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Country:

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Year:

2018

Regime Classification:

Consolidated Authoritarian Regime

Electoral Process:

6.75

Civil Society:

6.25

National Democratic Governance:

6.75

Independent Media:

6.75

Local Democratic Governance:

6.75

Judicial Framework and Independence:

7.00

Corruption:

6.00

Democracy Score:

6.61

Nations in Transit Ratings and Averaged Scores

NIT Edition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Electoral Process	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.75	6.75	6.75
Civil Society	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.25	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.25	6.25	6.25
Independent Media	6.75	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75

National Democratic Governance	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.5	6.75
Local Democratic Governance	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75
Judicial Framework and Independence	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Corruption	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.00
Democracy Score	6.57	6.5	6.57	6.68	6.71	6.71	6.71	6.64	6.61	6.61	

NOTE: The ratings reflect the consensus of Freedom House, its academic advisers, and the author(s) of this report. The opinions expressed in this report are those of the author(s). 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 Democracy Score is an average of ratings for the categories tracked in a given year.

Changes in 2018:

- **National Democratic Government rating declined from 6.50 to 6.75 due** to the repressive measures applied by the authorities to stem social protests in the spring of 2017.
- **Corruption rating improved from 6.25 to 6.00 due** to the cumulative effect of improvements in this sphere indicated by researchers. Additionally, efforts to combat corruption brought a considerable increase in the number of criminal charges against low and middle level officials, while none of these cases was recognized as politically motivated.

As a result, Belarus's Democracy Score remains unchanged at 6.61

Explanatory Note: The full report for Belarus will be published as soon as it becomes available.

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