


Privacy International

National Privacy Ranking 2006 - European Union and Leading Surveillance Societies

	Constitutional protection	Statutory protection	Privacy Enforcement	Identity Cards and Biometrics	Data-sharing	Visual surveillance	Comms interception	Workplace monitoring	Law enforcement access	Comms Data retention	Travel, finances, transborder	Leadership	Democratic safeguards	Total	Ranking
GERMANY	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3.9	
BELGIUM	4	4	3	2	-	-	2	4	3	2	4	3	4	3.2	
AUSTRIA	2	4	3	2	4	3	2	4	2	4	3	4	4	3.2	
GREECE	4	3	4	3	-	3	1	-	3	-	-	4	3	3.1	
HUNGARY	4	4	4	4	-	2	1	-	3	-	3	2	3	3.0	
FRANCE	3	2	4	2	2	4	3	4	2	2	4	2	4	2.9	
POLAND	4	4	3	2	4	4	1	-	3	1	2	4	3	2.9	
PORTUGAL	4	3	3	2	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	2	4	2.9	
CYPRUS	3	3	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	3	2.9	
FINLAND	3	3	3	2	2	-	3	2	-	3	3	2	4	2.7	
ITALY	4	-	4	3	-	3	1	4	2	1	2	2	3	2.6	
LUXEMBOURG	3	2	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	2	3	2	4	2.6	
LATVIA	3	3	3	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	2	3	2.6	
ESTONIA	3	3	3	2	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	2	3	2.6	
MALTA	2	4	3	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	2	3	2.6	
DENMARK	4	2	2	4	1	3	2	-	2	2	-	2	4	2.5	
CZECH REP.	4	-	4	2	-	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	4	2.5	
IRELAND	2	3	4	3	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	1	4	2.5	
SLOVAKIA	4	3	3	2	-	-	2	-	2	2	2	2	3	2.5	
LITHUANIA	4	3	3	-	-	2	1	2	-	3	2	2	3	2.5	
SPAIN	3	3	4	1	-	-	1	3	2	2	1	2	4	2.4	
SLOVENIA	3	3	2	2	2	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	3	2.3	
NETHERLANDS	3	4	2	1	1	2	1	3	2	3	2	2	4	2.3	
SWEDEN	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	4	2.2	
UK	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	1.5	
Non-EU countries															
CANADA	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	5	3	4	4	3.6	
ARGENTINA	4	4	3	-	2	-	2	3	2	2	3	4	4	3.0	
NEWZEALAND	2	3	3	3	-	-	2	1	2	3	2	2	4	2.5	
AUSTRALIA	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	4	1	2	3	2.4	
ISRAEL	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	-	1	2	1	2	3	2.2	
US	3	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	2	4	1	1	4	2.0	
THAILAND	3	2	2	1	-	2	2	-	1	3	-	2	1	1.9	
PHILIPPINES	3	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	1	3	2	-	3	1.9	
SINGAPORE	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1.4	
RUSSIA	3	1	1	2	2	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1.4	
MALAYSIA	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	3	1	2	1	1.3	
CHINA	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	1.3	
Worst Countries per category	UK, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA	US, PHIL, RUSSIA	US, PHIL, SINGAPORE, RUSSIA, MALAYSIA, CHINA	SPAIN, UK, NL, THAILAND, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA	DENMARK, NL, UK, MALAYSIA, CHINA	UK, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, CHINA	GREECE, HUNGARY, POLAND, ITALY, CZECH REPUBLIC, LITHUANIA, SPAIN, SLOVENIA, NL, UK, US, PHIL, SINGAPORE, RUSSIA, MALAYSIA, CHINA	NEW ZEALAND, US, SINGAPORE	ISRAEL, THAILAND, PHIL, SINGAPORE, RUSSIA, MALAYSIA, CHINA	POLAND, ITALY, CZECH, NL, RUSSIA, CHINA	SPAIN, UK, AUSTRALIA, ISRAEL, US, RUSSIA, MALAYSIA	UK, SWEDEN, IRELAND, US, SINGAPORE, RUSSIA, CHINA	THAILAND, SINGAPORE, RUSSIA, MALAYSIA, CHINA	CHINA, MALAYSIA, RUSSIA, UK	

Grade	Description
5	no invasive policy or widespread practice/leading in best practice
4	comprehensive efforts, protections, and safeguards for privacy
3	some safeguards, relatively limited practice of surveillance
2	few safeguards, widespread practice of surveillance
1	extensive surveillance/leading in bad practice

Final Score	Description
4.1-5.0	Consistently upholds human rights standards
3.6-4.0	Significant protections and safeguards
3.1-3.5	Adequate safeguards against abuse
2.6-3.0	Some safeguards but weakened protections
2.1-2.5	Systemic failure to uphold safeguards
1.6-2.0	Extensive surveillance societies
1.1-1.5	Endemic surveillance societies