

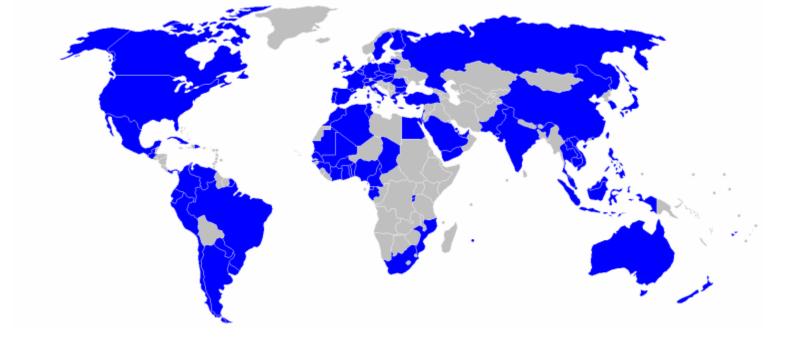


## The World's 10 Great Societies

Of all factors that make a society Great, two stand out: Economic opportunity and quality of life. Economic opportunity allows people to create wealth for themselves and society, while quality of life allows people to enjoy their wealth, advancing their personal and public lives, as captured in a host of popular country listings published by reputable institutions like Forbes, The Wall Street Journal and the Heritage Foundation, the IMF, and so on. The Index of Economic Freedom and the Index of Ease of Doing Business, for instance, measure the effectiveness of a society in providing citizens economic opportunities. The Quality of Life and the Sustainability indices provide the effectiveness of a society in assuring citizens quality of life. But what about a single listing that captures the effectiveness of a society offering both?

To address this question, we create the Economic Opportunity and Quality of Life listing that identifies the countries that stand out in both indices. Specifically, we review ten indicators (five indicators that measure economic opportunity, and another five indicators that measure quality of life), and we identify the countries that make it to the top 20 percent of at least five of these indicators - assigning them one star for each indicator.

As it can be seen from the list below, 10 countries satisfy these criteria. Three Western European countries, UK, Germany, and Netherlands top the list, receiving 9 stars, meaning that they make it to the top 20 percent in nine of the ten indicators deployed. Germany and United Kingdom miss on the Globalization Index, while Netherlands misses out on the Sustainability Index. Two countries, France, and Japan make it to the top of the list with 8 stars, followed by Australia, Canada, and South Korea with 7 stars, US with 6 stars, and Taiwan with 5 stars. But what distinguishes and separates these countries on the list from those that failed to make it to the list?



## • 全球偉大社會 台灣名列第10

- 台灣是全球第10大偉大社會?據富比士雜誌網站的市場投資專欄指出,經濟機會和生活品質是造就一個偉大社會的兩項重要指標,在這個標準下,德國是全球最偉大的社會,其次為荷蘭、英國,台灣則名列第10,超越了許多國家。
- 發表「世界10大偉大社會」(The World's 10 Great Societies)一文的作者莫杜庫塔斯(Panos Mourdoukoutas)及紐約聖若望大學 商學院助教史特凡尼迪斯(Abraham Stefanidis)說,經濟機會可以讓民眾為自己和社會創造財富,而生活品質則能讓民眾享受財富、提 升個人和大眾的生活水準。所以依據國際評比的經濟自由度、經商容易度、社會永續等資料,進而評選出全球10大偉大社會。
- 在此排名中,同屬亞洲的日本排名第5、南韓名列第8。而大陸、印度等則因經濟市場由政府當局掌控,所以沒有進榜。













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