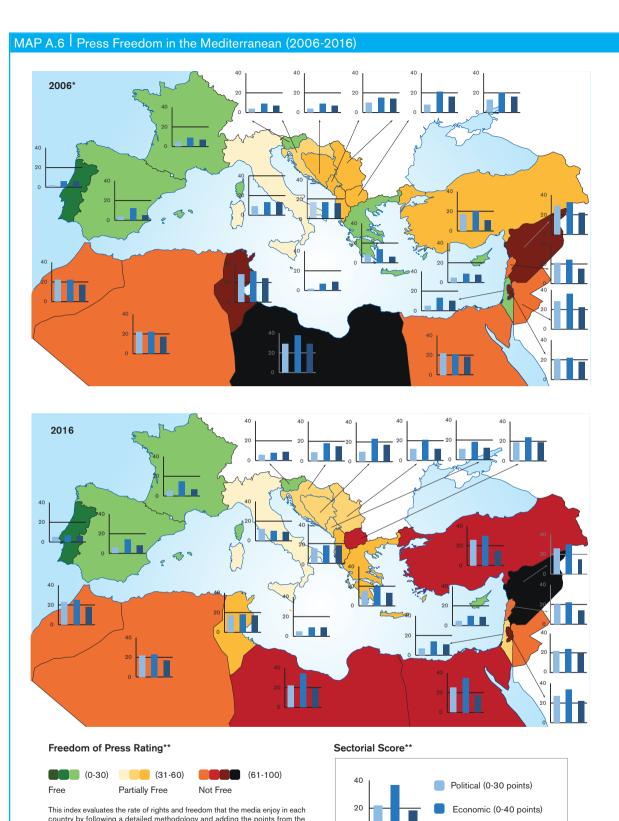
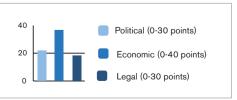
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This index evaluates the rate of rights and freedom that the media enjoy in each country by following a detailed methodology and adding the points from the political, legal and economic environment sectors.

Legal environment: examination of the laws and regulations that could influence

the media content. Political environment: evaluates the degree of political influence in the content of news media. Economic environment: structure of media ownership, its transparency and concentration. The cost of establishing media, production and distribution, among others.



 $^{^{\}star}$ In the 2006 map Serbia and Montenegro share the rating as they had the same sovereignty

^{**} From 0 to 100, 0 being the best score possible and 100 the worst