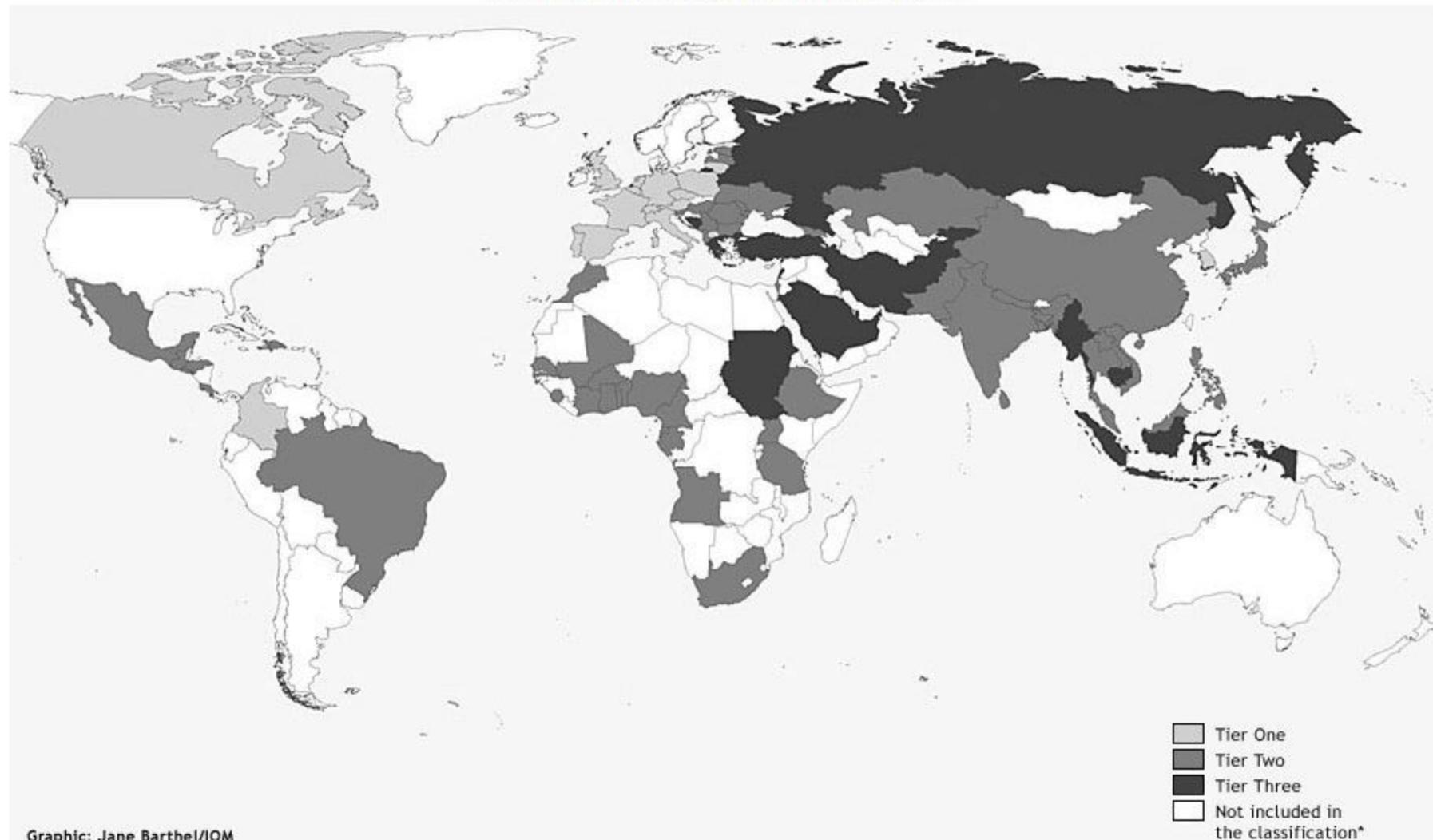


Assessment of National Efforts to Combat Trafficking Rankings by US State Department 2002



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The US Government released in June 2002 its report "Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000: Trafficking in Persons Report" which categorizes countries in those who fulfill "minimum standards" (Tier One), those with shortcomings but making progress (Tier Two), and the ones with unsatisfactory progress towards meeting the standards (Tier Three). This report, as well as further information about the act and statements by the US Secretary of State can be found [online](#).