

## Examining Human Rights Watch in 2008: Double Standards and Post-Colonial Ideology

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### Appendix

This appendix contains the data behind NGO Monitor's report on Human Rights Watch's activities in 2008.

### ***Division of effort***

The weighted values used in this section all use the point system described in Table 2. Points were allocated based on the level of resources required for HRW to publish that type of document, and the expected impact of that document. Table 1 shows the old weighting system used in previous years' analysis. The point values have also been used as column headings in other tables to denote the document types.

Table 1:

Points	Type
10	Special Focus
9	Multi Country Report
8	Report
	Background Briefing / memorandum
7	/ Q&A
6	Campaign Document
5	Commentary
4	Letter / News Release
3	Graphic/Video/Audio
2	Testimony/Oral Statement
1	Letter

Table 2:

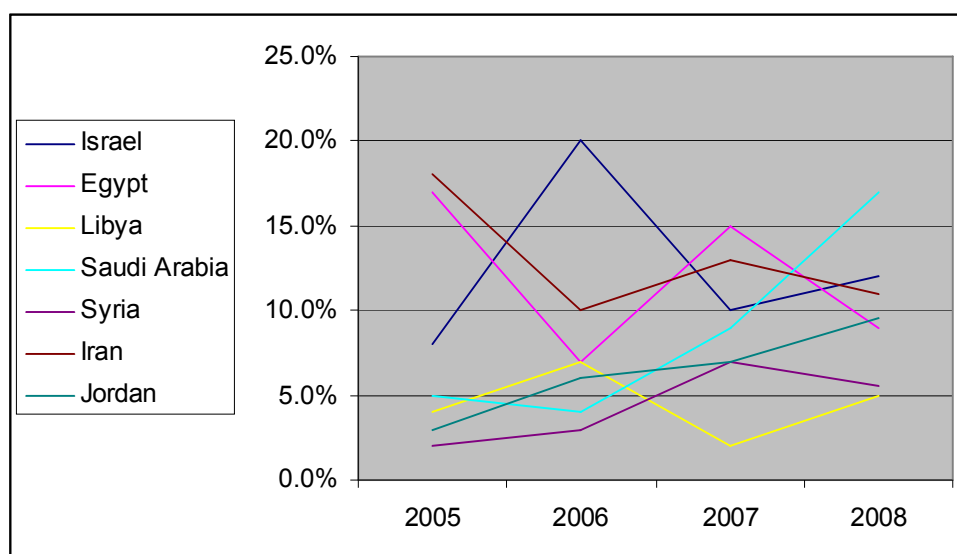
Points	Type
10	Single Country Report
9	Multi Country Report
7	Background Briefing
	Commentary / Testimony to Policy
6	makers
4	Letter / News Release
2	Multimedia Item/Oral Statement

Table 2 shows the count of document types according to country. All documents on the HRW website with significant reference to one or more of these countries were counted. Documents that did not appear on the HRW website were not counted, eg HRW's submission to the UN's UPR of Israel, which is available elsewhere on the internet. A "significant reference" to a country means a significant description of how that country violates human rights. In the case of Iraq and Lebanon where human rights violators in those countries may often be agents other than the country's own government (the USA in Israq or Hezbollah in Lebanon), publications were only counted if they condemned the country's government specifically.

Table 2 Count by document type and country

Publication	Algeria	Bahrain	Egypt	Iran	Iraq	Israel	Jordan	Kuwait	Lebanon	Libya	Morocco	Palestinians	Qatar	Saudi Arabia	Syria	Tunisia	United Arab Emirates	Yemen
10	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	2
9	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
7	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
6	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	0	0	1	1	2	5	4	0	3	1	0	3	0	2	2	2	0	0
4	3	5	20	20	4	16	8	2	7	8	7	8	0	21	11	4	2	3
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.5</b>

## Weighted Effort 2005-2008



	2005	2006	2007	2008
Israel	8%	20%	10%	12%
Egypt	17%	7%	15%	9
Libya	4%	7%	2%	5
Saudi Arabia	5%	4%	9%	17
Syria	2%	3%	7%	5.5
Iran	18%	10%	13%	11
Jordan	3%	6%	7%	9.5

**Table 1 Percentage of weighted score by country**

This is calculated based on:

	2005		2006		2007		2008	
	points	%	points	%	points	%	points	%
Israel	59	8%	223	20%	121	10%		
Egypt	119	17%	81	7%	189	15%		
Libya	25	4%	75	7%	29	2%		
Saudi Arabia	38	5%	47	4%	116	9%		
Syria	13	2%	38	3%	90	7%		
Iran	126	18%	105	10%	167	13%		
Jordan	24	3%	64	6%	89	7%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>702</b>		<b>1088</b>		<b>1260</b>			

**Table 2 Count and percentage of weighted score by country**

TOTAL represents the total distribution over the Middle East and North Africa section of Human Rights Watch. The countries listed are a selection as detailed in the methodology section of the report. The percentages are a percentage of the total as presented.

The data from 2007 is new and presented in the report. The 2006 data is derived from [NGO Monitor's report on HRW in 2006](#). The 2005 data is derived from [NGO Monitor's report on HRW in 2005](#).

	Egypt	Israel	Yemen	Morocco	Jordan	Lebanon	Hezbollah	Palestinians	Syria	Iran	Iraq	Libya	SA	Kuwait	Tunisia
Collective punishment	0	15	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Humanity	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal or violated the law or unlawful war crime	2	26	6	1	1	0	0	17	0	3	3	3	3	0	0
international law violations / violations of international law violation human rights law, humanitarian law, IHL	4	15	3	1	1	0	0	6	0	9	0	3	11	2	1
grave / serious HR abuse/violation arbitrary/unlawful killing / summary executions/extra judicial killing	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	8	0	3	0	1	1	0	0
	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Qualitative Analysis

Citations where HRW specifically condemned a country government for the following violations were counted. Note that citations for "Iraq" refer to condemnations of the Iraqi government, and not the Multi national Force or USA troops in Iraq. Citations were only counted if they condemned the government of that country, and not individual citizens.