights	Freedom from Corruption	Fiscal Freedom	Government Spending	Business Freedom	Labor Freedom	Monetary Freedom	Trade Freedom	Investment Freedom	Financial Freedom
1	Hong Kong	89.3	-0.6	90.0	84.0	92.9	88.9	98.9	86.2	82.1	90.0	90.0	90.0
2	Singapore	88.0	0.5	90.0	92.0	91.1	91.3	97.1	91.4	82.0	90.0	75.0	80.0
3	Australia	82.6	-0.5	90.0	88.0	66.4	62.8	95.5	83.5	83.8	86.2	80.0	90.0
4	New Zealand	81.4	-0.7	95.0	95.0	71.5	33.2	99.9	89.5	83.3	86.8	80.0	80.0
5	Switzerland	81.0	-0.1	90.0	88.0	68.1	63.8	75.8	87.9	86.2	90.0	80.0	80.0
6	Canada	79.4	-0.5	90.0	87.0	79.8	44.8	91.7	82.3	75.2	88.2	75.0	80.0
7	Chile	79.0	0.7	90.0	72.0	77.6	83.7	70.5	74.2	84.6	82.0	85.0	70.0
8	Mauritius	76.9	-0.1	70.0	51.0	92.1	81.9	78.2	72.3	75.4	87.9	90.0	70.0
9	Denmark	76.1	-0.1	90.0	94.0	39.8	5.9	98.4	91.1	80.0	86.8	85.0	90.0
10	United States	76.0	-0.3	85.0	71.0	69.3	47.8	90.5	95.5	75.0	86.4	70.0	70.0
11	Ireland	75.7	-1.2	90.0	75.0	73.8	28.8	83.4	76.6	82.8	86.8	90.0	70.0
12	Bahrain	75.5	0.3	55.0	51.0	99.9	72.4	75.8	90.4	72.5	82.8	75.0	80.0
13	Estonia	75.3	2.1	85.0	64.0	79.7	56.2	78.2	56.0	77.1	86.8	90.0	80.0
14	United Kingdom	74.8	0.7	90.0	78.0	57.0	27.7	94.1	71.6	72.4	86.8	90.0	80.0
15	Luxembourg	74.2	-0.3	90.0	85.0	65.0	47.1	74.8	39.0	79.3	86.8	95.0	80.0
16	Finland	74.0	1.7	90.0	94.0	66.9	12.2	94.8	45.3	79.5	86.8	90.0	80.0
17	Netherlands	73.5	0.2	90.0	89.0	52.1	24.7	83.0	58.6	81.1	86.8	90.0	80.0
18	Sweden	72.9	1.2	90.0	93.0	39.6	21.0	93.2	53.6	82.1	86.8	90.0	80.0
19	Germany	72.8	1.8	90.0	80.0	61.8	37.3	92.1	43.8	81.2	86.8	85.0	70.0
20	Taiwan	72.7	0.8	70.0	61.0	80.5	84.9	94.3	53.3	82.9	85.0	65.0	50.0
21	Georgia	72.2	2.8	45.0	41.0	88.2	68.9	90.6	91.1	72.6	89.2	75.0	60.0
22	Lithuania	72.1	0.6	60.0	48.0	92.8	53.6	77.6	64.1	78.3	86.8	80.0	80.0
23	Iceland	72.1	1.2	90.0	83.0	72.7	36.2	91.5	58.9	75.8	87.8	65.0	60.0
24	Japan	71.8	0.2	80.0	80.0	69.2	45.0	81.3	80.3	90.6	81.8	60.0	50.0
25	Austria	71.8	1.5	90.0	78.0	51.1	23.5	73.6	80.4	79.3	86.8	85.0	70.0
26	Macau	71.7	-0.1	60.0	51.0	73.5	91.5	60.0	55.0	81.3	90.0	85.0	70.0
27	Qatar	71.3	0.0	70.0	72.0	99.8	81.2	69.4	63.4	80.3	82.5	45.0	50.0
28	United Arab Emirates	71.1	1.8	55.0	68.0	99.9	85.1	74.0	77.6	83.9	82.6	35.0	50.0
29	Czech Republic	70.9	1.0	70.0	44.0	82.0	43.5	65.8	85.5	81.7	86.8	70.0	80.0
30	Botswana	70.6	1.0	70.0	61.0	79.5	65.1	69.0	69.8	72.0	79.7	70.0	70.0
31	Norway	70.5	1.7	90.0	90.0	51.0	40.3	92.6	44.7	76.9	89.3	70.0	60.0
32	Saint Lucia	70.4	-0.9	70.0	70.0	76.9	63.6	85.3	76.4	84.7	71.9	65.0	40.0
33	Jordan	70.4	0.5	60.0	45.0	93.6	68.8	69.2	75.5	82.0	79.6	70.0	60.0
34	South Korea	70.3	0.4	70.0	54.0	73.0	72.8	93.6	48.7	77.9	72.6	70.0	70.0
35	The Bahamas	70.1	2.1	70.0	73.0	97.0	84.9	71.3	81.6	75.8	47.0	30.0	70.0
36	Uruguay	69.7	-0.2	70.0	70.0	84.2	68.3	73.4	70.7	72.5	82.9	75.0	30.0
37	Colombia	69.6	1.6	50.0	34.0	76.1	75.2	90.2	79.3	78.7	72.2	70.0	70.0

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World Rank	Country	Overall Score	Change from 2012	Property Rights	Freedom from Corruption	Fiscal Freedom	Government Spending	Business Freedom	Labor Freedom	Monetary Freedom	Trade Freedom	Investment Freedom	Financial Freedom
38	Armenia	69.4	0.6	30.0	26.0	88.0	82.1	87.6	77.1	73.0	85.4	75.0	70.0
39	Barbados	69.3	0.3	80.0	78.0	74.5	54.2	74.8	84.4	72.1	60.5	55.0	60.0
40	Belgium	69.2	0.2	80.0	75.0	45.0	14.5	91.6	69.8	79.3	86.8	80.0	70.0
41	Cyprus	69.0	-2.8	70.0	63.0	79.8	32.7	80.7	62.8	84.1	81.8	75.0	60.0
42	Slovakia	68.7	1.7	50.0	40.0	84.7	58.0	71.0	72.2	79.1	86.8	75.0	70.0
43	Macedonia	68.2	-0.3	35.0	39.0	91.4	69.1	80.3	78.4	84.0	84.6	60.0	60.0
44	Peru	68.2	-0.5	40.0	34.0	79.9	89.1	72.3	67.1	84.3	85.0	70.0	60.0
45	Oman	68.1	0.2	50.0	48.0	98.5	69.1	68.1	80.9	72.7	78.7	55.0	60.0
46	Spain	68.0	-1.1	70.0	62.0	53.9	43.0	80.3	54.3	79.9	86.8	80.0	70.0
47	Malta	67.5	0.5	75.0	56.0	61.2	44.1	61.1	65.4	80.4	86.8	85.0	60.0
48	Hungary	67.3	0.2	65.0	46.0	79.7	29.7	79.1	64.4	77.1	86.8	75.0	70.0
49	Costa Rica	67.0	-1.0	50.0	48.0	82.9	90.1	58.3	60.4	75.4	85.1	70.0	50.0
50	Mexico	67.0	1.7	50.0	30.0	81.1	79.4	81.4	59.7	77.7	80.6	70.0	60.0
51	Israel	66.9	-0.9	70.0	58.0	60.2	39.3	66.1	63.7	78.6	83.0	80.0	70.0
52	Jamaica	66.8	1.7	40.0	33.0	77.5	67.7	84.3	69.3	76.1	75.0	85.0	60.0
53	El Salvador	66.7	-2.0	40.0	34.0	85.7	85.4	61.8	62.0	79.6	79.0	70.0	70.0
54	Saint Vincent and The Grenadines	66.7	0.2	70.0	58.0	74.2	67.1	77.6	76.6	80.3	73.3	50.0	40.0
55	Latvia	66.5	1.3	50.0	42.0	84.4	53.6	75.7	64.4	78.3	86.8	80.0	50.0
56	Malaysia	66.1	-0.3	55.0	43.0	85.1	73.5	79.9	72.3	79.8	77.0	45.0	50.0
57	Poland	66.0	1.8	60.0	55.0	76.0	43.0	64.0	62.9	77.7	86.8	65.0	70.0
58	Albania	65.2	0.1	30.0	31.0	92.6	75.1	81.0	49.0	78.4	79.8	65.0	70.0
59	Romania	65.1	0.7	40.0	36.0	87.9	62.2	70.4	63.5	74.7	86.8	80.0	50.0
60	Bulgaria	65.0	0.3	30.0	33.0	94.0	64.2	73.6	74.8	78.6	86.8	55.0	60.0
61	Thailand	64.1	-0.8	45.0	34.0	78.9	83.7	73.2	72.9	68.3	75.2	40.0	70.0
62	France	64.1	0.9	80.0	70.0	53.0	5.6	84.0	50.5	81.1	81.8	65.0	70.0
63	Rwanda	64.1	-0.8	30.0	50.0	80.4	75.9	65.6	80.3	75.5	78.0	65.0	40.0
64	Dominica	63.9	2.3	60.0	52.0	72.0	50.1	77.0	68.8	85.3	74.3	70.0	30.0
65	Cape Verde	63.7	0.2	70.0	55.0	77.9	65.4	58.9	40.3	78.0	66.9	65.0	60.0
66	Kuwait	63.1	0.6	50.0	46.0	99.9	61.5	57.7	62.8	71.6	76.8	55.0	50.0
67	Portugal	63.1	0.1	70.0	61.0	61.6	28.3	82.8	31.0	79.4	86.8	70.0	60.0
68	Kazakhstan	63.0	-0.6	35.0	27.0	93.2	84.5	71.8	88.4	72.2	78.2	30.0	50.0
69	Turkey	62.9	0.4	50.0	42.0	77.0	64.9	68.2	43.1	73.3	85.2	65.0	60.0
70	Montenegro	62.6	0.1	40.0	40.0	92.4	41.5	72.7	71.4	79.9	83.0	55.0	50.0
71	Panama	62.5	-2.7	30.0	33.0	86.2	77.8	72.5	40.1	75.9	74.8	65.0	70.0
72	Trinidad and Tobago	62.3	-2.1	50.0	32.0	84.9	60.4	55.1	76.7	73.7	69.9	60.0	60.0
73	Madagascar	62.0	-0.4	40.0	30.0	90.0	94.6	63.5	47.4	74.9	74.6	55.0	50.0

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74	South Africa	61.8	-0.9	50.0	41.0	70.5	69.2	74.7	55.6	75.8	76.3	45.0	60.0
75	Mongolia	61.7	0.2	30.0	27.0	82.5	62.6	70.4	79.2	75.6	79.8	50.0	60.0
76	Slovenia	61.7	-1.2	60.0	59.0	65.7	22.3	80.7	40.4	81.6	86.8	70.0	50.0
77	Ghana	61.3	0.6	50.0	39.0	86.0	52.5	61.5	61.6	64.8	67.8	70.0	60.0
78	Croatia	61.3	0.4	40.0	40.0	75.4	48.7	63.0	42.4	81.1	87.5	75.0	60.0
79	Uganda	61.1	-0.8	30.0	24.0	80.6	84.3	48.4	87.9	77.2	73.6	55.0	50.0
80	Paraguay	61.1	-0.7	30.0	22.0	95.9	85.4	59.1	25.6	79.8	82.7	70.0	60.0
81	Sri Lanka	60.7	2.4	40.0	33.0	84.7	86.5	77.0	60.8	69.1	76.2	40.0	40.0
82	Saudi Arabia	60.6	-1.9	40.0	44.0	99.6	52.2	68.2	69.2	65.7	77.3	40.0	50.0
83	Italy	60.6	1.8	50.0	39.0	55.5	25.3	76.9	52.0	80.2	86.8	80.0	60.0
84	Namibia	60.3	-1.6	30.0	44.0	66.4	71.5	68.4	76.7	74.9	81.5	50.0	40.0
85	Guatemala	60.0	-0.9	30.0	27.0	79.6	93.6	50.8	48.7	75.5	85.2	60.0	50.0
86	Burkina Faso	59.9	-0.7	30.0	30.0	81.4	82.0	61.2	56.4	80.6	72.5	55.0	50.0
87	Dominican Republic	59.7	-0.5	30.0	26.0	83.7	92.6	53.7	55.6	72.9	77.8	65.0	40.0
88	Azerbaijan	59.7	0.8	25.0	24.0	85.5	67.8	69.2	79.4	73.5	77.2	55.0	40.0
89	Kyrgyz Republic	59.6	-0.6	20.0	21.0	94.8	56.4	73.2	88.6	66.7	75.4	50.0	50.0
90	Morocco	59.6	-0.6	40.0	34.0	71.4	64.3	76.4	30.1	78.9	70.8	70.0	60.0
91	Lebanon	59.5	-0.6	20.0	25.0	90.8	74.6	50.3	57.2	76.5	80.4	60.0	60.0
92	The Gambia	58.8	0.0	30.0	35.0	75.1	82.7	59.5	59.3	71.1	60.5	65.0	50.0
93	Zambia	58.7	0.4	30.0	32.0	72.9	80.3	60.4	58.4	66.0	82.3	55.0	50.0
94	Serbia	58.6	0.6	40.0	33.0	84.2	40.3	60.2	70.4	65.3	77.9	65.0	50.0
95	Cambodia	58.5	0.9	30.0	21.0	90.9	88.4	39.4	54.2	81.3	70.2	60.0	50.0
96	Honduras	58.4	-0.4	30.0	26.0	85.3	79.2	61.0	26.8	73.9	77.1	65.0	60.0
97	The Philippines	58.2	1.1	30.0	26.0	79.3	90.2	53.1	51.0	76.6	75.5	50.0	50.0
98	Tanzania	57.9	0.9	30.0	30.0	79.9	77.9	48.6	61.9	71.8	73.5	55.0	50.0
99	Gabon	57.8	1.4	40.0	30.0	74.2	80.1	56.5	63.1	77.5	61.1	55.0	40.0
100	Brazil	57.7	-0.2	50.0	38.0	70.3	54.8	53.0	57.2	74.4	69.7	50.0	60.0
101	Benin	57.6	1.9	30.0	30.0	76.1	86.1	45.4	49.7	79.9	59.3	70.0	50.0
102	Belize	57.3	-4.6	30.0	0.0	82.2	72.6	72.6	71.4	77.3	77.2	40.0	50.0
103	Bosnia and Herzegovina	57.3	0.0	20.0	32.0	83.2	26.9	54.3	61.2	79.0	86.4	70.0	60.0
104	Swaziland	57.2	0.0	40.0	31.0	74.4	51.3	66.0	70.3	74.7	69.7	55.0	40.0
105	Fiji	57.2	-0.1	25.0	20.0	78.0	78.0	65.7	74.9	72.8	68.0	40.0	50.0
106	Samoa	57.1	-3.4	60.0	39.0	80.6	34.3	72.4	80.4	78.5	66.0	30.0	30.0
107	Tunisia	57.0	-1.6	40.0	38.0	74.5	63.7	82.8	70.1	77.8	58.1	35.0	30.0
108	Indonesia	56.9	0.5	30.0	30.0	83.4	89.2	50.2	50.8	75.5	75.0	35.0	50.0
109	Vanuatu	56.6	0.0	40.0	35.0	97.3	80.5	56.4	57.7	81.4	48.0	30.0	40.0
110	Nicaragua	56.6	-1.3	15.0	25.0	78.7	65.1	51.2	62.2	73.2	85.4	60.0	50.0

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111	Mali	56.4	0.6	30.0	28.0	69.6	83.9	50.1	64.6	79.9	73.2	45.0	40.0
112	Tonga	56.0	-1.0	20.0	31.0	87.1	64.7	76.6	84.4	71.1	75.6	30.0	20.0
113	Yemen	55.9	0.6	30.0	21.0	91.5	72.8	61.3	55.3	65.7	81.5	50.0	30.0
114	Kenya	55.9	-1.6	30.0	22.0	77.5	73.5	58.0	57.1	73.8	66.7	50.0	50.0
115	Moldova	55.5	1.1	40.0	29.0	87.2	50.1	69.7	40.9	73.4	80.0	35.0	50.0
116	Senegal	55.5	0.1	40.0	29.0	65.2	75.6	56.7	41.3	79.6	72.2	55.0	40.0
117	Greece	55.4	0.0	40.0	34.0	66.2	24.7	77.1	42.1	73.4	81.8	65.0	50.0
118	Malawi	55.3	-1.1	40.0	30.0	78.4	60.0	41.1	58.8	72.5	71.8	50.0	50.0
119	India	55.2	0.6	50.0	31.0	78.3	77.9	37.3	73.6	65.3	63.6	35.0	40.0
120	Nigeria	55.1	-1.2	30.0	24.0	82.6	74.6	55.7	67.2	73.3	63.9	40.0	40.0
121	Pakistan	55.1	0.4	30.0	25.0	80.5	89.0	70.7	47.9	67.0	66.0	35.0	40.0
122	Bhutan	55.0	-1.6	60.0	57.0	82.7	38.8	60.5	84.4	67.3	49.5	20.0	30.0
123	Mozambique	55.0	-2.1	30.0	27.0	76.2	64.5	63.9	37.9	74.7	75.4	50.0	50.0
124	Seychelles	54.9	1.9	50.0	48.0	77.6	56.9	69.2	63.5	75.6	33.4	45.0	30.0
125	Egypt	54.8	-3.1	35.0	29.0	85.6	69.4	63.3	43.3	58.4	73.8	50.0	40.0
126	Côte d'Ivoire	54.1	-0.2	25.0	22.0	77.9	79.8	43.3	54.6	77.8	70.3	40.0	50.0
127	Djibouti	53.9	0.0	30.0	30.0	79.4	48.8	30.0	59.6	76.6	59.6	65.0	60.0
128	Niger	53.9	-0.4	30.0	25.0	77.0	80.1	35.2	39.3	85.4	71.7	55.0	40.0
129	Guyana	53.8	2.5	30.0	25.0	67.9	61.1	66.3	75.4	75.9	71.2	35.0	30.0
130	Papua New Guinea	53.6	-0.2	20.0	22.0	67.4	72.3	58.3	73.4	72.4	85.0	35.0	30.0
131	Tajikistan	53.4	0.0	20.0	23.0	92.8	78.1	61.7	55.5	64.6	78.2	20.0	40.0
132	Bangladesh	52.6	-0.6	20.0	27.0	72.7	92.1	68.0	51.9	65.4	54.0	55.0	20.0
133	Cameroon	52.3	0.5	30.0	25.0	69.3	87.1	46.8	55.5	69.9	54.9	35.0	50.0
134	Mauritania	52.3	-0.7	25.0	24.0	80.3	74.7	43.3	51.1	75.1	64.8	45.0	40.0
135	Suriname	52.0	-0.6	40.0	30.0	71.6	72.5	40.2	77.5	66.7	66.3	25.0	30.0
136	China	51.9	0.7	20.0	36.0	70.2	83.3	48.0	62.6	71.6	72.0	25.0	30.0
137	Guinea	51.2	0.4	20.0	21.0	69.6	82.6	46.1	63.8	62.8	61.2	45.0	40.0
138	Guinea-Bissau	51.1	1.0	20.0	22.0	89.1	82.0	41.3	54.0	72.7	65.3	35.0	30.0
139	Russia	51.1	0.6	25.0	24.0	86.9	54.4	69.2	52.6	66.7	77.4	25.0	30.0
140	Vietnam	51.0	-0.3	15.0	29.0	75.6	72.4	63.8	65.5	65.3	78.6	15.0	30.0
141	Nepal	50.4	0.2	30.0	22.0	85.8	89.2	57.2	44.3	75.1	60.8	10.0	30.0
142	Central African Republic	50.4	0.1	20.0	22.0	65.1	92.4	35.2	47.9	78.1	57.8	55.0	30.0
143	Micronesia	50.1	-0.6	30.0	30.0	97.5	0.0	54.1	82.5	76.1	81.0	20.0	30.0
144	Laos	50.1	0.1	15.0	22.0	79.7	85.8	62.1	54.7	73.0	58.7	30.0	20.0
145	Algeria	49.6	-1.4	30.0	29.0	80.4	44.1	65.2	52.6	76.6	67.8	20.0	30.0
146	Ethiopia	49.4	-2.6	30.0	27.0	74.2	89.6	52.4	46.9	64.7	64.0	25.0	20.0
147	Liberia	49.3	0.7	30.0	32.0	76.6	77.8	56.5	47.2	72.0	61.4	20.0	20.0

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World Rank	Country	Overall Score	Change from 2012	Property Rights	Freedom from Corruption	Fiscal Freedom	Government Spending	Business Freedom	Labor Freedom	Monetary Freedom	Trade Freedom	Investment Freedom	Financial Freedom
148	Burundi	49.0	0.9	20.0	19.0	71.5	22.6	58.4	66.4	68.7	78.9	55.0	30.0
149	Maldives	49.0	-0.2	25.0	25.0	98.8	14.5	88.7	64.0	70.4	43.7	30.0	30.0
150	Togo	48.8	0.5	30.0	24.0	68.5	81.6	39.9	44.2	78.5	56.7	35.0	30.0
151	Sierra Leone	48.3	-0.8	10.0	25.0	80.7	75.9	51.5	26.3	68.5	70.2	55.0	20.0
152	Haiti	48.1	-2.6	10.0	18.0	80.7	66.3	33.4	63.6	74.2	74.8	30.0	30.0
153	São Tomé and Príncipe	48.0	-2.2	20.0	30.0	86.9	45.3	53.5	38.6	66.0	60.0	50.0	30.0
154	Belarus	48.0	-1.0	20.0	24.0	88.8	43.5	75.2	76.9	40.7	80.8	20.0	10.0
155	Lesotho	47.9	1.3	40.0	35.0	48.2	0.0	63.7	62.8	75.7	69.1	45.0	40.0
156	Bolivia	47.9	-2.3	10.0	28.0	88.8	64.1	55.8	30.8	67.4	74.3	10.0	50.0
157	Comoros	47.5	1.8	30.0	24.0	64.7	82.4	44.7	51.2	74.6	68.8	15.0	20.0
158	Angola	47.3	0.6	15.0	20.0	82.6	60.6	43.1	44.8	61.5	70.2	35.0	40.0
159	Ecuador	46.9	-1.4	20.0	27.0	80.1	47.3	51.5	48.0	66.9	68.1	20.0	40.0
160	Argentina	46.7	-1.3	15.0	30.0	64.3	52.1	60.1	47.4	60.4	67.6	40.0	30.0
161	Ukraine	46.3	0.2	30.0	23.0	78.2	29.4	47.6	49.9	71.0	84.4	20.0	30.0
162	Uzbekistan	46.0	0.2	15.0	16.0	90.2	67.8	71.2	61.0	63.0	66.1	0.0	10.0
163	Kiribati	45.9	-1.0	30.0	31.0	71.2	0.0	59.2	78.5	78.4	55.4	25.0	30.0
164	Chad	45.2	0.4	20.0	20.0	50.4	75.5	25.2	40.5	74.6	55.6	50.0	40.0
165	Solomon Islands	45.0	-1.2	30.0	27.0	66.2	6.1	66.6	66.4	75.4	72.6	10.0	30.0
166	Timor-Leste	43.7	0.4	20.0	24.0	64.7	0.0	44.8	81.2	69.3	73.0	40.0	20.0
167	Congo, Rep. of	43.5	-0.3	10.0	22.0	61.4	80.3	31.5	44.8	74.3	60.7	20.0	30.0
168	Iran	43.2	0.9	10.0	27.0	80.8	80.5	65.3	55.0	58.0	45.7	0.0	10.0
169	Turkmenistan	42.6	-1.2	5.0	16.0	94.0	91.7	30.0	30.0	70.6	79.2	0.0	10.0
170	Equatorial Guinea	42.3	-0.5	15.0	19.0	75.4	39.3	44.4	43.1	72.8	58.8	25.0	30.0
171	Congo, Dem. Rep. of	39.6	-1.5	10.0	20.0	71.4	60.1	38.7	36.3	56.5	63.0	20.0	20.0
172	Burma	39.2	0.5	10.0	15.0	81.9	96.8	20.0	20.0	65.1	73.6	0.0	10.0
173	Eritrea	36.3	0.1	10.0	25.0	57.0	54.6	17.3	54.6	55.5	69.1	0.0	20.0
174	Venezuela	36.1	-2.0	5.0	19.0	75.6	50.6	45.6	34.5	47.3	58.8	5.0	20.0
175	Zimbabwe	28.6	2.3	10.0	22.0	71.8	66.4	33.4	21.9	0.0	50.4	0.0	10.0
176	Cuba	28.5	0.2	10.0	42.0	62.7	0.0	10.0	20.0	67.4	62.7	0.0	10.0
177	North Korea	1.5	0.5	5.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
N/A	Afghanistan	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.0	N/A	83.2	59.7	75.8	69.5	N/A	65.0	N/A
N/A	Iraq	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.0	N/A	N/A	47.0	70.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	Kosovo	N/A	N/A	30.0	29.0	93.5	73.0	52.4	77.7	N/A	N/A	65.0	N/A
N/A	Libya	N/A	N/A	10.0	20.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	64.8	85.0	10.0	20.0
N/A	Liechtenstein	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	70.0	N/A	N/A	90.0	N/A	80.0
N/A	Somalia	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	Sudan	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.0	N/A	89.9	57.4	65.4	64.5	N/A	15.0	N/A
N/A	Syria	N/A	N/A	20.0	26.0	86.2	N/A	59.3	48.9	71.5	72.8	10.0	20.0