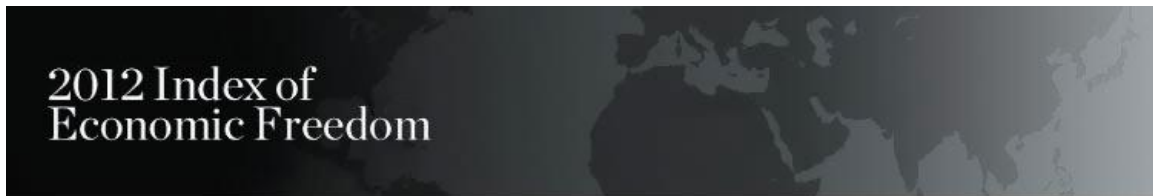


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Still the Land of the Free? The U.S. Slips Again in the 2012 *Index of Economic Freedom*

According to the 2012 *Index of Economic Freedom*, released by The Heritage Foundation and *The Wall Street Journal*, the United States is ranked 10th worldwide, slipping one spot since last year.

The U.S. score of 76.3-which qualifies for the "mostly free" category-fell 1.5 points from the 2011 *Index*, primarily because of runaway government spending.

How did other countries perform?





Global economic freedom appears to be on the decline, with the global average economic freedom score dropping 0.2 points to 59.5. Additionally, 90 of the 184 countries listed in the Index lost economic freedom in the past year. The data suggests that economic uncertainty in key developed nations has battered world economic progress overall.

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