CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2017
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Based on expert opinion from around the world, the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) measures the perceived levels of public sector corruption worldwide. The CPI uses a scale of zero (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean). Of the 180 countries assessed in the 2017 index, more than two-thirds score below 50. This means over six billion people live in countries that are corrupt. No country scores perfectly, however. Many less corrupt countries still suffer from opaque decision-making, harbour illicit finance or have weak law enforcement. Governments around the world must do more to serve their citizens, engage civil society, support free press, protect activists and journalists and ensure transparency and accountability in public and private sectors. These are vital steps in the global fight against corruption.

In particular, the relationship between corruption and freedom of expression is noteworthy. Freedom of expression is vital for exposing corruption and the injustices that it causes. Top performers in the CPI – those with lower levels of corruption – do far better in protecting the rights of journalists and activists. Conversely, bottom performers – those countries with higher levels of corruption – are more likely to stifle the voices of their citizens and media. In corrupt societies, ordinary people suffer these denials the most, as they are unable to stand up for their rights and demonstrate concern when their basic needs are not met. Similarly, journalists who investigate the abuse of power and activists who demand change are denied the chance to provide a critical check. When freedom of expression is limited, corruption is more likely to run unabated. Even today, most countries do not do enough to protect media or engage civil society in open dialogue, as critical components of efforts to stop corruption.

“CPI results correlate not only with the attacks on press freedom and the reduction of space for civil society organizations. High levels of corruption also correlate with weak rule of law, lack of access to information, governamental control over social media and reduced citizens’ participation. In fact, what is at stake is the very essence of democracy and freedom.”

Delia Ferreira Rubio, Chair, Transparency International

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The perceived levels of public sector corruption in 180 countries/territories around the world.

### RANK COUNTRY/TERRITORY SCORE

1. New Zealand 89
2. Denmark 88
3. Finland 85
4. Norway 85
5. Switzerland 85
6. Singapore 84
7. Sweden 84
8. Canada 82
9. Luxembourg 82
10. Netherlands 82
11. United Kingdom 82
12. Germany 81
13. Australia 77
14. Hong Kong 77
15. Iceland 77
16. Austria 77
17. Belgium 75
18. United States 75
19. Ireland 74
20. Japan 73
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### RANK COUNTRY/TERRITORY SCORE

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RESULTS BY REGION

EU & WESTERN EUROPE
Average score 66
Top: Denmark (88)
Bottom: Bulgaria (43)

EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA
Average score 34
Top: Georgia (56)
Bottom: Turkmenistan (19)

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA
Average score 38
Top: United Arab Emirates (71)
Bottom: Syria (14)

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
Average score 32
Top: Botswana (61)
Bottom: Somalia (9)

AMERICAS
Average score 44
Top: Canada (82)
Bottom: Venezuela (18)

ASIA PACIFIC
Average score 44
Top: New Zealand (89)
Bottom: Afghanistan (15)

GLOBAL
Average score 43

Score: 0 Highly corrupt 25 50 75 100 Very clean
COUNTRY CONTRAST

**TOP**
- New Zealand: 89
- Denmark: 88

**BOTTOM**
- Somalia: 9
- South Sudan: 12

CORRUPTION PROBLEM

**GLOBAL PERFORMANCE**
- Average score: 43

**G20 PERFORMANCE**
- Average score: 54

- 69% of countries score below 50 out of 100
- 53% of G20 countries score below 50 out of 100
### Americas

**Average score**: 44

![Map of Americas](image)

#### Rank    Country/Territory    Score
8. Canada     82
16. United States 75
23. Uruguay 70
25. Barbados 68
26. Chile 67
28. Bahamas 65
36. Costa Rica 59
40. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 58
42. Dominica 57
48. Saint Lucia 55
52. Grenada 52
62. Cuba 47
68. Jamaica 44
77. Suriname 41
77. Trinidad and Tobago 41

### Asia Pacific

**Average score**: 44

![Map of Asia Pacific](image)

#### Rank    Country/Territory    Score
1. New Zealand 89
6. Singapore 84
13. Australia 77
13. Hong Kong 77
20. Japan 73
26. Bhutan 67
29. Taiwan 63
32. Brunei Darussalam 62
51. Korea (South) 54
62. Malaysia 47
71. Vanuatu 43
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143. Guatemala 28
151. Nicaragua 26
157. Haiti 22
169. Venezuela 18
Eastern Europe & Central Asia

Average score 34

EU & Western Europe

Average score 66
Middle East & North Africa

Average score
38

Sub-Saharan Africa

Average score
32
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