

## Generally recommended sites for international relations classes and for tracking democratization issues

(Below is an abridged list – for more resources, go to my class blog at <https://karlrahderir.blogspot.com> and see the sidebars on the right side of the main page.)

### Useful indexes for tracking human rights, corruption, failing vs strong states, etc:

- Corruption Perceptions Index <http://www.transparency.org/cpi2015>
- Freedom House index <https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-world/freedom-world-2016>
- Reporters Without Borders World Press Freedom rankings <https://rsf.org/en/ranking>
- Fragile State Index (formerly Failed State Index) <http://fsi.fundforpeace.org/rankings-2016>
- Human Rights Watch: <https://www.hrw.org>
- Mapping Media Freedom <https://mappingmediafreedom.org/#/>

### Regional resources (South Caucasus, Ukraine, Afghanistan, etc):

#### South Caucasus region

- Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (probably the best news source covering the former Soviet space as well as Afghanistan, Pakistan, and elsewhere): <http://www.rferl.org>
- Eurasianet (news from Central Asia the Caucasus, and Afghanistan): <http://www.eurasianet.org>
- Caucasus Barometer – social science data and analysis from the Caucasus Research Resource Center: <http://caucasusbarometer.org/en/>
- Here is a data set from Georgia regarding attitudes toward democracy: <http://caucasusbarometer.org/en/cb2015ge/ATTDEM/>
- Here is a large survey regarding attitudes in Armenia: <http://caucasusbarometer.org/en/cb2015am/codebook/>
- Cross-country dataset re democracy (Armenians least enthusiastic): <http://caucasusbarometer.org/en/cb2013/ATTDEM/>
- Interactive 2016 election map from Georgia: <http://agenda.ge/maps/election2016/>
- Meydan TV, Azerbaijan opposition news source operating from Germany: <https://www.meydan.tv/en>
- RFE/RL Azerbaijan: <http://www.rferl.org/p/5492.html>
- Opposition news agency from Azerbaijan: [http://contact.az/index\\_en.html](http://contact.az/index_en.html)
- Anti-government Azerbaijan news and commentary from the US: <http://azerireport.com>
- Pro-government news and commentary from Azerbaijan: <http://azeridaily.com>

- Azertac, official government news from Azerbaijan: <http://azerireport.com>
- Daily news from Georgia: <http://agenda.ge>
- Rustavi2 TV news from Georgia: <http://rustavi2.com/en>
- Georgia Times: <http://www.georgiatimes.info/en/>
- A1+ News from Armenia: <http://en.a1plus.am>
- PanArmenian.net: <http://www.panarmenian.net>
- Lragir news from Armenia: <http://www.lragir.am/index/eng/0/home/view>
- News.Am, Armenian news source: <https://news.am/eng/>

## Ukraine

- Daily spot reports on the Ukraine war from the OSCE's Special Monitoring Mission: <http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports>
- Livemap, continually updated interactive map of conflicts in Ukraine, Syria, and elsewhere: <http://liveuamap.com>
- Bellingcat's analysis of Russian troop presence in Ukraine: <https://www.bellingcat.com/news/uk-and-europe/2015/05/26/mamai-geolocation/>
- Bellingcat geolocates Russian anti-aircraft weapons system in Ukraine: <https://www.bellingcat.com/resources/case-studies/2015/05/28/russias-pantsir-s1s-geolocated-in-ukraine/>
- Pro-Russian news from Eastern Ukraine: <https://dninews.com>
- "English Lugansk" – Twitter account by Ukrainian dude with constant updates from Ukrainian war zone: <https://twitter.com/loogunda>
- The Kiev Post, news in English from Ukraine: <https://www.kyivpost.com>
- Euromaidan Press, very thorough guide to Ukraine's 2014 "Maidan" revolution, regional politics, and more – with teaching resources: <http://euromaidanpress.com/euromaidan/>

## Afghanistan

- Radio Free Europe's Kabul bureau: <http://www.rferl.org/p/5542.html>
- Afghan Analysts – everything you wanted to know about Afghanistan today: <https://afghanistan-analyst.org>
- Tolo News, from Afghanistan: <http://www.tolonews.com>
- Who's Who in Afghanistan: <http://www.afghan-bios.info/database.html>

## Other useful sites:

- Probably the world's leading open source forensics site – Bellingcat: <https://www.bellingcat.com>
- Institute for War and Peace Reporting: <https://iwpr.net>
- Voice of America: <http://www.voanews.com>
- Committee to Protect Journalists: <https://www.cpj.org>
- The Carter Center: <https://www.cartercenter.org>
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: <http://www.osce.org>
- National Democratic Institute: <https://www.ndi.org>
- International Republican Institute: <http://www.iri.org>
- Pew Research Center – maybe the world's most relevant polling organization for international opinions: <http://www.pewresearch.org>
- Wikileaks: <https://wikileaks.org>
- University of Maryland's Global Terrorism Database: <http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd/>
- The Long War Journal, from the Foundation for Defense of Democracies: <http://www.longwarjournal.org/about>
- Strange Maps – incredibly fun source for unusual mapping: <http://bigthink.com/articles?blog=strange-maps>
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace: <http://carnegieendowment.org>
- University of Texas map collection: <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>
- CIA World Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/resources/the-world-factbook/>
- CIA World Leaders: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/world-leaders-1/>