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Executive Summary

## **Executive Summary**

Effective rule of law reduces corruption, combats poverty and disease, and protects people from injustices large and small. It is the foundation for communities of peace, opportunity, and equity — underpinning development, accountable government, and respect for fundamental rights.

The World Justice Project (WJP) joins efforts to produce reliable data on rule of law through the WJP Rule of Law Index® 2015, the fifth report in an annual series, which measures rule of law based on the experiences and perceptions of the general public and in-country experts worldwide. We hope this annual publication, anchored in actual experiences, will help identify strengths and weaknesses in each country under review and encourage policy choices that strengthen the rule of law.

The WJP Rule of Law Index 2015 presents a portrait of the rule of law in each country by providing scores and rankings organized around eight factors: constraints on government powers, absence of corruption, open government, fundamental rights, order and security, regulatory enforcement, civil justice, and criminal justice (A ninth factor, informal justice, is measured but not included in aggregated scores and rankings). These factors are intended to reflect how people experience rule of law in everyday life.

The country scores and rankings for the WJP Rule of Law Index 2015 are derived from more than 100,000 household and expert surveys in 102 countries and jurisdictions. The Index is the world's most comprehensive data set of its kind and the only to rely solely on primary data, measuring a nation's adherence to the rule of law from the perspective of how ordinary people experience it. These features make the Index a powerful tool that can help identify strengths and weaknesses in each country, and help to inform policy debates, both within and across countries, that advance the rule of law.

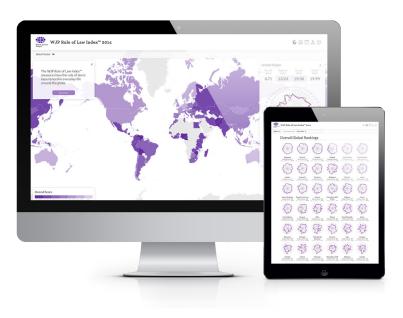
## Rule of Law Around the World: Scores and Rankings

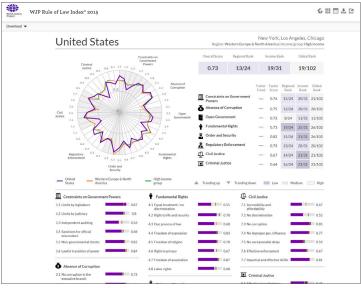
The table below presents the scores and rankings of the WJP Rule of Law Index 2015. Scores range from 0 to 1 (with 1 indicating strongest adherence to the rule of law). Scoring is based on answers drawn from a representative sample of 1,000 respondents in the three largest cities per country and a set of in-country legal practitioners and academics. Tables organized by region and income group, along with disaggregated data for each factor, can be found in the "Scores and Rankings" section of this report. The methodology used to compute the scores and determine the mapping of survey questions to the conceptual framework is available in the methodology section of the WJP Rule of Law Index website (worldjusticeproject.org/methodology).

COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING	COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING	COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING
Denmark	0.87	1	Croatia	0.60	35	Moldova	0.48	69
Norway	0.87	2	South Africa	0.58	36	Ukraine	0.48	70
Sweden	0.85	3	Hungary	0.58	37	China	0.48	71
Finland	0.85	4	Senegal	0.57	38	Tanzania	0.47	72
Netherlands	0.83	5	Malaysia	0.57	39	Zambia	0.47	73
New Zealand	0.83	6	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.57	40	Kyrgyzstan	0.47	74
Austria	0.82	7	Jordan	0.56	41	Russia	0.47	75
Germany	0.81	8	Jamaica	0.56	42	Cote d'Ivoire	0.47	76
Singapore	0.81	9	Tunisia	0.56	43	Ecuador	0.47	77
Australia	0.80	10	Macedonia, FYR	0.55	44	Burkina Faso	0.47	78
Republic of Korea	0.79	11	Bulgaria	0.55	45	Mexico	0.47	79
United Kingdom	0.77	12	Brazil	0.53	46	Turkey	0.46	80
Japan	0.78	13	Mongolia	0.54	47	Uzbekistan	0.46	81
Canada	0.78	14	Nepal	0.53	48	Madagascar	0.45	82
Estonia	0.75	15	Panama	0.53	49	Liberia	0.45	83
Belgium	0.77	16	Belarus	0.53	50	Kenya	0.45	84
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.77	17	Philippines	0.53	51	Guatemala	0.43	85
France	0.74	18	Indonesia	0.53	52		0.44	86
United States	0.74	19	Albania	0.52	53	Egypt Sierra Leone	0.44	87
Czech Republic	0.73	20	Argentina	0.52	54	Iran	0.43	88
·	0.72	21		0.52	55		0.43	89
Poland	0.71	22	Morocco Thailand	0.52	56	Nicaragua Honduras	0.43	90
Uruguay								
Portugal	0.70	23	El Salvador Sri Lanka	0.51	57 58	Ethiopia	0.42	91
Spain Costa Rica	0.68	25	India	0.51	59	Myanmar	0.42	93
Costa Rica	0.68		Serbia			Bangladesh Bolivia	0.42	94
United Arab Emirates	0.67	26	Malawi	0.50	60	-	0.41	95
				0.50		Uganda		
Slovenia	0.66	28	Colombia	0.50	62	Nigeria	0.41	96
Georgia	0.65	29	Peru	0.50	63	Cameroon	0.40	97
Italy	0.64	30	Vietnam	0.50	64	Pakistan	0.38	98
Botswana	0.64	31	Kazakhstan	0.50	65	Cambodia	0.37	99
Romania	0.62	32	Belize	0.49	66	Zimbabwe	0.37	100
Greece	0.60	33	Dominican Republic	0.48	67	Afghanistan	0.35	101
Ghana	0.60	34	Lebanon	0.48	68	Venezuela	0.32	102

## Country Specific Data and Online Tools

In addition to this written report, an interactive online platform for country-specific WJP Rule of Law Index data is available at <a href="mailto:data.worldjusticeproject.org">data.worldjusticeproject.org</a>. The interactive data site invites viewers to browse each of the 102 country profiles and explore country scores for the eight outcomes of the rule of law. The site features the Index's entire dataset, as well as global, regional, and income group rankings.





Discover each country's overall rule of law scores, as well as individual scores for each of the eight factors: constraints on government powers, absence of corruption, open government, fundamental rights, order and security, regulatory enforcement, civil justice, and criminal justice.

The WJP Rule of Law Index®

#### The WJP Rule of Law Index®

The World Justice Project (WJP) is an independent, multi-disciplinary organization working to advance the rule of law around the world. The rule of law provides the foundation for communities of peace, opportunity, and equity – underpinning development, accountable government, and respect for fundamental rights.

Where the rule of law is weak, medicines fail to reach health facilities, criminal violence goes unchecked, laws are applied unequally across societies, and foreign investments are held back. Effective rule of law helps reduce corruption, improve public health, enhance education, alleviate poverty, and protect people from injustices and dangers large and small.

Strengthening the rule of law is a major goal of governments, donors, businesses, and civil society organizations around the world. To be effective, however, rule of law development requires clarity about the fundamental features of the rule of law, as well as an adequate basis for its evaluation and measurement. In response to this need, the World Justice Project has developed the WJP Rule of Law Index, a quantitative measurement tool that offers a comprehensive picture of the rule of law in practice.

The WJP Rule of Law Index presents a portrait of the rule of law in each country by providing scores and rankings organized around nine themes: constraints

on government powers, absence of corruption, open government, fundamental rights, order and security, regulatory enforcement, civil justice, criminal justice, and informal justice. These country scores and rankings are based on answers drawn from more than 100,000 household and expert surveys in 102 countries and jurisdictions.

The WJP Rule of Law Index 2015 is the fifth report in an annual series, and is the product of years of development, intensive consultation, and vetting with academics, practitioners, and community leaders from over 100 countries and 17 professional disciplines. The Index is intended for a broad audience of policy makers, civil society practitioners, academics, and others. The rule of law is not the rule of lawyers and judges: all elements of society are stakeholders. It is our hope that, over time, this diagnostic tool will help identify strengths and weaknesses in each country under review and encourage policy choices that strengthen the rule of law.

## Defining the Rule of Law

The rule of law is notoriously difficult to define and measure. A simple way of approaching it is in terms of some of the outcomes that the rule of law brings to societies – such as accountability, respect for fundamental rights, or access to justice – each of which reflects one aspect of the complex concept of the rule of law. The WJP Rule of Law Index seeks to embody these outcomes within a simple and coherent framework to measure the extent to which countries attain these outcomes *in practice* by means of performance indicators.

The WJP Rule of Law Index captures adherence to the rule of law (as defined by the WJP's universal principles, see Box 1) through a comprehensive and multidimensional set of outcome indicators, each of which reflects a particular aspect of this complex concept. The theoretical framework linking these outcome indicators draws on two main ideas pertaining to the relationship between the state and the governed: first, that the law imposes limits on the exercise of power by the state and its agents, as well as individuals and private entities. This is measured in factors 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Index. Second, that the state limits the actions of members of society and fulfills its basic duties towards its population, so that the public interest is served, people are protected from violence and members of society have access to mechanisms to settle disputes and redress grievances This is measured in factors 5,6,7, and 8 of the Index. Although broad in scope, this framework assumes very little about the functions of the state, and when it does, it incorporates functions that are recognized by practically all societies, such as the provisions of justice or the guarantee of order and security.

The resulting set of indicators is also an effort to strike a balance between what scholars call a "thin" or minimalist conception of the rule of law that focuses on formal, procedural rules, and a "thick" conception that includes substantive characteristics, such as self-government and various fundamental rights and freedoms. Striking this balance between "thin" and "thick" conceptions of the rule of law enables the Index to apply to different types of social and political systems, including those which lack many of the features that characterize

democratic nations, while including sufficient substantive characteristics to render the rule of law as more than merely a system of rules. Indeed, the Index recognizes that a system of positive law that fails to respect core human rights guaranteed under international law is at best "rule by law" and does not deserve to be called a rule of law system.

#### Box 1: Four Universal Principles of the Rule of Law

The WJP uses a working definition of the rule of law based on four universal principles, derived from internationally accepted standards. The rule of law is a system where the following four universal principles are upheld:

- The government and its officials and agents as well as individuals and private entities are accountable under the law.
- 2. The laws are clear, publicized, stable, and just; are applied evenly; and protect fundamental rights, including the security of persons and property.
- 3. The process by which the laws are enacted, administered, and enforced is accessible, fair, and efficient.
- Justice is delivered timely by competent, ethical, and independent representatives and neutrals who are of sufficient number, have adequate resources, and reflect the makeup of the communities they serve.

## Box 2: The Rule of Law in Everyday Life

The rule of law affects all of us in our everyday lives. Although we may not be aware of it, the rule of law is profoundly important – and not just to lawyers or judges. It is the foundation for a system of rules to keep us safe, resolve disputes, and enable us to prosper. In fact, every sector of society is a stakeholder in the rule of law. Below are a few examples:

Business environment. Imagine an investor seeking to commit resources abroad. She would probably think twice before investing in a country where corruption is rampant, property rights are ill-defined, and contracts are difficult to enforce. Uneven enforcement of regulations, corruption, insecure property rights, and ineffective means to settle disputes undermine legitimate business and drive away both domestic and foreign investment. Public works. Consider the bridges, roads, or runways we traverse daily - or the offices and buildings in which we live, work, and play. What if building codes governing their design and safety were not enforced, or if government officials and contractors employed low-quality materials in order to pocket the surplus? Weak regulatory enforcement and corruption decrease the security of physical infrastructures and waste scarce resources, which are essential to a thriving economy. Public health and environment. Consider the implications of pollution, wildlife poaching, and deforestation for public health, the economy, and the environment. What if a company was pouring harmful chemicals into a river in a highly populated area and the environmental inspector turned a blind eye in exchange for a bribe? While countries around the world have laws to protect the public's health and the environment, these laws are not always enforced. Adherence to the rule of law is essential to effective enforcement of public health and environmental regulations and to hold government, businesses, civil society organizations, and communities accountable for protecting the environment without unduly constraining economic opportunities. **Public participation.** What if residents of a neighborhood were not informed of an upcoming construction project commissioned by the government that would cause disruptions to their community? Or what if they did not have the opportunity to present their objections to the relevant government authorities prior to the start of the construction project? Being able to voice opinions about government decisions that directly impact the lives of ordinary people is a key aspect of the rule of law. Public participation ensures that all stakeholders have the chance to be heard and provide valuable input in the decision-making process. Civil Justice. Imagine an individual having a dispute with another party. What if the system to settle the dispute and obtain a remedy was largely inaccessible, unreliable, or corrupt? Without a wellfunctioning justice system - a core element of the rule of law - individuals faced with a dispute have

few options other than giving up or resorting to violence to settle the conflict.

The WJP Rule of Law Index is comprised of nine factors further disaggregated into 47 specific sub-factors. These sub-factors are presented in Table 1 and are described in detail in the section below.

Constraints on Government Powers. Factor 1 measures the extent to which those who govern are bound by law. It comprises the means, both constitutional and institutional, by which the powers of the government and its officials and agents are limited and held accountable under the law. It also includes non-governmental checks on the government's power, such as a free and independent press.

Governmental checks take many forms; they do not operate solely in systems marked by a formal separation of powers, nor are they necessarily codified in law. What is essential, however, is that authority is distributed, whether by formal rules or by convention, in a manner that ensures that no single organ of government has the practical ability to exercise unchecked power<sup>1</sup>. This factor addresses the effectiveness of the institutional checks on government power by the legislature (1.1), the judiciary (1.2), and independent auditing and review agencies (1.3)2, as well as the effectiveness of non-governmental oversight by the media and civil society (1.5), which serve an important role in monitoring government actions and holding officials accountable. The extent to which transitions of power occur in accordance with the law is also examined  $(1.6)^3$ . In addition to these checks, this factor also measures the extent to which government officials are held accountable for official misconduct (1.4).

**Absence of Corruption.** Factor 2 measures the absence of corruption in a number of government agencies. The factor considers three forms of corruption: bribery, improper influence by public or private interests, and misappropriation of public funds or other resources. These three forms of corruption are examined with respect

to government officers in the executive branch (2.1), the judiciary (2.2), the military and police (2.3), and the legislature (2.4), and encompass a wide range of possible situations in which corruption – from petty bribery to major kinds of fraud – can occur.

**Open Government.** Factor 3 measures open government defined as a government that shares information, empowers people with tools to hold the government accountable, and fosters citizen participation in public policy deliberations.

The factor measures whether basic laws and information on legal rights are publicized, and evaluates the quality of information published by the government (3.1). It also measures whether requests for information held by a government agency are properly granted (3.2). Finally, it assesses the effectiveness of civic participation mechanisms –including the protection of freedoms of opinion and expression, assembly and association, and the right to petition (3.3), and whether people can bring specific complaints to the government (3.4).

**Fundamental Rights.** Factor 4 measures the protection of fundamental human rights. It recognizes that a system of positive law that fails to respect core human rights established under international law is at best "rule by law", and does not deserve to be called a rule of law system. Since there are many other indices that address human rights, and as it would be impossible for the Index to assess adherence to the full range of rights, this factor focuses on a relatively modest menu of rights that are firmly established under the Universal Declaration and are most closely related to rule of law concerns. Accordingly, Factor 4 encompasses adherence to the following fundamental rights: effective enforcement of laws that ensure equal protection (4.1)<sup>4</sup>, the right to life and security of the person (4.2)<sup>5</sup>, due process of law and the rights of the accused (4.3)<sup>6</sup>, freedom of opinion

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{I}}$  The Index does not address the further question of whether the laws are enacted by democratically elected representatives.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This includes a wide range of institutions, from financial comptrollers and auditing agencies to the diverse array of entities that monitor human rights compliance (e.g. "Human Rights Defender", "Ombudsman", "People's Advocate", "Defensor del Pueblo", "Ouvidoria", "Human Rights Commissioner", "Oiguskantsler", "Mediateur de la Republique", "Citizen's Advocate", "Avocatul Poporului"). In some countries these functions are performed by judges or other state officials; in others, they are carried out by independent agencies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This sub-factor does not address the issue of whether transitions of political power take place through democratic elections. Rather, it examines whether the rules for the orderly transfer of power are actually observed. This sub-factor looks at the prevalence of electoral fraud and intimidation (for those countries in which elections are held), the frequency of coups d'etat, and the extent to which transition processes are open to public scrutiny.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The laws can be fair only if they do not make arbitrary or irrational distinctions based on economic or social status – the latter defined to include race, color, ethnic or social origin, caste, nationality, alienage, religion, language, political opinion or affiliation, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or gender identity, age, and disability. It must be acknowledged that for some societies, including some traditional societies, certain of these categories may be problematic. In addition, there may be differences both within and among such societies as to whether a given distinction is arbitrary or irrational. Despite these difficulties, it was determined that only an inclusive list would accord full respect to the principles of equality and non-discrimination embodied in the Universal Declaration and emerging norms of international law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Sub-factor 4.2 concerns police brutality and other abuses – including arbitrary detention, torture and extrajudicial execution – perpetrated by agents of the state against criminal suspects, political dissidents, members of the media, and ordinary people.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> This includes the presumption of innocence and the opportunity to submit and challenge evidence before public proceedings; freedom from arbitrary arrest, detention, torture and abusive treatment, and access to

and expression (4.4), freedom of belief and religion (4.5), the right to privacy (4.6), freedom of assembly and association (4.7), and fundamental labor rights, including the right to collective bargaining, the prohibition of forced and child labor, and the elimination of discrimination (4.8)<sup>7</sup>.

**Order and Security.** Factor 5 measures how well the society assures the security of persons and property. Security is one of the defining aspects of any rule of law society and a fundamental function of the state. It is also a precondition for the realization of the rights and freedoms that the rule of law seeks to advance. This factor includes three dimensions that cover various threats to order and security: crime (5.1 particularly conventional crime<sup>8</sup>), political violence (5.2 including terrorism, armed conflict, and political unrest), and violence as a socially acceptable means to redress personal grievances (5.3 vigilante justice).

Regulatory Enforcement. Factor 6 measures the extent to which regulations are fairly and effectively implemented and enforced. Regulations, both legal and administrative, structure behaviors within and outside of the government. Strong rule of law requires that these regulations and administrative provisions are enforced effectively (6.1) and are applied and enforced without improper influence by public officials or private interests (6.2). Additionally, strong rule of law requires that administrative proceedings are conducted timely, without unreasonable delays (6.4), that due process is respected in administrative proceedings (6.3), and that there is no expropriation of private property without adequate compensation (6.5).

This factor does not assess which activities a government chooses to regulate, nor does it consider how much regulation of a particular activity is appropriate. Rather, it examines how regulations are implemented and enforced. To facilitate comparisons, this factor considers areas that all countries regulate to one degree or another, such as public health, workplace safety, environmental protection, and commercial activity.

**Civil Justice.** Factor 7 measures whether ordinary people can resolve their grievances peacefully and effectively through

legal counsel and translators.

the civil justice system. The delivery of effective civil justice requires that the system be accessible and affordable (7.1), free of discrimination (7.2), free of corruption (7.3), and without improper influence by public officials (7.4). The delivery of effective civil justice also necessitates that court proceedings are conducted in a timely manner and not subject to unreasonable delays (7.5). Finally, recognizing the value of Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms (ADRs), this factor also measures the accessibility, impartiality, and efficiency of mediation and arbitration systems that enable parties to resolve civil disputes (7.7).

**Criminal Justice.** Factor 8 evaluates the criminal justice system. An effective criminal justice system is a key aspect of the rule of law, as it constitutes the conventional mechanism to redress grievances and bring action against individuals for offenses against society. Effective criminal justice systems are capable of investigating and adjudicating criminal offenses successfully and in a timely manner (8.1 and 8.2), through a system that is impartial and non-discriminatory (8.4), and is free of corruption and improper government influence (8.5 and 8.6), all while ensuring that the rights of both victims and the accused are effectively protected (8.7)9. The delivery of effective criminal justice also necessitates correctional systems that effectively reduce criminal behavior (8.3). Accordingly, an assessment of the delivery of criminal justice should take into consideration the entire system, including the police, the lawyers, prosecutors, judges, and prison officers.

Informal Justice. Finally, Factor 9 concerns the role played in many countries by customary and 'informal' systems of justice – including traditional, tribal, and religious courts, and community-based systems – in resolving disputes. These systems often play a large role in cultures in which formal legal institutions fail to provide effective remedies for large segments of the population, or when formal institutions are perceived as remote, corrupt, or ineffective. This factor covers three concepts: whether these dispute resolution systems are timely and effective (9.1), whether they are impartial and free of improper influence (9.2), and the extent to which these systems respect and protect fundamental rights (9.3)<sup>10</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Sub-factor 4.8 includes the four fundamental principles recognized by the ILO Declaration of Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work of 1998: (1) the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining, (2) the elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labor, (3) the effective abolition of child labor, and (4) the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

 $<sup>^8</sup>$  In this category, we include measures of criminal victimization, such as homicide, kidnapping, burglary, armed robbery, extortion, and fraud.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Sub-factor 8.7 includes the presumption of innocence and the opportunity to submit and challenge evidence before public proceedings, freedom from arbitrary arrest, detention, torture and abusive treatment, and access to legal counsel and translators

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> WJP has devoted significant effort to collecting data on informal justice in a dozen countries. Nonetheless, the complexities of these systems and the difficulties of measuring their fairness and effectiveness in a manner that is both systematic and comparable across countries, make assessments extraordinarily challenging. Although the WJP has collected data on this dimension, it is not included in the aggregated scores and rankings.

## Table 1: The World Justice Project Rule of Law Index

The four universal principles which comprise the WJP's notion of the rule of law are further developed in the nine factors of the WJP Rule of Law Index.



#### Factor 1: Constraints on Government Powers

- $1.1\,\mbox{Government}$  powers are effectively limited by the legislature
- 1.2 Government powers are effectively limited by the judiciary
- 1.3 Government powers are effectively limited by independent auditing and review
- 1.4 Government officials are sanctioned for misconduct
- 1.5 Government powers are subject to non-governmental checks
- 1.6 Transition of power is subject to the law



#### Factor 2: Absence of Corruption

- 2.1 Government officials in the executive branch do not use public office for private gain
- 2.2 Government officials in the judicial branch do not use public office for private gain
- 2.3 Government officials in the police and the military do not use public office for private gain
- 2.4 Government officials in the legislative branch do not use public office for private gain



#### Factor 3: Open Government

- 3.1 Publicized laws and government data
- 3.2 Right to information
- 3.3 Civic participation
- 3.4 Complaint mechanisms



#### **Factor 4: Fundamental Rights**

- 4.1 Equal treatment and absence of discrimination
- 4.2 The right to life and security of the person is effectively guaranteed
- 4.3 Due process of law and rights of the accused
- 4.4 Freedom of opinion and expression is effectively guaranteed
- 4.5 Freedom of belief and religion is effectively guaranteed
- 4.6 Freedom from arbitrary interference with privacy is effectively guaranteed
- 4.7 Freedom of assembly and association is effectively guaranteed
- 4.8 Fundamental labor rights are effectively guaranteed



#### Factor 5: Order and Security

- 5.1 Crime is effectively controlled
- 5.2 Civil conflict is effectively limited
- 5.3 People do not resort to violence to redress personal grievances



#### Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement

- 6.1 Government regulations are effectively enforced
- 6.2 Government regulations are applied and enforced without improper influence
- 6.3 Administrative proceedings are conducted without unreasonable delay
- 6.4 Due process is respected in administrative proceedings
- 6.5 The government does not expropriate without lawful process and adequate compensation



#### Factor 7: Civil Justice

- 7.1 People can access and afford civil justice
- 7.2 Civil justice is free of discrimination
- 7.3 Civil justice is free of corruption
- 7.4 Civil justice is free of improper government influence
- 7.5 Civil justice is not subject to unreasonable delay
- 7.6 Civil justice is effectively enforced
- 7.7 ADR is accessible, impartial, and effective

## Factor 8: Criminal Justice

- 8.1 Criminal investigation system is effective
- 8.2 Criminal adjudication system is timely and effective
- 8.3 Correctional system is effective in reducing criminal behavior
- 8.4 Criminal system is impartial
- 8.5 Criminal system is free of corruption
- 8.6 Criminal system is free of improper government influence
- 8.7 Due process of law and rights of the accused



#### Factor 9: Informal Justice

- 9.1 Informal justice is timely and effective
- 9.2 Informal justice is impartial and free of improper influence
- 9.3 Informal justice respects and protects fundamental rights

## Measuring the Rule of Law

This conceptual framework provides the basis for measuring the rule of law

The scores and rankings of the 44 sub-factors (factors 1 through 81) draw from two data sources collected by the World Justice Project in each country: (1) a general population poll (GPP) conducted by leading local polling companies using a representative sample of 1,000 respondents in the three largest cities, and (2) qualified respondents' questionnaires (QRQs) consisting of closed-ended questions completed by in-country practitioners and academics with expertise in civil and commercial law, criminal justice, labor law, and public health. Taken together, these two data sources provide up-to-date firsthand information from a large number of people on their experiences and perceptions concerning their dealings with the government, the police, and the courts, as well as the openness and accountability of the state, the extent of corruption, and the magnitude of common crimes to which the general public is exposed.

These data are processed, normalized on a 0 to 1 scale, and aggregated from the variable level all the way up to the dimension level for each country, and then to an overall score and ranking using the data map and weights reported in reported in the methodology section of the WJP Rule of Law Index website. Finally, these scores are validated and cross-checked against qualitative and quantitative third-party sources to identify possible mistakes or inconsistencies within the data.

The WJP has produced the Rule of Law Index for each

of the last five years. During this time, the number of countries covered has increased, and the surveys and indicators have evolved to better reflect the rule of law landscape of countries around the world. This year's surveys and indicators are closely aligned with those used in the previous edition. The WJP Rule of Law Index 2015 report also includes three new countries (Belize, Costa Rica, and Honduras), and covers a total of 102 countries and jurisdictions that account for more than 90 percent of the world's population.

The country scores and rankings presented in this report are based on data collected and analyzed during the fourth quarter of 2014, with the exception of general population data for countries indexed in 2012 and 2013, which were gathered during the fall of 2012 and the fall of 2013.

The scores and rankings have been organized into 102 country profiles, which are available at <a href="http://data.worldjusticeproject.org/">http://data.worldjusticeproject.org/</a>. Each of these profiles displays 1) the country's overall rule of law score and ranking, 2) the score of each of the eight dimensions of the rule of law as well as the global, regional, and income group rankings, 3) the score of each of the 44 sub-factors together with the average score of the country's region and the country's income group. A detailed description of the process by which data is collected and the rule of law is measured is available online at <a href="https://www.worldjusticeproject.org">www.worldjusticeproject.org</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Significant effort has been devoted during the last four years to collecting data on informal justice in a dozen countries. Nonetheless, the complexities of these systems and the difficulties of measuring their fairness and effectiveness in a manner that is both systematic and comparable across countries, make assessments extraordinarily challenging. Although the WJP has collected data on this dimension, it is not included in the aggregated scores and rankings.

## Box 3: The WJP Rule of Law Index Methodology in a Nutshell

The production of the WJP Rule of Law Index may be summarized in eleven steps:

#### 1

The WJP developed the conceptual framework summarized in the Index's 9 FACTORS and 47 SUB-FACTORS, in consultation with academics, practitioners, and community leaders from around the world.

#### 2

The Index team developed a set of **FIVE QUESTIONNAIRES** based on the Index's conceptual framework, to be administered to experts and the general public.

Questionnaires were translated into several languages and adapted to reflect commonly used terms and expressions.

## 3

The team identified, on average, more than **300** POTENTIAL LOCAL EXPERTS per country to respond to the experts' questionnaires, and engaged the services of leading local polling companies to implement the household surveys.

## 4

Polling companies conducted pre-test **PILOT SURVEYS** of the general public in consultation with the Index team, and launched the final survey

## 5

The team sent the questionnaires to **LOCAL EXPERTS** and engaged in continual interaction with them.

## 6

The Index team collected and mapped the data onto the **44 sub-factors** with global comparability.

## 7

The Index team constructed the final scores using a **FIVE-STEP PROCESS:** 

- **a.** Codified the questionnaire items as numeric values.
- **b.** Produced raw country scores by aggregating the responses from several individuals (EXPERTS OR GENERAL PUBLIC).
- **c.** Normalized the raw scores.
- **d.** Aggregated the normalized scores into sub-factors and factors using simple averages.
- **e**. Produced the final rankings using the normalized scores.

## 8

The data were subject to a series of tests to identify possible biases and errors. For example, the Index team cross-checked all sub-factors against more than **60 THIRD-PARTY SOURCES**, including quantitative data and qualitative assessments drawn from local and international organizations.

#### 9

A sensitivity analysis was conducted by the **Econometrics and Applied Statistics Unit of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre**, in collaboration with the Index team, to assess the statistical reliability of the results.

### 10

To illustrate whether the rule of law in a country significantly changed over the course of the past year, a measure of change over time was produced based on the annual difference in the country-level factor scores, the standard errors of these scores (estimated from a set of 100 BOOTSTRAP SAMPLES), and the results of the corresponding t-tests.

## 11

The data were organized into **COUNTRY REPORTS, TABLES, AND FIGURES** to facilitate their presentation and interpretation.

\* Further information about the methods employed to produce the Index scores and rankings can be found in the "Methodology" section of this report.

#### Features of the Rule of Law Index

The WJP Rule of Law Index includes several features that set it apart from other indices and make it useful for a large number of countries:

- Rule of law in practice: The Index measures adherence to the rule of law by looking at policy outcomes (such as whether people have access to courts or whether crime is effectively controlled). This stands in contrast to efforts that focus on the laws on the books, or the institutional means by which a society may seek to achieve these policy outcomes.
- Comprehensive/Multi-dimensional: While
   other indices cover particular aspects of the rule
   of law, such as absence of corruption or human
   rights, they do not yield a full picture of rule of
   law compliance. The WJP Rule of Law Index is the
   only global instrument that looks at the rule of law
   comprehensively.
- Perspective of the ordinary people: The WJP Rule of Law Index puts people at its core by looking at a nation's adherence to the rule of law from the perspective of ordinary individuals who are directly affected by the degree of adherence to the rule of law in their societies. The WJP Index examines practical, everyday situations, such as whether people can access public services and whether a dispute among neighbors can be resolved peacefully and cost-effectively by an independent adjudicator.

- New data anchored in actual experiences: The Index is the only comprehensive set of indicators on the rule of law that is based on primary data. The Index's scores are built from the assessments of local residents (1,000 respondents per country) and local legal experts, which ensure that the findings reflect the conditions experienced by the population, including marginalized sectors of society.
- **Culturally competent:** The Index has been designed to be applied in countries with vastly different social, cultural, economic, and political systems. No society has ever attained let alone sustained a perfect realization of the rule of law. Every nation faces the perpetual challenge of building and renewing the structures, institutions, and norms that can support and sustain a rule of law culture.

## Using the WJP Rule of Law Index

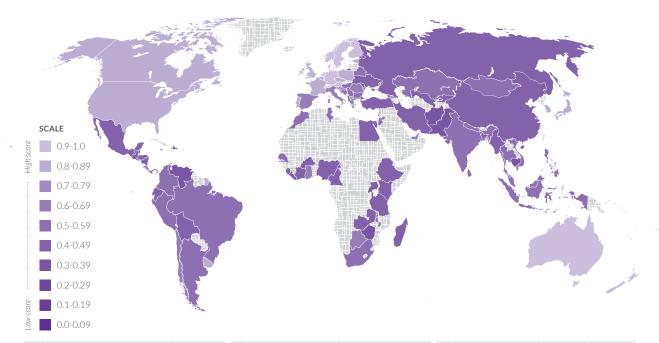
The WJP Rule of Law Index has been designed to offer a reliable and independent data source for policy makers, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, and other constituencies to assess a nation's adherence to the rule of law as perceived and experienced by the average person, identify a nation's strengths and weaknesses in comparison to similarly situated countries, and track changes over time. The Index has been designed to include several features that set it apart from other indices and make it valuable for a large number of countries, thus providing a powerful resource that can inform policy debates both within and across countries. However, the Index's findings must be interpreted in light of certain inherent limitations.

- The WJP Rule of Law Index does not identify priorities for reform and is not intended to establish causation or to ascertain the complex relationship among different rule of law dimensions in various countries.
- The Index's rankings and scores are the product of a rigorous data collection and aggregation methodology. Nonetheless, as with all measures, they are subject to measurement error.
- Given the uncertainty associated with picking a
  particular sample of respondents, standard errors have
  been calculated using bootstrapping methods to test
  whether the annual changes in the factor scores are
  statistically significant.
- 4. Indices and indicators are subject to potential abuse and misinterpretation. Once released to the public, they can take on a life of their own and be used for purposes unanticipated by their creators. If data is taken out of context, it can lead to unintended or erroneous policy decisions.
- 5. Rule of law concepts measured by the Index may have different meanings across countries. Users are encouraged to consult the specific definitions of the variables employed in the construction of the Index, which are discussed in greater detail in the methodology section of the WJP Rule of Law Index website.

- 6. The Index is generally intended to be used in combination with other instruments, both quantitative and qualitative. Just as in the areas of health or economics, no single index conveys a full picture of a country's situation. Policymaking in the area of rule of law requires careful consideration of all relevant dimensions which may vary from country to country and a combination of sources, instruments, and methods.
- 7. Pursuant to the sensitivity analysis of the Index data conducted in collaboration with the Econometrics and Applied Statistics Unit of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, confidence intervals have been calculated for all figures included in the WJP Rule of Law Index. These confidence intervals and other relevant considerations regarding measurement error are reported in Saisana and Saltelli (2015) and Botero and Ponce (2011).

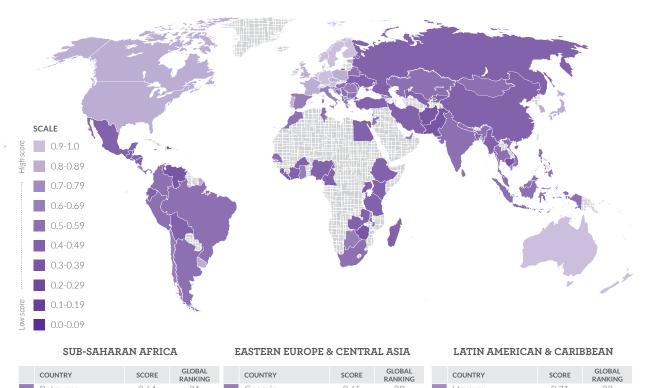
Scores & Rankings

## Rule of Law Around the World



COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING	COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING	COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING
Denmark	0.87	1	Croatia	0.60	35	Moldova	0.48	69
Norway	0.87	2	South Africa	0.58	36	Ukraine	0.48	70
Sweden	0.85	3	Hungary	0.58	37	China	0.48	71
Finland	0.85	4	Senegal	0.57	38	Tanzania	0.47	72
Netherlands	0.83	5	Malaysia	0.57	39	Zambia	0.47	73
New Zealand	0.83	6	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.57	40	Kyrgyzstan	0.47	74
Austria	0.82	7	Jordan	0.56	41	Russia	0.47	75
Germany	0.81	8	Jamaica	0.56	42	Cote d'Ivoire	0.47	76
Singapore	0.81	9	Tunisia	0.56	43	Ecuador	0.47	77
Australia	0.80	10	Macedonia, FYR	0.55	44	Burkina Faso	0.47	78
Republic of Korea	0.79	11	Bulgaria	0.55	45	Mexico	0.47	79
United Kingdom	0.78	12	Brazil	0.54	46	Turkey	0.46	80
Japan	0.78	13	Mongolia	0.53	47	Uzbekistan	0.46	81
Canada	0.78	14	Nepal	0.53	48	Madagascar	0.45	82
Estonia	0.77	15	Panama	0.53	49	Liberia	0.45	83
Belgium	0.77	16	Belarus	0.53	50	Kenya	0.45	84
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.76	17	Philippines	0.53	51	Guatemala	0.44	85
France	0.74	18	Indonesia	0.52	52	Egypt	0.44	86
United States	0.73	19	Albania	0.52	53	Sierra Leone	0.44	87
Czech Republic	0.72	20	Argentina	0.52	54	Iran	0.43	88
Poland	0.71	21	Morocco	0.52	55	Nicaragua	0.43	89
Uruguay	0.71	22	Thailand	0.52	56	Honduras	0.42	90
Portugal	0.70	23	El Salvador	0.51	57	Ethiopia	0.42	91
Spain	0.68	24	Sri Lanka	0.51	58	Myanmar	0.42	92
Costa Rica	0.68	25	India	0.51	59	Bangladesh	0.42	93
Chile	0.68	26	Serbia	0.50	60	Bolivia	0.41	94
United Arab Emirates	0.67	27	Malawi	0.50	61	Uganda	0.41	95
Slovenia	0.66	28	Colombia	0.50	62	Nigeria	0.41	96
Georgia	0.65	29	Peru	0.50	63	Cameroon	0.40	97
Italy	0.64	30	Vietnam	0.50	64	Pakistan	0.38	98
Botswana	0.64	31	Kazakhstan	0.50	65	Cambodia	0.37	99
Romania	0.62	32	Belize	0.49	66	Zimbabwe	0.37	100
Greece	0.60	33	Dominican Republic	0.48	67	Afghanistan	0.35	101
Ghana	0.60	34	Lebanon	0.48	68	Venezuela	0.32	102

# Rule of Law Around the World by Region



SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA						
COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING				
Botswana	0.64	31				
Ghana	0.60	34				
South Africa	0.58	36				
Senegal	0.57	38				
Malawi	0.50	61				
Tanzania	0.47	72				
Zambia	0.47	73				
Cote d'Ivoire	0.47	76				
Burkina Faso	0.47	78				
Madagascar	0.45	82				
Liberia	0.45	83				
Kenya	0.45	84				
Sierra Leone	0.44	87				
Ethiopia	0.42	91				
Uganda	0.41	95				
Nigeria	0.41	96				
Cameroon	0.40	97				
Zimbabwe	0.37	100				

COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING			
Georgia	0.65	29			
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.57	40			
Macedonia, FYR	0.55	44			
Belarus	0.53	50			
Albania	0.52	53			
Serbia	0.50	60			
Kazakhstan	0.50	65			
Moldova	0.48	69			
Ukraine	0.48	70			
Kyrgyzstan	0.47	74			
Russia	0.47	75			
Turkey	0.46	80			
Uzbekistan	0.46	81			
EUROPEAN UNION, EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION & NORTH AMERICA					

COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING
Uruguay	0.71	22
Costa Rica	0.68	25
Chile	0.68	26
Jamaica	0.56	42
Brazil	0.54	46
Panama	0.53	49
Argentina	0.52	54
El Salvador	0.51	57
Colombia	0.50	62
Peru	0.50	63
Belize	0.49	66
Dominican Republic	0.48	67
Ecuador	0.47	77
Mexico	0.47	79
Guatemala	0.44	85
Nicaragua	0.43	89
Honduras	0.42	90
Bolivia	0.41	94
Venezuela	0.32	102

#### **EAST ASIA & PACIFIC**

COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING
New Zealand	0.83	6
Singapore	0.81	9
Australia	0.80	10
Republic of Korea	0.79	11
Japan	0.78	13
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.76	17
Malaysia	0.57	39
Mongolia	0.53	47
Philippines	0.53	51
Indonesia	0.52	52
Thailand	0.52	56
Vietnam	0.50	64
China	0.48	71
Myanmar	0.42	92
Cambodia	0.37	99

COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING
Denmark	0.87	1
Norway	0.87	
Sweden	0.85	3
Finland	0.85	4
Netherlands	0.83	5
Austria	0.82	2 3 4 5 7
Germany	0.81	8
United Kingdom	0.78	12
Canada	0.78	14
Estonia	0.77	15
Belgium	0.77	16
France	0.74	18
United States	0.73	19
Czech Republic	0.72	20
Poland	0.71	21
Portugal	0.70	23
Spain	0.68	24
Slovenia	0.66	28
Italy	0.64	30
Romania	0.62	32
Greece	0.60	33
Croatia	0.60	35
Hungary	0.58	37
Bulgaria	0.55	45

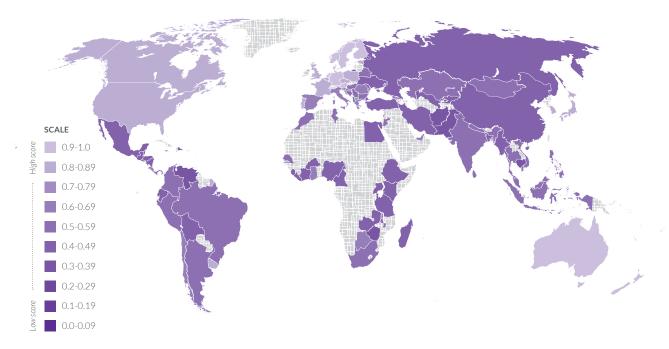
MIDDLE	EAST	&	NORTH	AFRICA

COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING
United Arab Emirates	0.67	27
Jordan	0.56	41
Tunisia	0.56	43
Morocco	0.52	55
Lebanon	0.48	68
Egypt	0.44	86
Iran	0.43	88

#### SOUTH ASIA

COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING
Nepal	0.53	48
Sri Lanka	0.51	58
India	0.51	59
Bangladesh	0.42	93
Pakistan	0.38	98
Afghanistan	0.35	101
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# Rule of Law Around the World by Income Group



#### HIGH INCOME

#### UPPER MIDDLE INCOME

#### LOWER MIDDLE INCOME

COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING	COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING
Denmark	0.87	1	Costa Rica	0.68	25
Norway	0.87	2	Botswana	0.64	31
Sweden	0.85	3	Romania	0.62	32
Finland	0.85	4	South Africa	0.58	36
Netherlands	0.83	5	Hungary	0.58	37
New Zealand	0.83	6	Malaysia	0.57	39
Austria	0.82	7	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.57	40
Germany	0.81	8	Jordan	0.56	41
Singapore	0.81	9	Jamaica	0.56	42
Australia	0.80	10	Tunisia	0.56	43
Republic of Korea	0.79	11	Macedonia, FYR	0.55	44
United Kingdom	0.78	12	Bulgaria	0.55	45
Japan	0.78	13	Brazil	0.54	46
Canada	0.78	14	Panama	0.53	49
Estonia	0.77	15	Belarus	0.53	50
Belgium	0.77	16	Albania	0.52	53
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.76	17	Argentina	0.52	54
France	0.74	18	Thailand	0.52	56
United States	0.73	19	Serbia	0.50	60
Czech Republic	0.72	20	Colombia	0.50	62
Poland	0.71	21	Peru	0.50	63
Uruguay	0.71	22	Kazakhstan	0.50	65
Portugal	0.70	23	Belize	0.49	66
Spain	0.68	24	Dominican Republic	0.48	67
Chile	0.68	26	Lebanon	0.48	68
United Arab Emirates	0.67	27	China	0.48	71
Slovenia	0.66	28	Ecuador	0.47	77
Italy	0.64	30	Mexico	0.47	79
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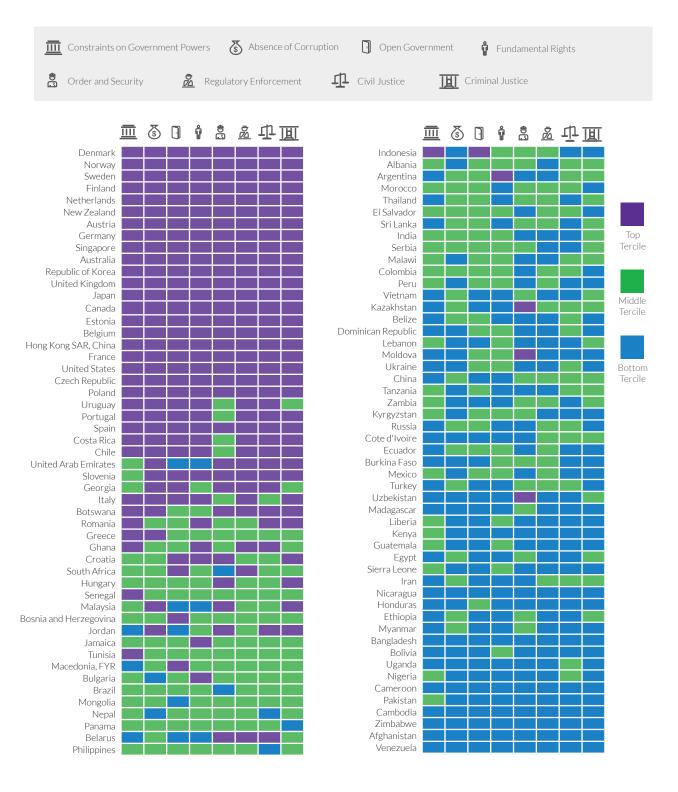
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Georgia	0.65	29						
Ghana	0.60	34						
Senegal	0.57	38						
Mongolia	0.53	47						
Philippines	0.53	51						
Indonesia	0.52	52						
Morocco	0.52	55						
El Salvador	0.51	57						
Sri Lanka	0.51	58						
India	0.51	59						
Vietnam	0.50	64						
Moldova	0.48	69						
Ukraine	0.48	70						
Zambia	0.47	73						
Kyrgyzstan	0.47	74						
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#### LOW INCOME

COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING
Nepal	0.53	48
Malawi	0.50	61
Tanzania	0.47	72
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Liberia	0.45	83
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Sierra Leone	0.44	87
Ethiopia	0.42	91
Myanmar	0.42	92
Bangladesh	0.42	93
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## The Eight Factors of the WJP Rule of Law Index

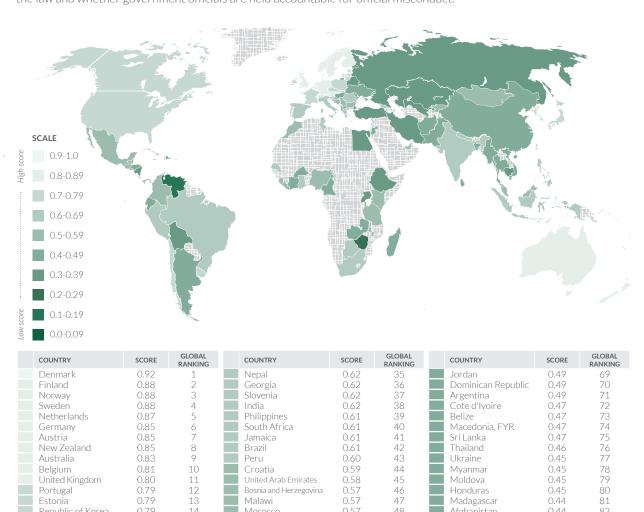
The following chart presents country performance on the eight factors of the WJP Rule of Law Index



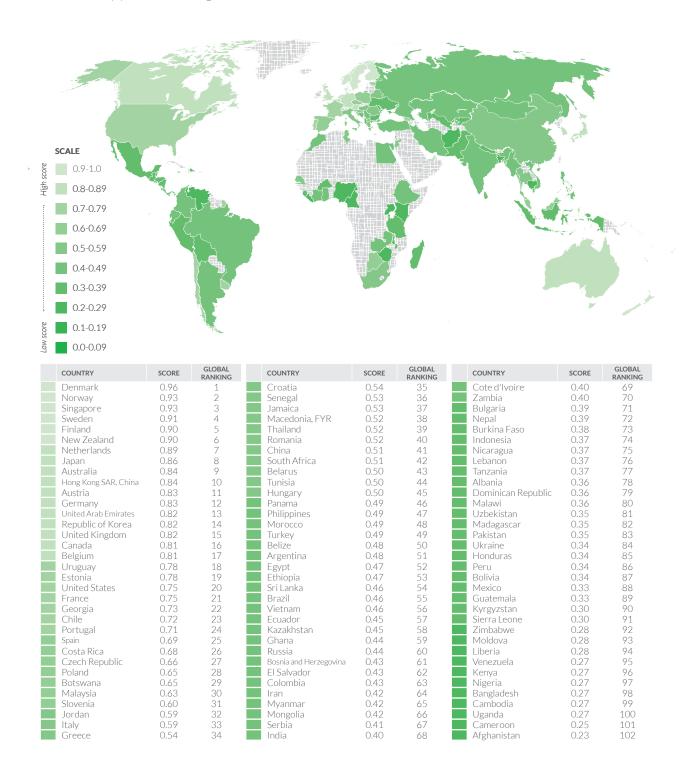
# Factor 1: Constraints on

#### Government Powers

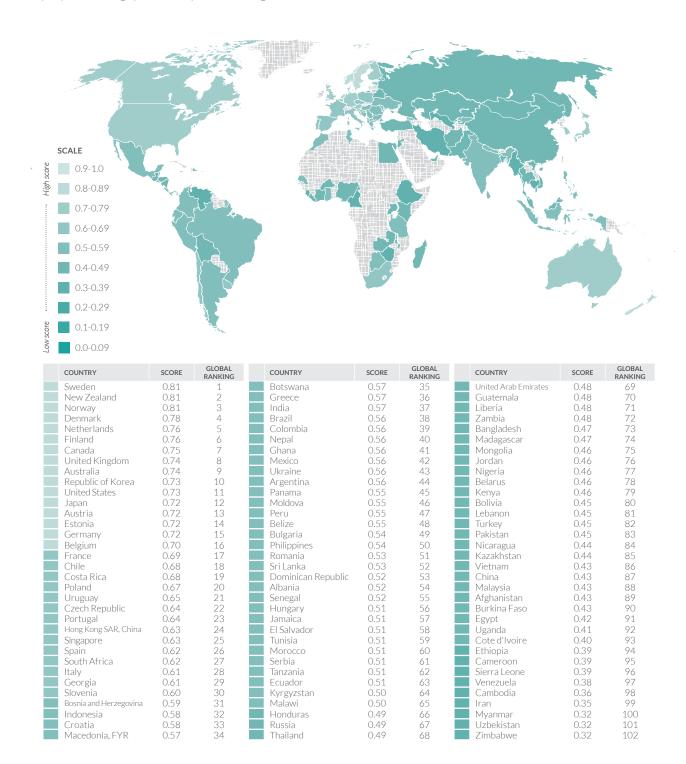
Factor 1 measures the effectiveness of the institutional checks on government power by the legislature, the judiciary, and independent auditing and review agencies, as well as the effectiveness of non-governmental oversight by the media and civil society, which serve an important role in monitoring government actions and holding officials accountable. This factor also measures the extent to which transitions of power occur in accordance with the law and whether government officials are held accountable for official misconduct.



Factor 2 measures the absence of corruption in government. The factor considers three forms of corruption: bribery, improper influence by public or private interests, and misappropriation of public funds or other resources. These three forms of corruption are examined with respect to government officers in the executive branch, the judiciary, the military, police, and the legislature.



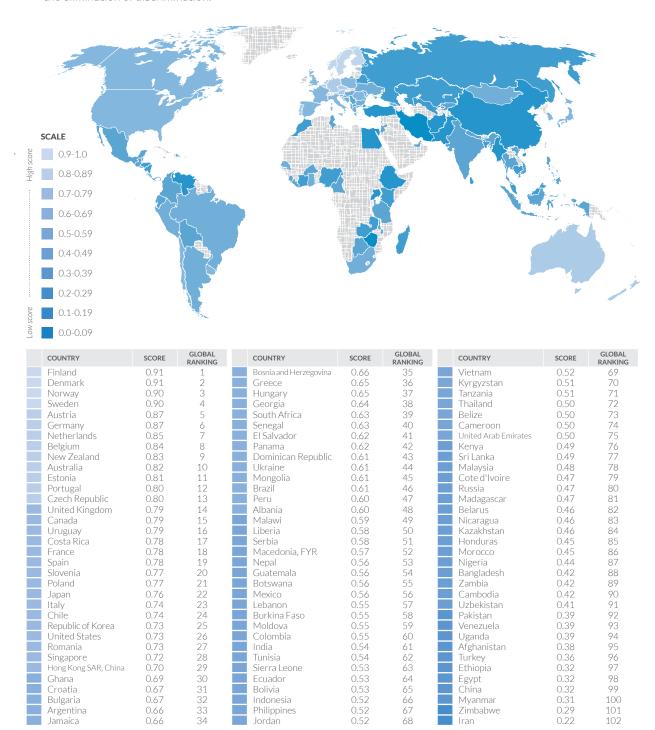
Factor 3 measures whether basic laws and information in legal rights are publicized, and assesses the quality of information published by the government. It also measures whether requests for information held by a government agency are properly granted. Finally, it evaluates the effectiveness of civic participation mechanisms and whether people can bring specific complaints to the government.



## Factor 4: Fundamental Rights



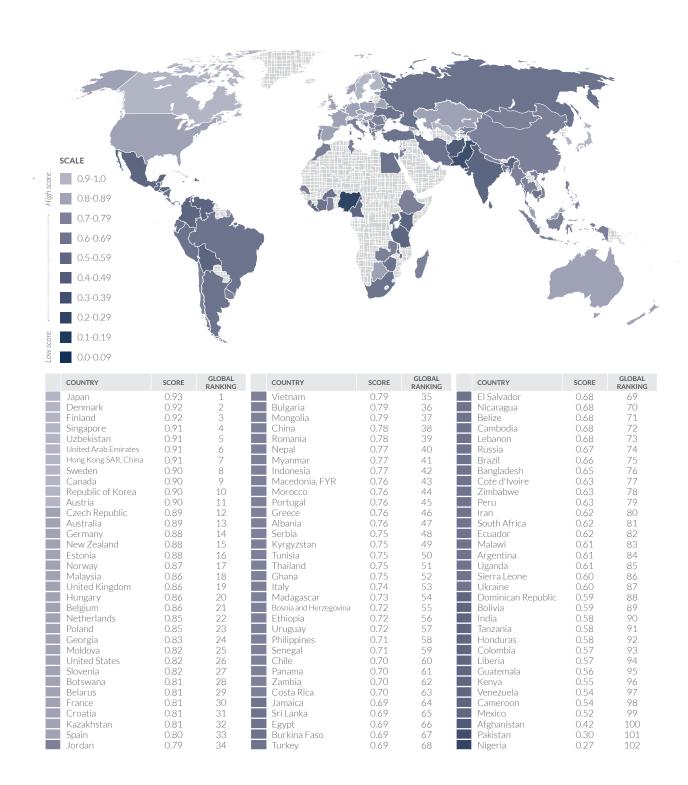
Factor 4 measures the protection of fundamental human rights, including effective enforcement of laws that ensure equal protection, the right to life and security of the person, due process of law and the rights of the accused, freedom of opinion and expression, freedom of belief and religion, the right to privacy, freedom of assembly and association, and fundamental labor rights, including the right to collective bargaining, the prohibition of forced and child labor, and the elimination of discrimination.



## Factor 5: Order and Security



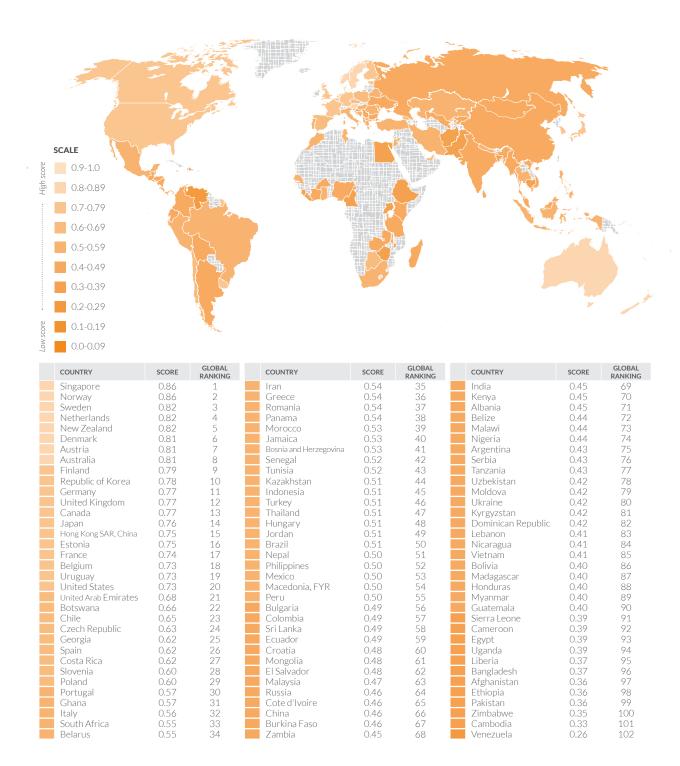
Factor 5 measures various threats to order and security including conventional crime, political violence, and violence as a means to redress personal grievances.



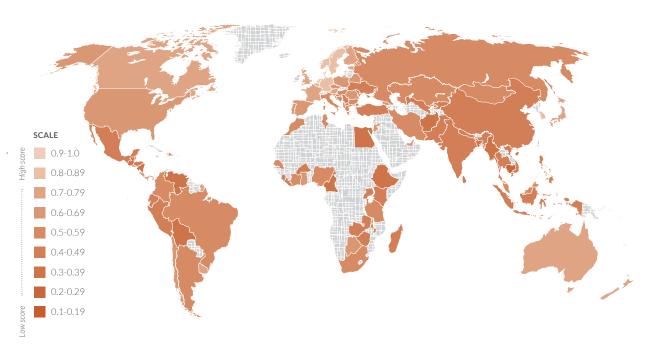
## Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement



Factor 6 measures the extent to which regulations are effectively implemented and enforced without improper influence by public officials or private interests. It also includes whether administrative proceedings are conducted in a timely manner without unreasonable delays and whether due process is respected in administrative proceedings. This factor also addresses whether the government respects the property rights of people and corporations.

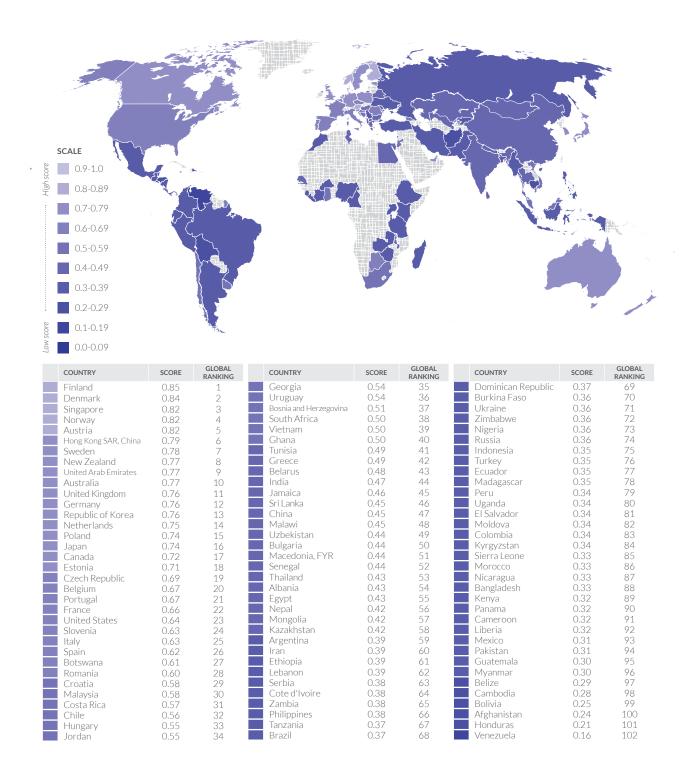


Factor 7 measures whether civil justice systems are accessible and affordable, free of discrimination, corruption, and improper influence by public officials. It examines whether court proceedings are conducted without unreasonable delays, and if decisions are enforced effectively. It also measures the accessibility, impartiality, and effectiveness of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.



COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING	COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING	COUNTRY	SCORE	GLOBAL RANKING
Netherlands	0.86	1	Greece	0.59	35	Sri Lanka	0.47	69
Norway	0.86	2	Italy	0.58	36	Burkina Faso	0.47	70
Singapore	0.84	3	Malaysia	0.57	37	Zambia	0.47	71
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Hong Kong SAR, China	0.76	11	Croatia	0.54	45	Zimbabwe	0.45	79
Estonia	0.75	12	Senegal	0.53	46	Honduras	0.45	80
United Kingdom	0.74	13	Hungary	0.53	47	Liberia	0.44	81
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Australia	0.74	15	Tunisia	0.52	49	Indonesia	0.43	83
Belgium	0.72	16	Malawi	0.52	50	Moldova	0.43	84
Uruguay	0.71	17	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.52	51	Sierra Leone	0.43	85
Canada	0.70	18	Jamaica	0.52	52	Peru	0.43	86
France	0.70	19	Kazakhstan	0.51	53	Nepal	0.42	87
Czech Republic	0.69	20	Morocco	0.51	54	India	0.42	88
United States	0.67	21	Colombia	0.51	55	Ecuador	0.41	89
Poland	0.65	22	Dominican Republic	0.51	56	Madagascar	0.41	90
Portugal	0.65	23	Tanzania	0.51	57	Pakistan	0.40	91
Spain	0.64	24	El Salvador	0.51	58	Egypt	0.39	92
Slovenia	0.64	25	Albania	0.50	59	Bangladesh	0.39	93
Georgia	0.63	26	Russia	0.50	60	Myanmar	0.37	94
Costa Rica	0.63	27	Panama	0.50	61	Bolivia	0.37	95
Romania	0.63	28	Nigeria	0.50	62	Cameroon	0.37	96
United Arab Emirates	0.63	29	Turkey	0.49	63	Guatemala	0.36	97
Belarus	0.62	30	Belize	0.49	64	Ethiopia	0.36	98
Jordan	0.62	31	Ukraine	0.49	65	Nicaragua	0.36	99
Chile	0.61	32	Uzbekistan	0.49	66	Venezuela	0.35	100
Botswana	0.61	33	China	0.48	67	Afghanistan	0.32	101
Ghana	0.61	34	Uganda	0.48	68	Cambodia	0.29	102

Factor 8 measures whether the criminal investigation, adjudication, and correctional systems are effective, and whether the criminal justice system is impartial, free of corruption, free of improper influence, and protective of due process and the rights of the accused.



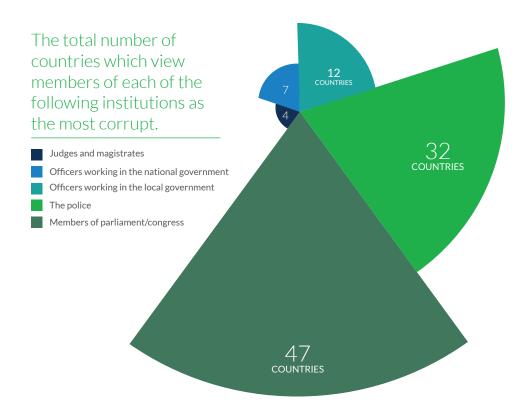
Global Insights

The WJP Rule of Law Index 2015 introduces a new feature to the report: global insights on the rule of law. This section presents findings from the Rule of Law Index's main sources of data and presents: 1) individual questions taken from the General Population Poll, and 2) individual questions taken from the expert surveys. This section is intended to complement the Index scores and help users further engage with the data that is used to construct the Index. Visit the WJP Rule of Law Index webpage, <a href="http://data.worldjusticeproject.org/">http://data.worldjusticeproject.org/</a>, for more information.

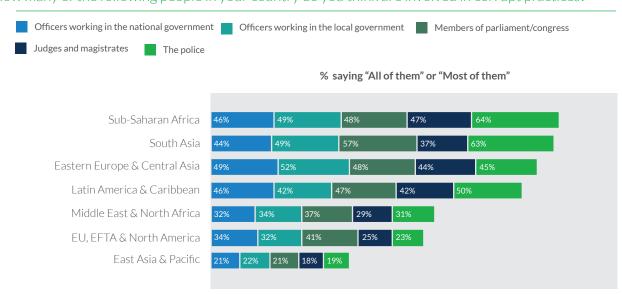
## Perceptions of Corruption



Corruption is when officials abuse their power for their own interest, making the absence of corruption one of the hallmarks of a society governed by the rule of law. The World Justice Project asked 1,000 citizens in each country how many people they thought were involved in corrupt practices in the five institutions listed below. 47 countries identify parliament/congress as the institution with the most corrupt members. Regionally, people from Sub-Saharan Africa hold the most negative perceptions of corruption in their institutions.



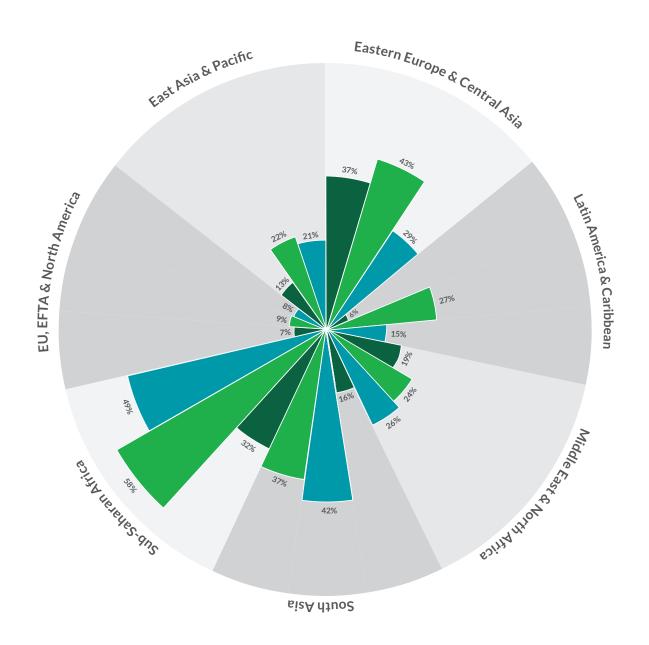
#### How many of the following people in your country do you think are involved in corrupt practices?



Corruption can take many forms – including bribery, nepotism, extortion, fraud, embezzlement, and involvement with organized crime – and may involve a variety of public servants. The chart below presents regional averages for people who had to pay a bribe in their dealings with the police, in order to receive medical treatment, or to obtain a government permit.

# During the past three years, did you or someone in your household have to pay a bribe when...

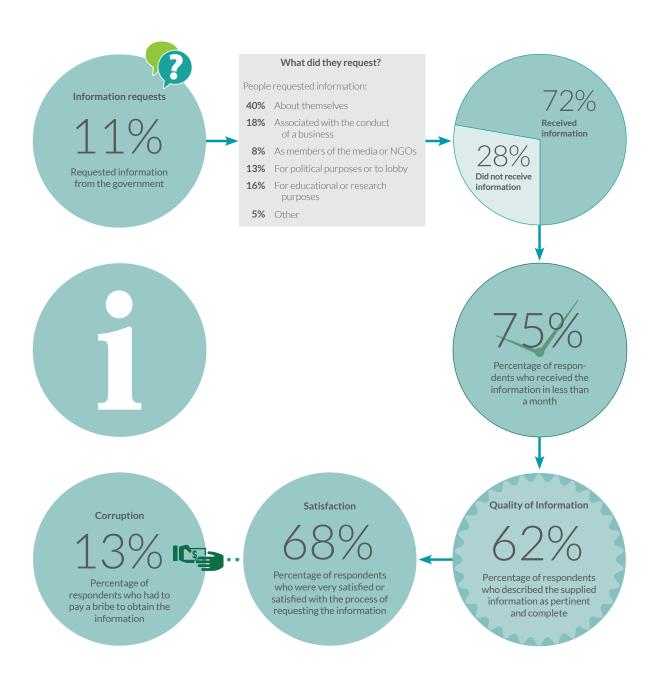




# The Global Status of Requesting Government Information



Governments are the custodians of public information on behalf of the people. In an open government citizens have the right to access and use public records freely. The following chart reflects worldwide experiences of those who requested information from the government. Data for each of the 102 countries surveyed can also be found at <u>data</u>. worldjusticeproject.org/opengov



Civil society Political

As a basic human right, freedom of speech enables people to freely comment on government policies, to peacefully disagree with each other and their government, and ultimately to engage in policymaking and ensure government responsiveness. The following chart presents the percentage of respondents who answered "Strongly agree" or "Agree" to the following statements: a) people, b) civil society organizations, c) political parties, d) the media can express opinions against government policies and actions without fear of retaliation.

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% Agree + % Strongly agree							
Afghanistan	70%	66%	67%	70%			
Albania	73%	40%	58%	50%			
Argentina	79%	68%	74%	68%			
Australia	91%	84%	87%	82%			
Austria	88%	76%	83%	78%			
Bangladesh	40%	31%	31%	28%			
Belarus	31%	18%	40%	31%			
Belgium	82%	76%	79%	78%			
Belize	72%	72%	73%	60%			
Bolivia	67%	55%	54%	48%			
Bosnia and Herzegovina	65%	52%	70%	31%			
Botswana	87%	88%	92%	83%			
Brazil	71%	61%	66%	53%			
Bulgaria	89%	73%	81%	46%			
Burkina Faso	56%	46%	50%	38%			
Cambodia	51%	50%	53%	26%			
Cameroon	60%	53%	69%	53%			
Canada	90%	81%	84%	82%			
Chile	78%	70%	79%	68%			
China	0%	0%	0%	8%			
Colombia	68%	49%	57%	48%			
Costa Rica	83%	78%	84%	74%			
Cote d'Ivoire	56%	46%	50%	43%			
Croatia	68%	49%	73%	45%			
Czech Republic	87%	68%	77%	61%			
Denmark	93%	89%	89%	88%			
Dominican Republic	83%	79%	83%	80%			
Ecuador	63%	60%	63%	60%			
El Salvador	69%	67%		68%			
		67%	70%				
Estonia	76%		71%	74%			
Ethiopia	44%	35%	44%	34%			
Finland	88%	82%	84%	83%			
France	82%	68%	80%	67%			
Georgia	92%	89%	93%	89%			
Germany	89%	84%	86%	86%			
Ghana	87%	79%	88%	81%			
Greece	75%	51%	60%	38%			
Guatemala	66%	58%	68%	65%			
Honduras	64%	57%	69%	58%			
Hong Kong SAR, China	32%	34%	35%	21%			
Hungary	54%	31%	48%	25%			
India	72%	61%	63%	74%			
Indonesia	84%	81%	87%	89%			
Iran		20%	22%	23%			
Italy	77%	61%	72%	51%			
Jamaica	76%	69%	76%	60%			
Japan	91%	91%	91%	89%			
Jordan	47%	46%	48%	66%			
Kazakhstan	34%	36%	47%	47%			
Kenya	66%	71%	76%	61%			

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	% A	gree + % Stro	nglv agree	
Kyrgyzstan	68%	60%	64%	58%
Lebanon	73%	70%	72%	69%
Liberia	92%	90%	87%	85%
Macedonia, FYR	54%	34%	49%	33%
Madagascar	66%	70%	71%	58%
Malawi	80%	75%	79%	68%
Malaysia	44%	41%	45%	48%
Mexico	58%	48%	51%	36%
Moldova	66%	49%	53%	23%
Mongolia	67%	59%	62%	55%
Morocco	63%	69%	67%	50%
Myanmar	19%	22%	33%	29%
Nepal	81%	81%	85%	79%
Netherlands	91%	88%	87%	90%
New Zealand	97%	96%	96%	94%
Nicaragua	72%	72%	74%	71%
Nigeria	64%	65%	71%	61%
Norway	90%	89%	85%	89%
Pakistan	60%	55%	63%	62%
Panama	75%	72%	71%	71%
Peru	76%	65%	69%	61%
Philippines	76%	81%	69%	70%
Poland	65%	46%	66%	56%
Portugal	81%	67%	80%	61%
Republic of Korea	80%	86%	86%	88%
Romania	73%	50%	73%	63%
Russia	52%	46%	60%	57%
Senegal	91%	88%	88%	85%
Serbia	81%	40%	60%	51%
Sierra Leone	73%	76%	69%	77%
Singapore	37%	38%	40%	44%
Slovenia	55%	27%	47%	23%
South Africa	83%	76%	81%	77%
Spain	72%	58%	76%	58%
Sri Lanka	55%	56%	65%	61%
Sweden	91%	86%	86%	86%
Tanzania	75%	66%	69%	63%
Thailand	84%	76%	78%	70%
Tunisia	89%	86%	87%	86%
Turkey	49%	54%	62%	48%
Uganda	32%	36%	34%	37%
Ukraine	42%	68%	23%	30%
United Arab Emirates	32%	44%	45%	48%
United Kingdom	86%	80%	84%	82%
United States	84%	75%	79%	77%
Uruguay	89%	78%	89%	77%
Uzbekistan	58%	5%	52%	32%
Vietnam	48%	45%	45%	55%
Zambia		26%	47%	42%
Zimbabwe	15%	18%	21%	20%

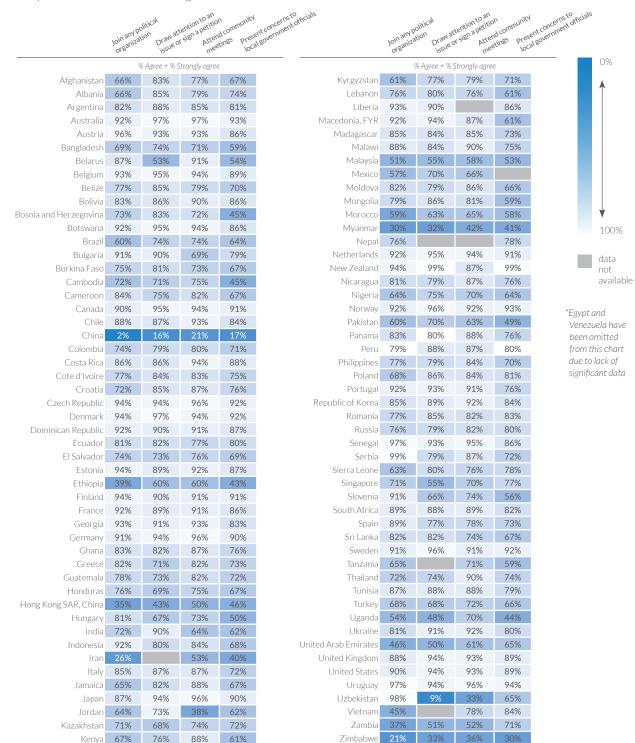


\*Egypt and Venezuela have been omitted from this chart due to lack of significant data

### Freedom of Assembly and Association



Freedom of assembly is also necessary for robust civic participation. The following chart presents the percentage of respondents who answered "Strongly agree" or "Agree" to the following statements: a) people can freely join any (unforbidden) political organization they want, b) people can freely join together with others to draw attention to an issue or sign a petition, c) people can freely attend community meetings, d) people in this neighborhood can get together with others and present their concerns to local government officials.

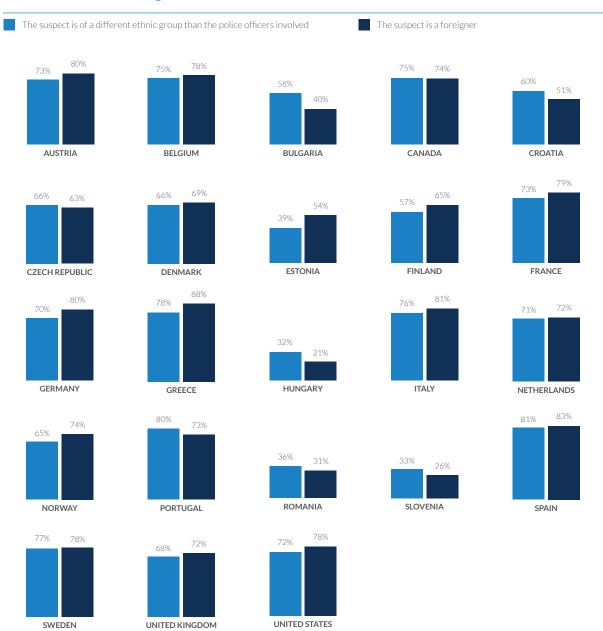


### Perception of Police Discrimination



In recent years, news reports and investigations have put a spotlight on the treatment of criminal suspects by police in Europe and North America. The findings of these reports often focus on the disparate treatment suspects receive based on their personal characteristics. The chart below presents the hypothetical case of two equally suspected people being detained for the same crime and asks people whether they believe certain characteristics would put a suspect at a disadvantage. In nearly all Western European and North American countries, a majority of respondents believe that being of a different ethnic group than the police officers involved or being a foreigner would put suspects at a disadvantage.

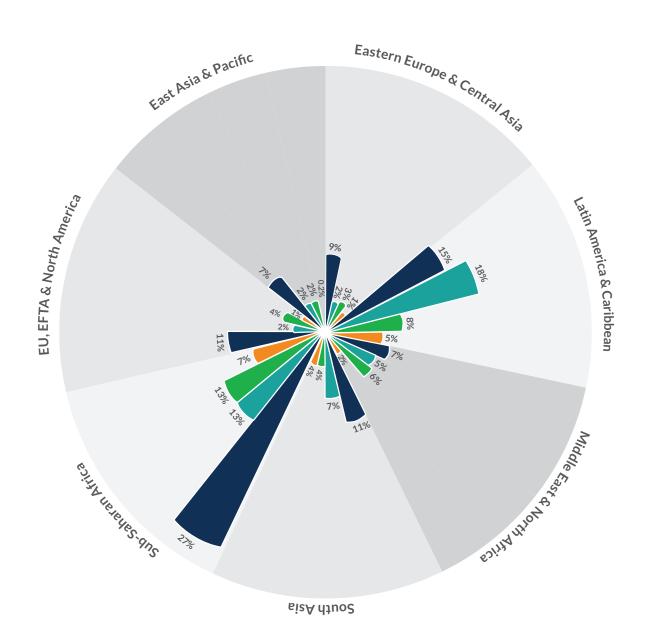
Imagine the local police detain two people equally suspected of committing a crime. In your opinion, which of the following characteristics would place one of them at a disadvantage?



In each indexed country, the World Justice Project asked 1,000 people living in the three largest cities if they or anyone in their households had been a victim of burglary, armed robbery, extortion, or homicide in the past three years. The regional averages of these responses are presented in the chart below. Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America & the Caribbean report the highest rates of victimization, while the East Asia & the Pacific region reports the lowest.

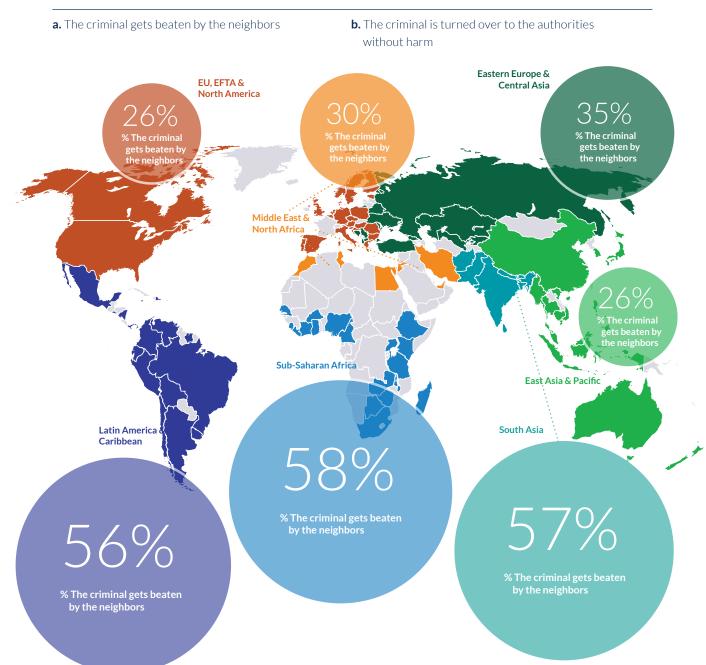
#### During the past three years, did you or anyone in your household experience a(n):





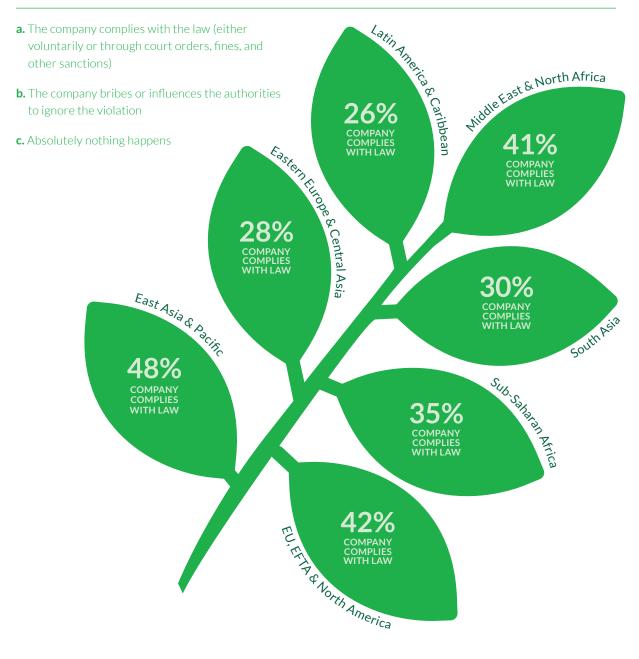
Resorting to intimidation or violence to resolve disputes or seek redress demonstrates citizens' lack of trust in their formal or informal justice system's ability to effectively enforce codified laws and procedures, often due to perceived problems with capacity or corruption. When citizens take matters into their own hands, equal protection and due process mandates are often violated. The map below presents regional perceptions on the likely outcomes of a situation in which a criminal is apprehended by neighbors after committing a serious crime.

Assume that a criminal is apprehended by your neighbors after committing a serious crime. Which of the following two situations is more likely to happen?



Around the world, environmental regulations vary widely due to differences in polices, institutional environments, and political choices. Whatever those differences may be, regulations are futile if they are not properly enforced by authorities. Ensuring compliance with regulations is thus a key feature of the rule of law. The infographic below presents the people's view in each region of the likely outcomes of a situation in which a company is found to be polluting beyond legally permitted levels.

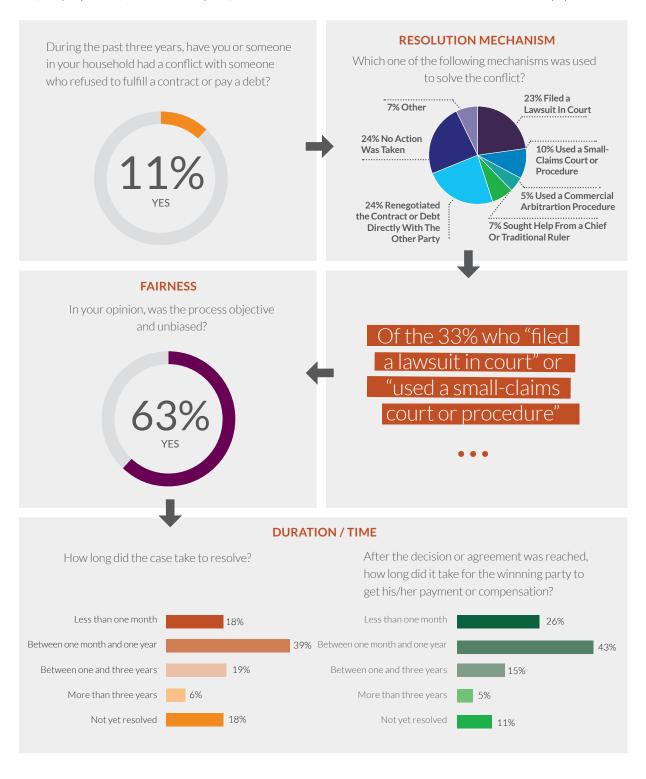
Assume that the environment protection agency in your country notifies an industrial plant that it is polluting a river beyond the legally permitted levels. Which of the following outcomes is most likely?

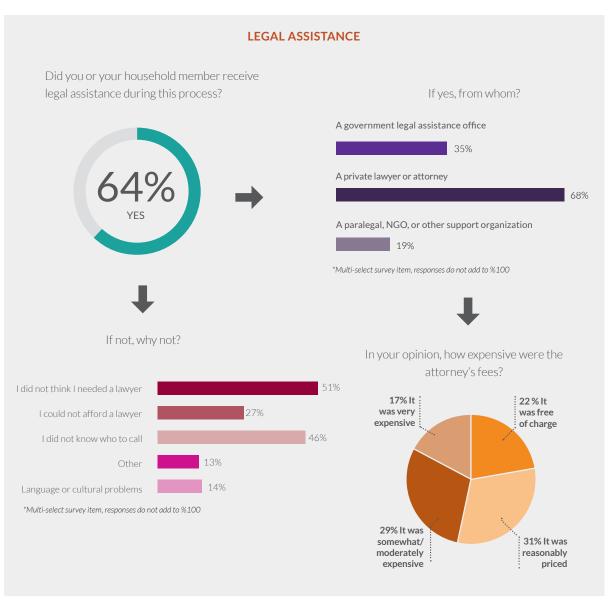


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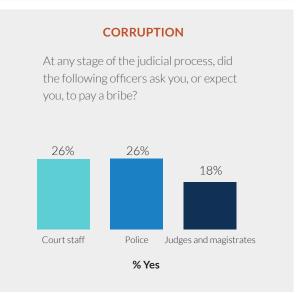


Around the world, people's ability to use legal channels to resolve their disputes is often impeded by obstacles such as financial barriers, complex procedures, corrupt personnel, the influence of powerful actors in judicial decision-making, a lack of knowledge, disempowerment, or exclusion. The following chart presents the aggregated experiences of nearly 12,000 people who, in the last three years, faced a conflict with someone who refused to fulfill a contract or pay a debt.







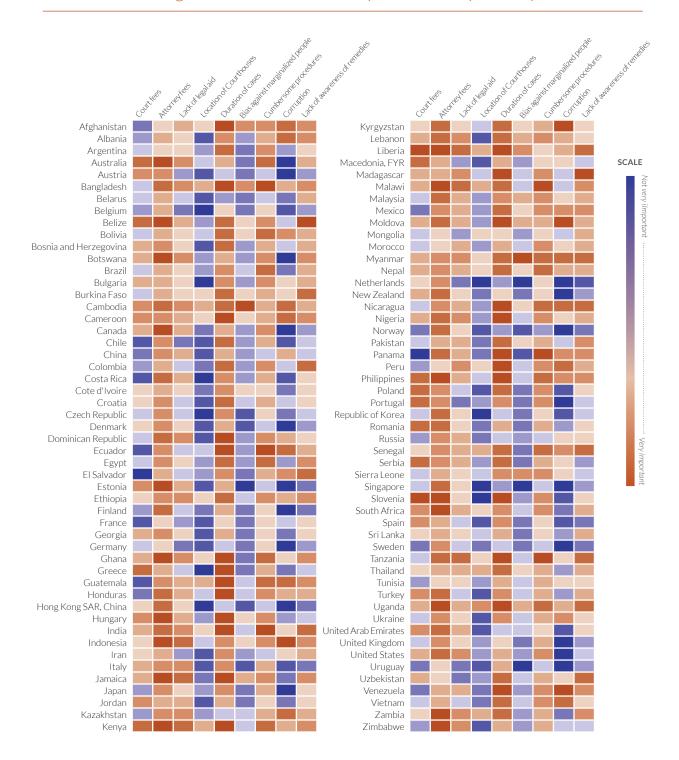


# Problems Facing Access to Civil Court Systems



The table below presents the findings from the 2015 Qualified Respondents Questionnaire (QRQ), which includes the opinions of over 2,500 legal academics and practitioners.

How important are the following factors in influencing people's decisions on whether or not to go to court to resolve a dispute in the city where you live?

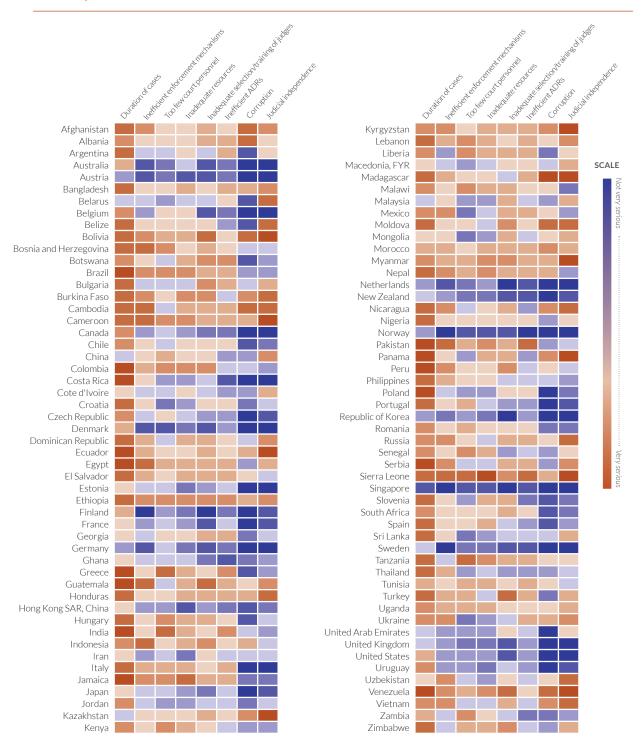


### Problems Facing Civil Court Systems



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How serious are the following problems in civil and commercial courts in the city where you live?

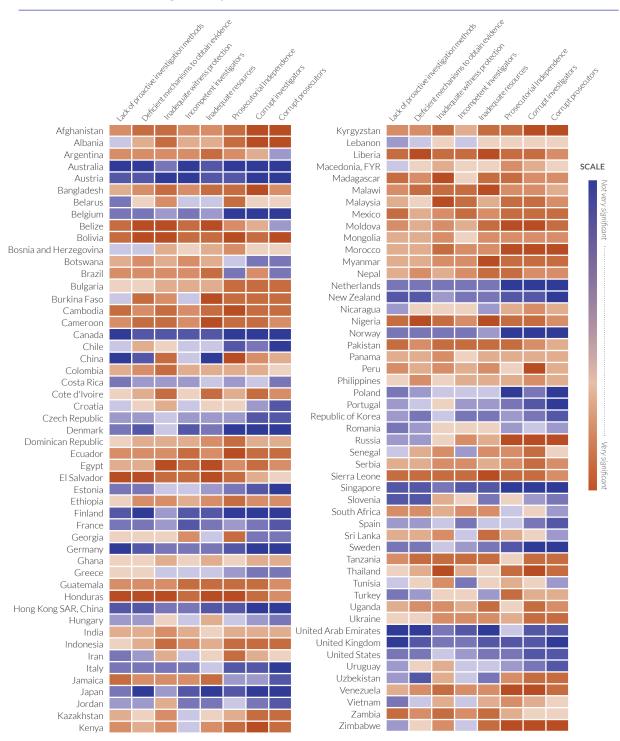


# Problems Facing Criminal Investigation Systems



The table below presents the findings from the 2015 Qualified Respondents Questionnaire (QRQ), which includes the opinions of over 2,500 legal academics and practitioners.

How significant are the following problems for the criminal investigative service (prosecutors, investigators, judicial police officers, etc.) in the city where you live?

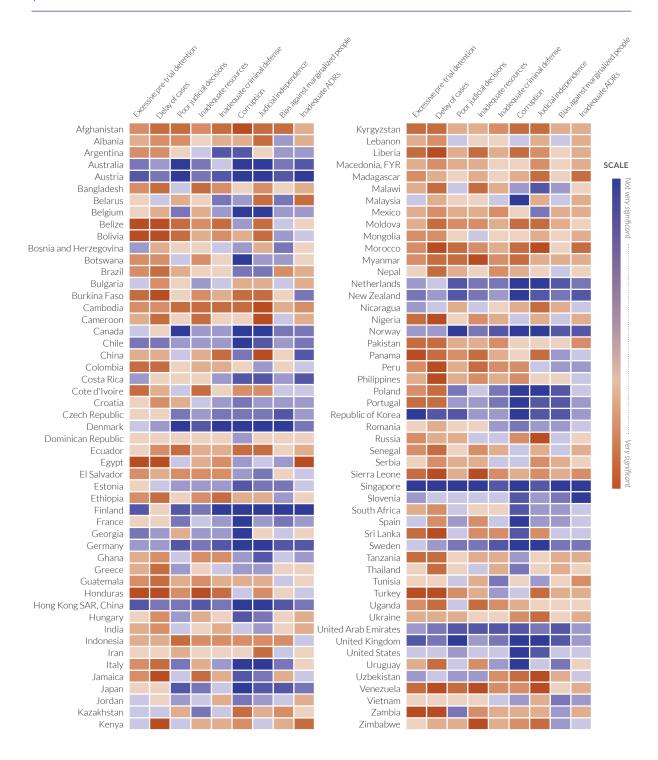


# Problems Facing Criminal Justice Systems

FACTOR 8: Criminal Justice

The table below presents the findings from the 2015 Qualified Respondents Questionnaire (QRQ), which includes the opinions of over 2,500 legal academics and practitioners.

How significant are the following problems in criminal courts in the city where you live?



## Perceptions of Police Accountability —

100%

The police occupy an important position in upholding the rule of law, and play a powerful role in interactions between average citizens and the formal justice system. Nonetheless, police officers are not above the law they serve. The following table presents perceptions of respondents on police performance in the following areas: 1) whether police act according to the law, 2) whether police respect the basic rights of suspects, and 3) whether police are punished for violating the law.

	Police act according to the law	Police respect the basic rights of suspects	Police are punished for violating the law	
		%Always/Often		
Afghanistan	67%	50%	47%	
Albania	73%	49%	73%	
Argentina	39%	36%	24%	
Australia	94%	90%	70%	
Austria	92%	87%	58%	
Bangladesh	25%	26%	18%	
Belarus	37%	63%	54%	
Belgium	93%	91%	62%	
Belize	58%	48%	41%	
Bolivia	19%	22%	19%	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	88%	79%	73%	
Botswana	90%	84%	82%	
Brazil	22%	21%	24%	
Bulgaria	63% 74%	58% 65%	38% 58%	
Burkina Faso Cambodia	28%	30%	22%	
Cambodia	38%	30%	50%	
Carneroon	88%	82%	58%	
Chile	70%	60%	58%	
China	89%	88%	93%	
Colombia	48%	39%	42%	
Costa Rica	79%	74%	67%	
Cote d'Ivoire	63%	51%	61%	
Croatia	63%	42%	66%	
Czech Republic	91%	85%	47%	
Denmark	94%	93%	75%	
Dominican Republic	56%	48%	60%	
Ecuador	62%	55%	52%	
Egypt	39%	29%	48%	
El Salvador	63%	56%	55%	
Estonia	96%	91%	73%	
Ethiopia	57%	58%	56%	
Finland	95%	91%	79%	
France	89%	84%	60%	
Georgia	78%	57%	74%	
Germany	89%	86%	52%	
Ghana	39%	43%	54%	
Greece	77%	57%	29%	
Guatemala	50%	53%	61%	
Honduras	59%	55%	54%	
Hong Kong SAR, China	95%	95%	100%	
Hungary	66%	64%	49%	
India	48%	50%	54%	
Indonesia	54%	47%	58%	
Iran	67%	56%	55%	
Italy	83%	72%	38%	
Jamaica	35%	23%	32%	
Japan	100%	97%	99%	
Jordan Kazakhstan	83%	65%	66%	
	41%	25%	30%	
Kenya	27%	23%	36%	

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		%Always/Often			
Kyrgyzstan	39%	31%	36%		
Lebanon	62%	43%	52%		
Liberia	43%	30%	56%		
Macedonia, FYR	66%	68%	42%		
Madagascar	23%	21%	43%		
Malawi	32%	33%	44%		
Malaysia	92%	90%	92%		
Mexico	24%	25%	25%		
Moldova	44%	56%	43%		
Mongolia	60%	39%	49%		
Morocco	79%	72%	73%		
Myanmar	98%	76%	89%		
Nepal	78%	55%	63%		
Netherlands	89%	88%	66%		
New Zealand	100%	100%	99%		
Nicaragua	66%	59%	61%		
Nigeria	21%	23%	24%		
Norway	95%	92%	75%		
Pakistan	31%	13%	19%		
Panama	79%	72%	64%		
Peru	31%	30%	24%		
Philippines	98%	83%	94%		
Poland	62%	34%	65%		
Portugal	88%	82%	61%		
Republic of Korea	100%	96%	98%		
Romania	65%	52%	59%		
Russia	55%	35%	48%		
Senegal	69%	63%	65%		
Serbia	52%	66%	54%		
Sierra Leone	70%	63%	60%		
Singapore	93%	87%	91%		
Slovenia	65%	60%	47%		
South Africa	58%	59%	59%		
Spain	88%	82%	49%		
Sri Lanka	49%	40%	49%		
Sweden	93%	89%	51%		
Tanzania	58%	43%	52%		
Thailand	96%	84%	95%		
Tunisia	55%	39%	46%		
Turkey	59%	46%	57%		
Uganda	35%	28%	33%		
Ukraine	31%	51%	37%		
United Arab Emirates	100%	99%	89%		
United Kingdom	91%	84%	63%		
United States	83%	75%	53%		
Uruguay Uzbekistan	81% 36%	73%	73%		
	36%	26%	58%		
Venezuela	79%	28% 69%	32% 71%		
Vietnam					
Zambia Zimbabwe	53% 41%	43%	48%		
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Rule of Law Trends

The WJP Rule of Law Index 2015 features analysis of whether a country's primary rule of law indicators experienced significant change over the past year. An arrow pointing up indicates a statistically significant improvement, while an arrow pointing down represents a statistically significant decline. A detailed explanation of these measures can be found in the Methodology section of this report.

### Rule of Law Trends

CONTRAINTS ON GOVERNMENT POWERS	ABSENCE OF CORRUPTION	OPEN GOVERNMENT	FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS	ORDER & SECURITY	REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT	CIVIL JUSTICE	CRIMINAL JUSTICE
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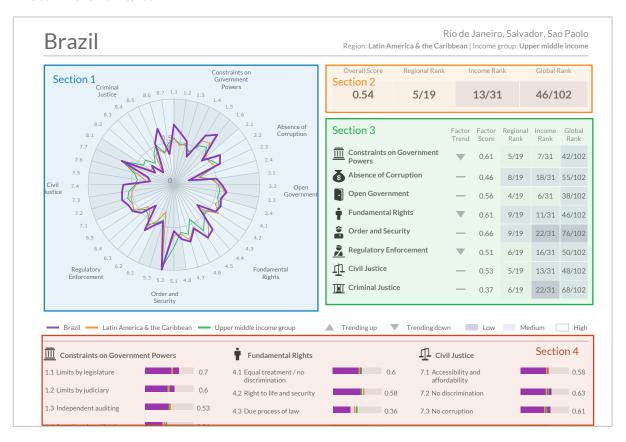
COUNTRY/TERRITORY	CONTRAINTS ON GOVERNMENT POWERS	ABSENCE OF CORRUPTION	OPEN GOVERNMENT	FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS	ORDER & SECURITY	REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT	CIVIL JUSTICE	CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Kazakhstan	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	_
Kenya	-	-	_	_	-	_	-	_
Kyrgyzstan	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_
Lebanon	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	_
Liberia	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Macedonia, FYR	-	_	_	-	_	-	_	_
Madagascar		_	_	_		_		_
Malawi	•	_	_	_	-	•	_	_
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Poland	•	-	_	_	_	_	_	_
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	_	_	_	_		_		
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Spain		_	-	_	_	_	_	-
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Country Profiles

This section presents profiles for the 102 countries and jurisdictions included in the WJP Rule of Law Index 2015 report.

#### How to Read the Country Profiles

Each country profile presents the featured country's scores for each of the WJP Rule of Law Index's factors and subfactors, and draws comparisons between the scores of the featured country and the scores of other indexed countries that share regional and income level similarities. The scores range between 0 and 1, where 1 signifies the highest score (high rule of law adherence) and 0 signifies the lowest score (low rule of law adherence). The country profiles consist of four sections, outlined below.



Displays the country's disaggregated scores for each of the sub-factors that compose the WJP Rule of Law Index. Each of the 44 sub-factors is represented by a gray line drawn from the center to the periphery of the circle. The center of the circle corresponds to the worst possible score for each sub-factor (0), and the outer edge of the circle marks the best possible score for each sub-factor (1).

The featured country's scores are shown in purple. The average score of the country's region is shown in orange. The average score of the country's income group is shown in green.

Displays the country's overall rule of law score, along with its overall global, income and regional ranks.

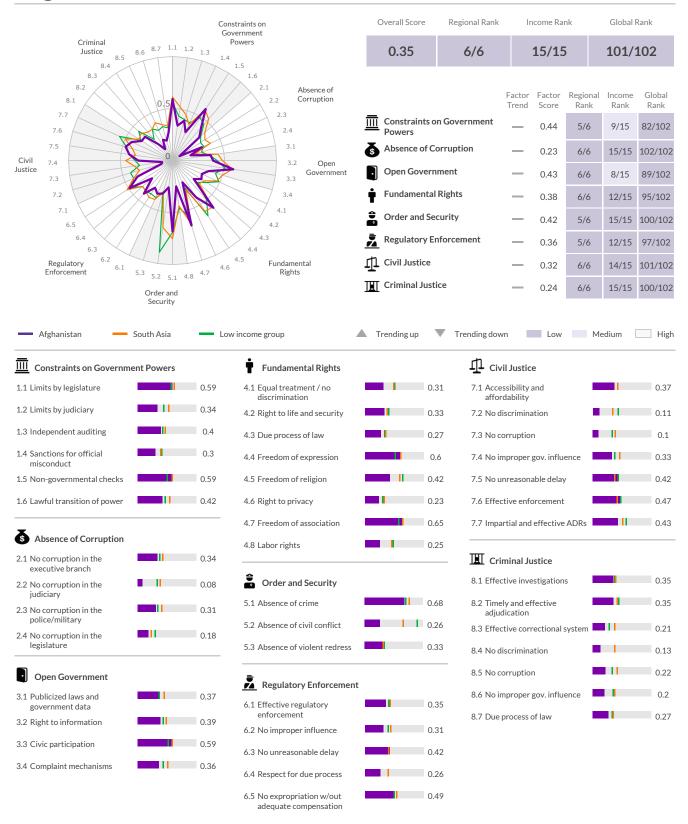
The overall rule of law score is calculated by taking the simple average of the eight individual factors listed in the table in Section 3 of the country profile.

Displays the featured country's individual factor scores, along with the global, regional and income group rankings. The distribution of scores for the global rank, regional rank, and income rank is spread amongst three tiers – high, medium, and low as indicated by the color of the box in which the score is found.

It also features upward and downward arrows to illustrate whether the rule of law in a country changed in the past year. Further information about the statistical procedure to construct these arrows can be found in the Methodology section of this report.

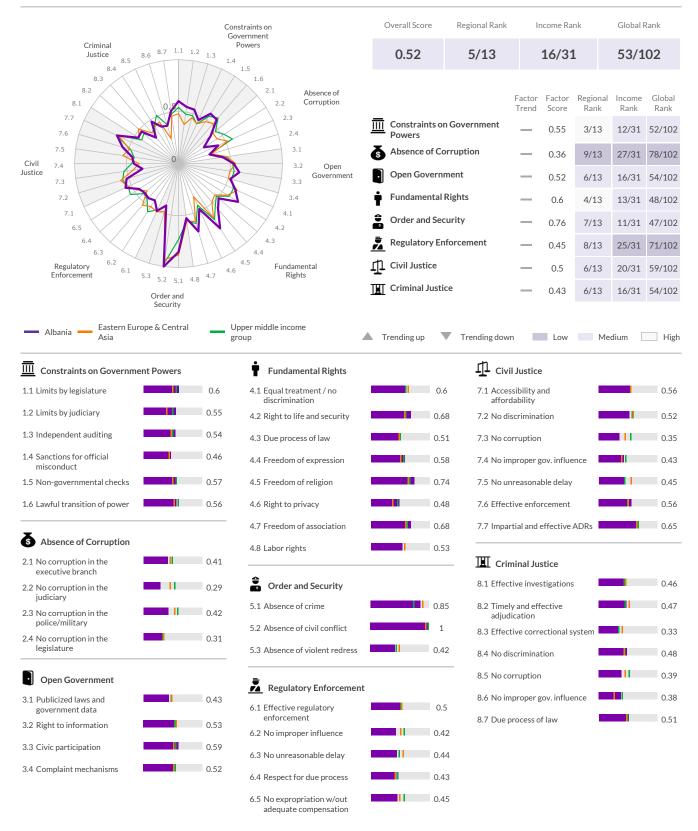
Presents the individual sub-factor scores underlying each of the factors listed in Section 3 of the country profile. The featured country's score is represented by the purple bar and labeled at the end of the bar. The average score of the country's region is represented by the orange line. The average score of the country's income group is represented by the green line. Each sub-factor score is scaled between 0 and 1, where 1 is the highest score and 0 is the lowest score.

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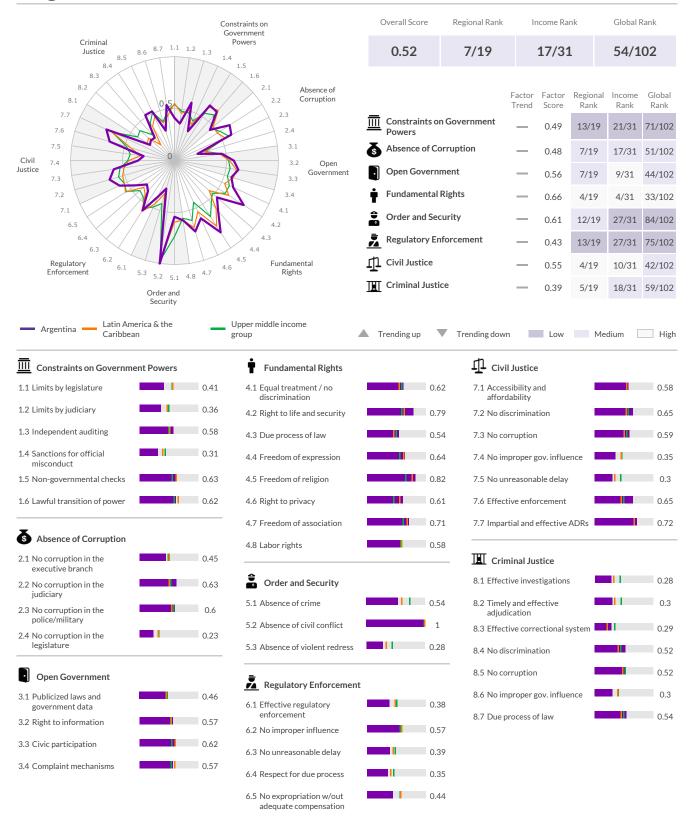
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## **Albania**

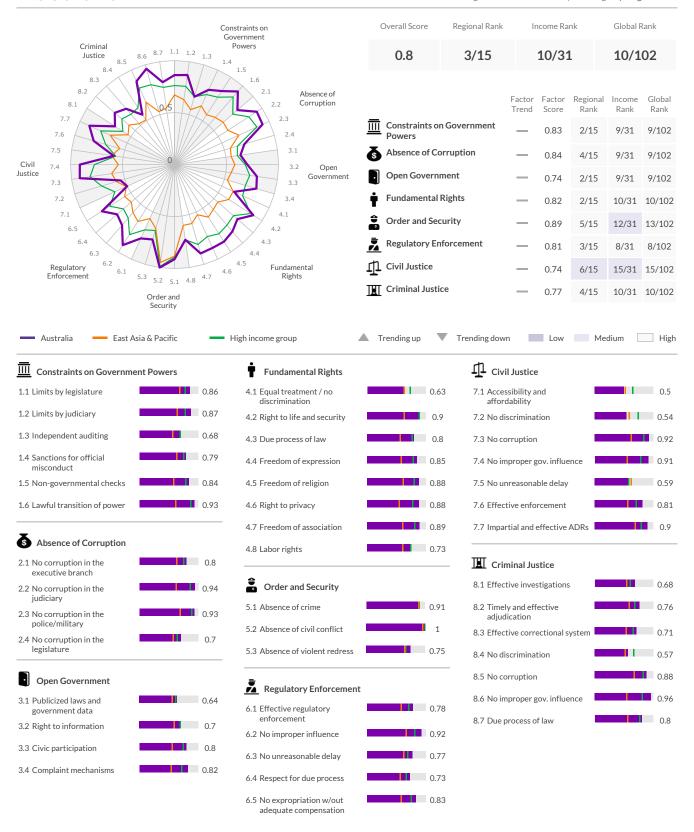


#### Region: Latin America & the Caribbean | Income group: Upper middle income

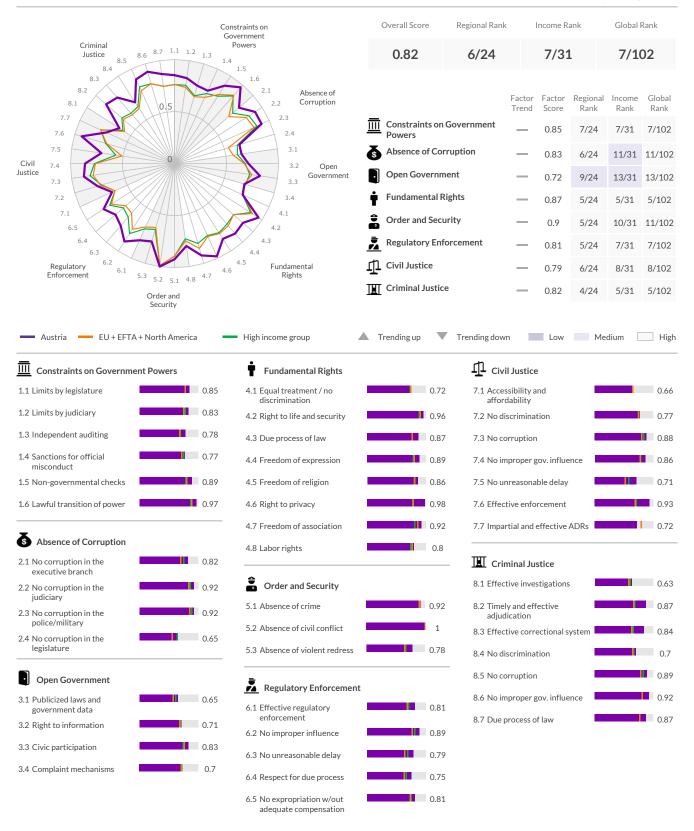
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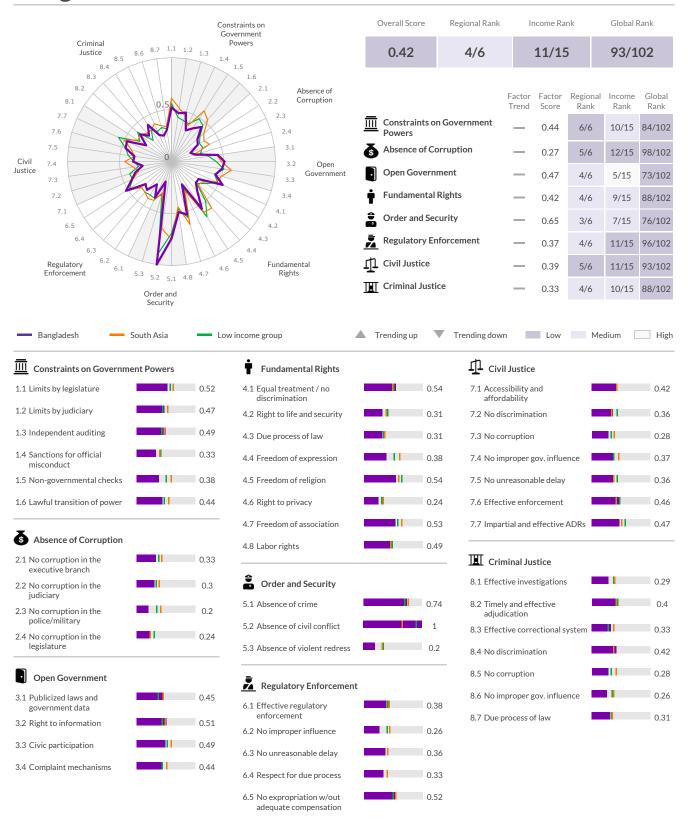
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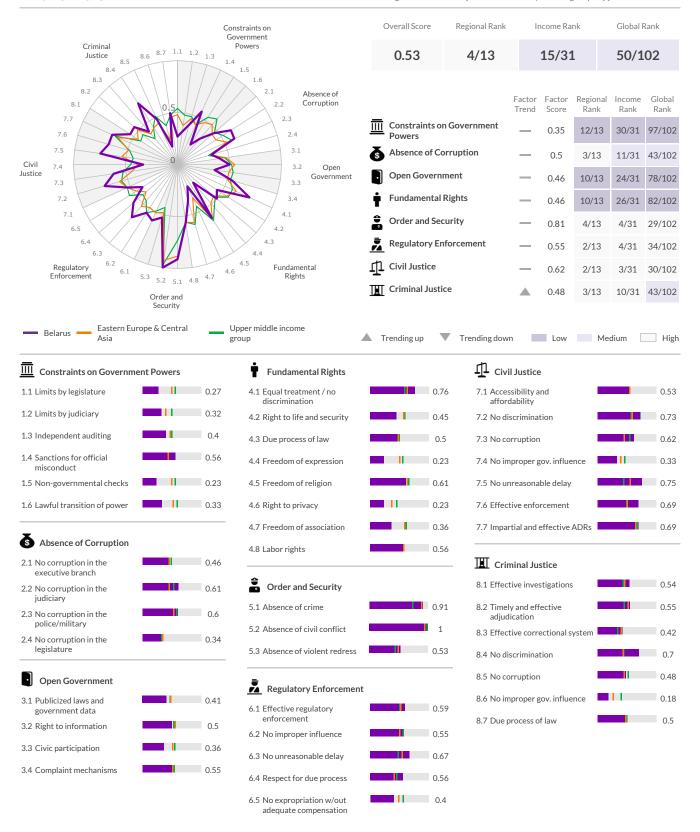
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# Bangladesh

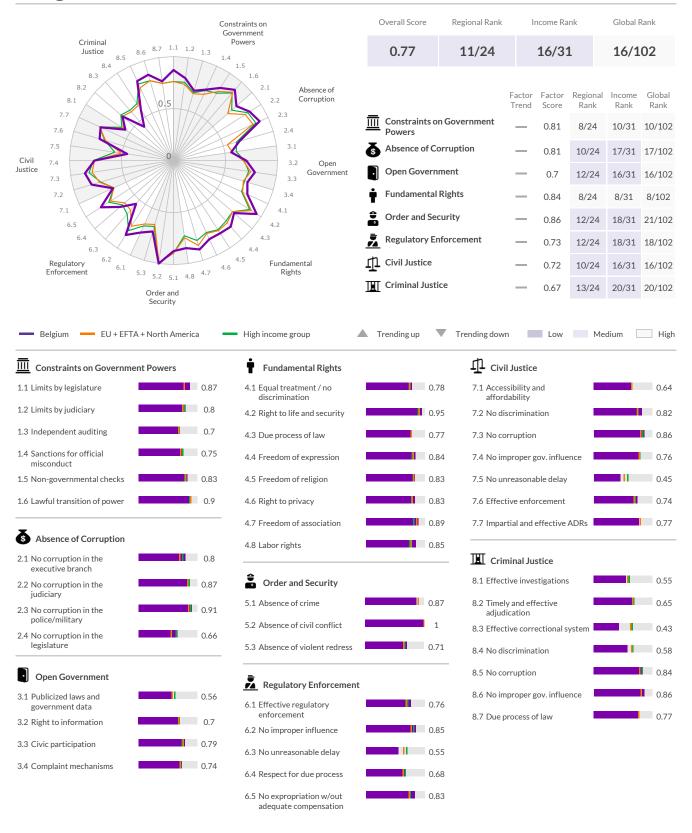


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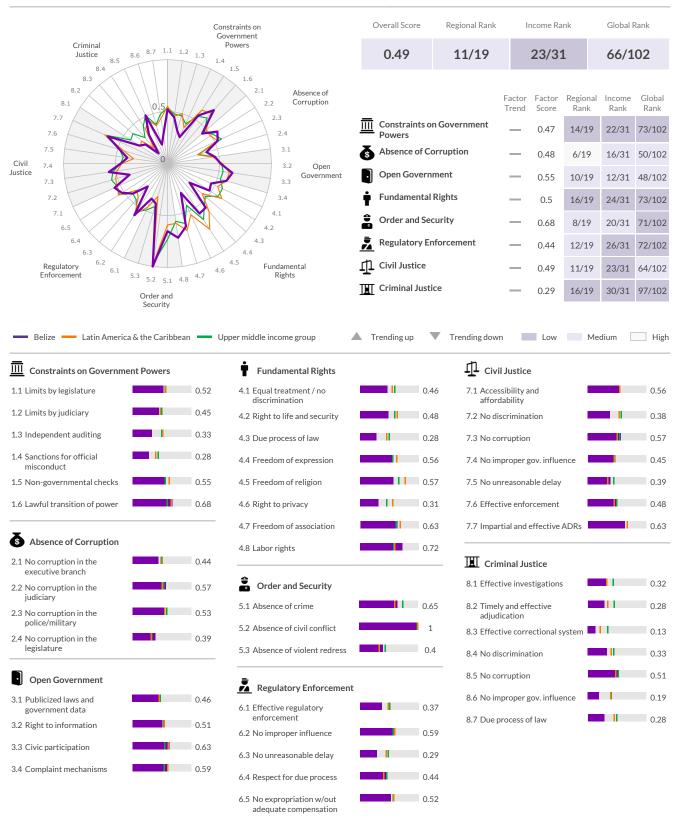


# Belgium

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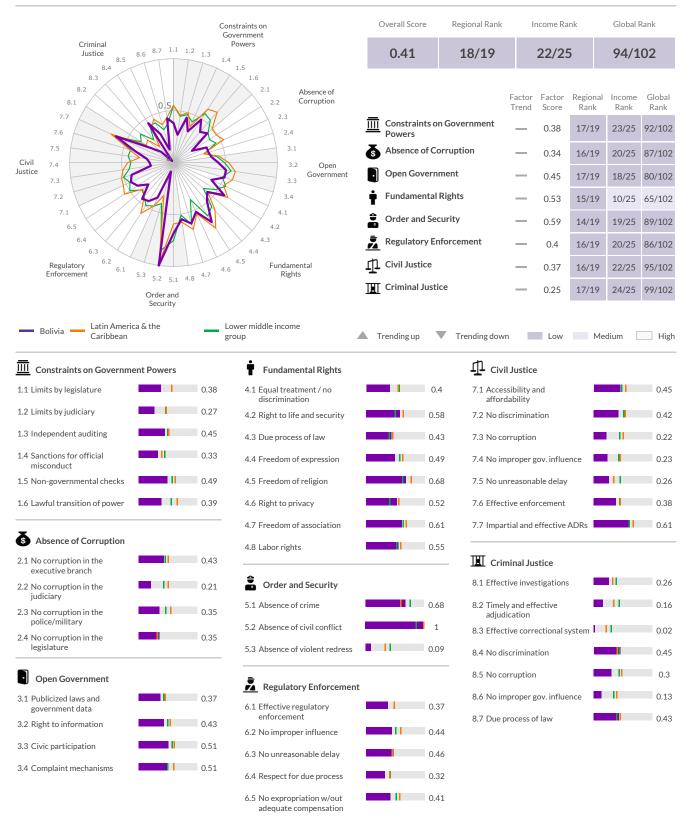


## Belize



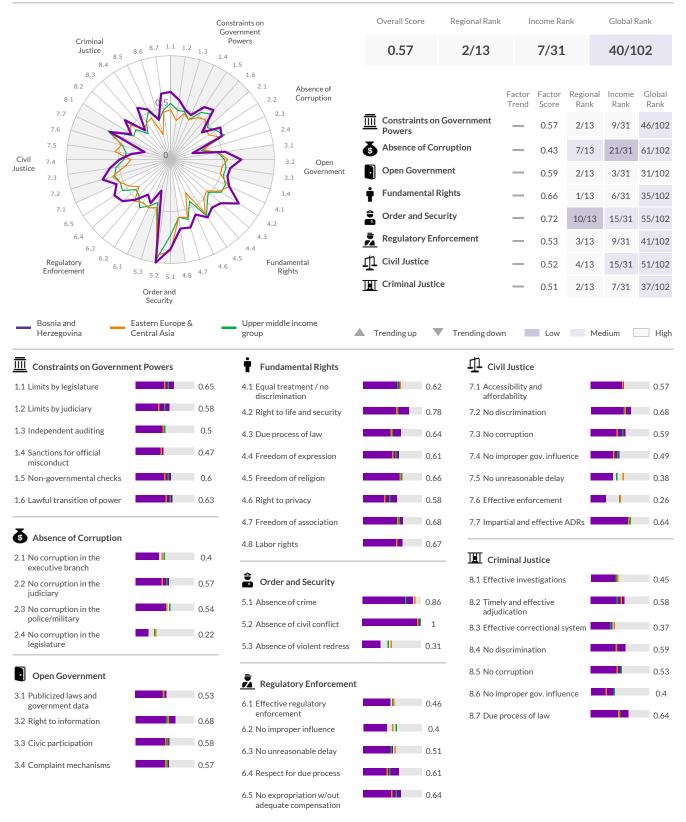
#### Region: Latin America & the Caribbean | Income group: Lower middle income

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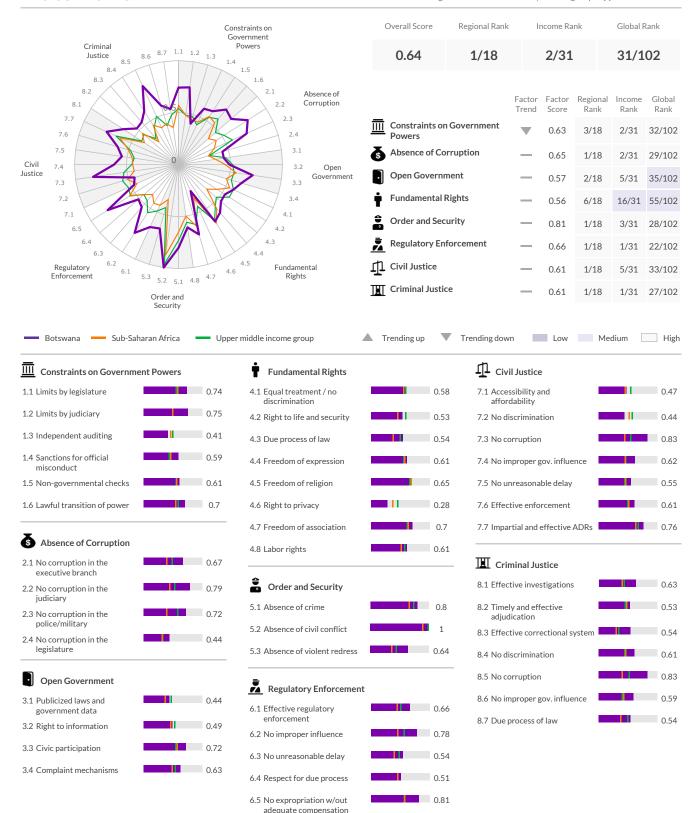


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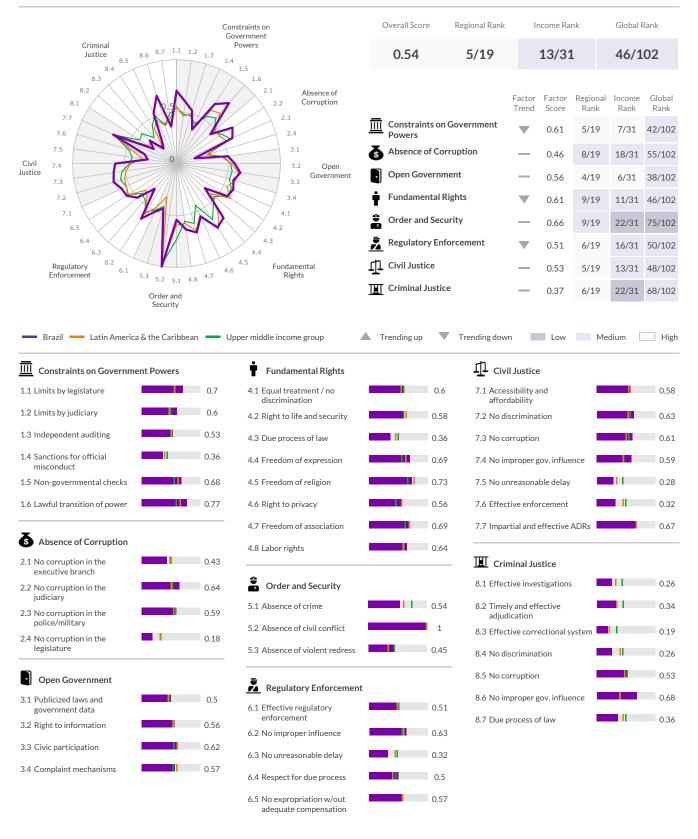
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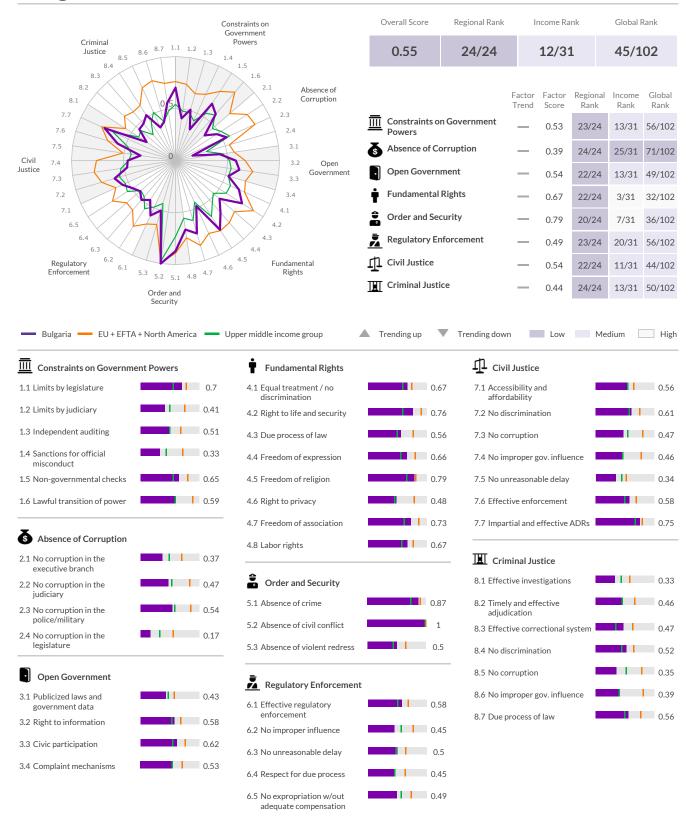
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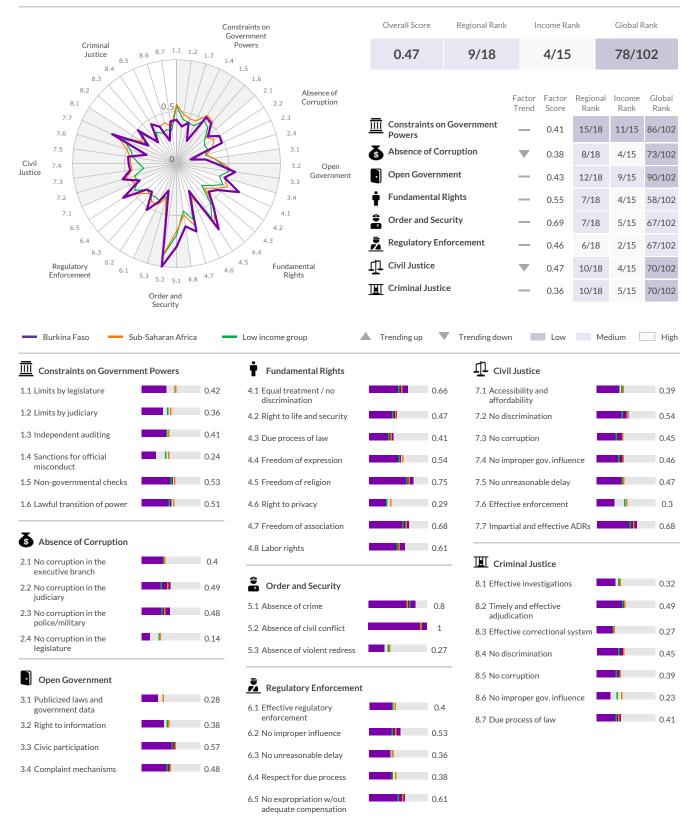


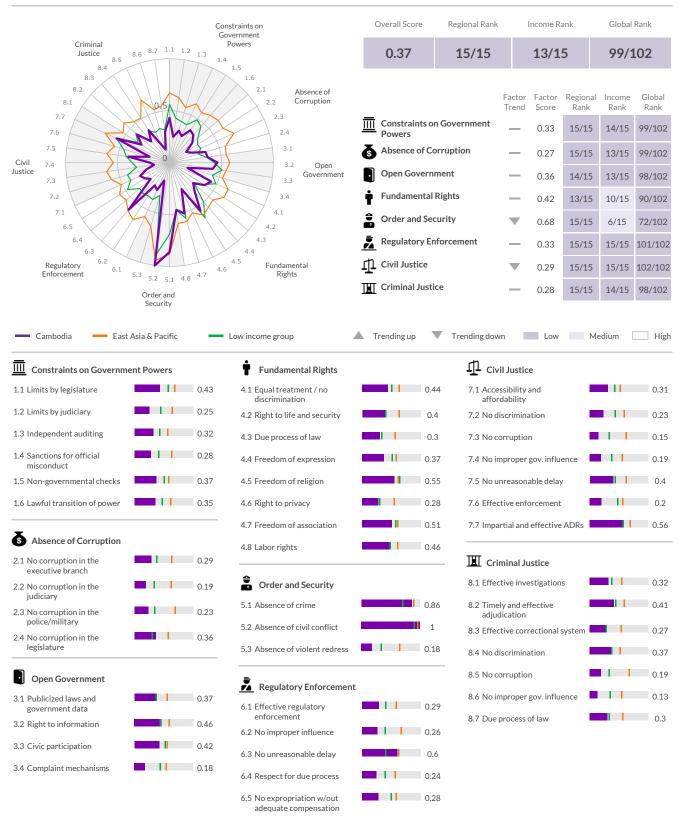
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# Bulgaria

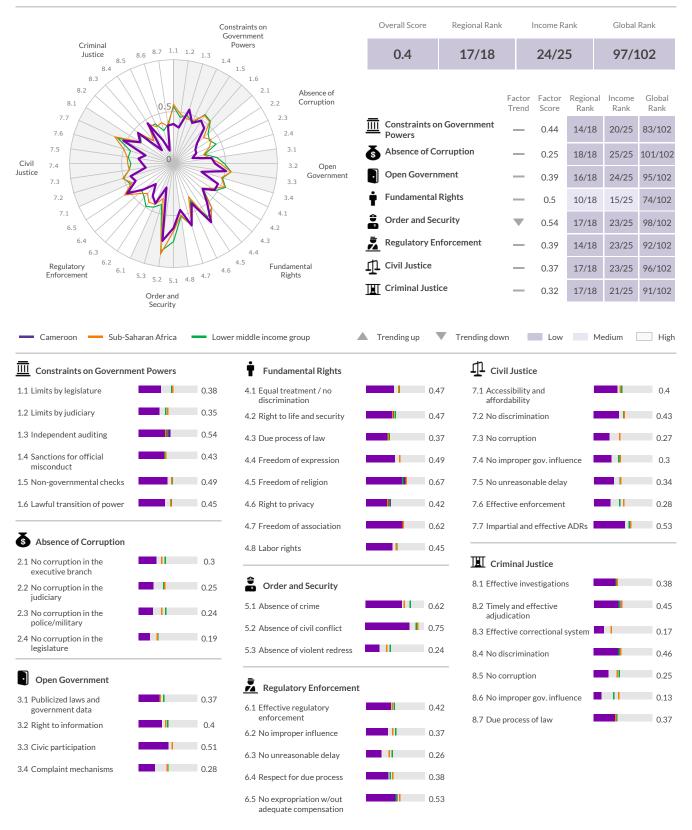




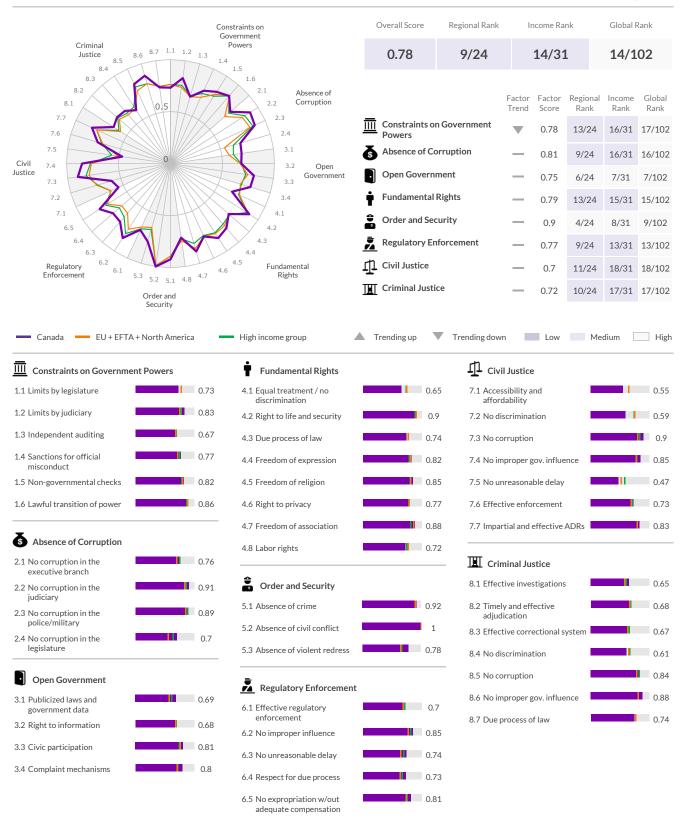


#### Region: Sub-Saharan Africa | Income group: Lower middle income

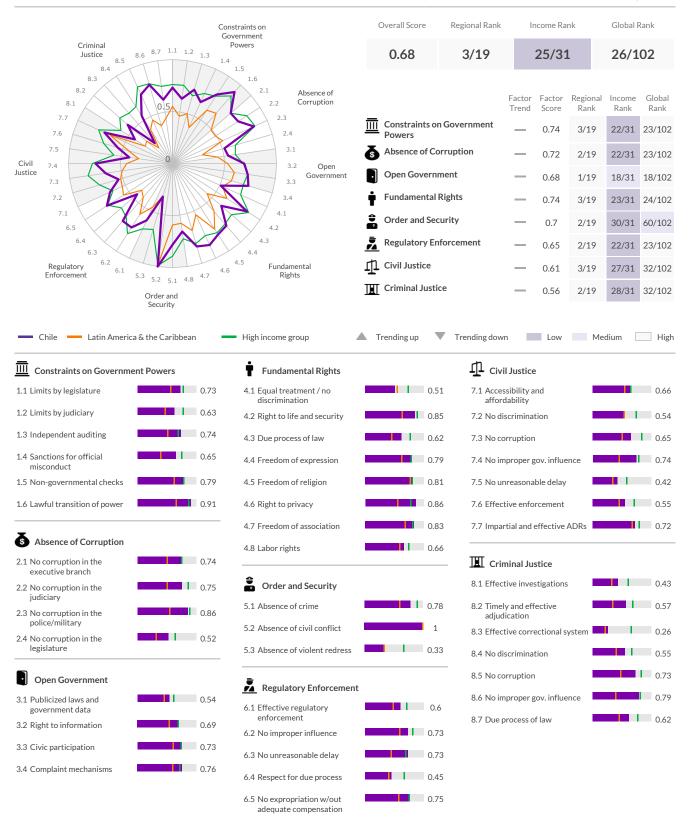
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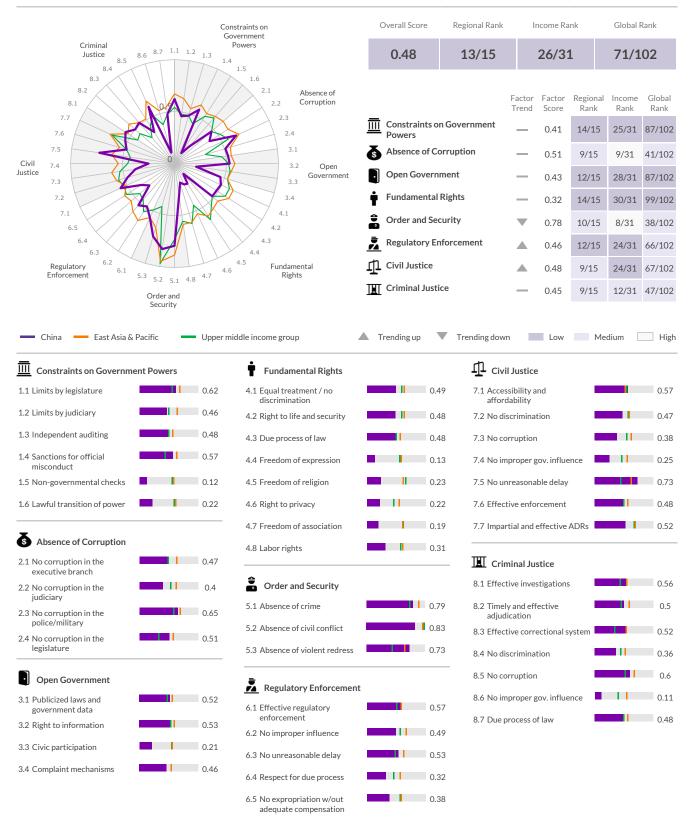
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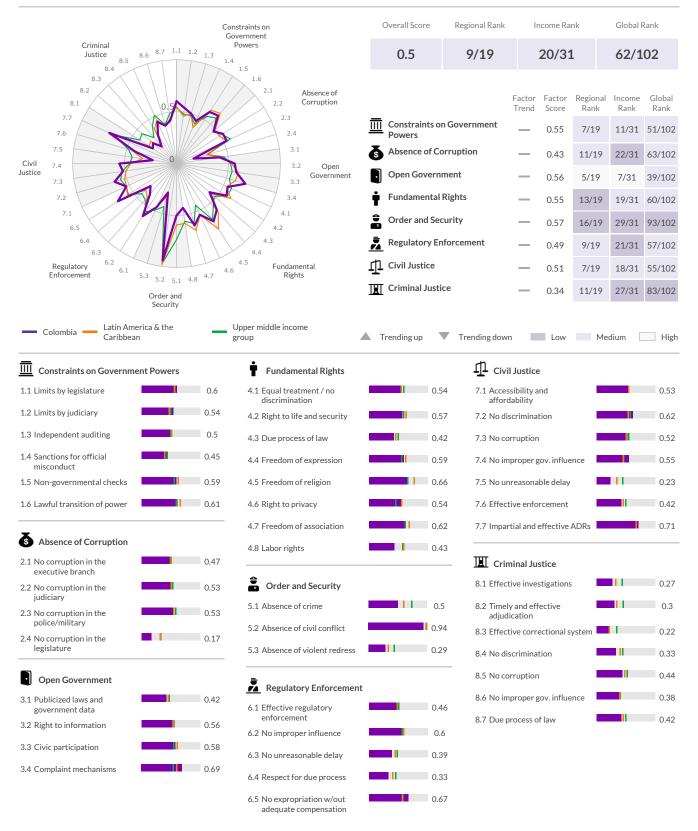
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### China

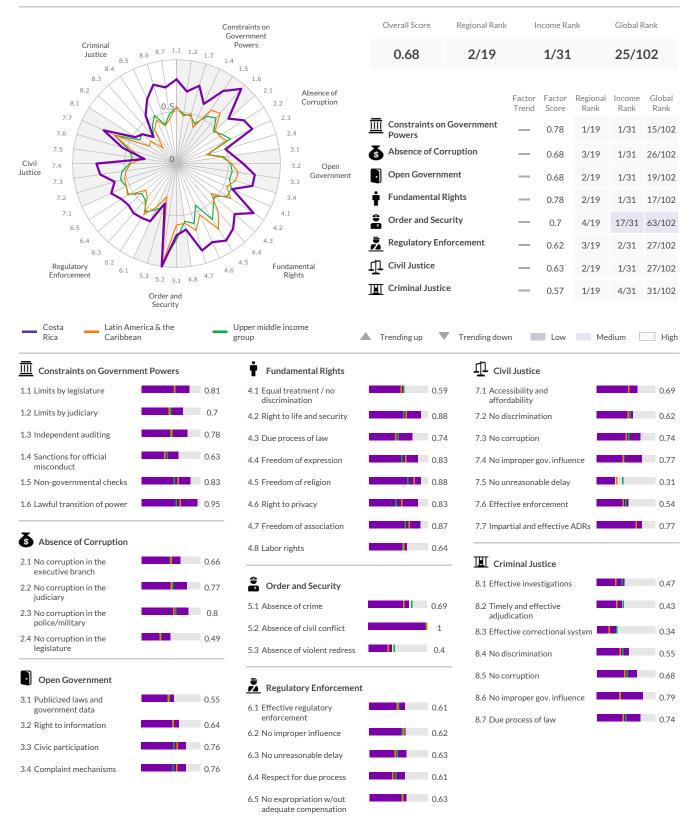


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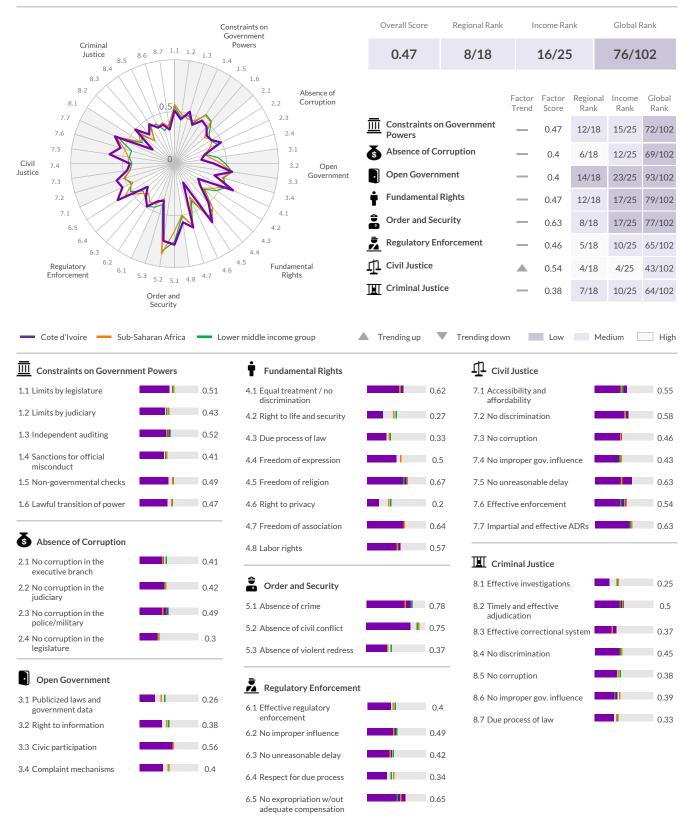
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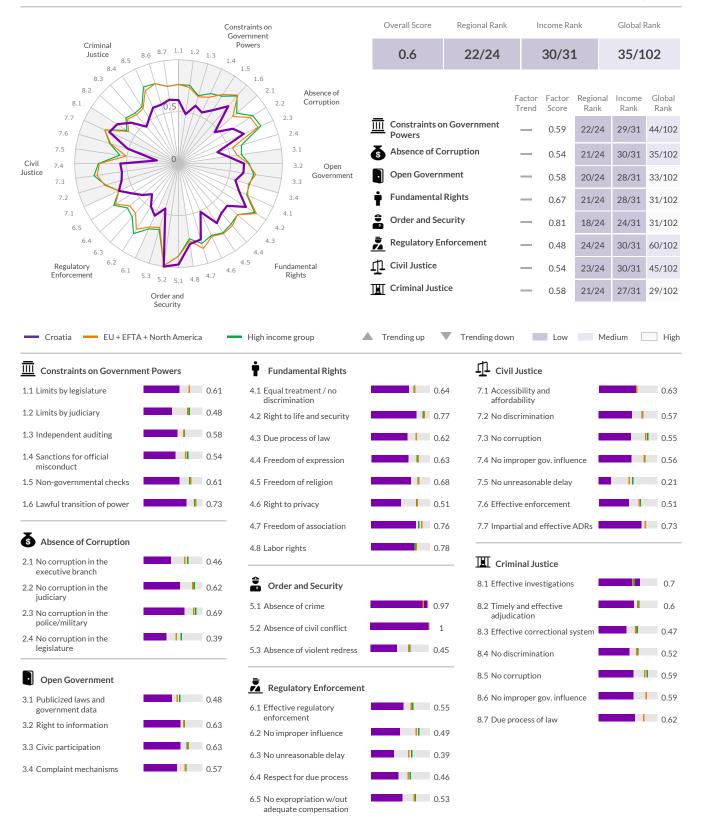
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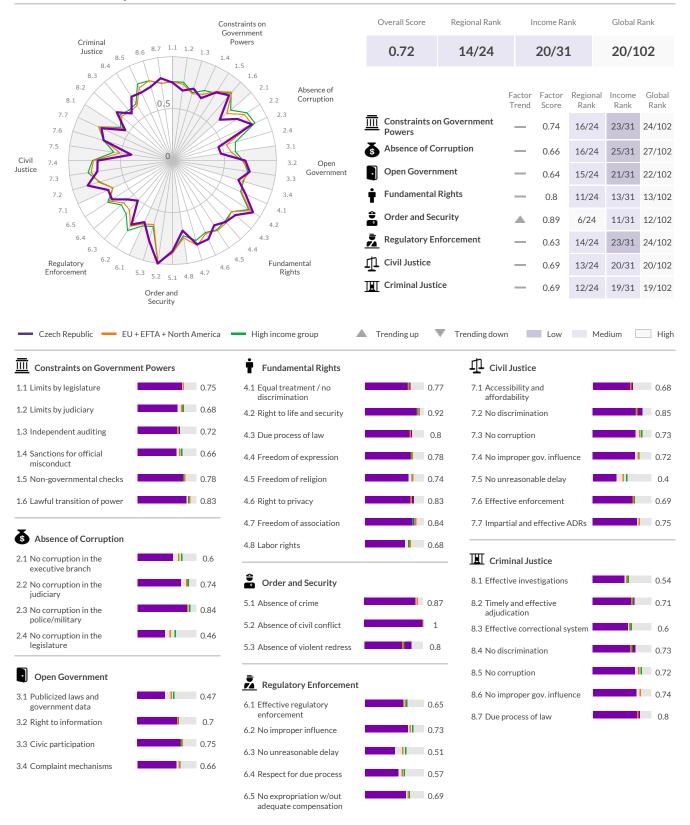


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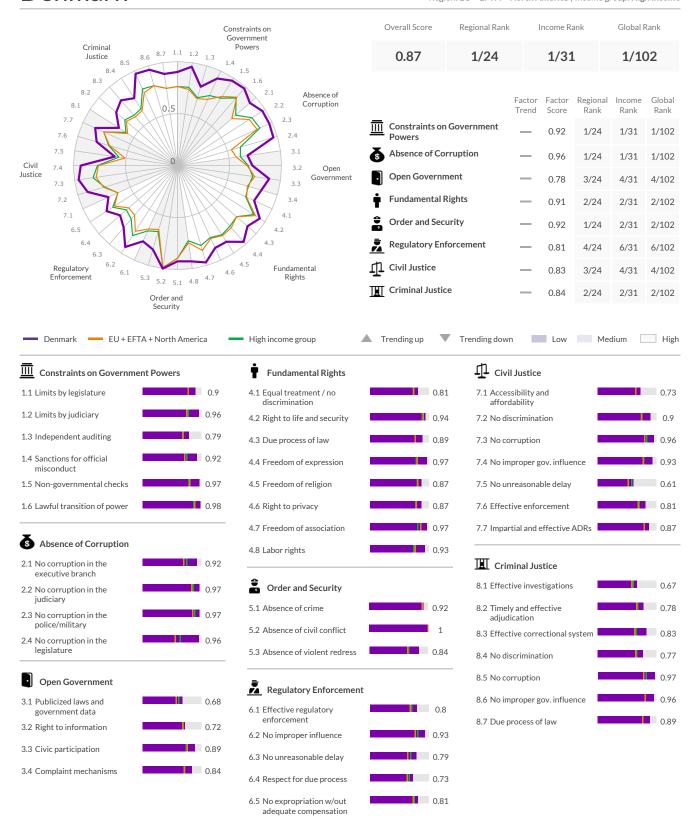
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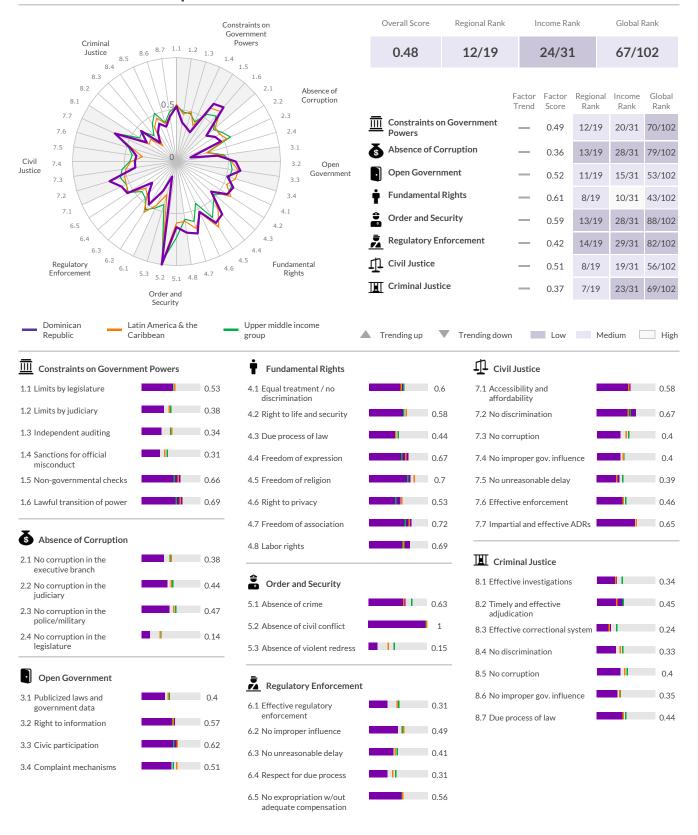
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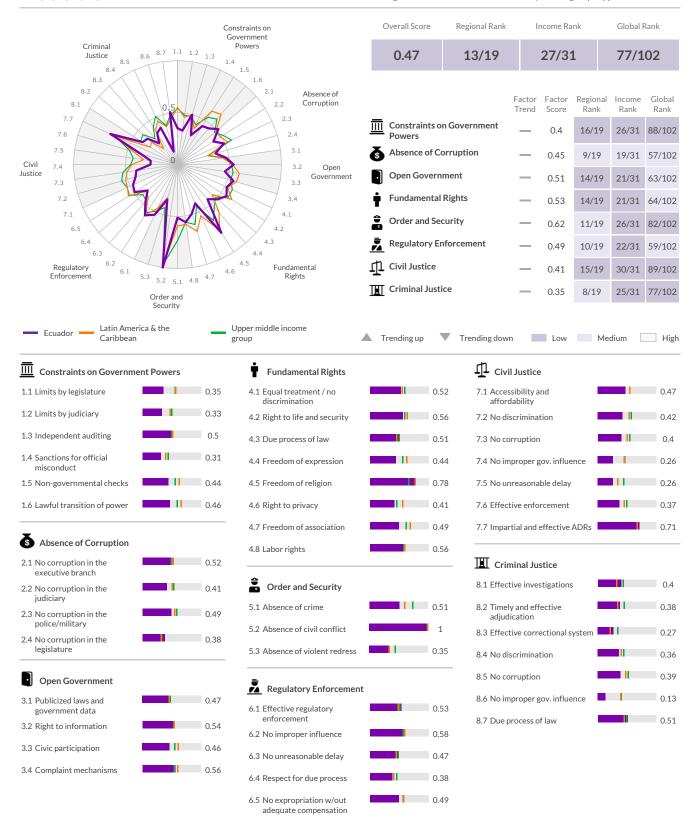
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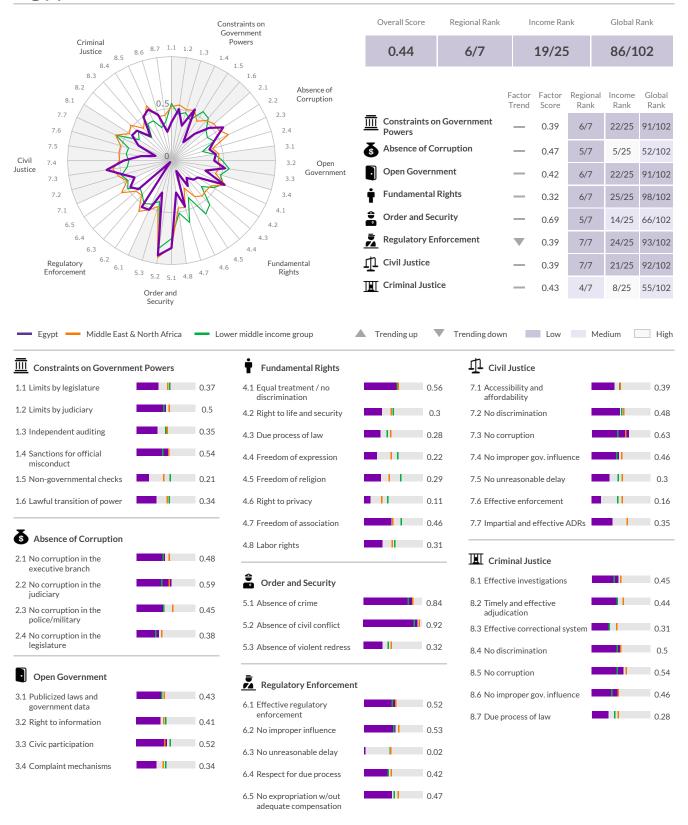
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## **Ecuador**

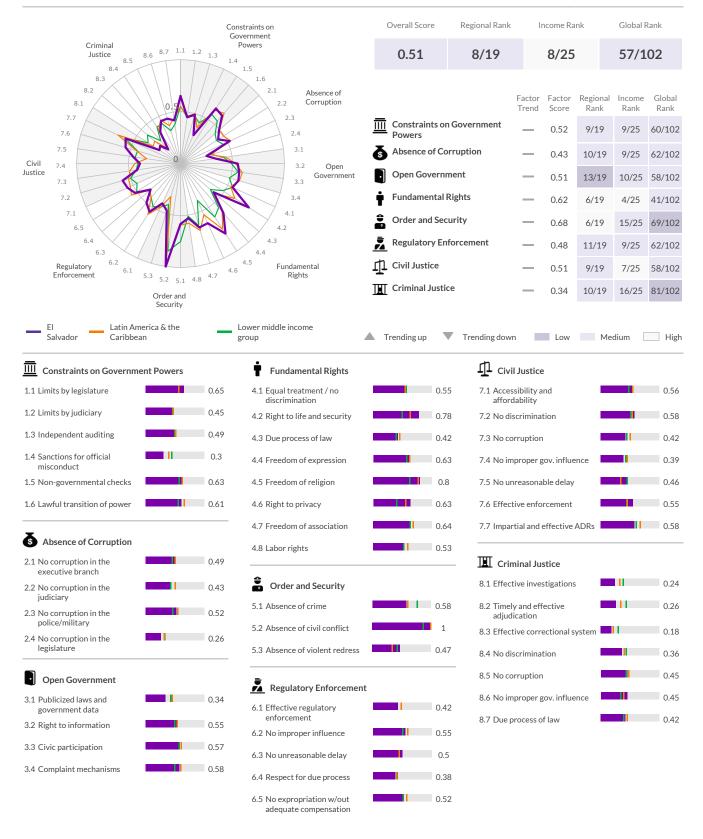


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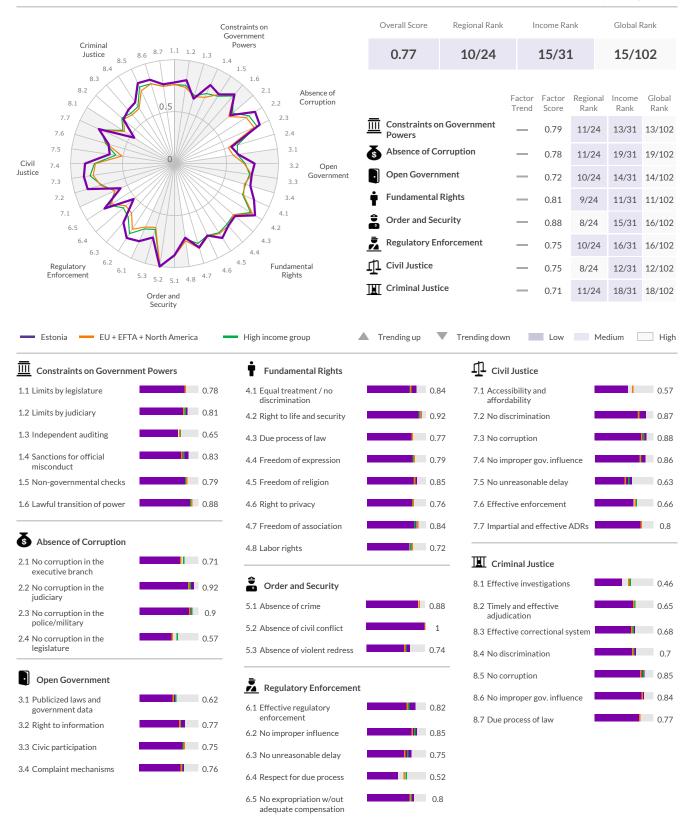


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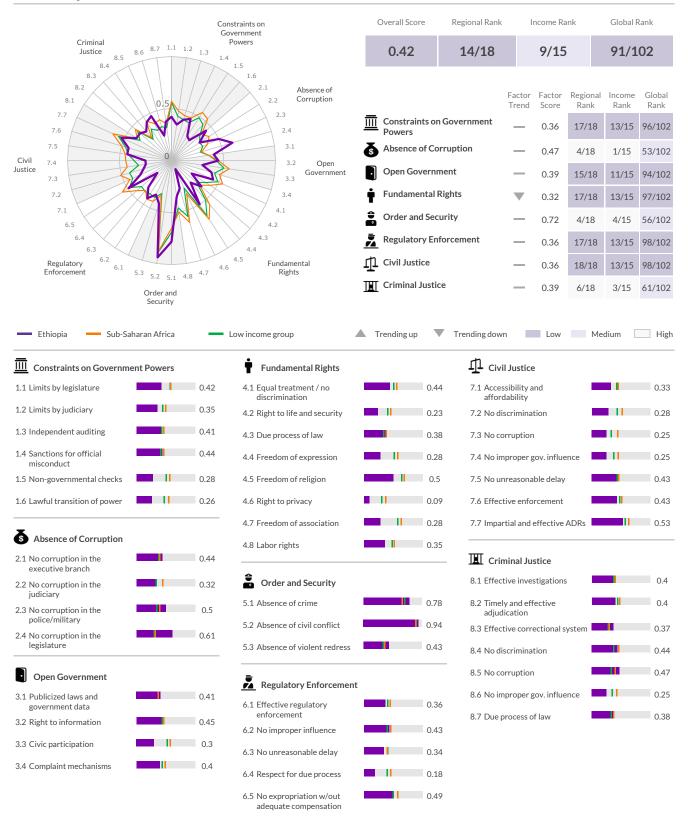
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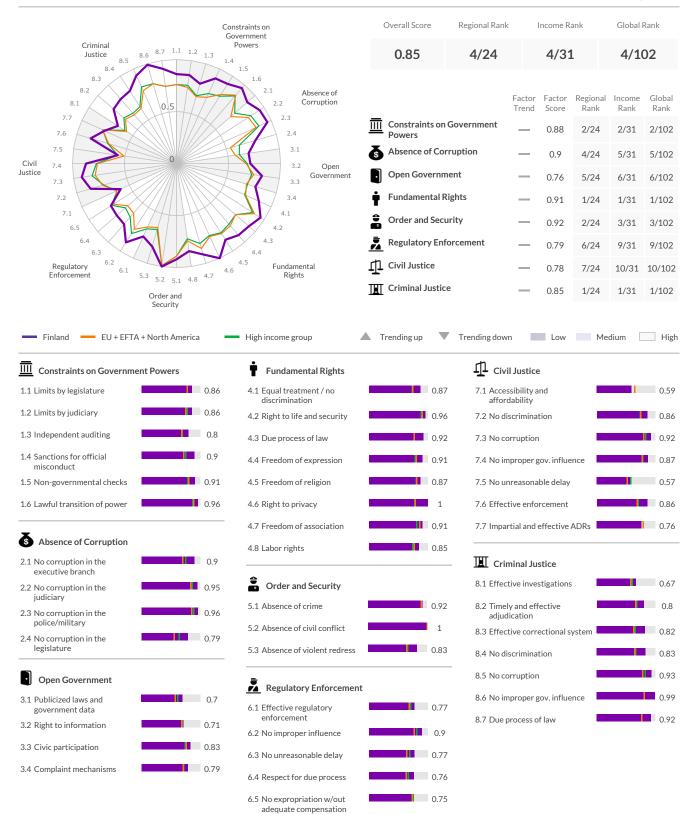
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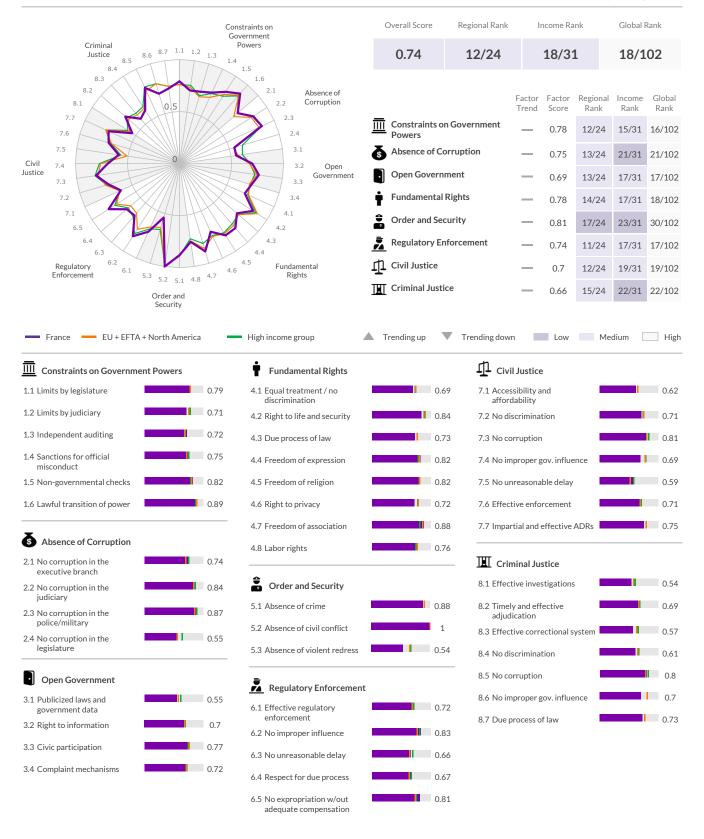


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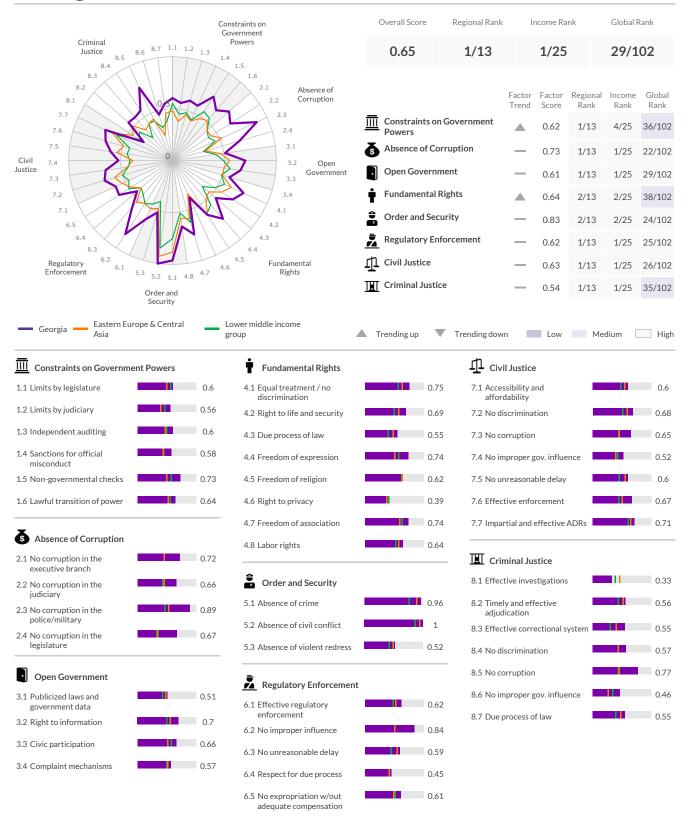
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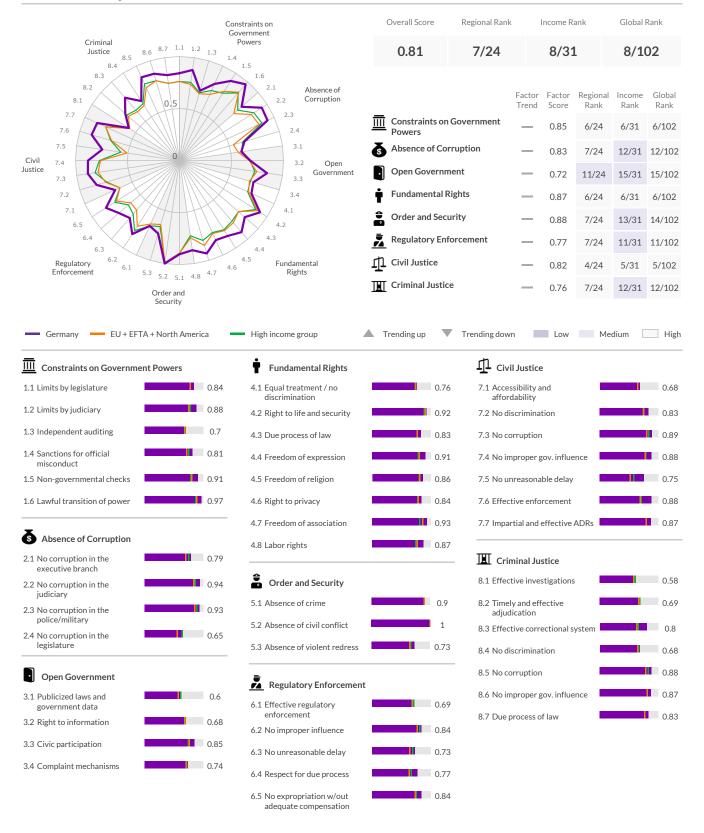
#### Region: Eastern Europe & Central Asia | Income group: Lower middle income

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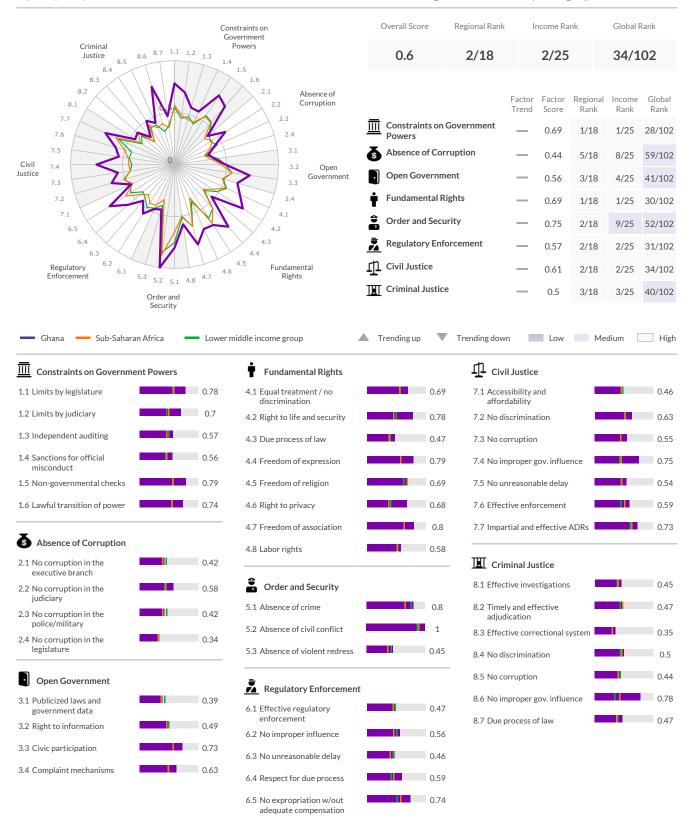


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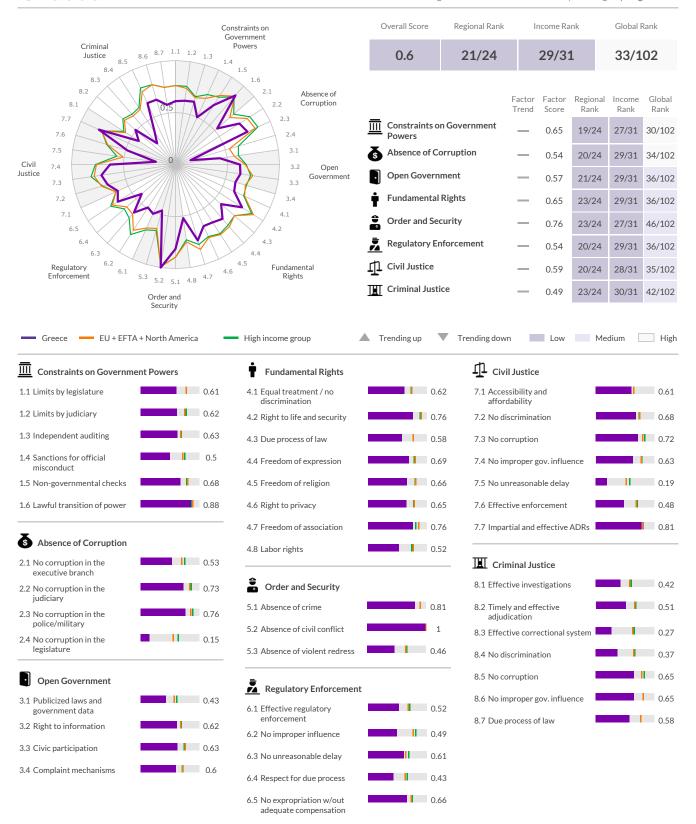
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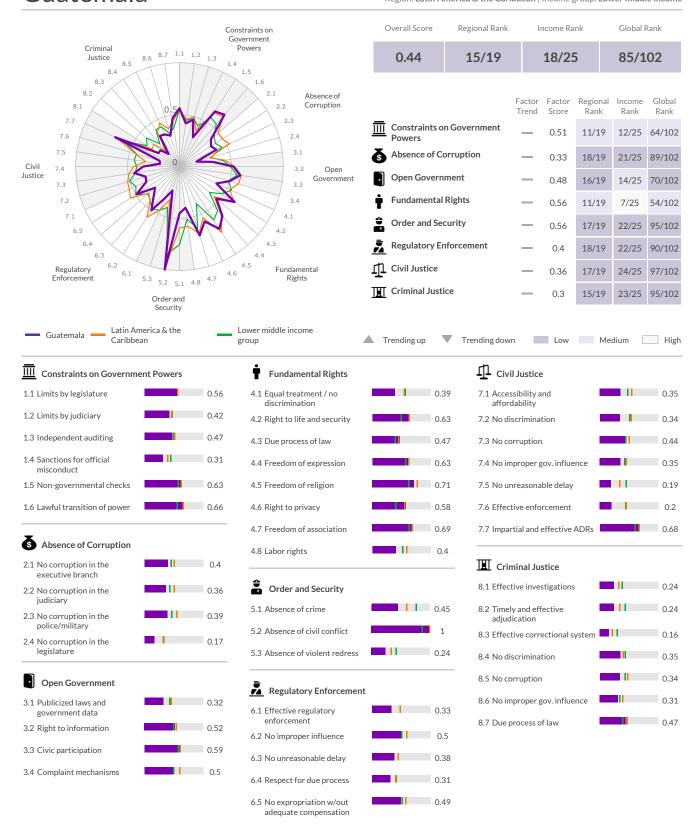


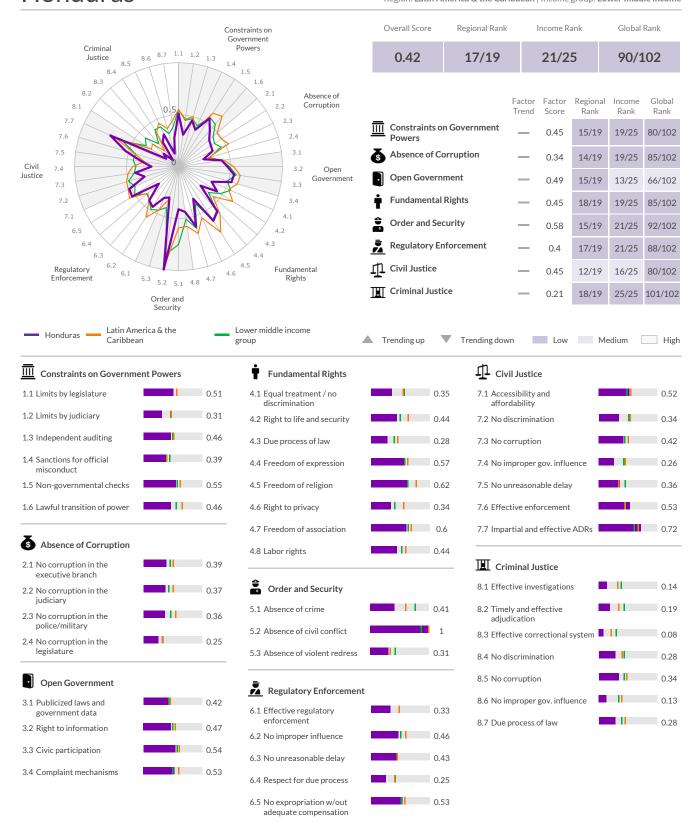
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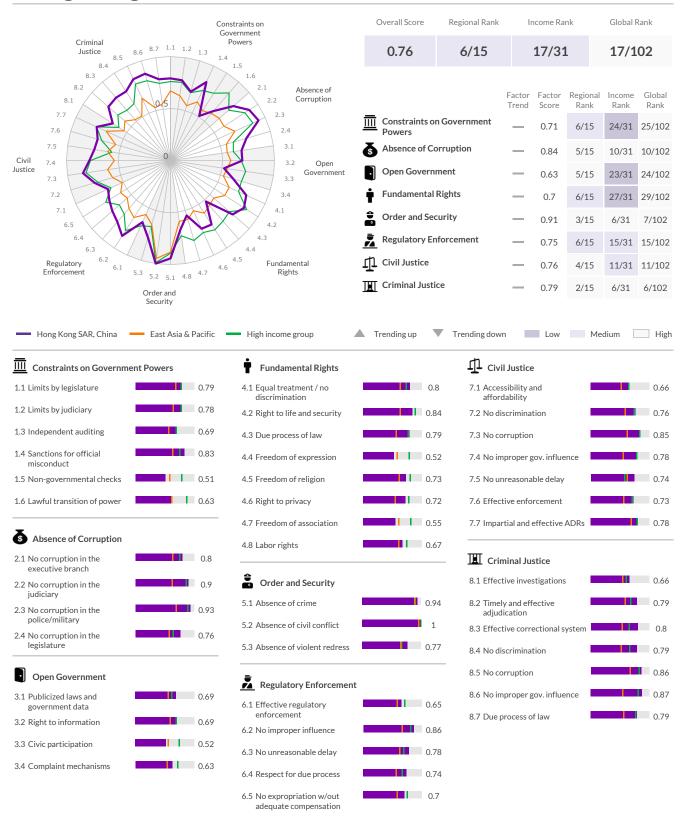
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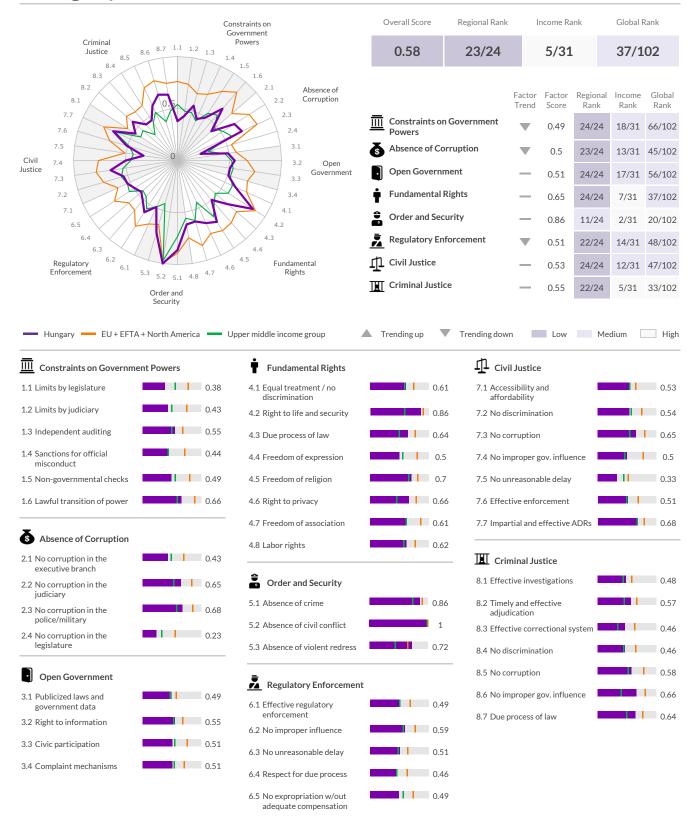


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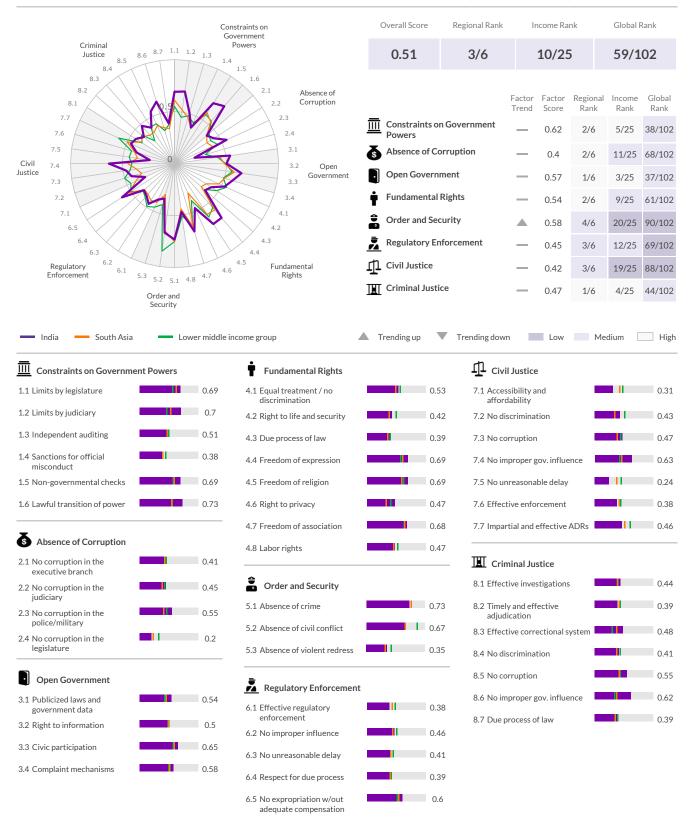


### Region: EU + EFTA + North America | Income group: Upper middle income

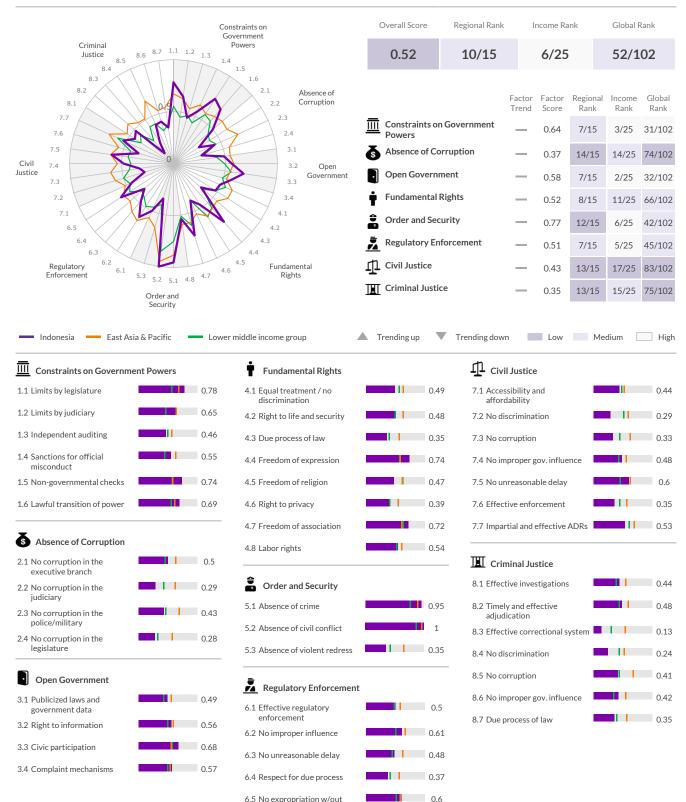
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## India

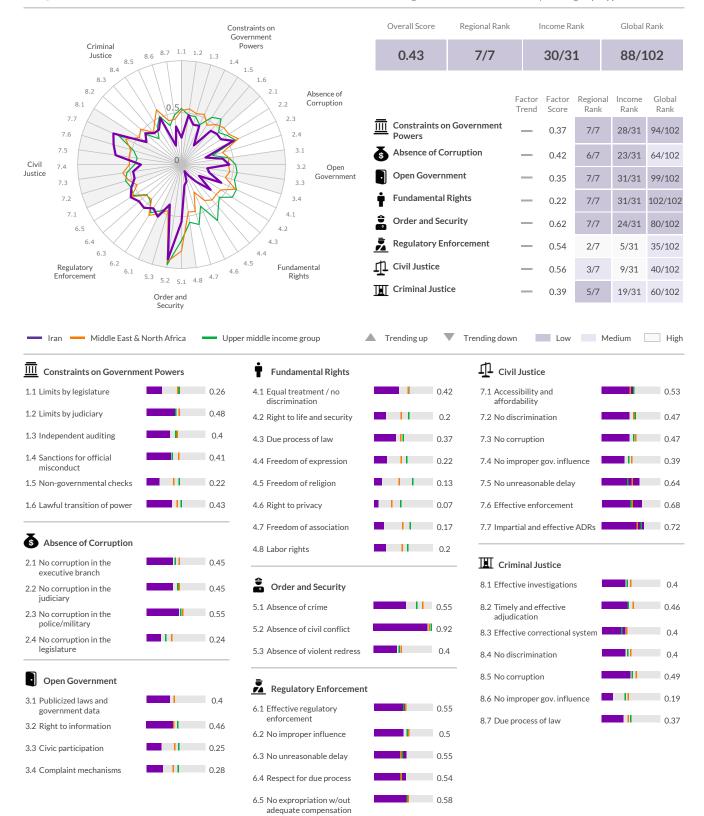


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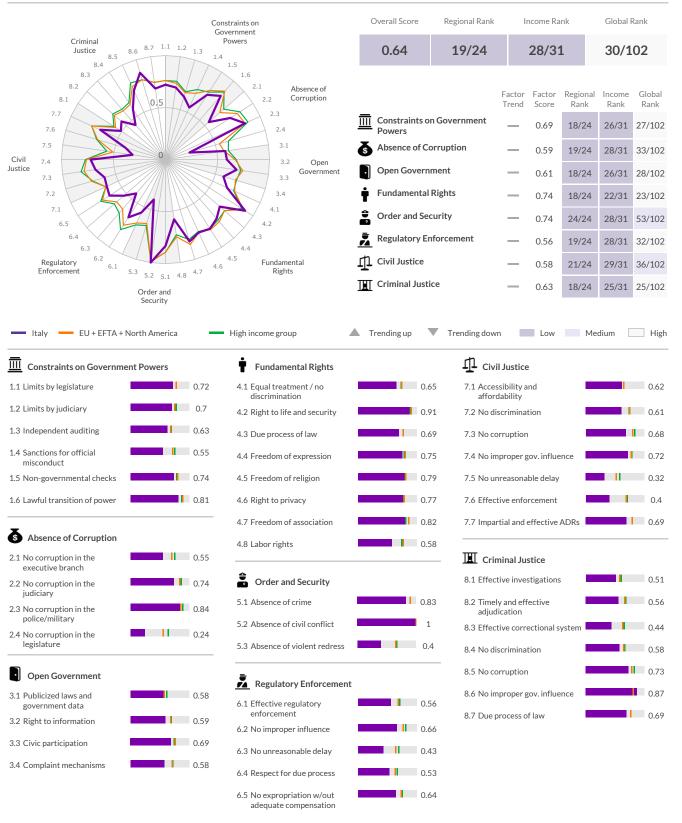


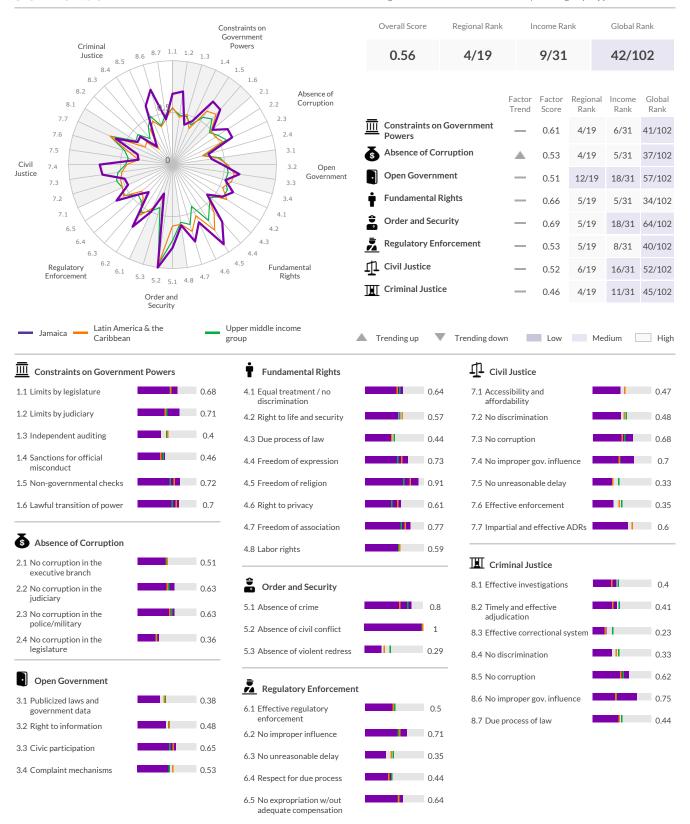
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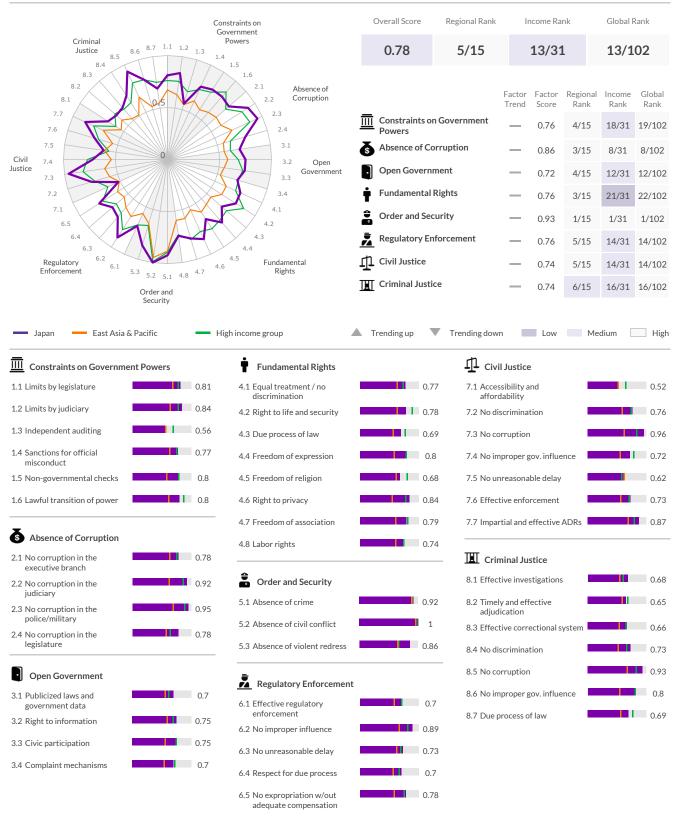




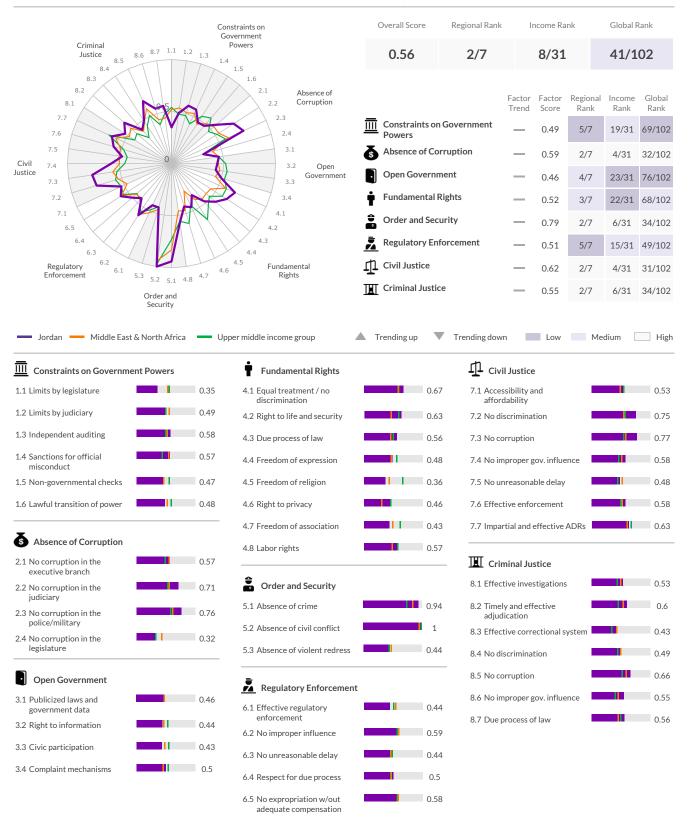




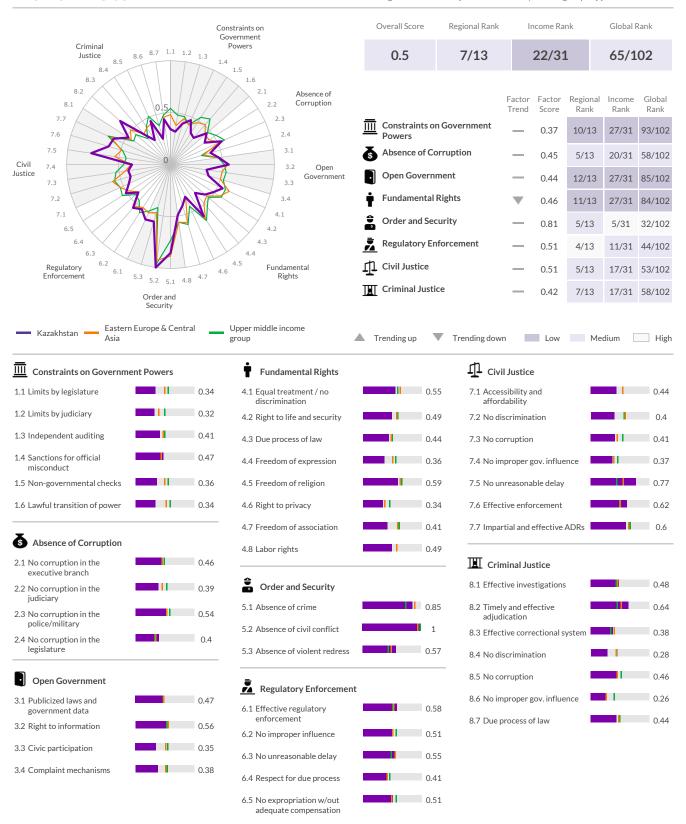
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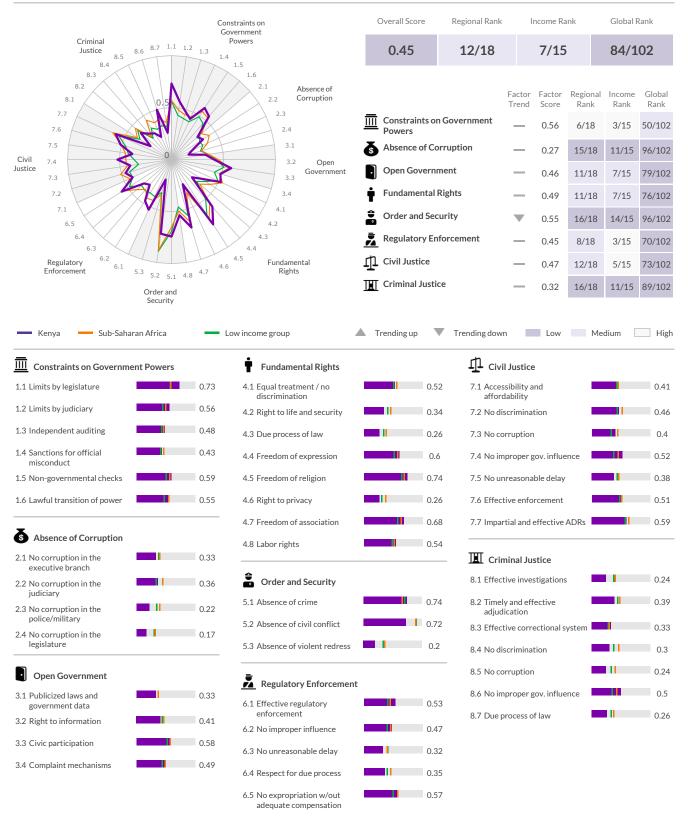
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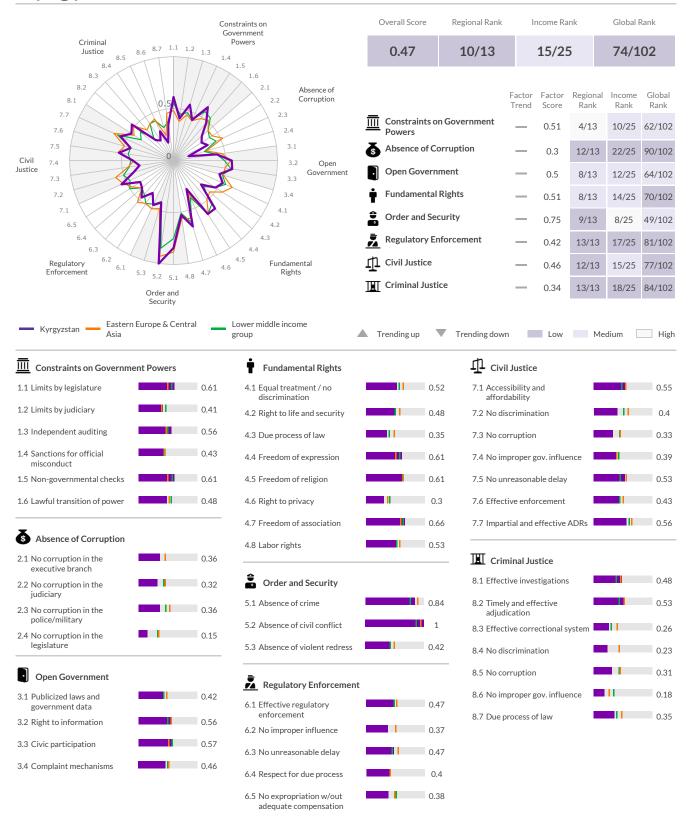
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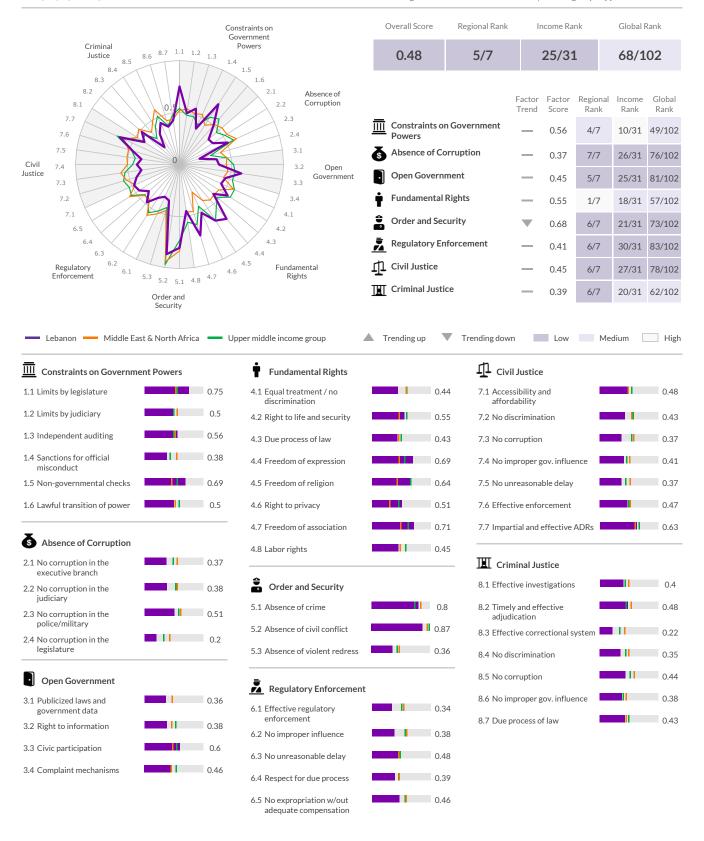
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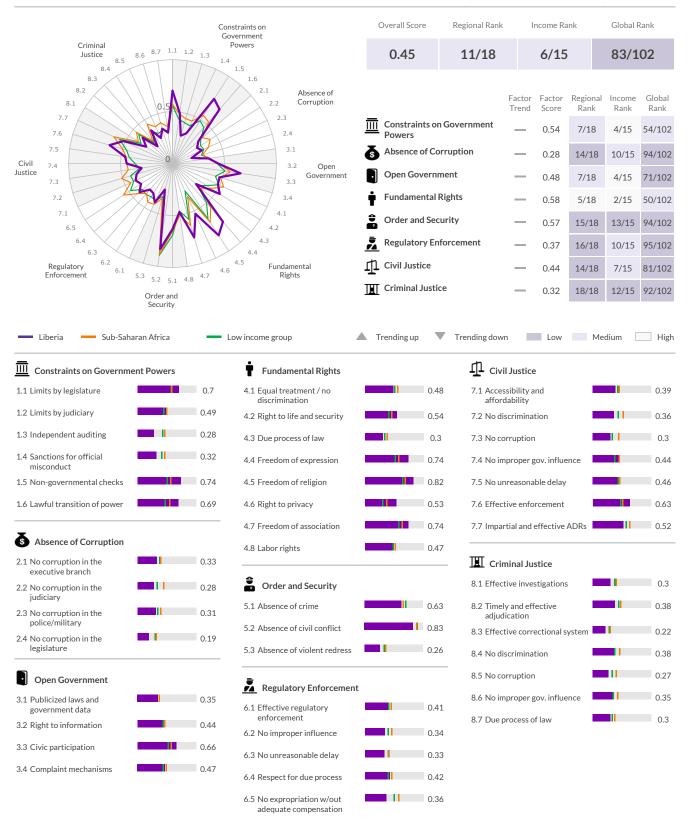
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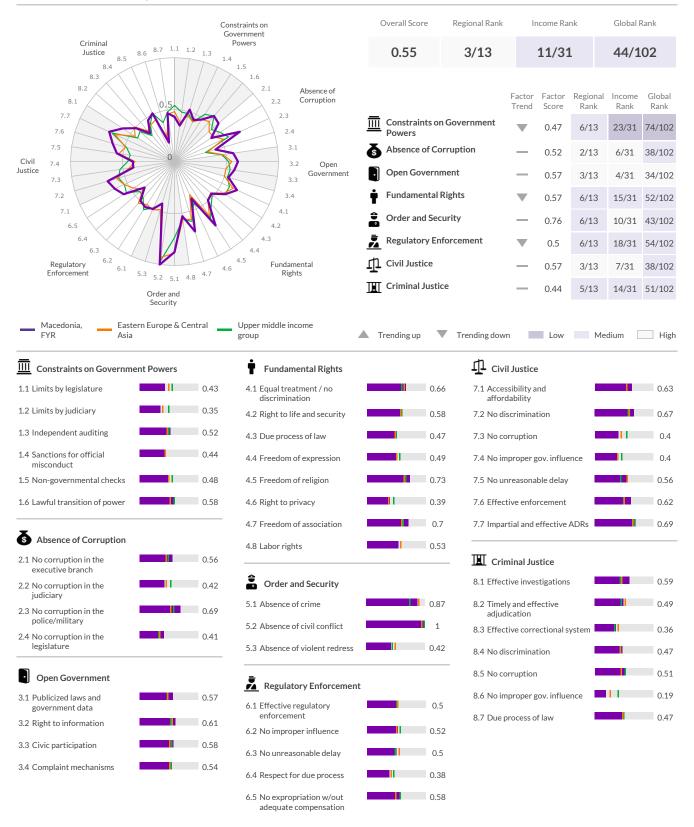
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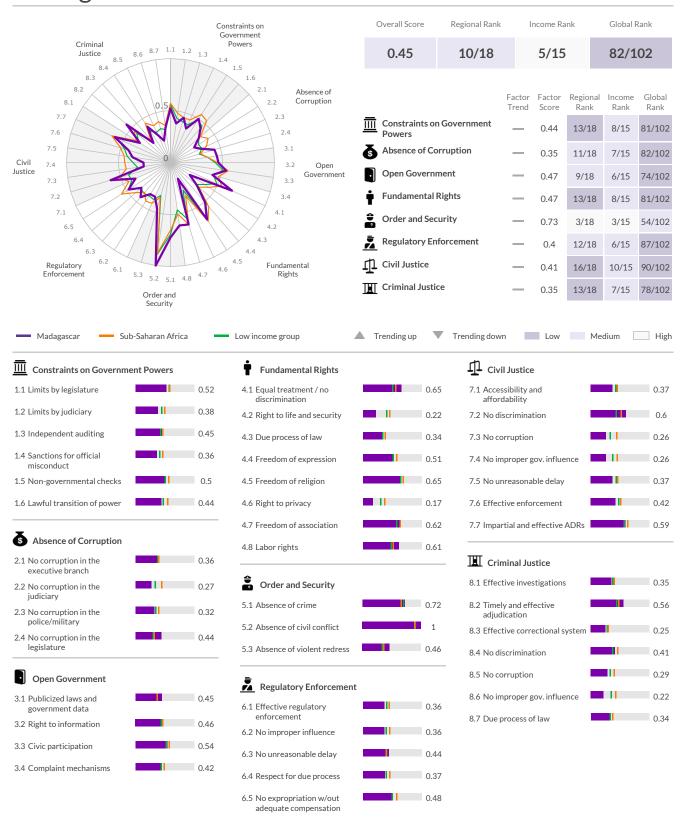


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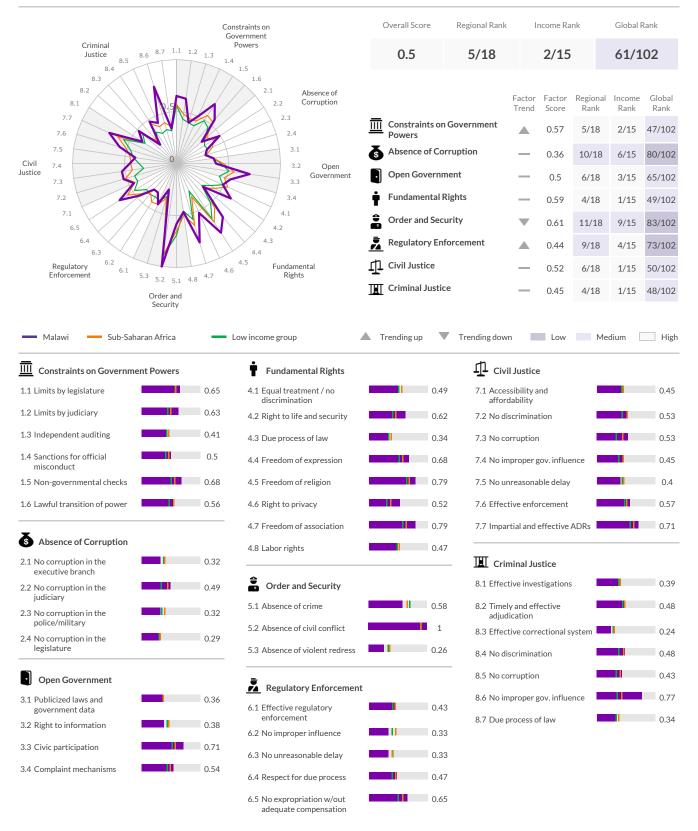


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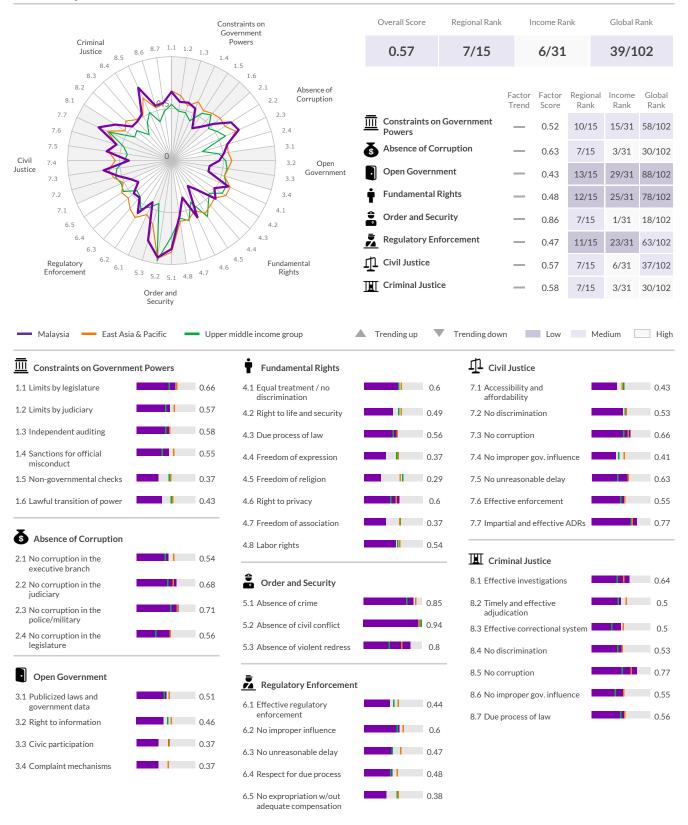




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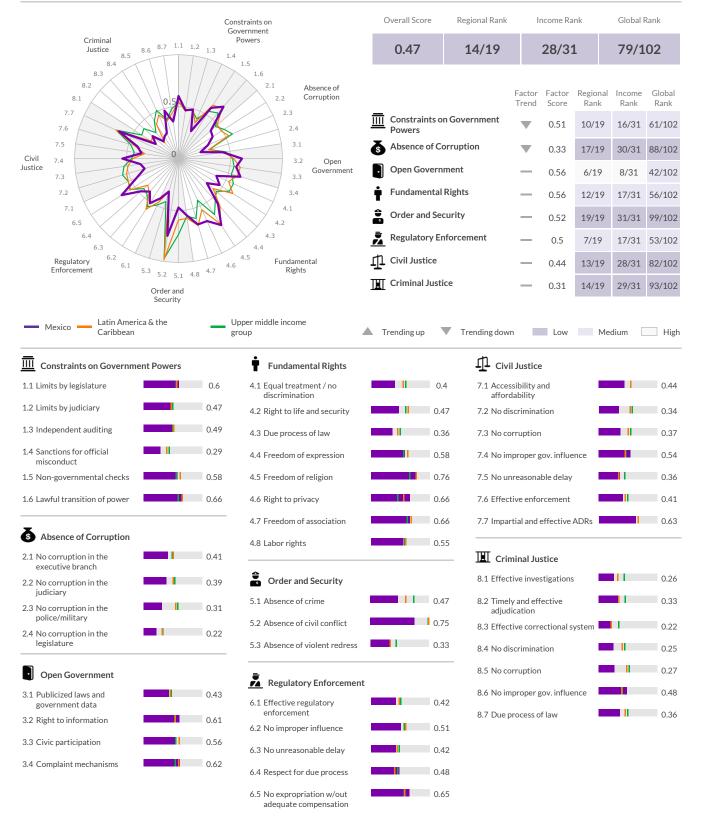


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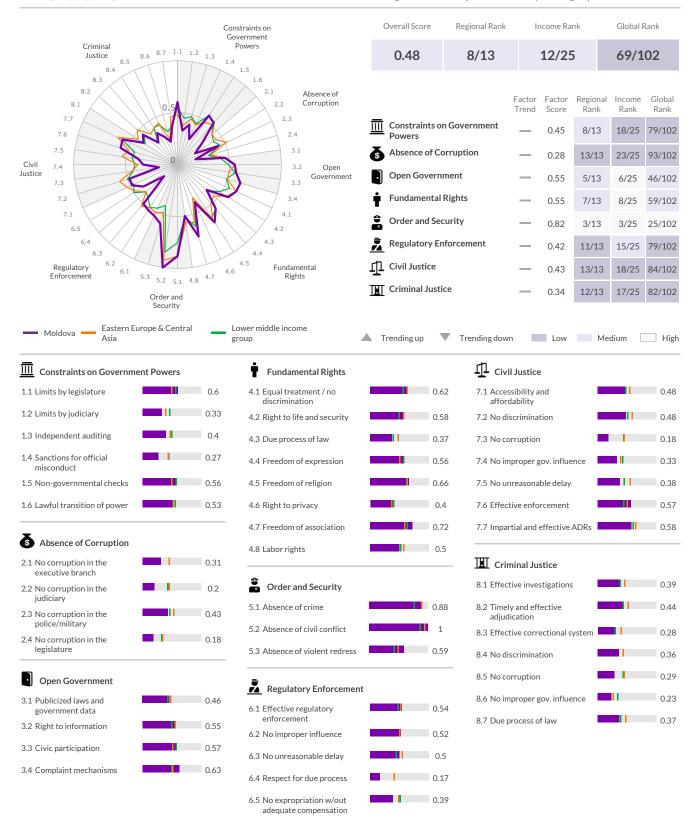


### Mexico

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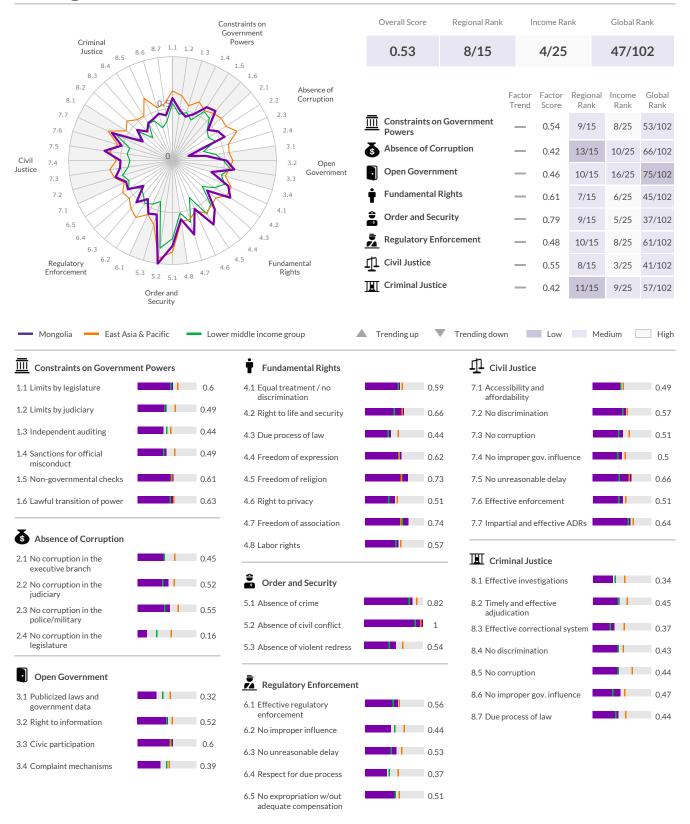


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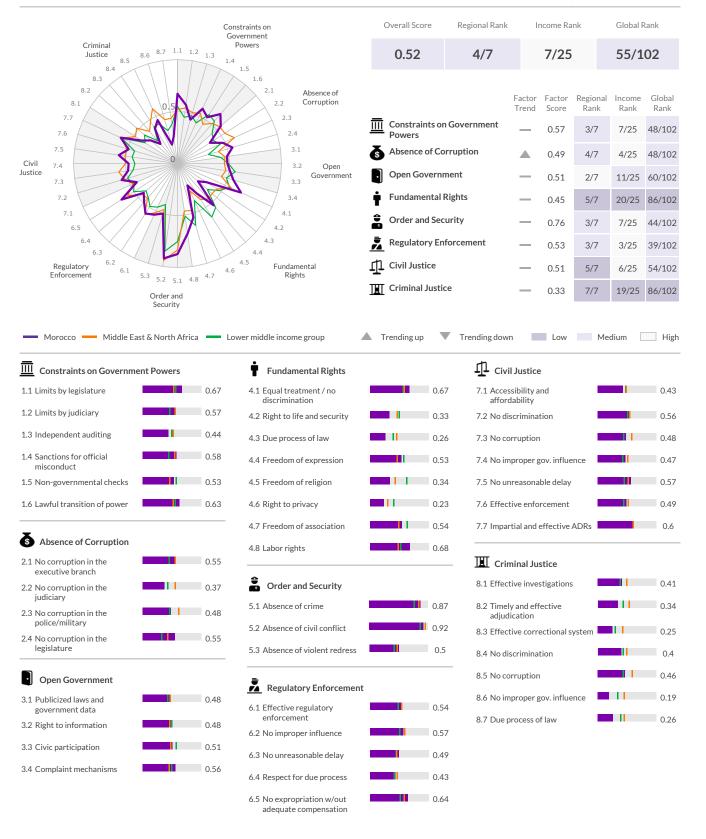


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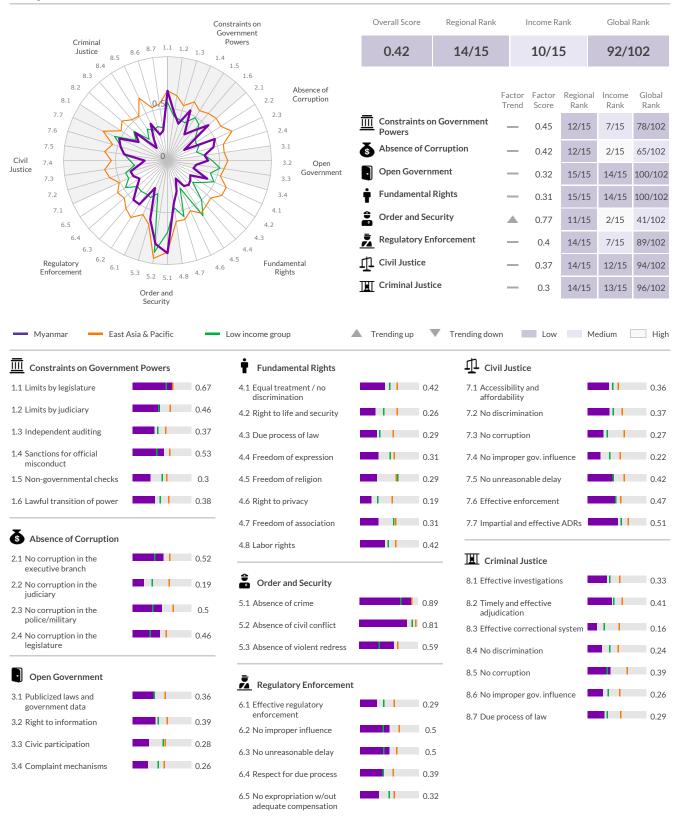
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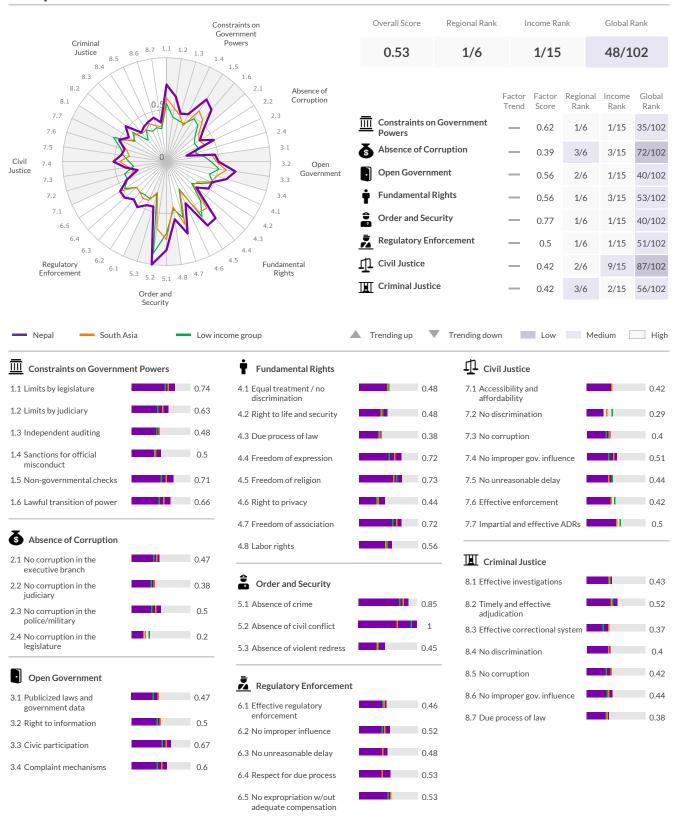
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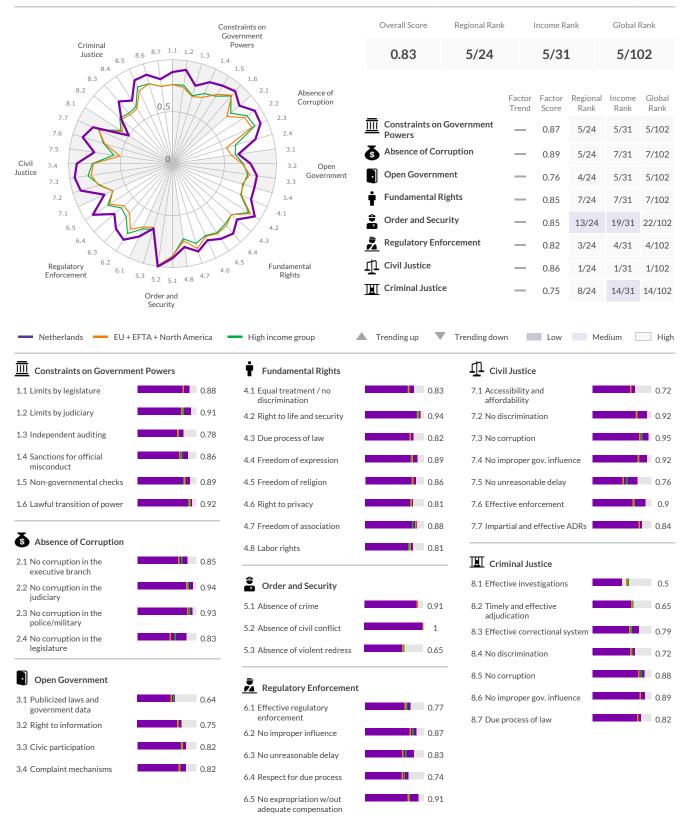


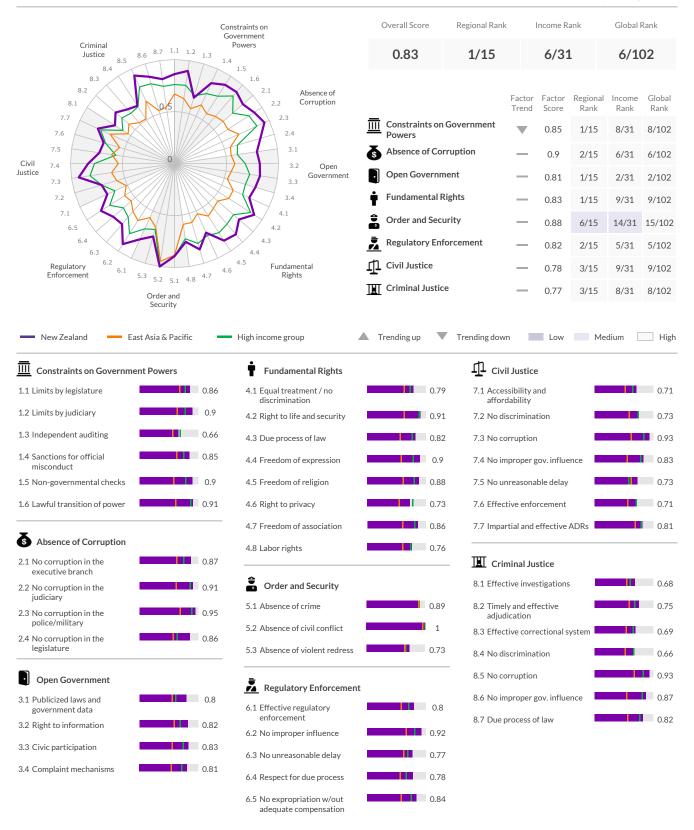
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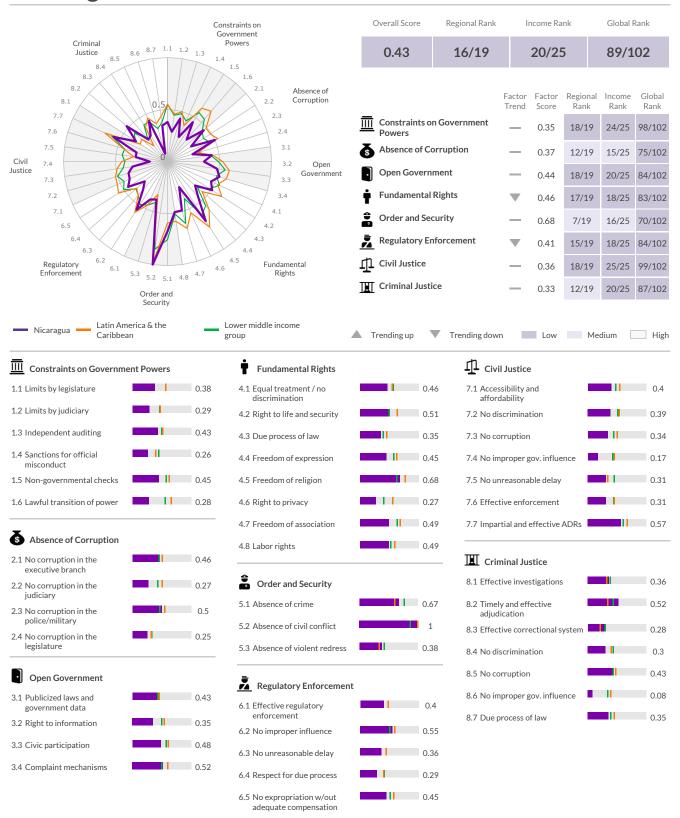
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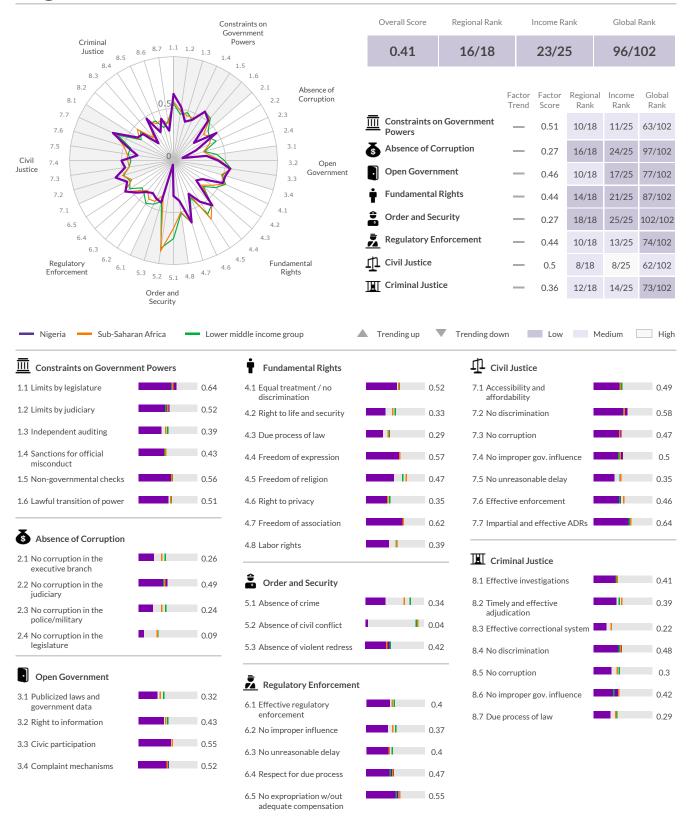




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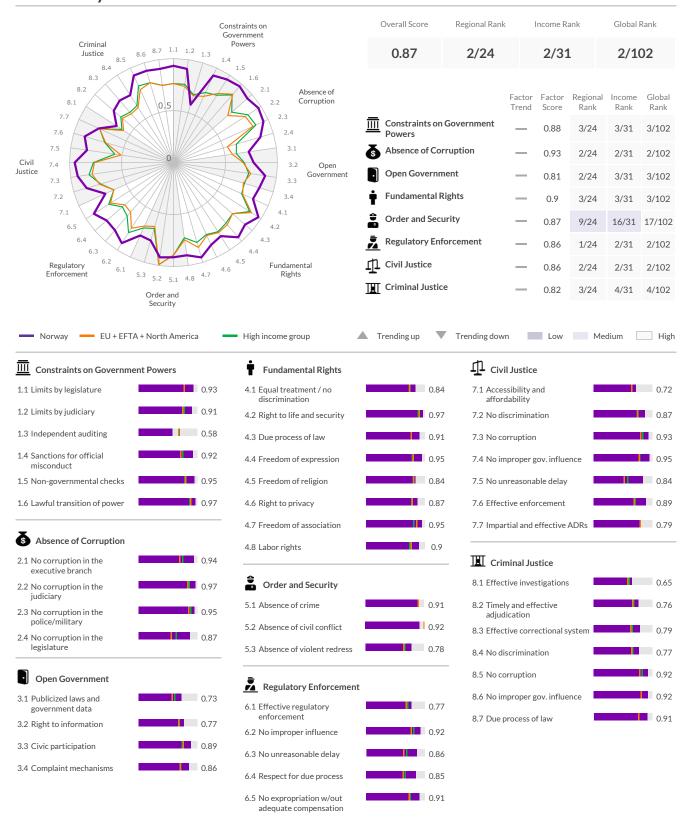


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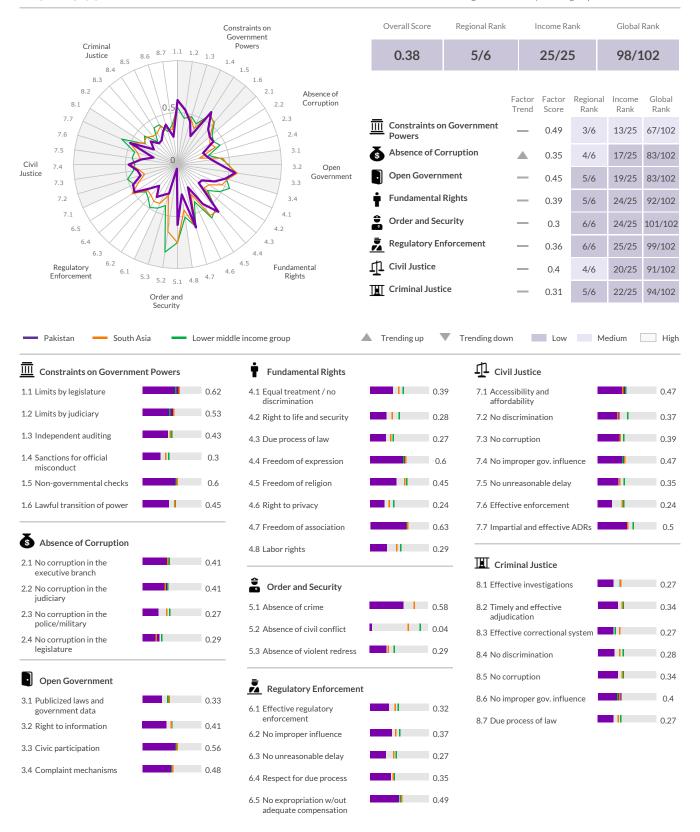


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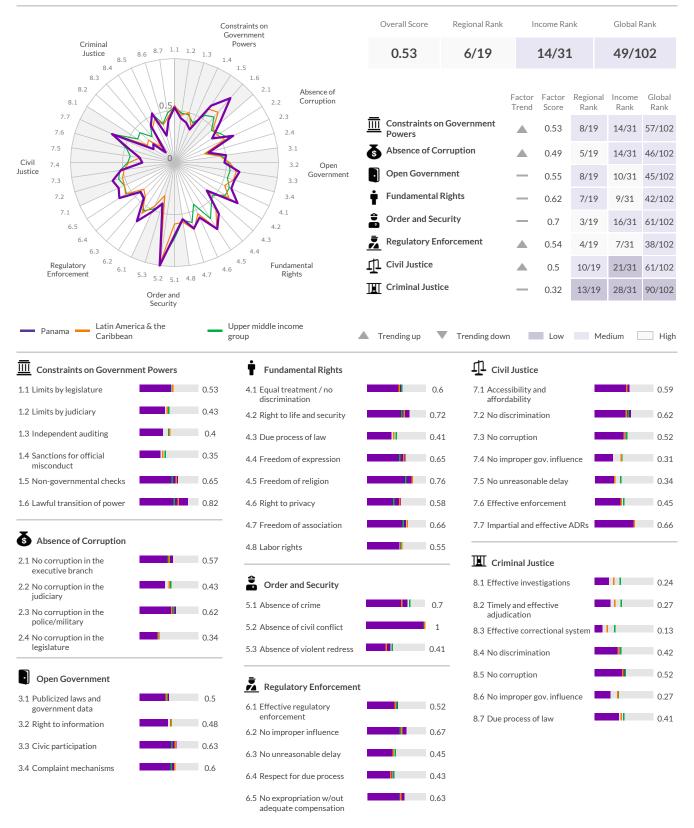
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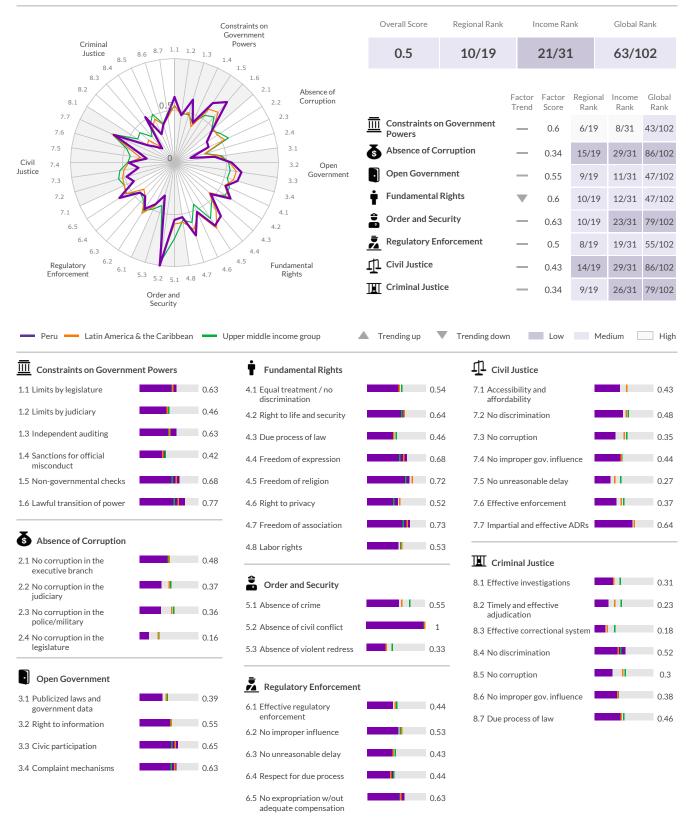
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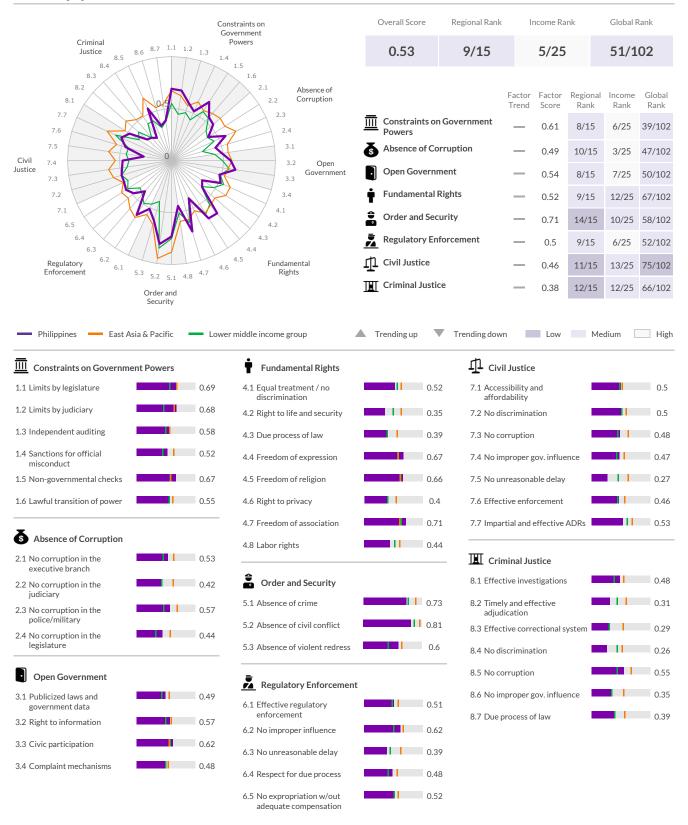
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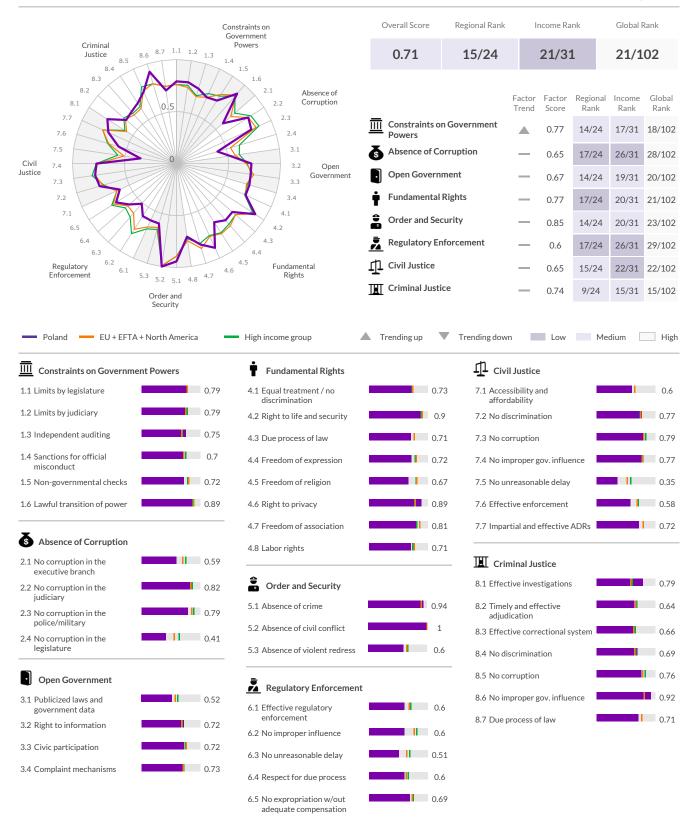
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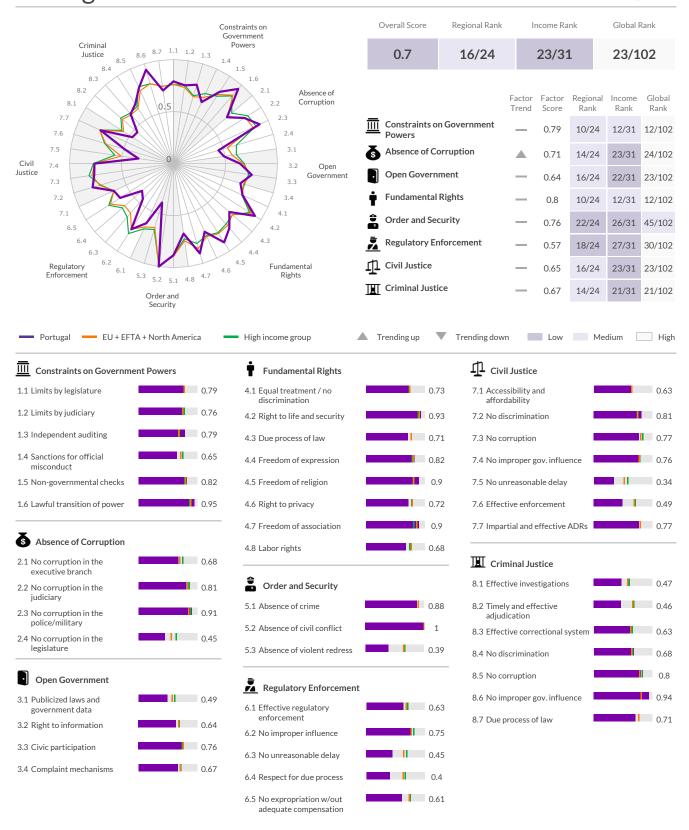


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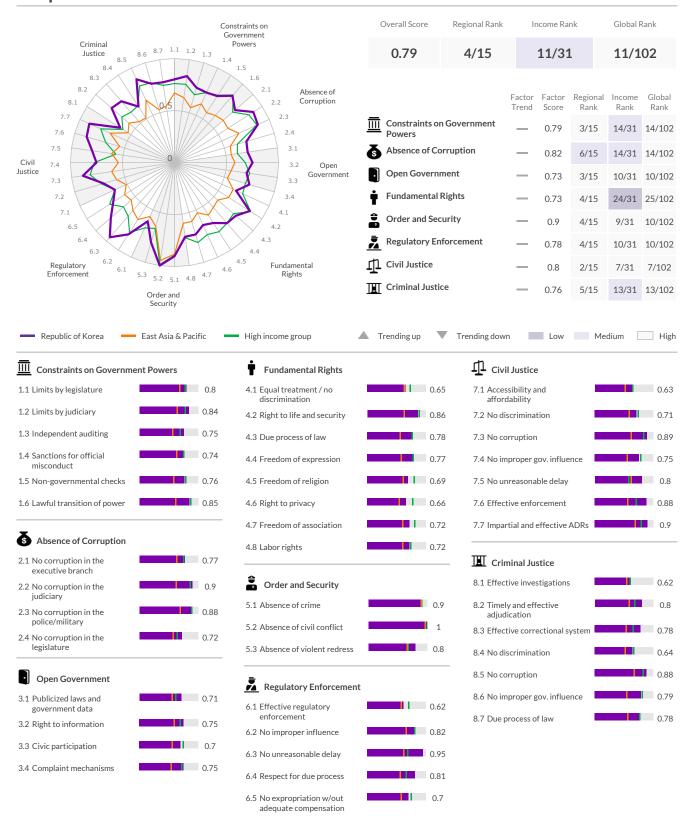


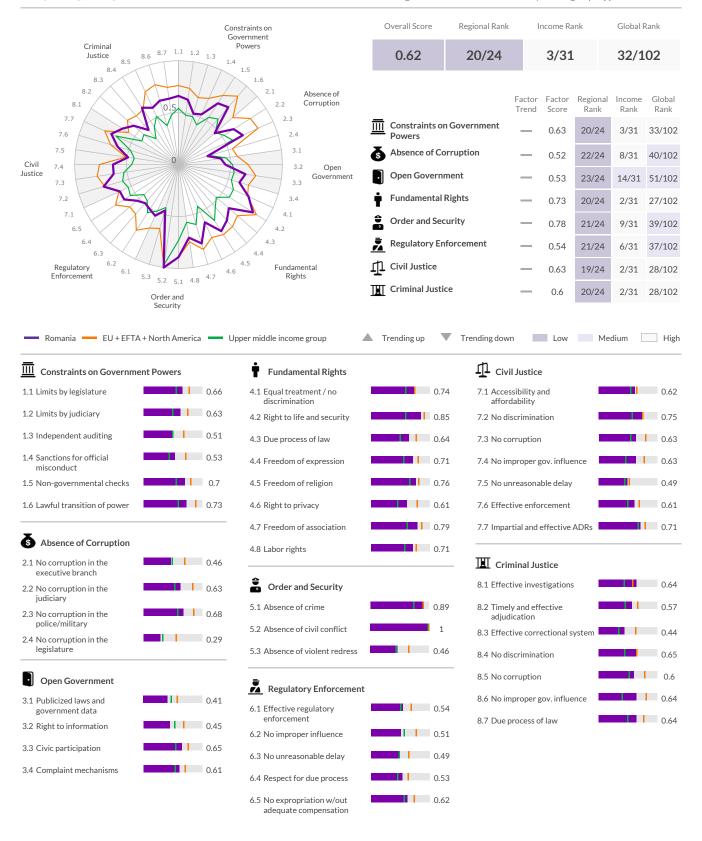
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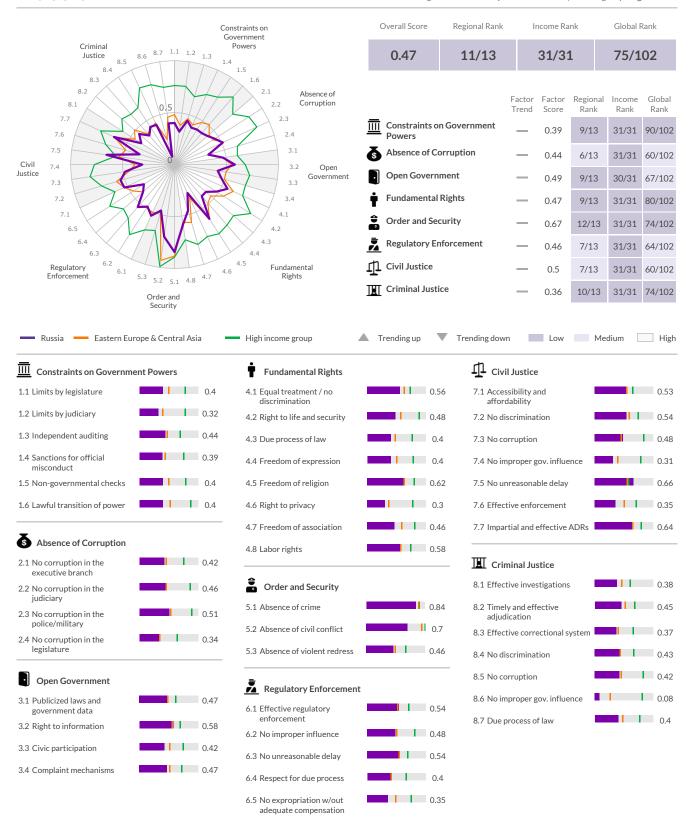


#### Region: East Asia & Pacific | Income group: High income

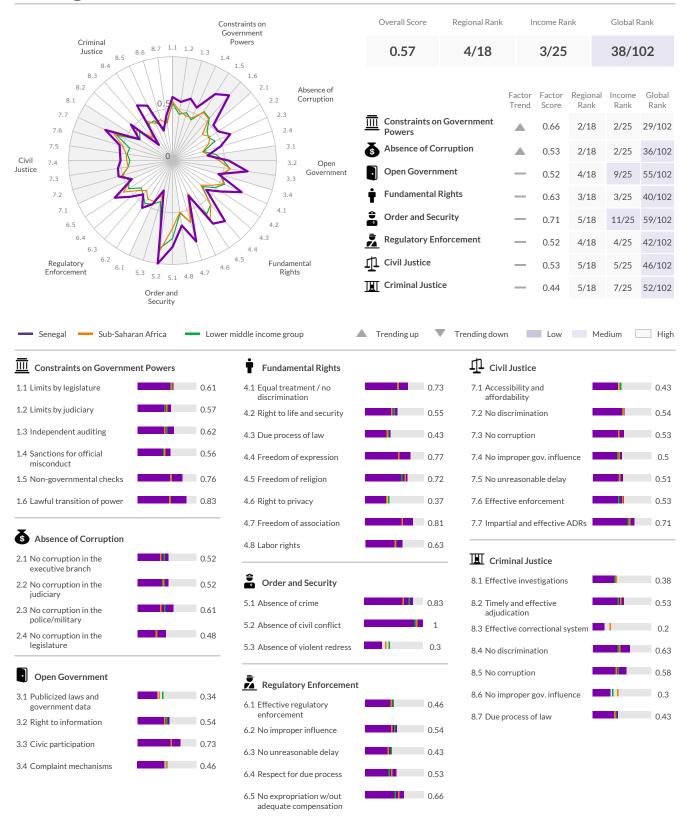




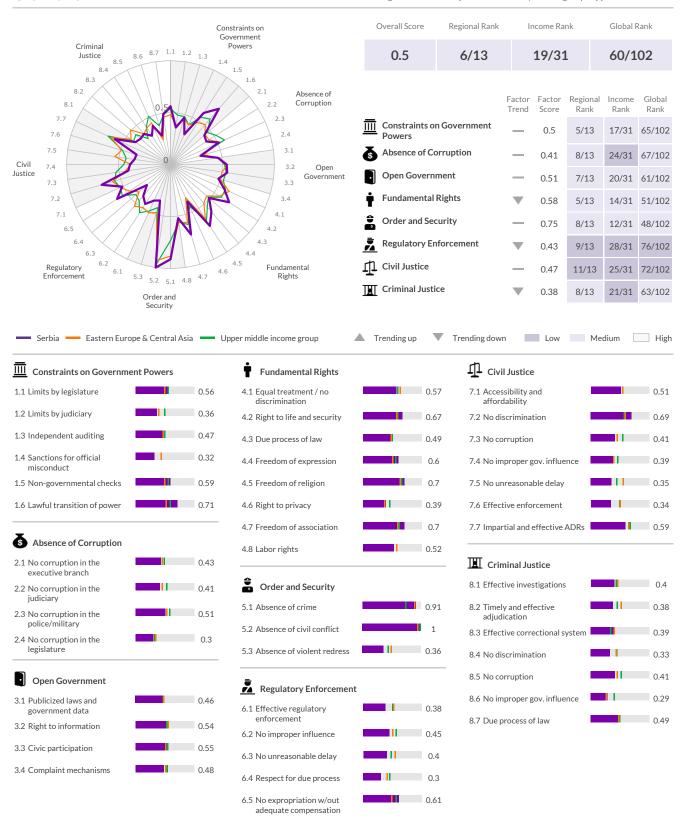
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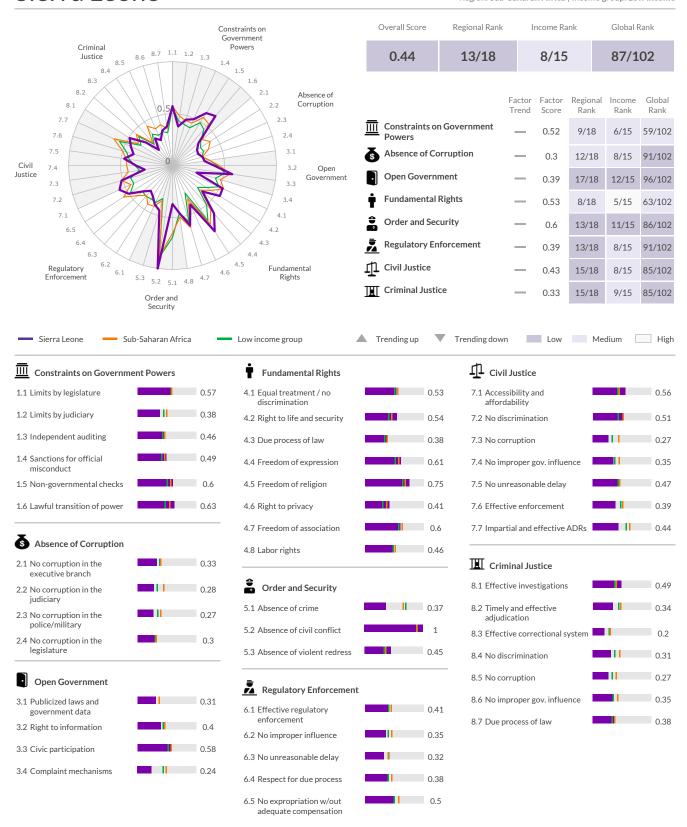


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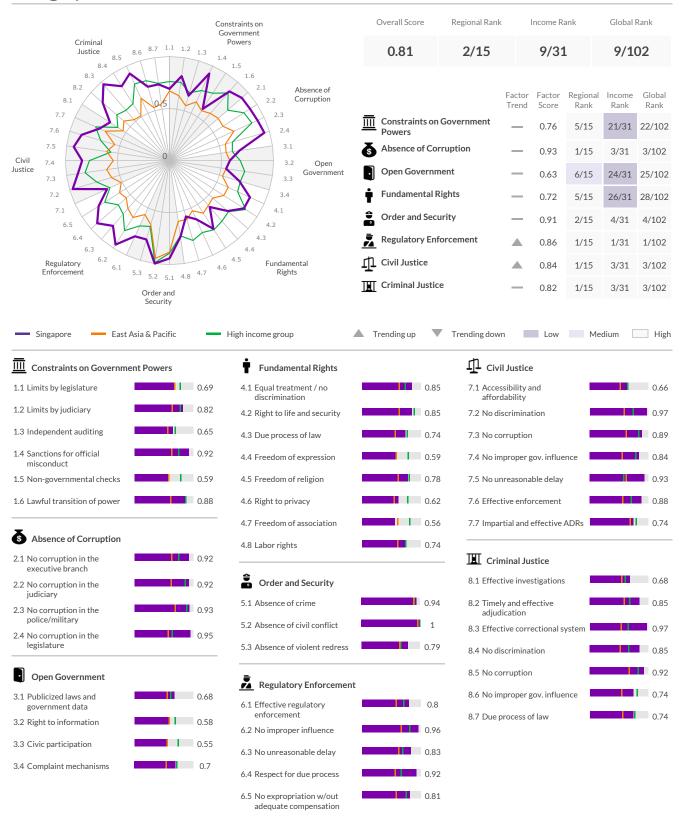


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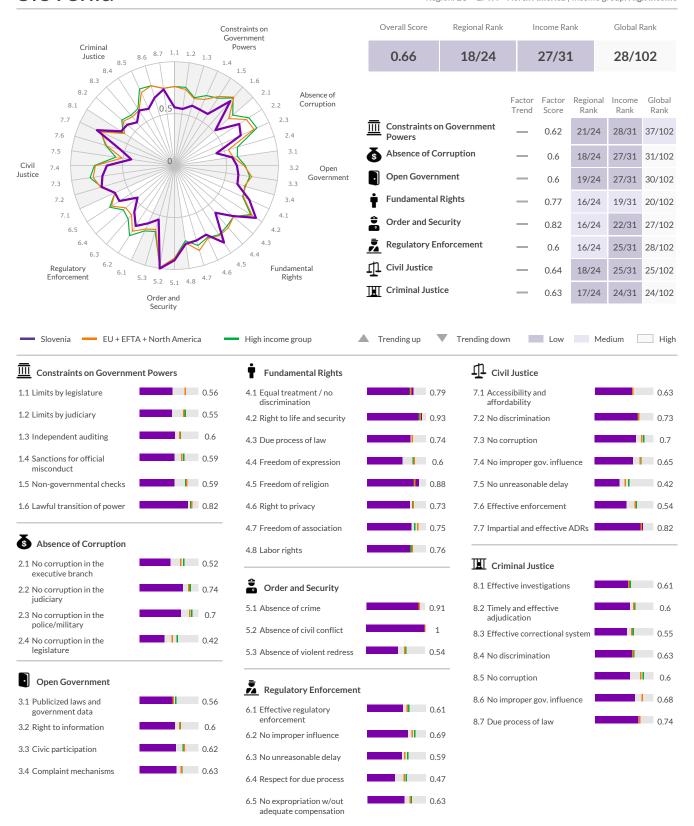


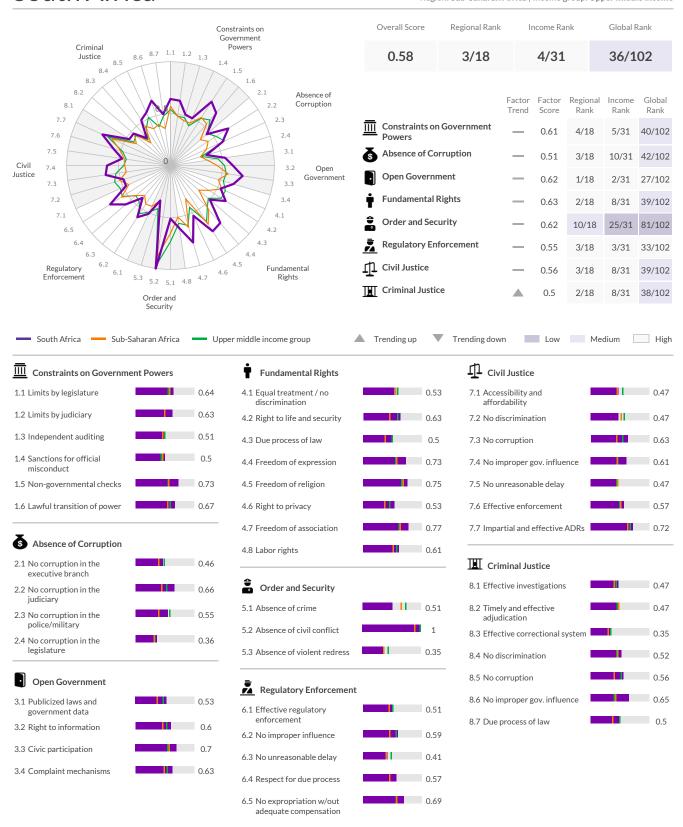


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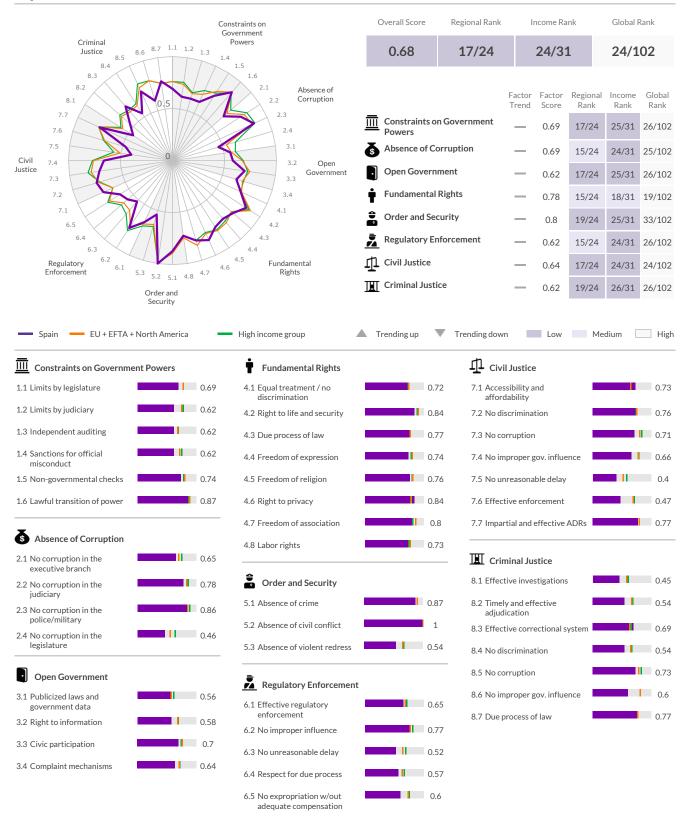


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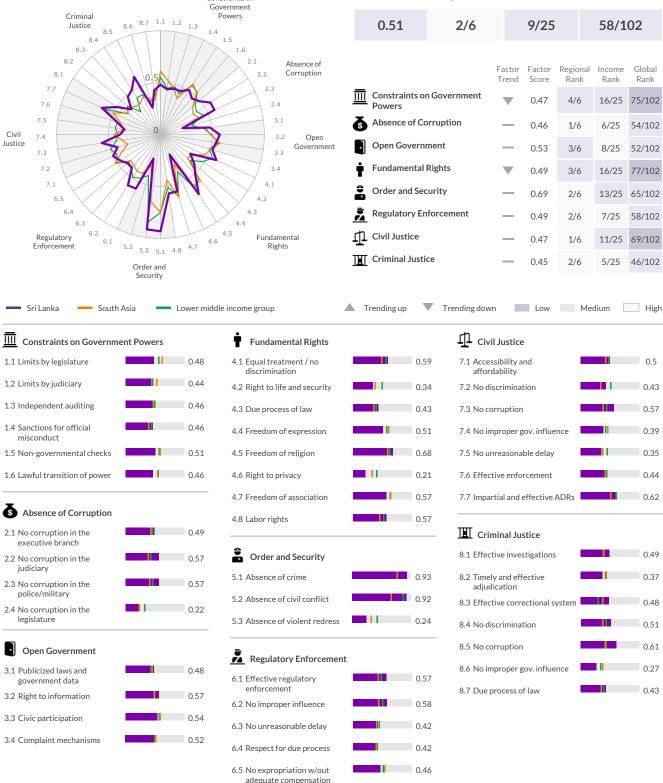


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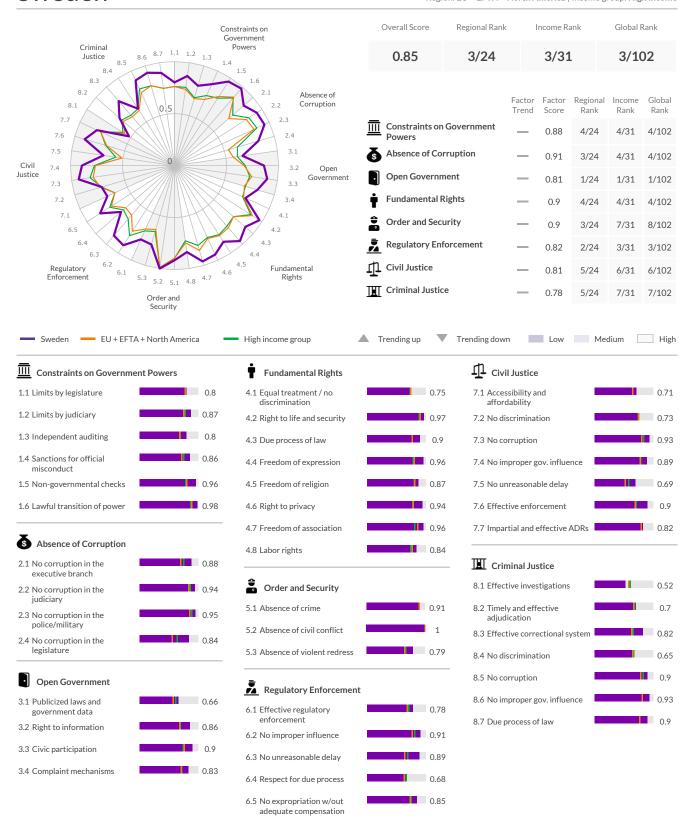
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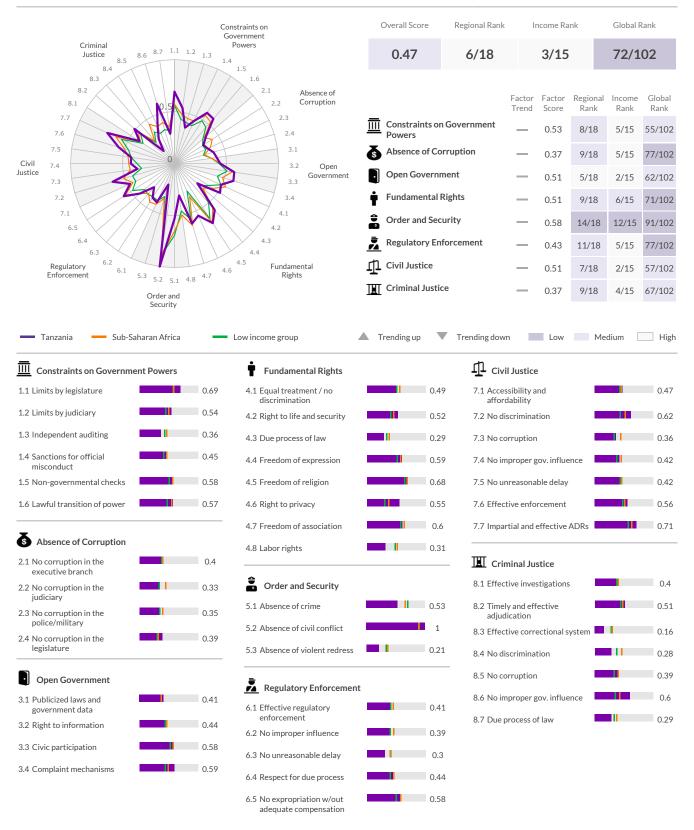


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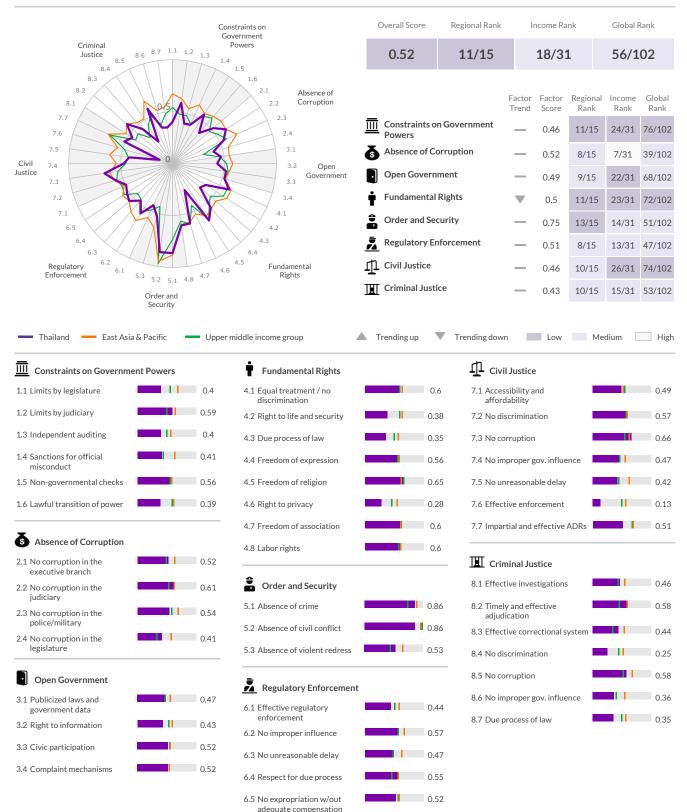
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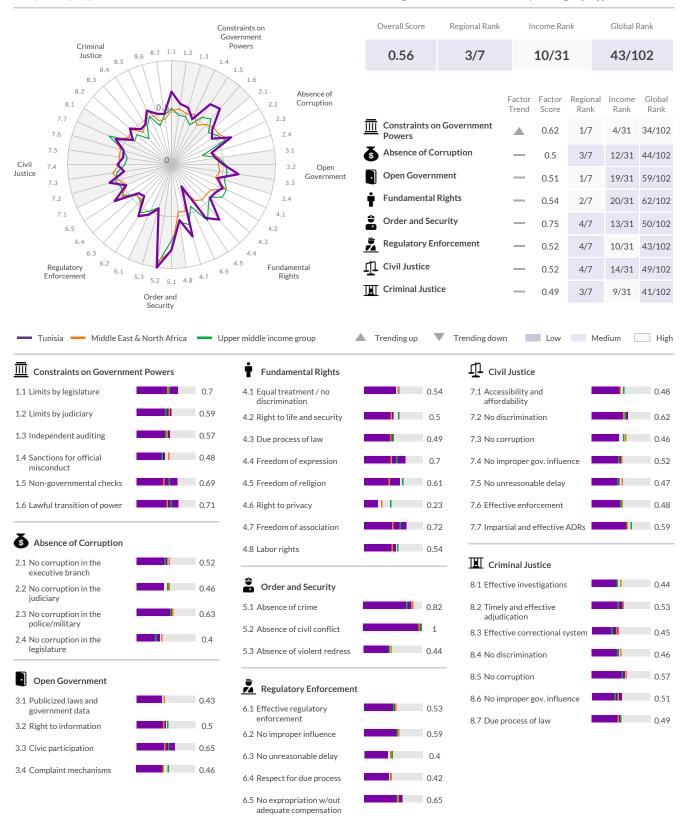




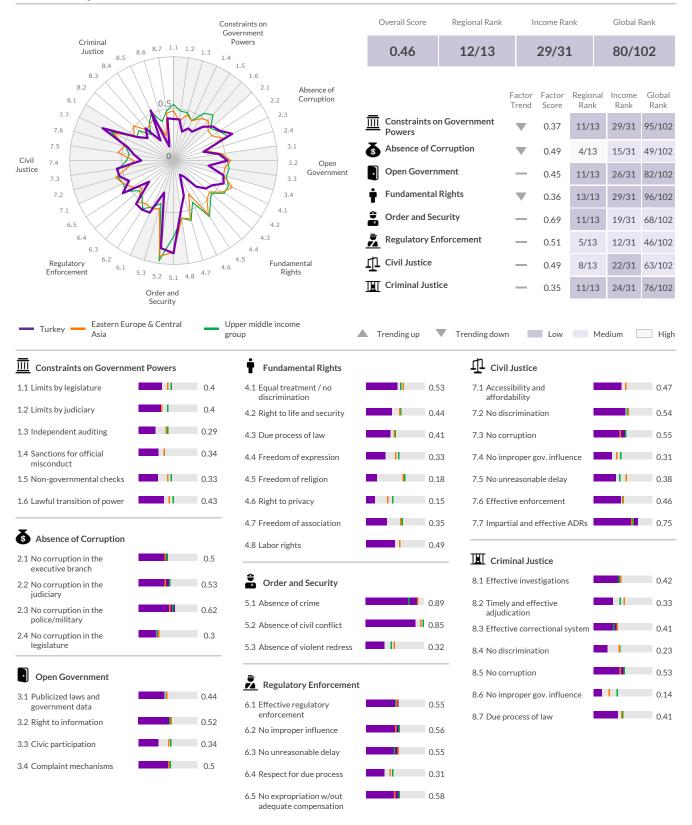
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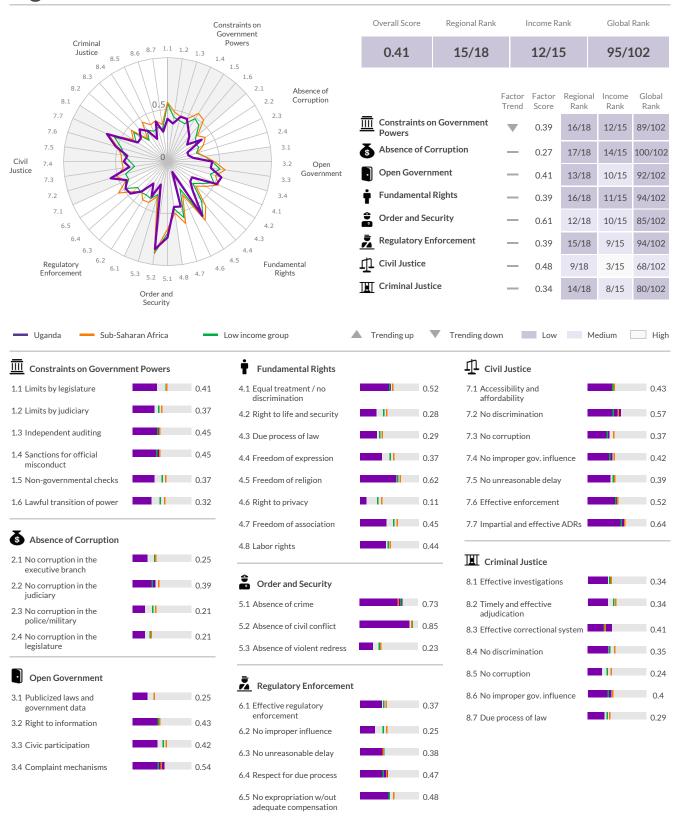
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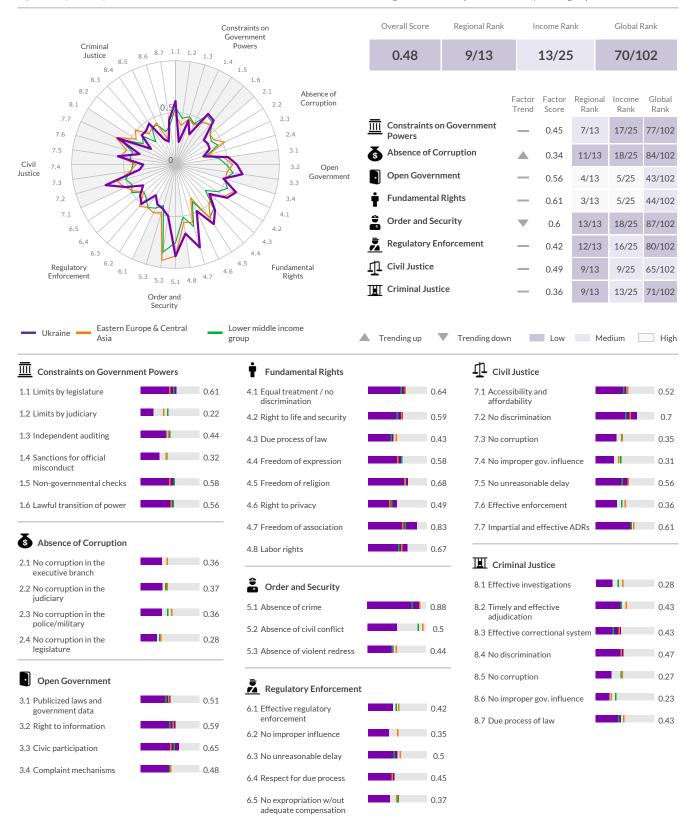
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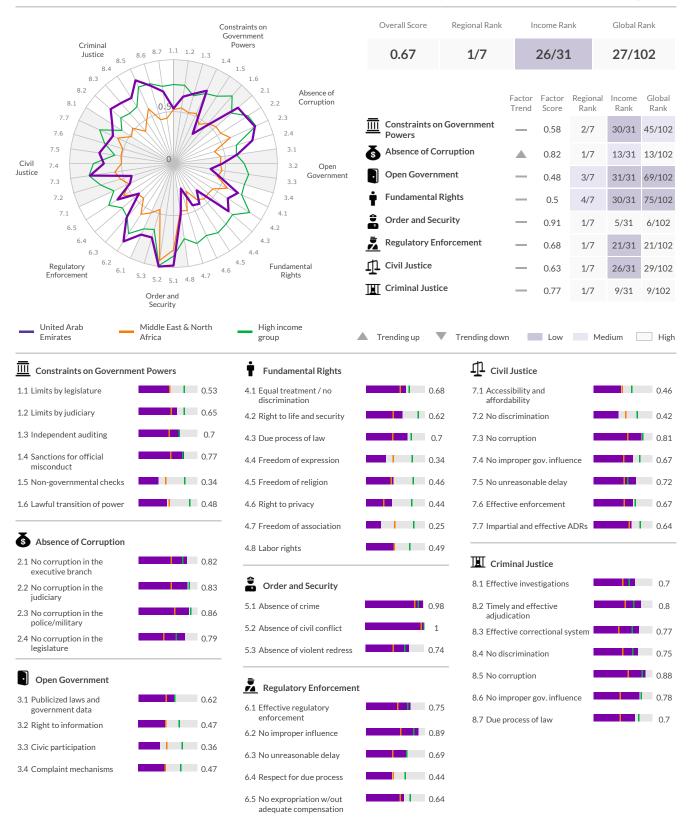


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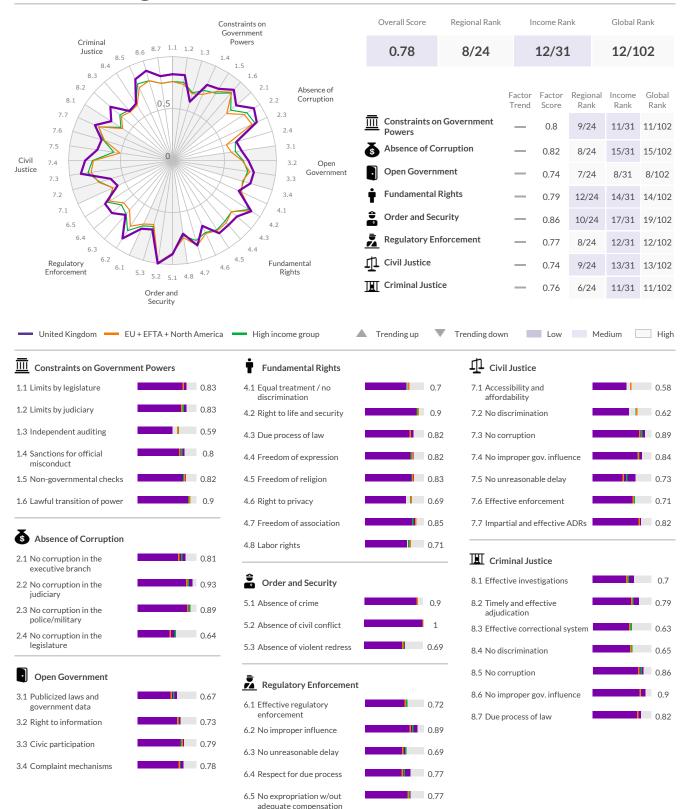


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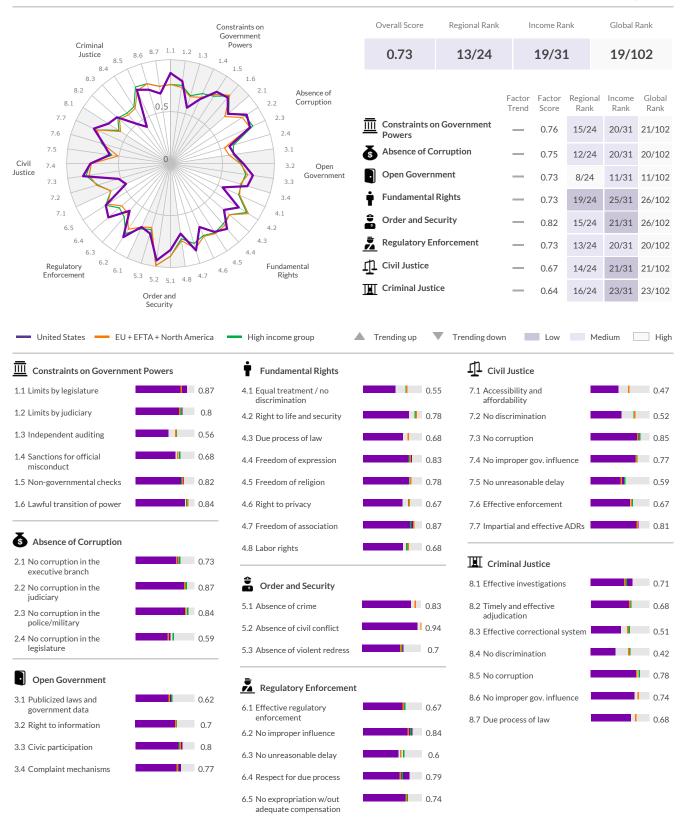
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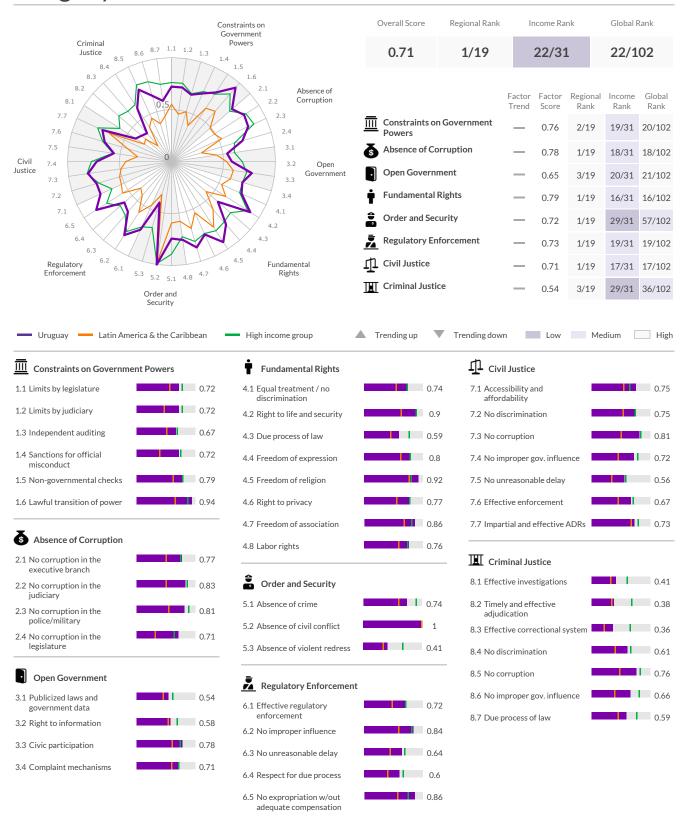
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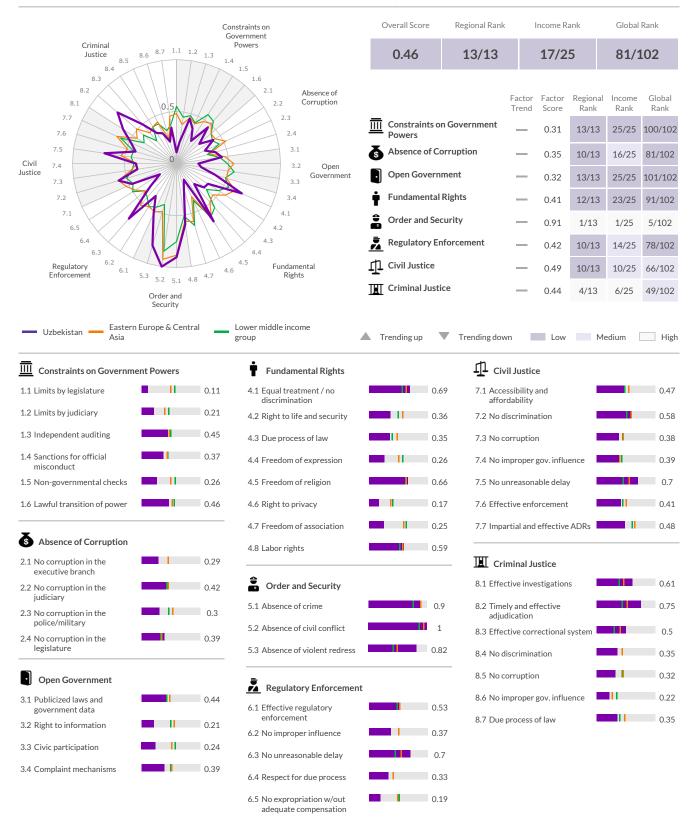


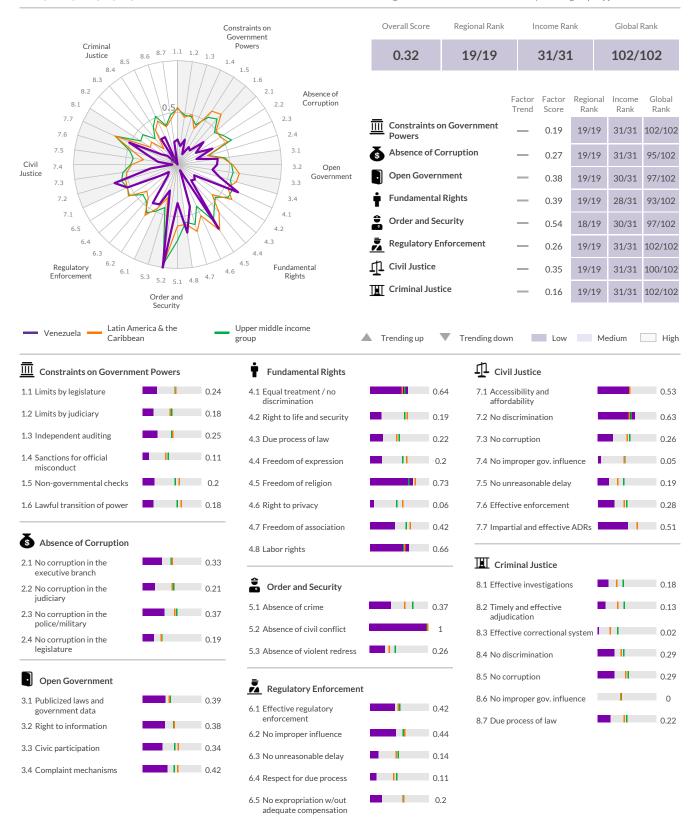
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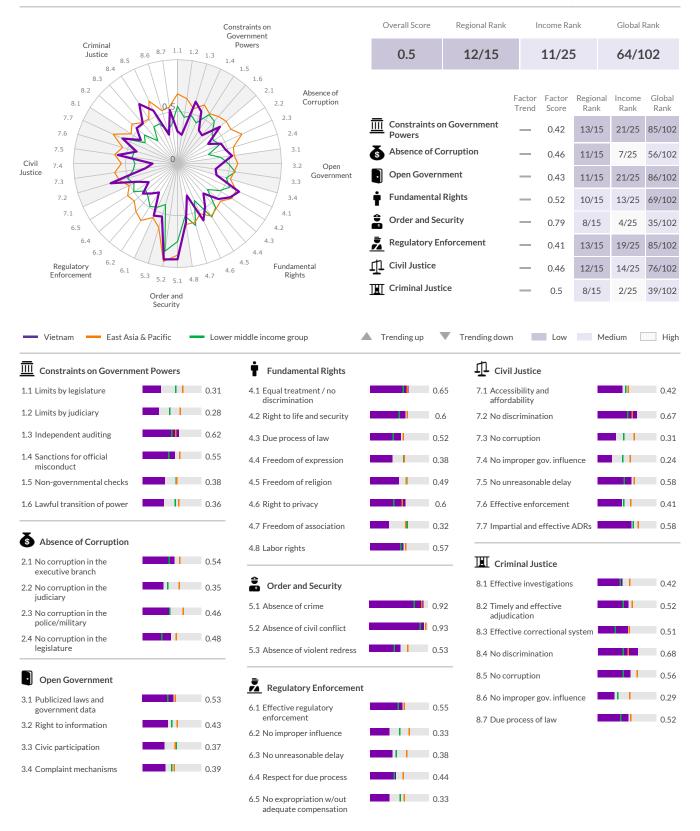
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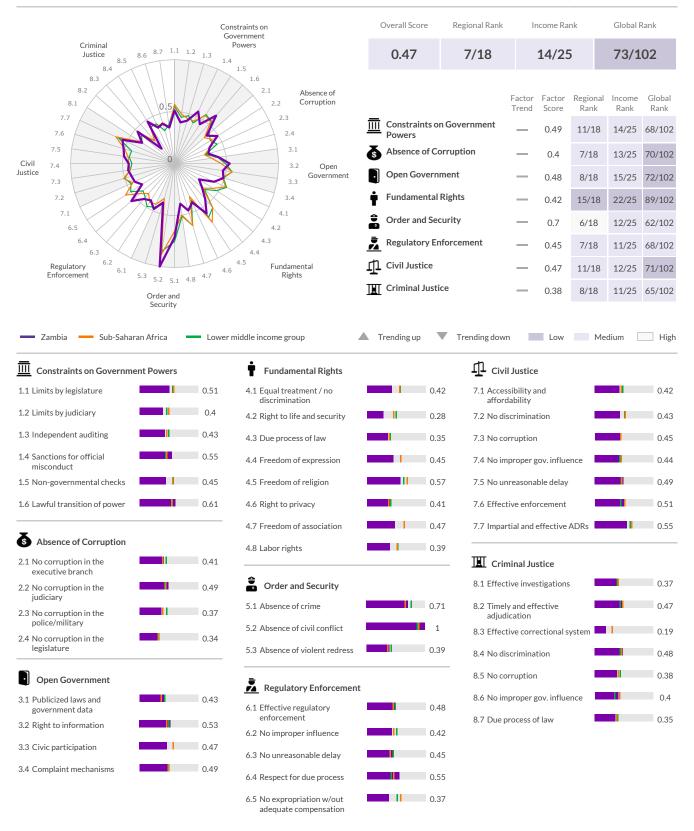


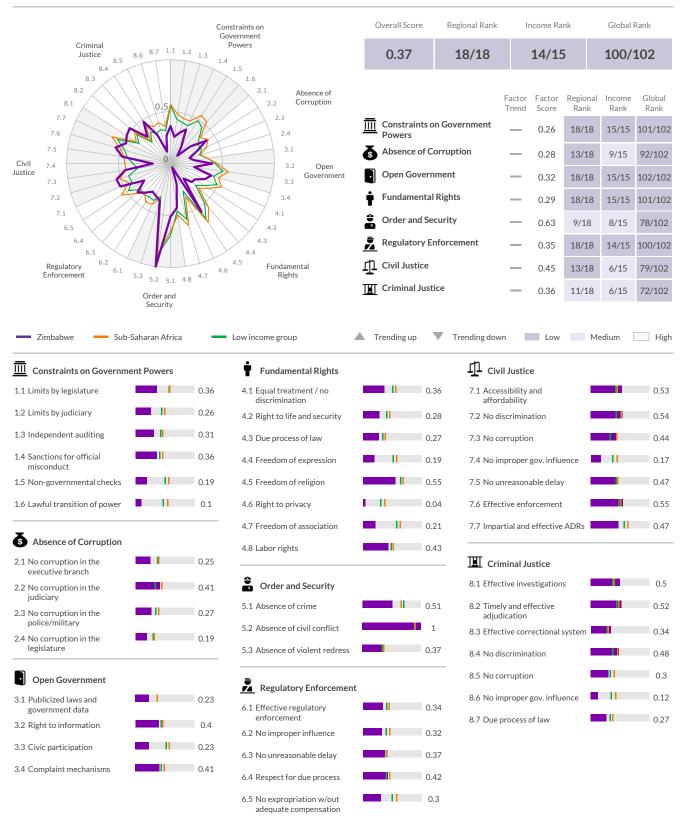


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Methodology

## Methodology

The WJP Rule of Law Index is the first attempt to systematically and comprehensively quantify the rule of law around the world, and remains unique in its operationalization of rule of law dimensions into concrete questions.

The WJP Rule of Law Index 2015 report presents information on eight composite factors that are further disaggregated into 44 specific sub-factors (see Table 2). Factor 9, informal justice, is included in the framework, but has been excluded from the aggregated scores and rankings in order to provide meaningful cross-country comparisons. In attempting to present an image that accurately portrays the rule of law as experienced by ordinary people, each score of the Index is calculated using a large number of questions drawn from two original data sources collected by the World Justice Project in each country: a General Population Poll (GPP) and a series of Qualified Respondents' Questionnaires (QRQs).

These two data sources collect up-to-date firsthand information that is not available at the global level, and constitute the world's most comprehensive dataset of its kind. They capture the experiences and perceptions of ordinary citizens and in-country professionals concerning the performance of the state and its agents and the actual operation of the legal framework in their country. The country scores and rankings presented in this report are built from more than five hundred variables drawn from the assessments of more than 100,000 citizens and legal experts in 102 countries and jurisdictions, making it the most accurate portrayal of the factors that contribute to shaping the rule of law in a nation.

## Table 2: The Indicators of the World Justice Project's Rule of Law Index®

The World Justice Project's Rule of Law Index comprises 44 sub-factors organized around eight factors. The following table presents a summary of the concepts underlying each of these sub-factors. A full map of the variables used to calculate the Index scores is available in the methodology section of the WJP Rule of Law Index website.

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### Factor 1: Constraints on Government Powers

# 1.1 Government powers are effectively limited by the legislature

Measures whether legislative bodies have the ability in practice to exercise effective checks and oversight of the government.

# 1.2 Government powers are effectively limited by the judiciary

Measures whether the judiciary has the independence and the ability in practice to exercise effective checks on the government.

# 1.3 Government powers are effectively limited by independent auditing and review

Measures whether comptrollers or auditors, as well as national human rights ombudsman agencies, have sufficient independence and the ability to exercise effective checks and oversight of the government.

### 1.4 Government officials are sanctioned for misconduct

Measures whether government officials in the executive, legislature, judiciary, and the police are investigated, prosecuted, and punished for official misconduct and other violations.

### 1.5 Government powers are subject to nongovernmental checks

Measures whether an independent media, civil society organizations, political parties, and individuals are free to report and comment on government policies without fear of retaliation.

### 1.6 Transition of power is subject to the law

Measures whether government officials are elected or appointed in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in the constitution. Where elections take place, it also measures the integrity of the electoral process, including access to the ballot, the absence of intimidation, and public scrutiny of election results.



### **Factor 2: Absence of Corruption**

# 2.1 Government officials in the executive branch do not use public office for private gain

Measures the prevalence of bribery, informal payments, and other inducements in the delivery of public services and the enforcement of regulations. It also measures whether government procurement and public works contracts are awarded through an open and competitive bidding process, and whether government officials at various levels of the executive branch refrain from embezzling public funds.

# 2.2 Government officials in the judicial branch do not use public office for private gain

Measures whether judges and judicial officials refrain from soliciting and accepting bribes to perform duties or expedite processes, and whether the judiciary and judicial rulings are free of improper influence by the government, private interests, and criminal organizations.

# 2.3 Government officials in the police and the military do not use public office for private gain

Measures whether police officers and criminal investigators refrain from soliciting and accepting bribes to perform basic police services or to investigate crimes, and whether government officials in the police and the military are free of improper influence by private interests or criminal organizations.

# 2.4 Government officials in the legislative branch do not use public office for private gain

Measures whether members of the legislature refrain from soliciting or accepting bribes or other inducements in exchange for political favors or favorable votes on legislation.



### Factor 3: Open Government

### 3.1 Publicized laws and government data

Measures whether basic laws and information on legal rights are publicly available, presented in plain language, and are made accessible in all languages. It also measures the quality and accessibility of information published by the government in print or online, and whether administrative regulations, drafts of legislation, and high court decisions are made accessible to the public in a timely manner.

### 3.2 Right to information

Measures whether requests for information held by a government agency are granted, whether these requests are granted within a reasonable time period, if the information provided is pertinent and complete, and if requests for information are granted at a reasonable cost and without having to pay a bribe. It also measures whether people are aware of their right to information, and whether relevant records are accessible to the public upon request.

### 3.3 Civic participation

Measures the effectiveness of civic participation mechanisms, including the protection of the freedoms of opinion and expression, assembly and association, and the right to petition the government. It also measures whether people can voice concerns to various government officers, and whether government officials provide sufficient information and notice about decisions affecting the community.

### 3.4 Complaint mechanisms

Measures whether people are able to bring specific complaints to the government about the provision of public services or the performance of government officers in carrying out their legal duties in practice, and how government officials respond to such complaints.



### **Factor 4: Fundamental Rights**

### 4.1 Equal treatment and absence of discrimination

Measures whether individuals are free from discrimination - based on socio-economic status, gender, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation, or gender identity - including with respect to public services, employment, court proceedings, and the justice system.

# 4.2 The right to life and security of the person is effectively guaranteed

Measures whether the police inflict physical harm upon criminal suspects during arrest and interrogation, and whether political dissidents or members of the media are subjected to unreasonable searches or to arrest, dentention, imprisonment, threats, abusive treatment or violence.

### 4.3 Due process of law and rights of the accused

Measures whether the basic rights of criminal suspects are respected, including the presumption of innocence and the freedom from arbitrary arrest and unreasonable pre-trial detention. It also measures whether criminal suspects are able to access and challenge evidence used against them, whether they are subject to abusive treatment, and whether they are provided with adequate legal assistance. In addition, it also measures whether the basic rights of prisoners are respected once they have been convicted of a crime.

### 4.4 Freedom of opinion & expression is effectively guaranteed

Measures whether an independent media, civil society organizations, political parties, and individuals are free to report and comment on government policies without fear of retaliation.

### 4.5 Freedom of belief and religion is effectively guaranteed

Measures whether members of religious minorities can worship and conduct religious practices freely and publicly, and whether non-adherents are protected from having to submit to religious laws.

# 4.6 Freedom from arbitrary interference with privacy is effectively guaranteed

Measures whether the police or other government officials conduct physical searches without warrants, or intercept electronic communications of private individuals without judicial authorization.

# 4.7 Freedom of assembly and association is effectively guaranteed

Measures whether people can freely attend community meetings, join political organizations, hold peaceful public demonstrations, sign petitions, and express opinions against government policies and actions without fear of retaliation.

### 4.8 Fundamental labor rights are effectively guaranteed

Measures the effective enforcement of fundamental labor rights, including freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining, the absence of discrimination with respect to employment, and freedom from forced labor and child labor.



### 5.1 Crime is effectively controlled

Measures the prevalence of common crimes, including homicide, kidnapping, burglary and theft, armed robbery, and extortion, as well as people's general perceptions of safety in their communities.

### 5.2 Civil conflict is effectively limited

Measures whether people are effectively protected from armed conflict and terrorism.

# 5.3 People do not resort to violence to redress personal grievances

Measures whether people resort to intimidation or violence to resolve civil disputes amongst themselves, or to seek redress from the government, and whether people are free from mob violence.



### **Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement**

### 6.1 Government regulations are effectively enforced

Measures whether government regulations, such as labor, environmental, public health, commercial, and consumer protection regulations, are effectively enforced.

## **6.2** Government regulations are applied and enforced without improper influence

Measures whether the enforcement of regulations is subject to bribery or improper influence by private interests, and whether public services, such as the issuance of permits and licenses and the administration of public health services, are provided without bribery or other inducements.

# **6.3** Administrative proceedings are conducted without unreasonable delay

Measures whether administrative proceedings at the national and local levels are conducted without unreasonable delay.

### 6.4 Due process is respected in administrative proceedings

Measures whether the due process of law is respected in administrative proceedings conducted by national and local authorities, including in such areas as the environment, taxes, and labor.

# 6.5 The government does not expropriate without lawful process and adequate compensation

Measures whether the government respects the property rights of people and corporations, refrains from the illegal seizure of private property, and provides adequate compensation when property is legally expropriated.

## Factor 7: Civil Justice

### 7.1 People can access and afford civil justice

Measures the accessibility and affordability of civil courts, including whether people are aware of available remedies, can access and afford legal advice and representation, and can access the court system without incurring unreasonable fees, encountering unreasonable procedural hurdles, or experiencing physical or linguistic barriers.

### 7.2 Civil justice is free of discrimination

Measures whether the civil justice system discriminates in practice based on socio-economic status, gender, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

### 7.3 Civil justice is free of corruption

Measures whether the civil justice system is free of bribery and improper influence by private interests.

## **7.4** Civil justice is free of improper government influence Measures whether the civil justice system is free of improper

Measures whether the civil justice system is free of improper government or political influence.

### 7.5 Civil justice is not subject to unreasonable delay

Measures whether civil justice proceedings are conducted and judgments are produced in a timely manner without unreasonable delay.

### 7.6 Civil justice is effectively enforced

Measures the effectiveness and timeliness of the enforcement of civil justice decisions and judgments in practice.

## 7.7 Alternative dispute resolution mechanisms are accessible impartial, and effective

Measures whether alternative dispute resolution mechanisms (ADRs) are affordable, efficient, enforceable, and free from corruption.

## Factor 8: Criminal Justice

### 8.1 Criminal investigation system is effective

Measures whether perpetrators of crimes are effectively apprehended and charged. It also measures whether police, investigators, and prosecutors have adequate resources, are free of corruption, and perform their duties competently.

### 8.2 Criminal adjudication system is timely and effective

Measures whether perpetrators of crimes are effectively prosecuted and punished. It also measures whether criminal judges and other judicial officers are competent and produce speedy decisions.

# 8.3 Correctional system is effective in reducing criminal behavior

Measures whether correctional institutions are secure, respect prisoners' rights, and are effective in preventing recidivism.

### 8.4 Criminal system is impartial

Measures whether the police and criminal judges are impartial and whether they discriminate in practice based on socioeconomic status, gender, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

### 8.5 Criminal system is free of corruption

Measures whether the police, prosecutors, and judges are free from bribery and improper influence from criminal organizations.

# 8.6 Criminal system is free of improper government influence

Measures whether the criminal justice system is independent from government or political influence.

### 8.7 Due process of law and rights of the accused

Measures whether the basic rights of criminal suspects are respected, including the presumption of innocence and the freedom from arbitrary arrest and unreasonable pre-trial detention. It also measures whether criminal suspects are able to access and challenge evidence used against them, whether they are subject to abusive treatment, and whether they are provided with adequate legal assistance. In addition, it measures whether the basic rights of prisoners are respected once they have been convicted of a crime.

### **DATA SOURCES**

Every year the WJP collects data from representative samples of the general public (the General Population Polls or GPPs) and legal professionals (the Qualified Respondents' Questionnaires or QRQs) to compute the Index scores and rankings. The GPP surveys provide firsthand information on the experiences and the perceptions of ordinary people regarding a range of pertinent rule of law information, including their dealings with the government, the ease of interacting with state bureaucracy, the extent of bribery and corruption, the availability of dispute resolution systems, and the prevalence of common crimes to which they are exposed. The GPP questionnaire includes 87 perception-based questions and 56 experience-based questions, along with socio-demographic information on all respondents. The questionnaire is translated into local languages. adapted to common expressions, and administered by leading local polling companies using a probability sample of 1,000 respondents in the three largest cities of each country. Depending on the particular situation of each country, three different polling methodologies are used: face-to-face, telephone, or online. The GPPs are carried out in each country every other year. The polling data used in this year's report was collected during the fall of 2012 (for 5 countries), the fall of 2013 (for 43 countries), and the fall of 2014 (for 54 countries). Detailed information regarding the cities covered, the polling companies contracted to administer the questionnaire, and the polling methodology employed in each of the 102 countries is presented in Table 3.

The Qualified Respondents' Questionnaires (QRQs) complement the polling data with assessments from in-country professionals with expertise in civil and commercial law, criminal justice, labor law, and public health. These questionnaires gather timely input from practitioners who frequently interact with state institutions, including information on the efficacy of courts, the strength of regulatory enforcement, and the reliability of accountability mechanisms. The questionnaires contain close-ended perception questions and several hypothetical scenarios with highly detailed factual assumptions aimed at ensuring comparability across countries. The QRQ surveys are conducted annually, and the questionnaires are completed by

respondents selected from directories of law firms, universities and colleges, research organizations, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as through referrals from the WJP global network of practitioners, and vetted by WJP staff based on their expertise. The expert surveys are administered in three languages: English, French, and Spanish. The QRQ data for this report includes over 2,500 surveys, which represents an average of 25 respondents per country. These data were collected from October 2014 through January 2015.

### DATA CLEANING AND SCORE COMPUTATION

Once collected, the data are carefully processed to arrive at country-level scores. As a first step, the respondentlevel data are edited to exclude partially-completed surveys, suspicious data, and outliers (which are detected using the Z-score method). Individual answers are then mapped onto the 44 sub-factors of the Index (or onto the intermediate categories that make up each sub-factor), codified so that all values fall between 0 (least rule of law) and 1 (most rule of law), and aggregated at the country level using the simple (or un-weighted) average of all respondents. To allow for aggregation, the resulting scores are normalized using the Min-Max method. These normalized scores are then successively aggregated from the variable level all the way up to the factor level to produce the final country scores and rankings. In most cases, the GPP and QRQ questions are equally weighted in the calculation of the scores of the intermediate categories (sub-factors and sub-sub-factors). A full picture of how questions are mapped onto indicators and how they are weighted is presented in Botero and Ponce (2011).

### DATA VALIDATION

As a final step, data are validated and cross-checked against qualitative and quantitative third-party sources to provide an additional layer of analysis and to identify possible mistakes or inconsistencies within the data. The third-party data sources used to cross-check the Index scores are described in Botero and Ponce (2011).

# Table 3: City Coverage and Polling Methodology in the 102 Indexed Countries & Territories

Country/Territory	Cities Covered	Polling Company	Methodology	Sample	Year
Afghanistan	Kabul, Kandahar, Herat	ACSOR Surveys, a subsidiary of D3 Systems, Inc.	Face-to-face	1000	2014
Albania	Tirana, Durres, Shkodra	Market Research & Polls - EURASIA (MRP-EUR-	Face-to-face	1000	2013
Argentina	Buenos Aires, Cordoba, Rosario	ASIA) Statmark Group	Face-to-face	1000	2013
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Australia	Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane	Survey Sampling International	Online	1000	2013
Austria	Vienna, Graz, Linz	Survey Sampling International	Online	1008	2014
Bangladesh	Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna	Org-Quest Research	Face-to-face	1000	2013
Belarus	Minsk, Gomel, Mogilev	Market Research & Polls - EURASIA (MRP-EUR- ASIA)	Face-to-face	1000	2014
Belgium	Antwerp, Ghent, Charleroi	Survey Sampling International	Online	1000	2013
Belize	Belize City, San Ignacio, Belmopan	CID-Gallup Latin America	Face-to-face	1020	2014
Bolivia	La Paz, Santa Cruz, Cochabamba	Prime Consulting	Face-to-face	1201	2013
Bosnia and Herze- govina	Sarajevo, Tuzla, Banja Luka	Market Research & Polls - EURASIA (MRP-EUR-ASIA)	Face-to-face	1000	2014
Botswana	Gaborone, Francistown, Mole- polole	SIS International Research	Face-to-face	1045	2012
Brazil	Rio de Janeiro, Salvador, Sao Paolo	IBOPE Market Research	Face-to-face	1000	2014
Bulgaria	Sofia, Plovdiv, Varna	Alpha Research	Face-to-face	1027	2013
Burkina Faso	Ouagadougou, Bobo Dioulasso, Dédougou	TNS-RMS	Face-to-face	1000	2014
Cambodia	Phnom Penh, Battambang, Kampong Cham	Indochina Research	Face-to-face	1000	2014
Cameroon	Douala, Yaounde, Bamenda	Liaison Marketing	Face-to-face	997	2013
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Canada	Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver	Survey Sampling International	Online	920	2014
Chile	Santiago, Valparaiso, Concepcion	D3 Systems, Inc.	Face-to-face	1000	2014
China	Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou	IBI Partners	Face-to-face	1002	2013
Colombia	Bogota, Medellin, Baranquilla	Statmark Group	Face-to-face	1017	2013
Costa Rica	San Jose, Alajuela, Cartago	CID-Gallup Latin America	Face-to-face	1020	2014
Cote d'Ivoire	Abidjan, San Pedro, Bouake	TNS-RMS	Face-to-face	1000	2014
Croatia	Zagreb, Split, Rijeka	Market Research & Polls - EURASIA (MRP-EURASIA)	Face-to-face	1000	2013
Czech Republic	Prague, Brno, Ostrava	Survey Sampling International	Online	997	2014
Denmark	Copenhagen, Arhus, Odense	SIS International Research	Online	1050	2014
Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional, Santiago	CID-Gallup Latin America	Face-to-face	1000	2013
Ecuador	Quito, Guayaquil, Cuenca	Statmark Group	Face-to-face	1000	2014
		D3 Systems, Inc./WJP in collaboration with local	Phone/Face-to-		
Egypt	Cairo, Alexandria, Giza	partner	face	300/1000	2014/2012
El Salvador	San Salvador, San Miguel, Santa Ana	CID-Gallup Latin America	Face-to-face	1009	2013
Estonia	Tallinn, Tartu, Narva	Norstat	Online	800	2014
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	Infinite Insight	Face-to-face	570	2014
Finland	Helsinki, Espoo, Tampere	SIS International Research	Online	1050	2014
France	Paris, Lyon, Marseille	Survey Sampling International	Online	1001	2013
Georgia	Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Batumi	ACT	Face-to-face	1000	2014
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Mordovo	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur, Johor Bahru, Ipoh	IBI Partners	Face-to-face	1011	2014
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Morrocco	Moldova	Chisinau, Balti, Cahul		Face-to-face	1000	2014
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Neparl	Morocco	Casablanca, Rabat, Marrakesh	Ipsos Public Affairs	Face-to-face	1000	2013
New Zealand	Myanmar	Mandalay, Naypyidaw, Yangon	IBI Partners	Face-to-face	1004	2013
New Zealand	Nepal	Kathmandu, Pokhara, Biratnagar	Solutions Consultant	Face-to-face	1000	2014
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Nigeria   Lagos, Oyo, Kano   Marketing Support Consultancy   Face to face   1048   2013	New Zealand		IBI Partners	Telephone	1003	2014
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# METHODOLOGICAL CHANGES TO THIS YEAR'S REPORT

Every year, the WJP reviews the methods of data collection to ensure that the information produced is valid, useful, and continues to capture the status of the rule of law in the world. To maintain consistency with previous editions and to facilitate tracking changes over time, this year's questionnaires and data maps are closely aligned with those administered in the past.

In order to improve the accuracy of the QRQ results and reduce respondent burden, pro-active dependent interviewing techniques were used to remind respondents who participated in last year's survey of their responses in the previous year.

The most notable change to this year's Rule of Law Index was the broadening of the open government definition and the addition of new survey questions for better measurement for each of the four subfactors. 1) The "Publicized Laws and Government Data" category is an expansion of the category previously named "The laws are publicized and stable". The concept's definition has been broadened to include new information on the quality and accessibility of information published by the government in print and online. 2) The "Right to Information" category, which was previously named "Official information is available on request", has been expanded and now includes new survey questions on whether requests for government information are granted within a reasonable time period, whether the information provided is pertinent and complete, and whether requests for information are granted at a reasonable cost and without having to pay a bribe. 3) The "Civic Participation" category, previously named "Right to petition the government and public participation", has been broadened, and now includes survey questions on the freedom of opinion and expression, and the freedom of assembly and association. 4) The category "Complaint Mechanisms" is introduced and measures whether people are able to bring specific complaints to the government about the provision of public services or the performance of government officials. The category "The laws are stable", which was included as part of the open government factor in the Rule of Law Index, has been removed.

For these reasons, the scores and rankings provided in this report are not comparable to the previous "Factor 3: Open Government" scores and rankings presented in the Rule of Law Index.

### TRACKING CHANGES OVER TIME

This year's report includes a measure to illustrate whether the rule of law in a country, as measured through the factors of the WJP Rule of Law Index, changed over the course of the past year. This measure is presented in the form of arrows and represents a summary of rigorous statistical testing based on the use of bootstrapping procedures (see below). For each factor, this measure takes the value of zero (no arrow) if there was no statistically significant change in the score since last year, a positive value (upward arrow) if there was a change leading to a statistically significant improvement in the score, and a negative value (downward arrow) if there was a change leading to a statistically significant deterioration in the score. This measure complements the numerical scores and rankings presented in this report, which benchmark each country's current performance on the factors and sub-factors of the Index against that of other countries.

The measure of change over time is constructed in four steps:

- 1. First, to allow for comparisons across last year's data and this year's data, the country-level raw values of each variable are mapped onto the 44 sub-factors (using this year's data map) and then normalized on a scale of 0-1 using the Min-Max method, so the maximum and minimum values of each variable over the two years equal one and zero, respectively.
- The normalized variables are aggregated to yield country scores for each of the factors and sub-factors of the Index for each year. Last year's scores are then subtracted from this year's to obtain, for each country and each factor, the annual difference in scores.
- 3. To test whether the annual changes are statistically significant, a bootstrapping procedure is used to estimate standard errors, to calculate these errors, 100 samples of respondent-level observations (of equal size to the original sample) are randomly selected with replacement for each country from

the pooled set of respondents for last year and this year. These samples are used to produce a set of 100 country-level scores for each factor and each country, which are utilized to calculate the final standard errors. These errors – which measure the uncertainty associated with picking a particular sample of respondents – are then employed to conduct pairwise t-tests for each country and each factor.

4. Finally, to illustrate the annual change, a measure of change over time is produced based on the value of the annual difference and its statistical significant (at the 95 percent level).

### STRENGTHS AND LIMITATIONS

The Index methodology displays both strengths and limitations. Among its strengths is the inclusion of both expert and household surveys to ensure that the findings reflect the conditions experienced by the population. Another strength is that it approaches the measurement of rule of law from various angles by triangulating information across data sources and types of questions. This approach not only enables accounting for different perspectives on the rule of law, but it also helps to reduce possible bias that might be introduced by any other particular data collection method. Finally, it relies on statistical testing to determine the significance of the changes in the factor scores over the last year.

With the aforementioned methodological strengths come a number of limitations. First, the data shed light on rule of law dimensions that appear comparatively strong or weak, but are not specific enough to establish causation. Thus, it will be necessary to use the Index in combination with other analytical tools to provide a full picture of causes and possible solutions. Second, the methodology has been applied only in three major urban areas in each of the indexed countries. The WJP is therefore piloting the application of the methodology to rural areas. Third, given the rapid changes occurring in two countries, scores for some countries may be sensitive to the specific points in time when the data were collected. To address this, the WJP is piloting test methods of moving averages to account for short-term fluctuations. Fourth, the QRQ data may be subject to problems of measurement error due to the limited number of experts in some countries, resulting in less

precise estimates. To address this, the WJP works constantly to expand its network of in-country academic and practitioner experts who contribute their time and expertise to this endeavor. Finally, due to the limited number of experts in some countries (which implies higher standard errors) and the fact that the GPPs are carried out in each country every other year (which implies that for some countries, some variables do not change from one year to another). It is possible that the test described above fails to detect small changes in a country's situation over time.

### OTHER METHODOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

A detailed presentation of the methodology, including a table and description of the more than 500 variables used to construct the Index scores is available at <a href="https://www.worldjusticeproject.org">www.worldjusticeproject.org</a> and in Botero, J. and Ponce, A. (2011) "Measuring the Rule of Law": WJP Working Paper No.1, available at <a href="https://www.worldjusticeproject.org/publications">www.worldjusticeproject.org/publications</a>.

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-CODEX HAMMURABI

"I could adjudicate lawsuits as well as anyone. But I would prefer to make lawsuits unnecessary."

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- ARISTOTLE, POLITICS (350 BCE)

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"We are all servants of the laws in order that we may be free."

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- JOHN LOCKE, TWO TREATISES OF GOVERNMENT (1689)

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