

Frequently Asked Questions: Using the Rule of Law Scorecard to Evaluate Candidates

1. **Q: What is the Rule of Law Scorecard?**

A: The Rule of Law Scorecard is a tool developed by the World Justice Project to help voters assess political candidates' commitment to core rule of law principles. It provides a set of statements to evaluate candidates' positions and track records on key aspects of the rule of law.

2. **Q: How do I use the Scorecard?**

A: To use the Scorecard, choose the statement that best describes each candidate's actions, based on each candidate's public statements, voting records, and policy proposals. This will give you a sense of how well each candidate upholds the rule of law.

3. **Q: What topics does the Scorecard cover?**

A: The Scorecard covers areas like government accountability, checks and balances, judicial independence, equal treatment under the law, transparency, and respect for fundamental rights.

4. **Q: Where can I find the information to answer the Scorecard questions?**

A: Look at candidates' websites, public statements, debate performances, voting records (for incumbents), and policy proposals. Nonpartisan voter guides and fact-checking sites can also be helpful sources.

5. **Q: Is the Scorecard biased toward any political party?**

A: No, the Scorecard is nonpartisan and based on universal rule of law principles. It can be applied to candidates from any party or political affiliation.

6. **Q: How should I interpret the results?**

A: The Scorecard isn't meant to tell you who to vote for, but to help you assess candidates through a rule of law lens. Consider how important each issue is to you and use the results to inform your voting decision.

7. **Q: Can I share my completed Scorecard?**

A: Yes! We encourage you to share your completed Scorecard and discuss the results with friends, family, and your community. Engaging others can help raise awareness about rule of law issues in elections.

8. **Q: Where can I learn more about the rule of law?**

A: Visit worldjusticeproject.org for more resources on the rule of law, including our Rule of Law Index and other research reports.