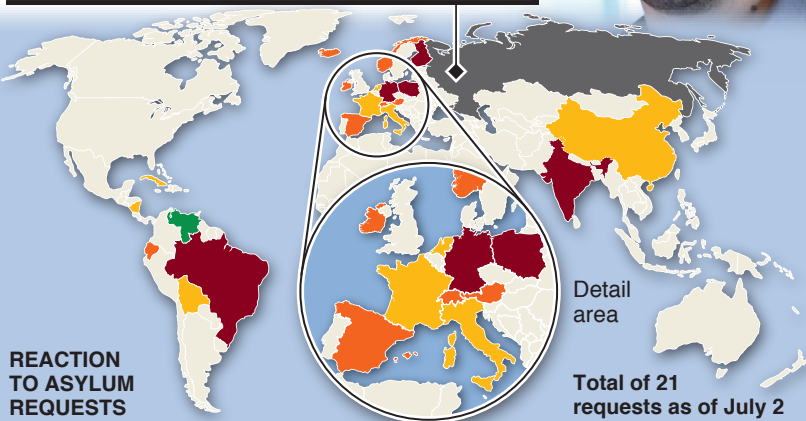


Snowden's asylum requests

A growing number of countries have rejected the asylum requests of former U.S. National Security Agency contractor *Edward Snowden* as he attempts to avoid extradition to the United States on espionage charges

Snowden reportedly still inside transit area at Moscow's *Sheremetyevo Airport*, making asylum requests through legal representative



- Outright rejection:** Brazil, Finland, Germany, India, Poland
- Request valid only if made on their soil:** Austria, Ecuador, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Spain, Switzerland
- No decision / no response:** Bolivia, China, Cuba, France, Italy, Netherlands, Nicaragua
- Willing in principle:** Venezuela has taken no official decision, but President *Nicolas Maduro* has expressed support
- Withdrawn:** Snowden aborted application to Russia after President *Vladimir Putin* said he should stop "harming our American partners"