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Human rights data in Brazil

New data released today show the extent of human rights violations in Brazil.

The Human Rights Measurement Initiative's 2023 data show that many human rights continue to be neglected by Brazil's government. The government is not ensuring the full enjoyment of human rights for people in Brazil.

Brazil is achieving less than what it could achieve at its level of income to protect economic and social rights, including **education, health, housing, and work**. Although Brazil is performing **better than average** on quality of life rights when compared with other countries in the Americas, there is still room for improvement. Experts on human rights in Brazil cite a lack of policies or funding for social services as reasons for people not enjoying their economic and social rights.

The right to be **safe from the state's performance falls in the 'bad' range score (5.3 out of 10)**. This suggests that **many people in Brazil are not safe** from one or more of the following: arbitrary arrest, torture and ill-treatment, forced disappearance, execution or extrajudicial killing.

Brazil's 4.7 out of 10 score on **empowerment** rights suggests that **many people are not enjoying their civil liberties and political freedoms**. All three of the government's empowerment rights scores fall in the 'bad' range, and the country is performing **close to average** in our sample of 30 countries. The rights to political participation and opinion and expression significantly declined since 2018 in Brazil.

Human rights experts identified **human rights advocates, Indigenous people, LGBTQIA+ people, and people with opposing political opinions** to the government as being especially at risk of violations of their civil and political rights, among other groups. The authorities censored anyone opposing the government, especially those targeted by or in opposition to extreme right-wing politicians.

Brazil **still has a long way to go** before all people are enjoying the full set of human rights. It's clear from what human rights experts in Brazil have reported that Indigenous people, anyone with opposing political views, and human rights advocates are at high risk of having their rights violated.

HRMI Spokesperson Thalia Kehoe Rowden said, 'All people in Brazil deserve to have all their human rights protected by their government. HRMI's scores, based on both local reporting and international databases, show that during the last years, the government was

incapable of fully protecting human rights, especially the rights to political participation and opinion and expression.

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About the Rights Tracker: The Rights Tracker is a global project to track the human rights performance of countries systematically. Our 2023 dataset launched today includes annual data on eight civil and political rights for up to 44 countries from the years 2017 to 2022, with Bangladesh, Thailand, and the Maldives added this year. Our data also include inaugural scores on the right to freedom of religion and belief in a pilot set of nine countries. Annual data on five economic and social rights for 196 countries from 2007 to 2020, based on the award-winning SERF Index methodology, is also available. Please visit rightstracker.org for the freely available dataset.

About HRMI: The Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI) is an independent non-profit organisation part of a global movement building a world where all people can flourish. We track the human rights progress of countries, producing robust data that anyone can use to push for improvements in how governments treat people. What gets measured gets improved: if something isn't being systematically measured, it can be more easily overlooked and undervalued. HRMI data make it easier for decision-makers to monitor their progress, and prioritise human rights. Advocacy based on sound information is one of the key drivers of change. www.humanrightsmmeasurement.org

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