

# Does the Post September 11th Attack and the Greater Middle East Project Have an Effect on the Freedom Index?

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## 1 Important Information About Midterm

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## 2 Introduction

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Question: Does the Post September 11th Attack and the Greater Middle East Project Have an Effect on the Freedom Index?

The September 11th attacks and the Greater Middle East Project (GMEP) had significant effects on the freedom index worldwide. Following the September 11th attacks, many countries showed a tendency to restrict freedoms under the guise of combating terrorism. This led to a decline in freedoms worldwide.

For example, laws such as the Patriot Act were enacted in the US and criticized by human rights advocates. Similarly, the increase in anti-terrorism laws and surveillance measures in Europe also had a negative impact on the freedom index.

The GMEP was an initiative launched by the US to promote democracy, stability, and counterterrorism in the Middle East. However, this project was criticized by some because it led to interventionist approaches in some countries and human rights violations.

Therefore, the freedom index worldwide generally declined after the September 11th attacks and GMEP. However, the restriction and limitation of freedoms is not limited to these events.

## 2.1 Literature Review

In this section, discuss the articles you have read on the subject by giving references. This is a narrative citation Sarah Repucci (2022). This one is a parenthetical citation (Puddington, 2016). **Do not summarize each article individually under a separate title.** In the literature review section, **at least four** articles must be cited (Abramowitz, 2018; Elen Aghekyan & Tucker, 2015; Puddington, 2016; Sarah Repucci, 2022).

This article discusses the decline in the global freedom index as a result of many countries around the world, mostly in the Far East and the Middle East, showing a tendency to restrict freedoms under the pretext of combating terrorism following the September 11th attacks and the Greater Middle East Project. Therefore, the article takes into account the situations of countries in the freedom index separately by year. The World Freedom Index has been calculated for over a quarter of a century. A noticeable decline in the index is observed as a result of a comparison of the pre-and post-September 11th attacks and the Greater Middle East Project. Factors such as the struggle of countries against terrorist organizations such as al-Qaeda, according to the US Government, and the interference of countries in the internal affairs of other countries as a result of terrorist attacks can be cited as reasons for this decline. The decline in the global freedom index is increasingly trending upwards. The article also discusses the declining situations that arise as a result of countries' own internal policies.

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