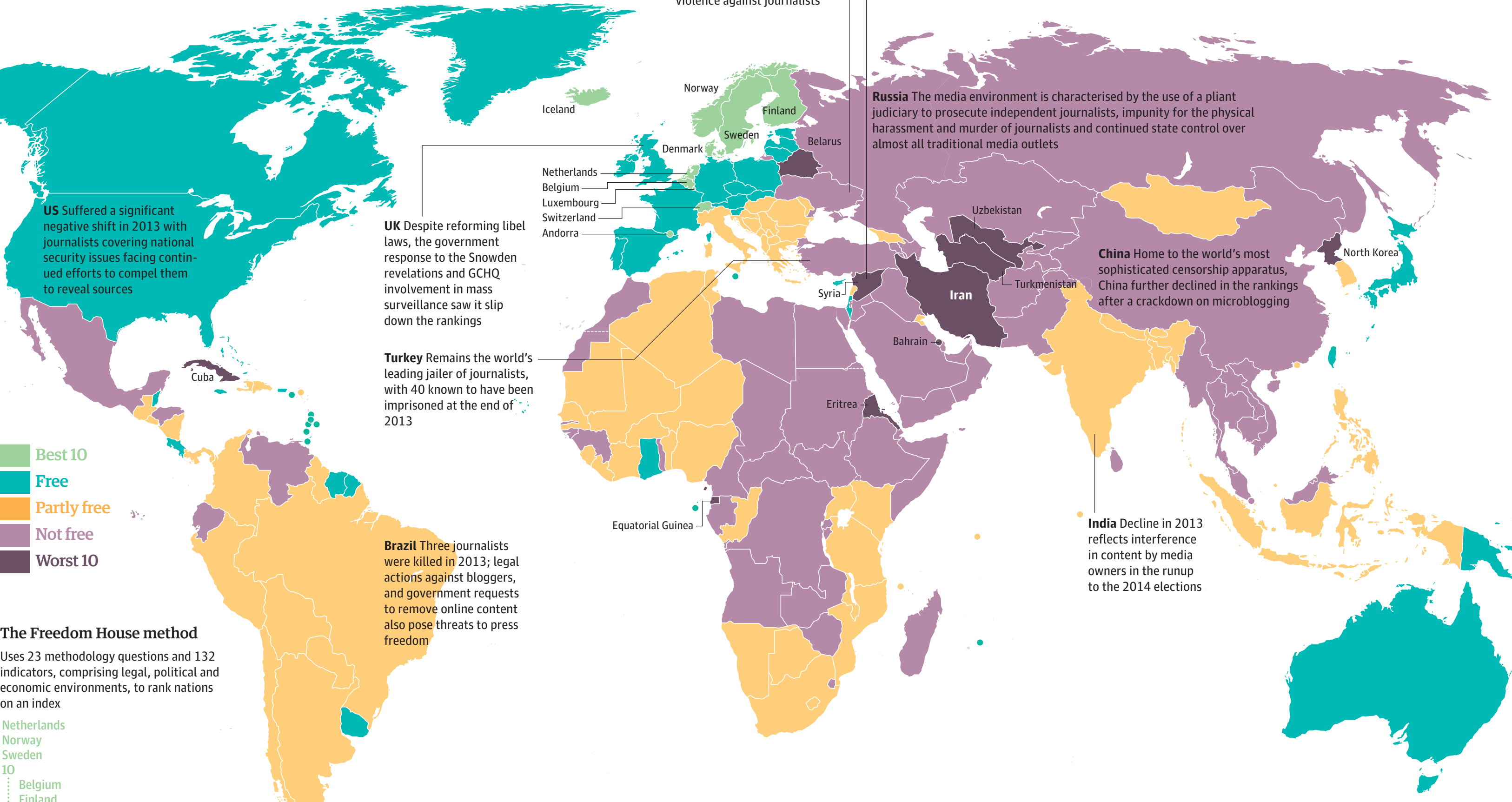


# Press freedom around the world

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

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**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

Free

Partly free

Not free

