



association for
the prevention
of torture

APT is dedicated to upholding human dignity by preventing torture and promoting peaceful, inclusive societies. Through mobilizing international and national actors, fostering collaboration, and providing strategic support, APT drives efforts to prevent torture. This dashboard visualizes global progress in treaty ratification and national commitments to safeguarding human rights.

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Ratification of
the UN
Convention

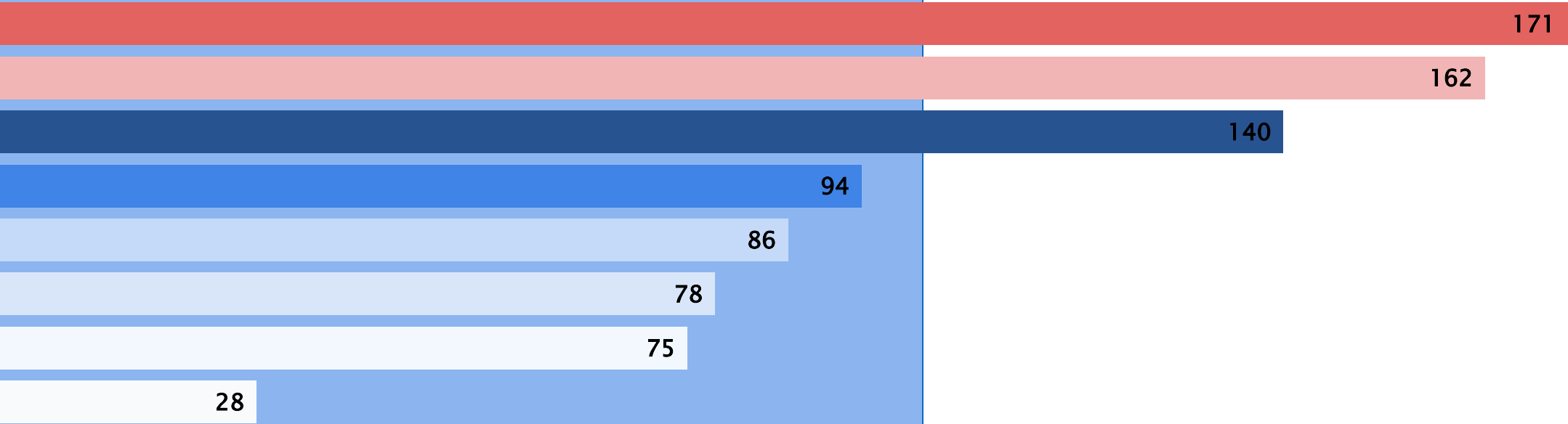
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Prohibition of
torture in the
constitution

95%

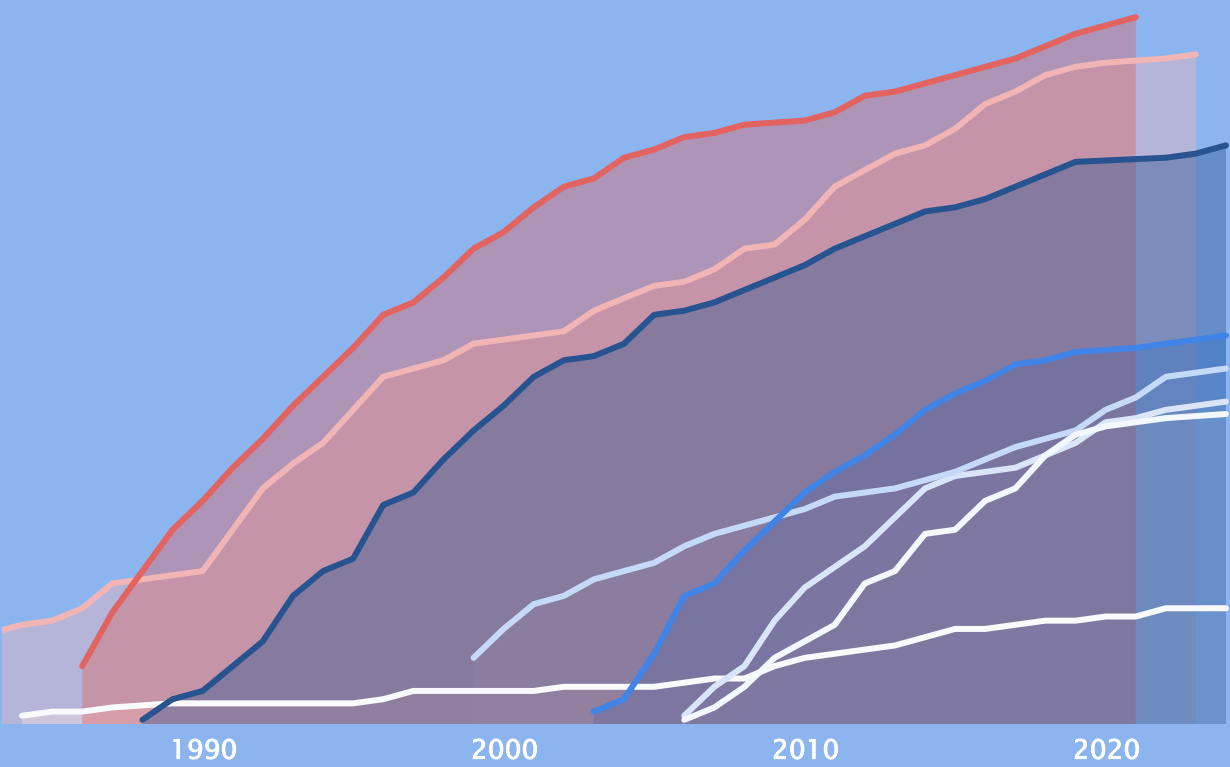
Countries with
laws against
torture

Cumulative Success in Treaty Implementation



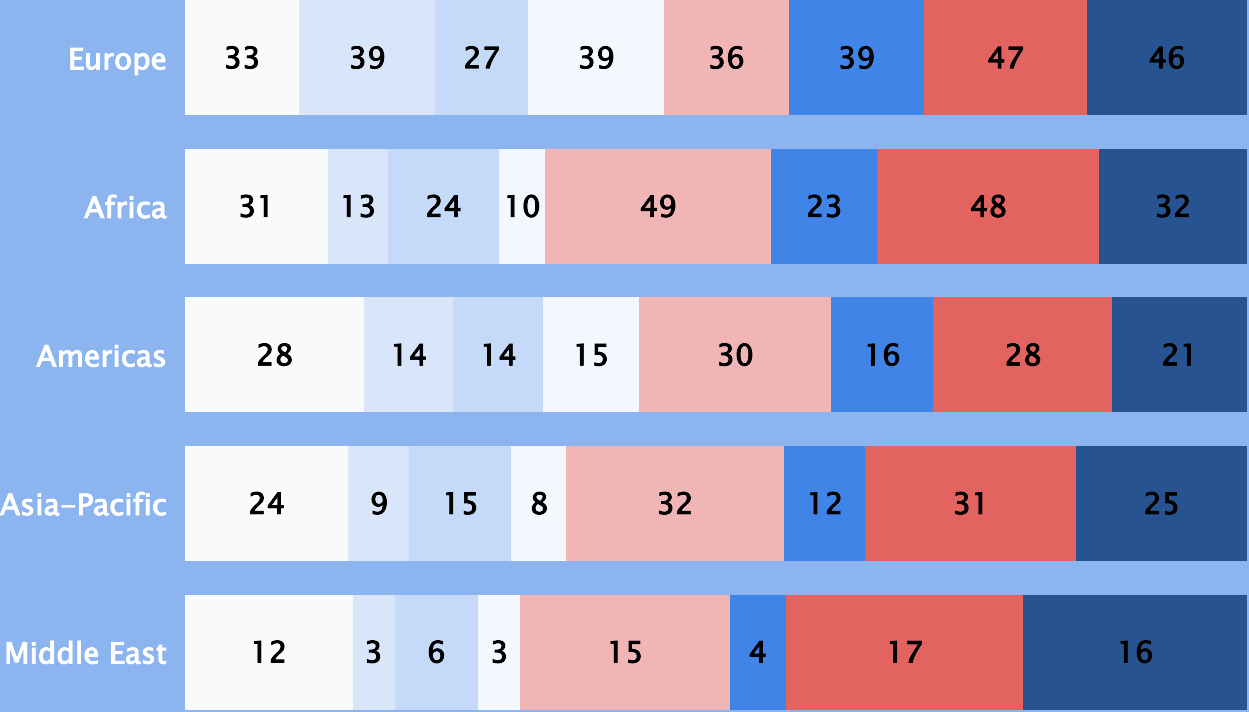
Most countries have ratified key treaties, with 171 adopting the UN Convention against Torture and 162 prohibiting torture in their constitutions, while 86 countries have compliant human rights institutions and 78 have preventive mechanisms.

Advancement Through the Years



Africa, Europe, and the Middle East have 100% treaty adoption, while the Americas and Asia-Pacific follow with 97% and 85%, showcasing global progress in preventing torture.

Regional Progress



Use the Year, Treaty and Region
slicers to explore data by
specific regions and treaties for
focused insights.

Year

01/01/1984

01/01/2024

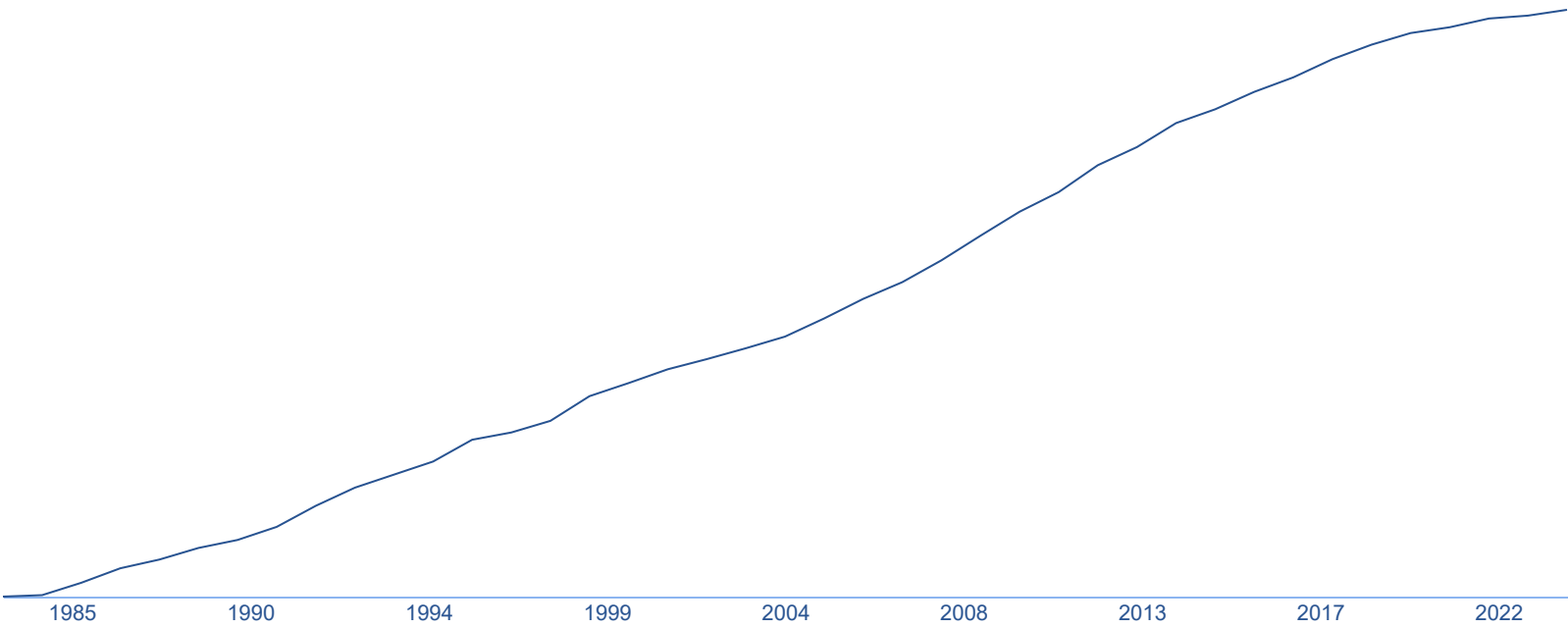
Treaty

All

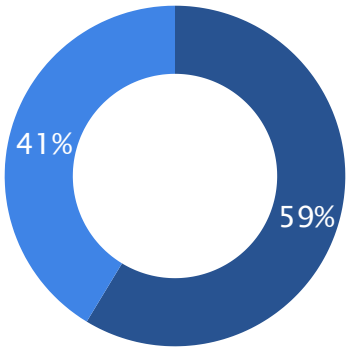
Region

All

Significant Progress For 40 Years

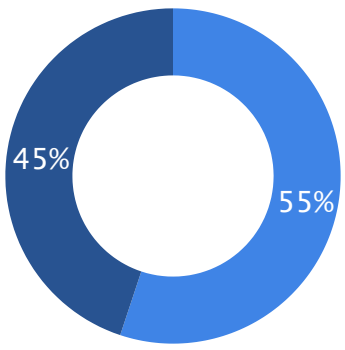


Countries Making a Difference



Treaties Ratified

- 4+ Treaties
- >4 Treaties



Treaties Ratified

- >5 Treaties
- 5+ Treaties

Nearly 59% of countries have ratified more than half of the 8 key torture prevention treaties, demonstrating significant global progress. This commitment underscores the increasing recognition of the importance of preventing torture and upholding human dignity. As 55% of countries have ratified 5 or more treaties, it is evident that efforts to combat torture are gaining momentum worldwide.

Furthermore, 8 countries have ratified all 8 treaties, setting a strong example for others to follow. Their dedication shows that with continued effort, comprehensive torture prevention is achievable. These countries' actions are a positive indication of the growing global commitment to protecting human rights and fostering peaceful societies.

Argentina

Lithuania

Cyprus

Albania

Croatia

Republic of Moldova

New Zealand

Mauritania

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