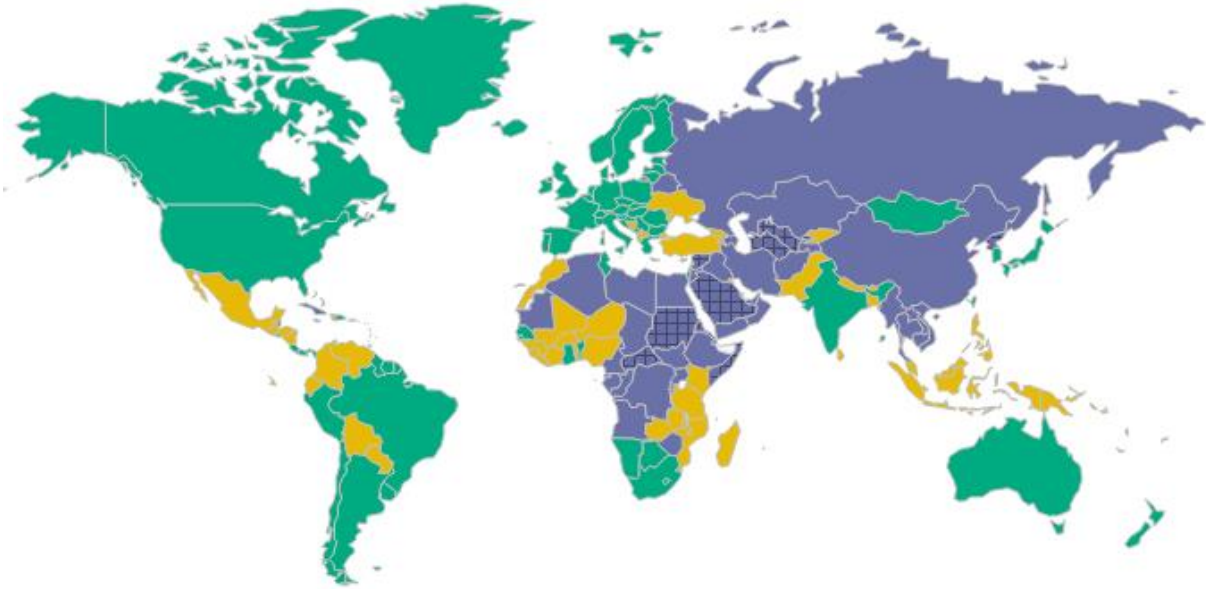


Unit 2 Handout 4

HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD

- I. Look at the map down below. What do you think it represents? Vote in Menti.



- II. Read the following information about Human Rights around the world. Which are the countries under suspicion of human rights abuses? Can you locate them in the map?

Do all countries respect human rights? No. Many countries are criticized by the UN Human Rights Commission and non-governmental organizations for human rights abuses.

Two permanent members of the UN Security Council – Russia and China – have come under attack in the last few years.

Russia has been accused of ignoring international law in its war in Chechnya, where civilian casualties have been high. It has also been criticized recently for its treatment of gay, lesbian, and transgender citizens.

China has been criticized for the severe sentences it hands out to political dissidents, and for repressing freedom of expression and freedom of religion.

Western democracies do not escape condemnation. Human Rights Watch, for example, has raised concern about the UK's anti-terrorism legislation, and the death penalty and police abuse in the US.

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III. Fill in the gaps of the table with information from the text. Identify the human rights which have been violated.

Country	Criticised for	Which human right abused?
Russia	1. Ignoring international law 2.	1. Right to security; right to social and international order 2.
China		
UK		
US	1. 2.	1. 2.

IV. *Human Rights Watch* is an international non-governmental organization, that conducts research and advocacy on human rights. Watch these 3 videos from the organization. Which rights are violated?

a. Syria:

b. Iraq:

c. Japan:
