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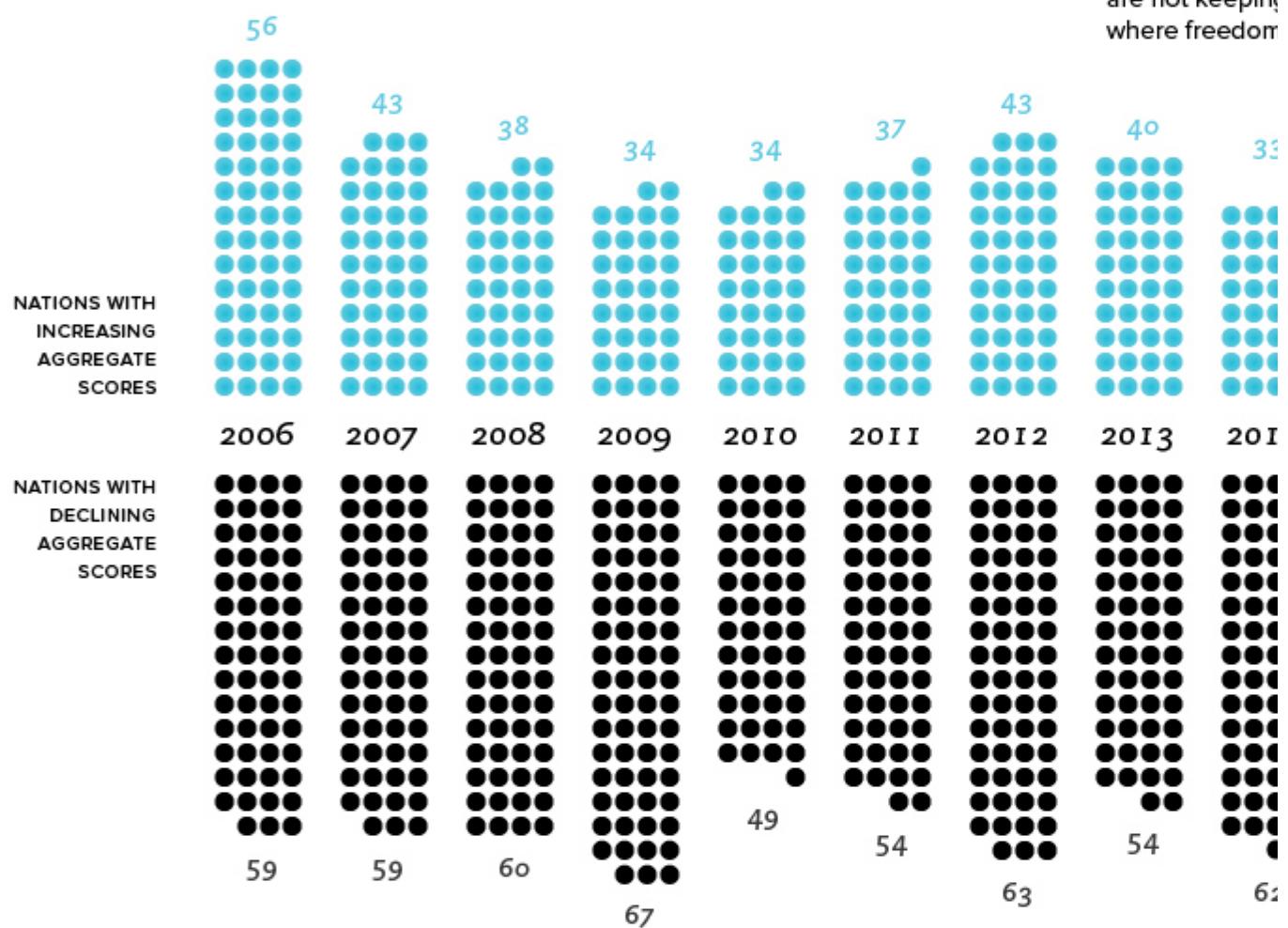
### FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD IS ERODING

A number of countries have experienced a sharp decline in political rights and civil liberties over the past decade.





## 12 years of eroding freedom



## Keeping Score on Freedom

FREE

### United States

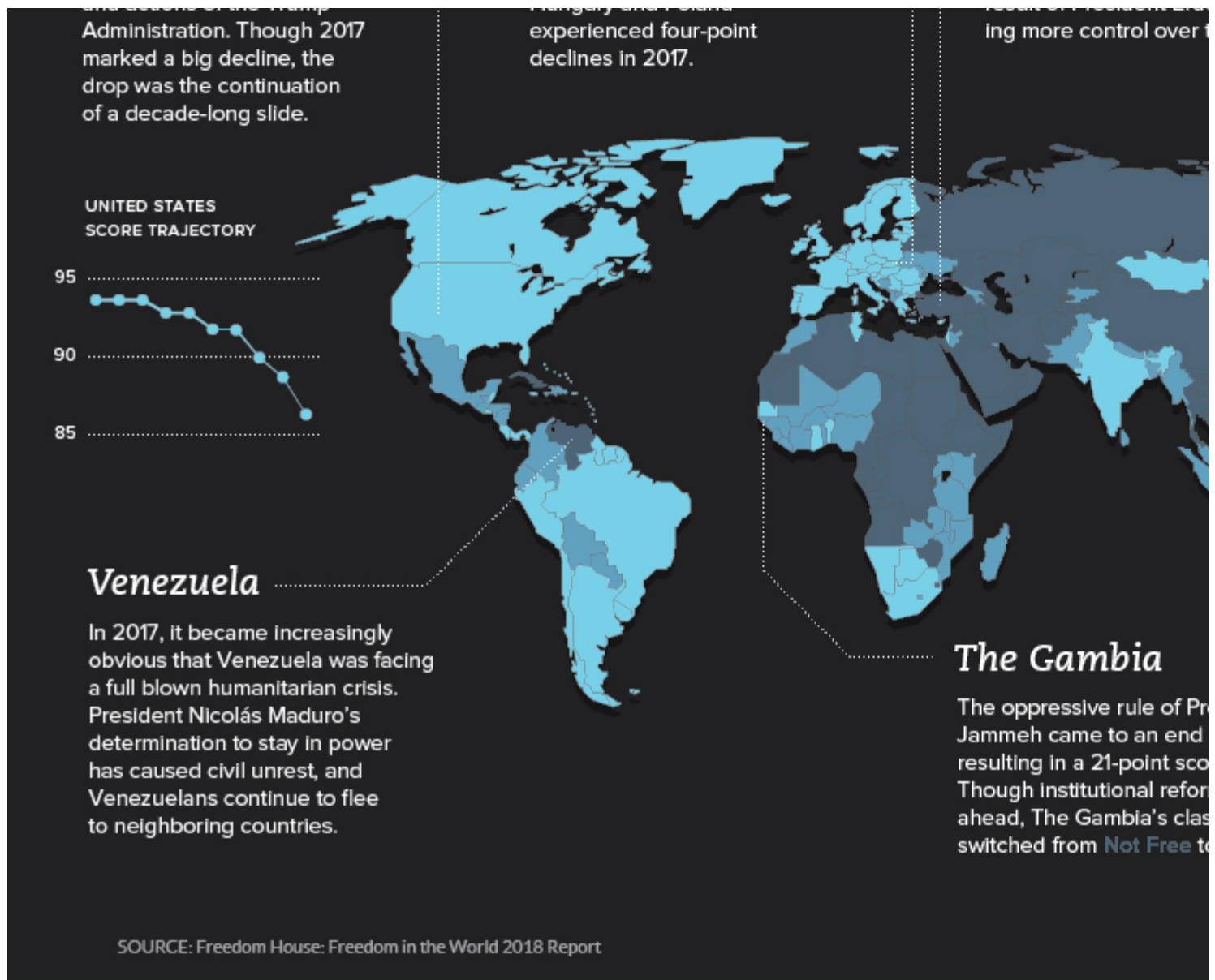
America's three-point decline in the Freedom Index (rare for an established democracy) was the result of the words and actions of the Trump

### Hungary & Poland

In both countries, populist leaders continued to consolidate power by uprooting democratic institutions and intimidating critics. As a result, both Hungary and Poland

### Turkey

Turkey's transition from Free to Not Free is the longest drop in the index. Assualts on the press, users, protesters, politicians and the electoral system are the result of President Erdogan's



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Like many other things in this world, the amount of freedom that people have ebbs and flows with time.

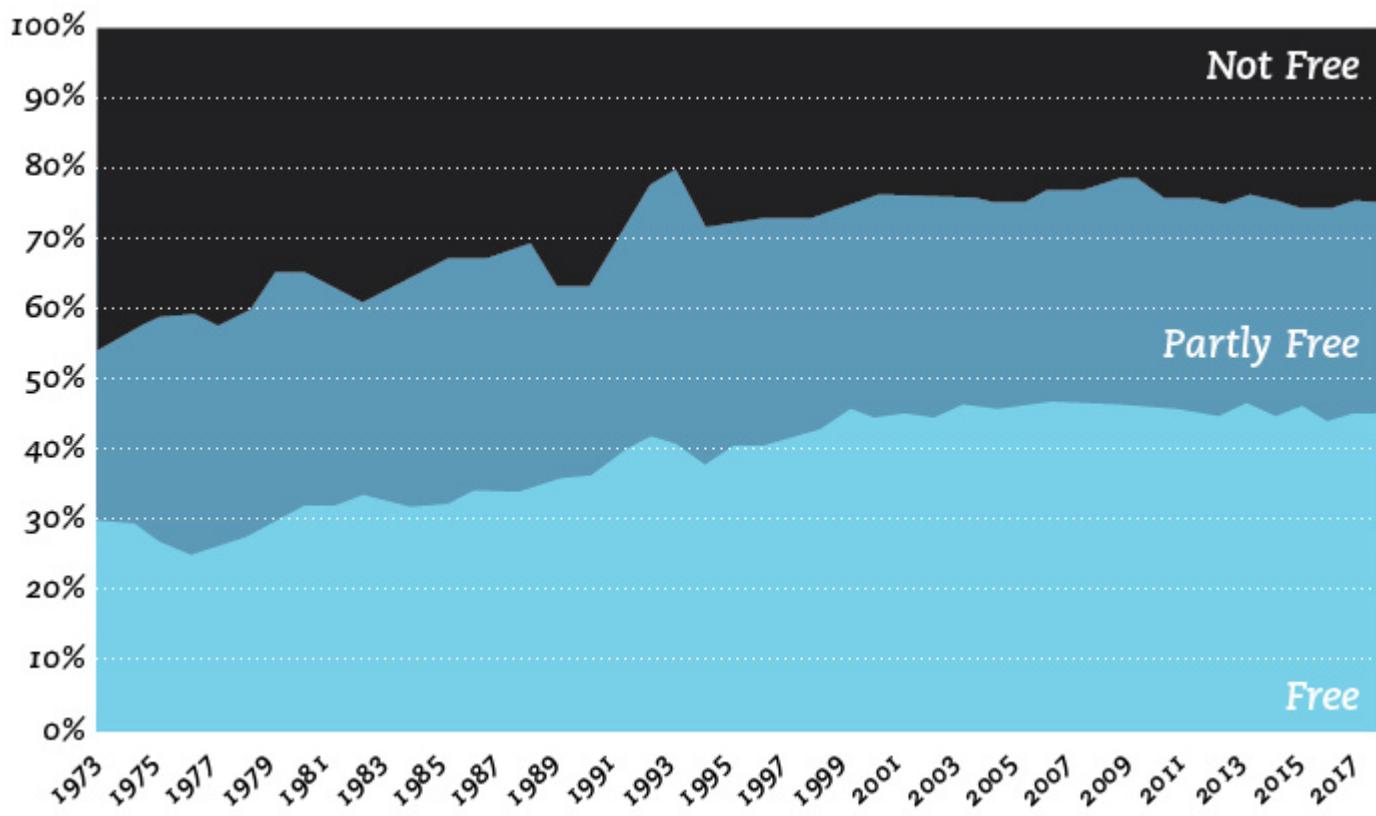
In general, it can be argued that political and economic freedoms have been increasing since The Enlightenment – but of course, there are always shorter corrections along the way where freedom seems to spiral downwards in the interim.

Right now, we're in one of those ruts, and global freedom has consecutively declined for period.

## Democracy in Crisis

*Freedom in the World*, a report published every year since 1973, attempts to measure civ liberties and political rights around the world. It's put together by Freedom House, a non governmental organization based in the United States.

According to their index, here is the share of “**free**” countries globally between 1973-2017:



This year's report for 2018 is entitled “**Democracy in Crisis**”, and it sounds the alarm on the freedom throughout the world.

## Falling Scores

While the number of “free” countries is holding fairly steady at close to 45%, there is a clear downtrend with the scores of the countries themselves.

In 2017, for example, there were 71 countries that had net declines in score, while only 33 had increases. This makes for a differential of -36, which is the widest gap during the 12 year

downtrend.

| Year | Improved | Declined | Differential |
|------|----------|----------|--------------|
| 2006 | 56       | 59       | -3           |
| 2007 | 43       | 59       | -16          |
| 2008 | 38       | 60       | -22          |
| 2009 | 34       | 67       | -33          |
| 2010 | 34       | 49       | -15          |
| 2011 | 37       | 54       | -17          |
| 2012 | 43       | 63       | -20          |
| 2013 | 40       | 54       | -14          |
| 2014 | 33       | 62       | -29          |
| 2015 | 43       | 72       | -29          |
| 2016 | 36       | 67       | -31          |
| 2017 | 35       | 71       | -36          |

Why do scores continue to decline?

Here are some of the specific examples, cited by the report:

- The erosion of democratic norms in the U.S., which is actually the extension of a seven year trend
- The expansion of influence from key autocracies, particularly Russia and China
- Turkey's transition from "Partly Free" to "Not Free" – the result of President Erdogan asserting control over the country
- Big drops in the scores of European countries like Poland and Hungary, where populist leaders consolidating power
- Another drop in Venezuela's score, as the country undergoes a full-blown humanitarian crisis
- A recent backslide in the scores in Arab Spring countries – even in Tunisia, which was heralded as a democratic success story

For much more in-depth reading, here is a link to the [full report PDF](#).

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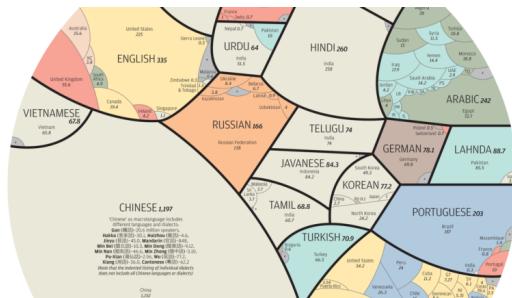
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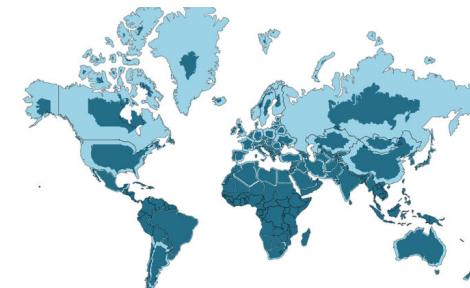
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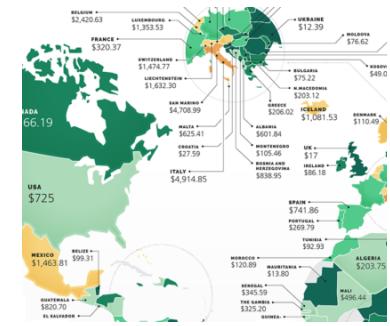
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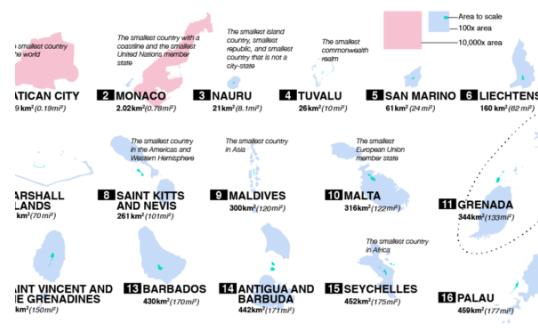
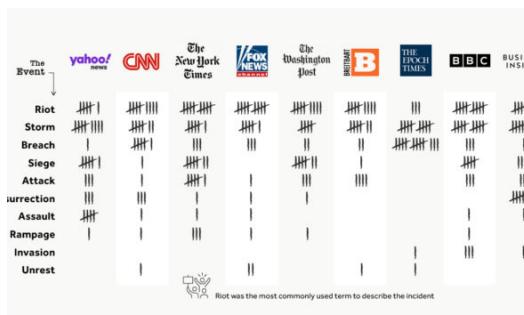
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## The Best Selling Vehicles in America, By State

From Ford trucks in the Midwest to Toyotas on the coasts, the best selling vehicles in America reveal a lot about the country.

Compared to other countries with fewer highways or narrower roads, the U.S. is very much a truck-friendly country. Across the U.S., the most sold vehicle in 2019 was the Ford F-Series of trucks, primarily the F-150.

As the home of the world's pioneer automotive manufacturers, including Ford and GM, consumers primarily purchase local brands. But that hasn't stopped Toyota, the largest foreign manufacturer in the world, from also gaining a foothold.

This graphic uses 2020 sales data from automotive information resource Edmunds.com.

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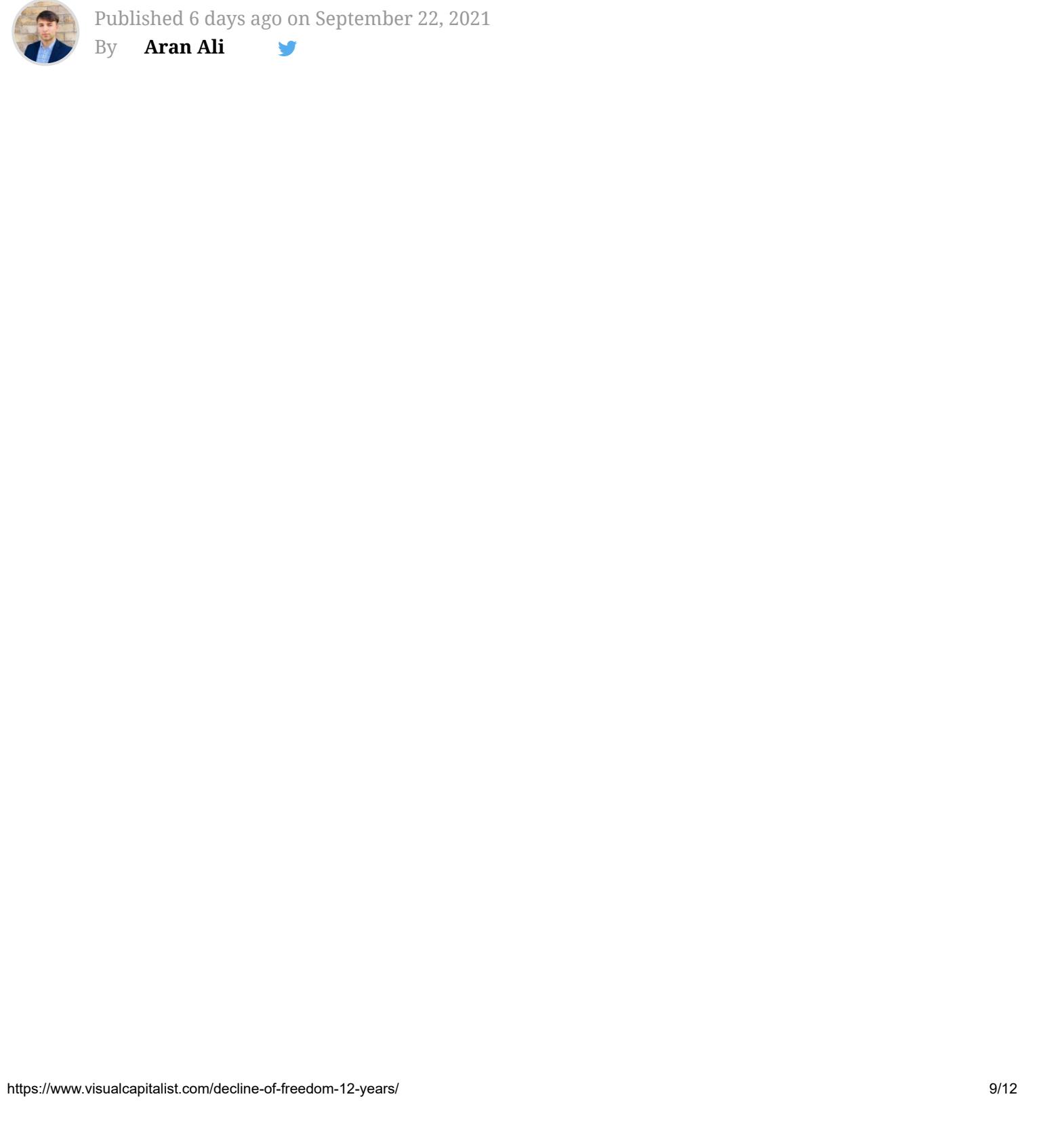
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## INSIDER SELLING

# Which Big Tech CEO Has Sold The Most Stock?

A useful tool for investors is to monitor insider selling activity. With Big Tech stocks rallying past trillion dollar valuations, how do their rank by shares sold in the first half of 2021?



Shares Sold



Average Share Price



Total Proceeds

### Rankings by Shares Sold



Apple



Tim Cook



N/A



N/A



N/A

Tim Cook has yet to sell any shares of Apple in 2021. His last insider transaction was in November 2020 when he sold **\$6.9M** worth of shares in Nike, where he sits on the board of directors.



Google



Sundar Pichai



27,000



\$2,314.6



\$62.5M

Sundar Pichai sold Google shares in **3,000 unit allotments** nine times so far in 2021.



Microsoft



Satya Nadella



278,694



\$234.8



\$65.4M

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella engaged in only one insider transaction back in March.



Amazon



Jeff Bezos



2.0M



\$3,316.0



\$6.6B



In 2021, Bezos unloaded **\$6.6B** of Amazon common shares, across **15 transactions**.



Facebook



Mark Zuckerberg



7.1M



\$304.7



\$2.2B



### Largest Transaction Per CEO



Sundar Pichai



Mark Zuckerberg



Satya Nadella



Jeff Bezos

July 7, 2021  
\$7.7M

June 29, 2021  
\$27.1M

March 1, 2021  
\$65.4M

May 7, 2021  
\$1.1B

### Big Tech CEO Insider Trading During The First Half of 2021

When CEOs of major companies are selling their shares, investors can't help but not

After all, these decisions have a direct effect on the personal wealth of these insider which can say plenty about their convictions with respect to the future direction of companies they run.

Considering that **Big Tech** stocks are some of the most popular holdings in today's portfolios, and are backed by a collective \$5.3 trillion in **institutional investment**, how do the CEOs of these organizations rank by their insider selling?

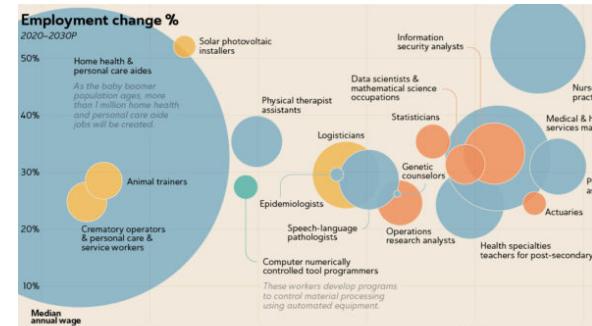
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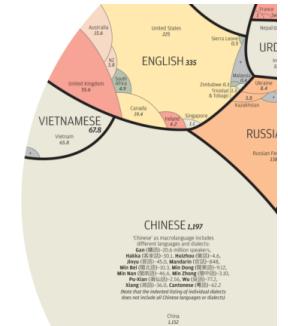
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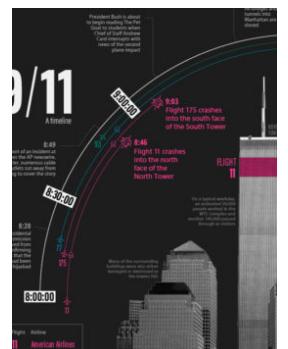
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