

# WHERE IT'S HARDEST TO BELIEVE (2014)

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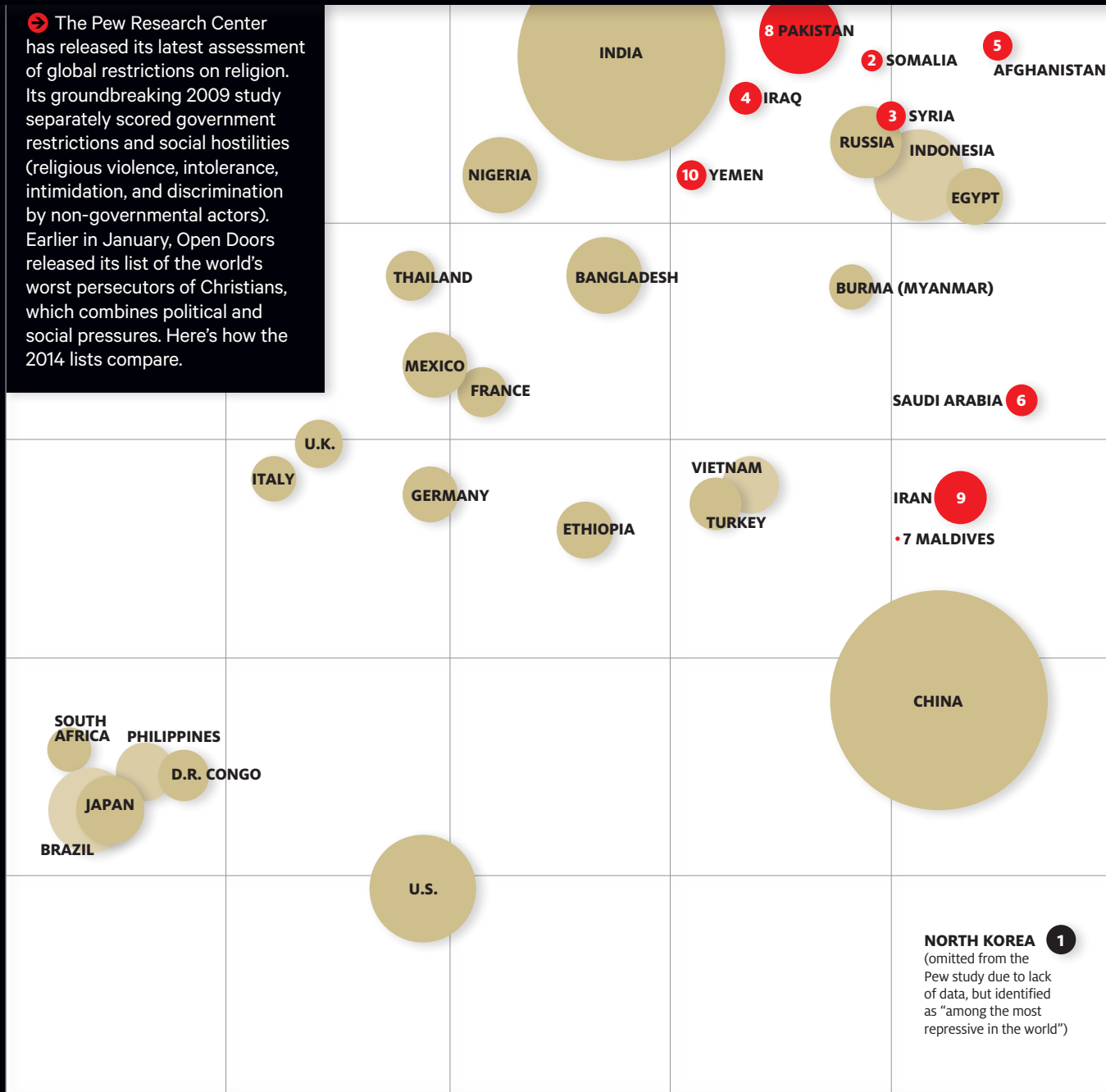
➔ The Pew Research Center has released its latest assessment of global restrictions on religion. Its groundbreaking 2009 study separately scored government restrictions and social hostilities (religious violence, intolerance, intimidation, and discrimination by non-governmental actors). Earlier in January, Open Doors released its list of the world's worst persecutors of Christians, which combines political and social pressures. Here's how the 2014 lists compare.

SOCIAL HOSTILITIES

LOW

GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS

HIGH



The world's 25 most populous countries and selected others from Pew's January 2014 report (includes restrictions on all religions).

Rank on Open Doors 2014 World Watch List (focuses on restrictions on Christianity).

Circle size based on population.

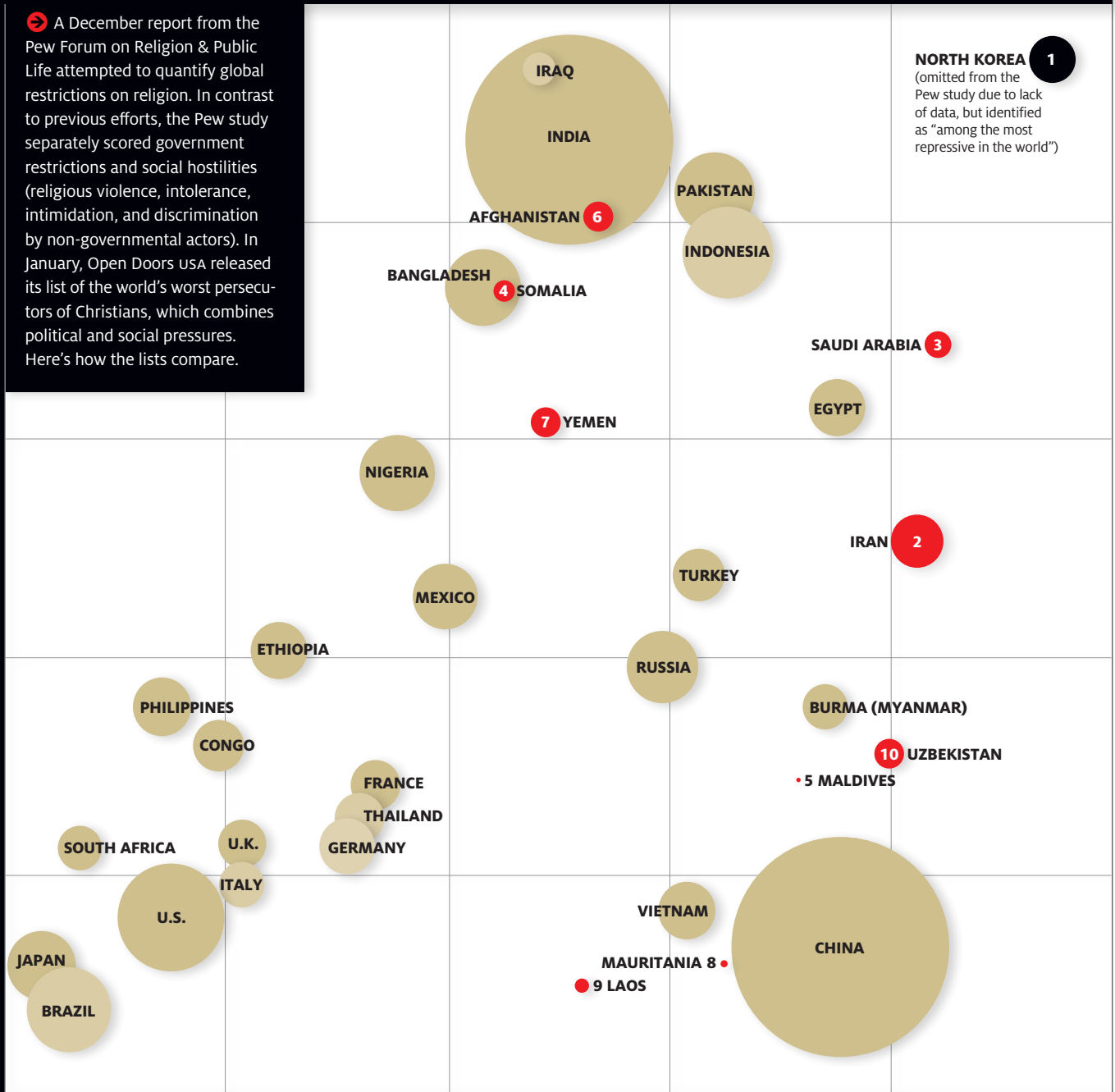
# SPOTLIGHT: WHERE IT'S HARDEST TO BELIEVE

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➔ 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.

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



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