



World Press Freedom Index 2021

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- The World Press Freedom Index 2021 produced by '**Reporters Without Borders**' (RSF), a French NGO. This evaluates the press freedom situation in 180 countries.
- The index shows journalism as main vaccine against disinformation. **Out of 180 countries evaluated, 73% are classified as having 'very bad', 'bad' or 'problematic' environment** for press freedom, and are identified accordingly in black, red or orange on the World Press Freedom map.
- **Norway is ranked first in the index for the fifth year, Finland maintained its position in second place while Sweden recovered its third place.** The 2021 index demonstrates the success of these Nordic nations' approach towards upholding press freedom. China, however ranked 177th out of 180 countries.
- **India placed at 142nd rank.** The RSF report says that **India is one of the world's most dangerous countries for journalists trying to do their job properly.** They are exposed to every kind of attack, including police violence against reporters, ambushes by political activists, and reprisals instigated by criminal groups or corrupt local officials.

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