

# IT'S NOT JUST THE ECONOMY – IT'S A HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS

## FACTS AND FIGURES

Protests crushed, dissent silenced, human rights defenders attacked and detained, people forced from their homes. While world leaders focus on rescuing their failing economies, a human rights catastrophe is unfolding beneath the radar. The *Amnesty International Report 2009* exposes some of the worst abuses committed around the world.



Freedom of expression was restricted  
in at least 81 countries



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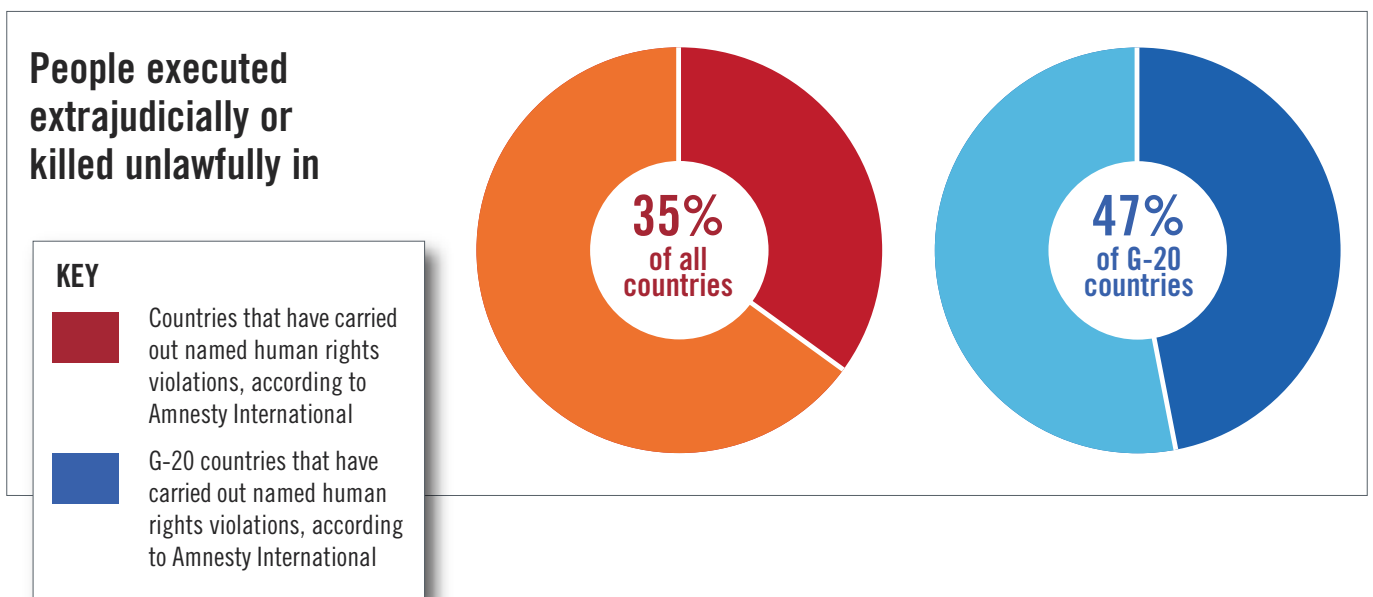


# WORLD LEADERS FAIL TO INVEST IN HUMAN RIGHTS

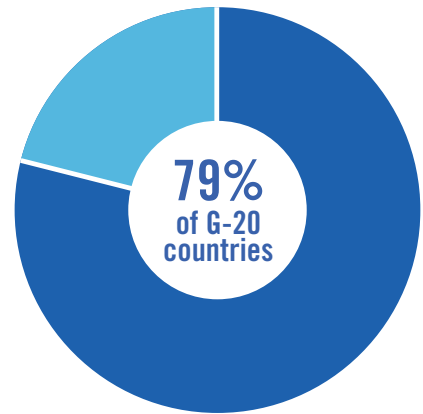
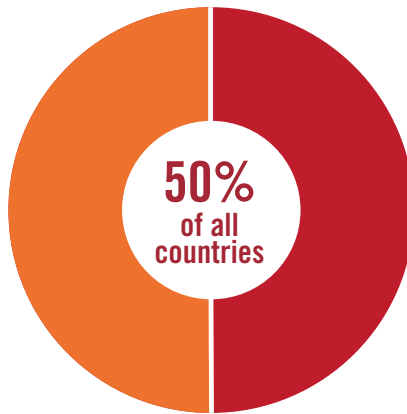
*'To be truly global leaders, the G-20 must subscribe to global values and confront their own tarnished records and double standards on human rights.'*

Irene Khan, Secretary General, Amnesty International

The G-20 claims the mantle of world leadership, but how can it lead with credibility when its own human rights record is riddled with violations? In 2008, Amnesty International found evidence of the following.

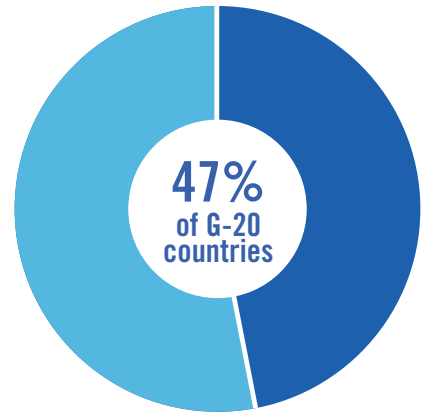
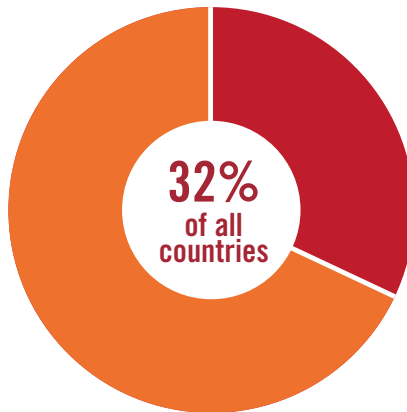


People tortured or otherwise ill-treated during interrogation in

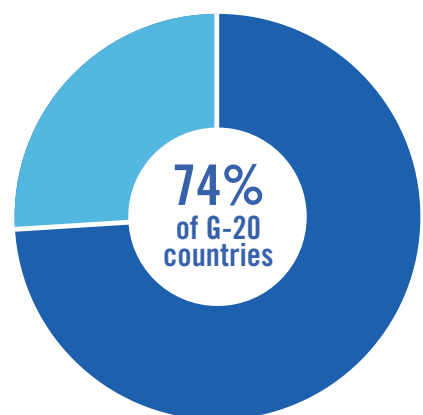
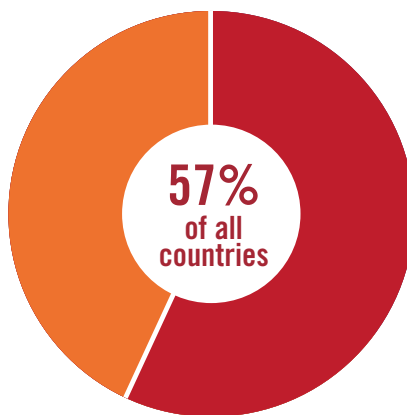


despite a universal ban on torture

People subjected to unfair trials in



People detained unjustly often for prolonged periods without charge or trial in



"All countries" refers to the 157 countries covered in the *Amnesty International Report 2009*, which documents the state of human rights in those countries for the period January to December 2008. Please note that the figures we use for the G-20 cover the 19 country members but exclude the European Union.

People seeking asylum were forcibly returned by at least 27 countries to states where they faced detention, torture, even death



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Prisoners of conscience were held in at least 50 countries



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People were subjected to forced evictions in at least 24 countries



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