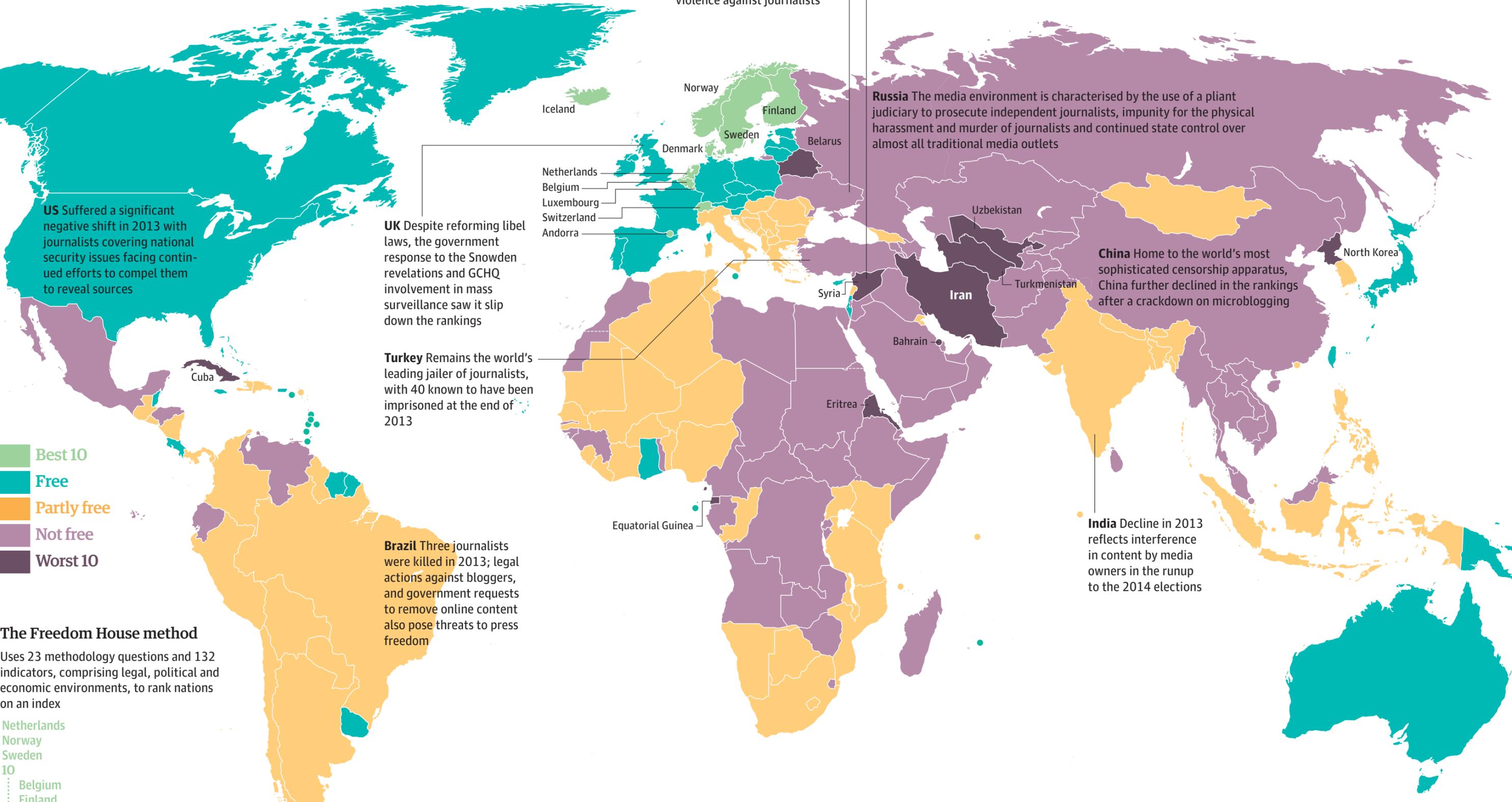


Press freedom around the world

Global press freedom fell to its lowest level in over decade in 2013, with analysis by Freedom House showing only 14% of the world's inhabitants live in a country with a free press

SOURCE: FREEDOM HOUSE - FREEDOM OF THE PRESS 2014



US Suffered a significant negative shift in 2013 with journalists covering national security issues facing continued efforts to compel them to reveal sources

UK Despite reforming libel laws, the government response to the Snowden revelations and GCHQ involvement in mass surveillance saw it slip down the rankings

Turkey Remains the world's leading jailer of journalists, with 40 known to have been imprisoned at the end of 2013

Brazil Three journalists were killed in 2013; legal actions against bloggers, and government requests to remove online content also pose threats to press freedom

Ukraine No longer classed as partly free due to a dramatic increase in harassment and violence against journalists

Syria Remains the deadliest place in the world to practice journalism, with dozens killed and many more abducted, missing or injured

Russia The media environment is characterised by the use of a pliant judiciary to prosecute independent journalists, impunity for the physical harassment and murder of journalists and continued state control over almost all traditional media outlets

China Home to the world's most sophisticated censorship apparatus, China further declined in the rankings after a crackdown on microblogging

India Decline in 2013 reflects interference in content by media owners in the runup to the 2014 elections

- Best 10
- Free
- Partly free
- Not free
- Worst 10

The Freedom House method
Uses 23 methodology questions and 132 indicators, comprising legal, political and economic environments, to rank nations on an index

- Netherlands
- Norway
- Sweden
- 10
- Belgium
- Finland
- 11
- Denmark
- Iceland
- Luxembourg
- Switzerland
- 12
- Andorra
- 13

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