

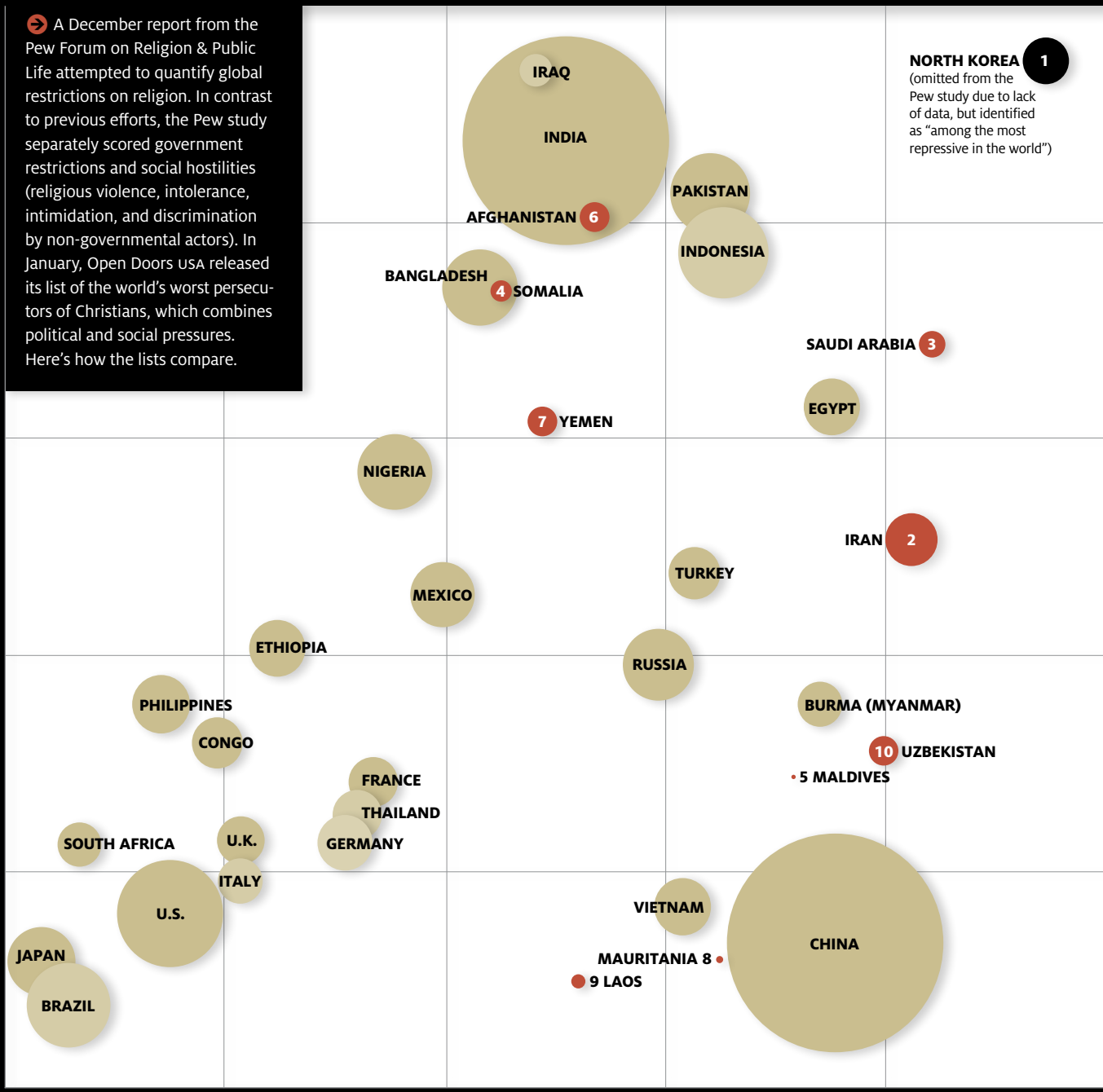
SPOTLIGHT: WHERE IT'S HARDEST TO BELIEVE

HIGH

A December report from the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life attempted to quantify global restrictions on religion. In contrast to previous efforts, the Pew study separately scored government restrictions and social hostilities (religious violence, intolerance, intimidation, and discrimination by non-governmental actors). In January, Open Doors USA released its list of the world's worst persecutors of Christians, which combines political and social pressures. Here's how the lists compare.

SOCIAL HOSTILITIES

LOW



NORTH KOREA 1
(omitted from the Pew study due to lack of data, but identified as "among the most repressive in the world")

The world's 25 most populous countries and selected others from Pew's Global Restrictions on Religion report (includes restrictions on all religions).

Rank on Open Doors 2010 World Watch List (emphasizes restrictions on Christianity).

Circle size based on population.

LOW **GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS** HIGH