

Table 4. Independent Media
Ratings History and Regional Breakdown

	1999-2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
New EU Members								
Bulgaria	3.50	3.25	3.25	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.25	3.50
Czech Rep.	1.75	2.00	2.50	2.25	2.25	2.00	2.00	2.25
Estonia	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Hungary	2.00	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.50	2.50	2.50
Latvia	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Lithuania	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Poland	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.75	1.75	1.50	1.75	2.25
Romania	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.00	3.75
Slovakia	2.25	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
Slovenia	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.50	1.75	2.00
Average	2.15	2.15	2.20	2.25	2.23	2.20	2.23	2.33
Median	1.75	1.88	1.88	1.88	2.00	1.88	1.88	2.25
The Balkans								
Albania	4.50	4.25	4.00	4.00	3.75	4.00	3.75	3.75
Bosnia	5.00	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00
Croatia	5.00	3.50	3.50	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.00
Macedonia	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25
Yugoslavia	5.75	4.50	3.50	3.25	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Serbia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.50	3.25	3.25	3.50
Montenegro	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.50
Kosovo	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50
Average	4.80	4.10	3.80	3.85	4.04	4.00	3.96	4.07
Median	5.00	4.25	3.75	4.00	3.75	4.00	3.75	4.00
Non-Baltic Former Soviet States								
Armenia	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.25	5.50	5.50	5.75
Azerbaijan	5.50	5.75	5.50	5.50	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.25
Belarus	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75
Georgia	3.75	3.50	3.75	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.00
Kazakhstan	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.25	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75
Kyrgyzstan	5.00	5.00	5.75	6.00	6.00	5.75	5.75	5.75
Moldova	4.00	4.25	4.50	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.25
Russia	4.75	5.25	5.50	5.50	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.25
Tajikistan	5.75	5.50	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.00	6.25	6.25
Turkmenistan	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Ukraine	5.00	5.25	5.50	5.50	5.50	4.75	3.75	3.75
Uzbekistan	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00
Average	5.35	5.48	5.63	5.73	5.83	5.85	5.83	5.90
Median	5.25	5.38	5.63	5.63	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.25

NOTES: The ratings are based on a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 representing the highest level of democratic progress and 7 the lowest. The 2007 ratings reflect the period January 1 through December 31, 2006.

In *Nations in Transit 2007*, Freedom House provides separate ratings for Serbia and Kosovo in order to provide a clearer picture of processes and conditions in the different administrative areas. Doing so does not indicate a position on the part of Freedom House regarding Kosovo's future status.