



ACADEMIC FREEDOM INDEX

Index try to quantify the [freedom of university scholars](#) to debate politically and culturally controversial topics without fearing for their safety or studies, and without any external influence on the institutions' affairs, based on a combination of factual data and the assessments of 1,800 academicians worldwide.

It is the result of a collaborative effort between researchers at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) and the V-Dem Institute, the Scholars at Risk Network, and the Global Public Policy Institute.



- The index scores countries between 0 (worst) and 1 (best).
- India has scored considerably low in the international Academic Freedom Index (AFI) with a score of 0.352 which is closely followed by Saudi Arabia (0.278) and Libya (0.238).
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