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World Justice Project Rule of Law Index

The World Justice Project Rule of Law Index® is the world's most comprehensive dataset of its kind and the only to rely principally on primary data, measuring countries' adherence to the rule of law from the perspective of ordinary people and their experiences.

The World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2017–2018 is the seventh report in an annual series, which measures the rule of law based on the experiences and perceptions of the general public and in-country experts worldwide. Strengthening the rule of law is a major goal of citizens, governments, donors, businesses, and civil society organizations around the world. To be effective, rule of law development requires clarity about the fundamental features that define the rule of law, as well as an adequate basis for its evaluation and measurement.

The WJP Rule of Law Index 2017–2018 presents a portrait of the rule of law in 113 countries by providing scores and rankings based on eight factors: constraints on government powers, absence of corruption, open government, fundamental rights, order and security, regulatory enforcement, civil justice, and criminal justice.

The country scores and rankings for the WJP Rule of Law Index 2017–2018 are derived from more than 110,000 household surveys and 3,000 expert surveys in 113 countries and jurisdictions. The Index is the world's most comprehensive dataset of its kind and the only to rely principally on primary data, measuring countries' adherence to the rule of law from the perspective of ordinary people and their experiences.

The Index is intended for a broad audience that includes policy makers, civil society organizations, academics, citizens, and legal professionals, among others. It is our hope that this diagnostic tool will help identify countries' strengths and weaknesses and encourage policy choices that strengthen the rule of law within and across countries.

Summary Chart Overall Scores & Rankings

This table presents the scores and rankings of the WJP Rule of Law Index 2017–2018, in alphabetical order. Scores range from 0 to 1, with 1 indicating the strongest adherence to the rule of law.

	Score*	Global Rank	Rank Change¹	Score Change [*]		Score*	Global Rank	Rank Change¹	Score Change [*]
Afghanistan	0.34	111	-	0.00	Denmark	0.89	1	-	0.01
Albania	0.51	68	4 4	0.00	Dominica	0.60	41	▼ 1	- 0.01
Antigua & Barbuda	0.63	34	▼ 5	- 0.04	Dominican Republic	0.47	90	▼ 5	0.00
Argentina	0.58	46	4 5	0.03	Ecuador	0.47	85	4 6	0.02
Australia	0.81	10	1	0.00	Egypt	0.36	110	-	0.00
Austria	0.81	8	▼ 1	- 0.02	El Salvador	0.48	79	▼ 4	- 0.01
Bahamas	0.60	40	▼ 2	- 0.01	Estonia	0.80	12	A 2	0.01
Bangladesh	0.41	102	1	0.00	Ethiopia	0.38	107	-	0.00
Barbados	0.65	30	▼ 2	- 0.02	Finland	0.87	3	-	0.00
Belarus	0.51	65	▼ 8	- 0.02	France	0.74	18	▲ 3	0.02
Belgium	0.77	15	▼ 2	- 0.02	Georgia	0.61	38	▼ 4	- 0.04
Belize	0.47	81	1	0.00	Germany	0.83	6	-	0.00
Bolivia	0.38	106	▼ 2	- 0.02	Ghana	0.59	43	1	0.01
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0.53	56	▼ 6	- 0.03	Greece Grenada	0.60	39 36	▲ 2 ▼ 5	0.00
Botswana	0.58	45	-	0.01	Guatemala	0.44	96	A 1	0.00
Brazil	0.54	52	-	- 0.02	Guyana	0.50	73	▲ 3	0.01
Bulgaria	0.53	55	▼ 2	- 0.01	Honduras	0.40	103	▼ 1	- 0.02
Burkina Faso Cambodia	0.51 0.32	70 112	▲ 9	0.02	Hong Kong SAR, China	0.77	16	-	0.00
Cameroon	0.37	109	_	0.00	Hungary	0.55	50	▼ 1	- 0.02
Canada	0.81	9	A 3	0.00	India	0.52	62	4	0.00
Chile	0.67	27	▼ 1	- 0.02	Indonesia	0.52	63	▼ 2	0.00
China	0.50	75	4 5	0.02	Iran	0.48	80	4 6	0.01
Colombia	0.50	72	▼ 1	0.00	Italy	0.65	31	4	0.00
Costa Rica	0.68	24	^ 1	0.00	Jamaica	0.58	47	-	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	0.47	84	A 3	0.01	Japan	0.79	14	1	0.01
Croatia	0.61	35	4 4	0.01	Jordan	0.60	42	-	0.01
Czech Republic	0.74	17	_	- 0.01	Kazakhstan	0.51	64	4 9	0.01

^{*} Scores and change in scores are rounded to two decimal places.

¹ The change in rankings was calculated by comparing the positions of the 113 countries measured in 2016 with the rankings of the same 113 countries in 2017–2018.

	Score*	Global Rank	Rank Change¹	Score Change [*]		Score*	Global Rank	Rank Change¹	Score Change [*]
Kenya	0.45	95	4 5	0.02	Sierra Leone	0.45	93	A 2	0.01
Kyrgyzstan	0.47	82	1	0.00	Singapore	0.80	13	▼ 4	- 0.02
Lebanon	0.47	87	^ 2	0.01	Slovenia	0.67	26	1	0.00
Liberia	0.45	94	-	0.01	South Africa	0.59	44	▼ 1	0.00
Macedonia, FYR	0.53	57	▼ 3	- 0.01	Spain	0.70	23	1	0.01
Madagascar	0.44	98	▼ 8	- 0.02	Sri Lanka	0.52	59	A 9	0.01
Malawi	0.51	66	A 3	0.00	St. Kitts & Nevis	0.66	28	^ 2	0.00
Malaysia	0.54	53	A 3	0.00	St. Lucia	0.63	33	A 3	- 0.01
Mexico Moldova	0.45 0.49	92 78	▼ 4 ▼ 1	0.00	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	0.61	37	-	0.00
Mongolia	0.54	51	4 4	0.00	Suriname	0.51	69	▼ 10	- 0.02
Morocco	0.51	67	▼ 7	- 0.02	Sweden	0.86	4	-	0.00
Myanmar	0.42	100	▼ 2	- 0.01	Tanzania	0.47	86	▼ 2	0.00
Nepal	0.53	58	A 5	0.01	Thailand	0.50	71	▼ 7	- 0.01
Netherlands	0.85	5	_	- 0.01	Trinidad & Tobago	0.56	48	-	- 0.01
New Zealand	0.83	7	A 1	0.00	Tunisia	0.53	54	4 4	0.00
Nicaragua	0.43	99	<u> </u>	0.01	Turkey	0.42	101	▼ 2	- 0.01
Nigeria	0.44	97	▼ 1	- 0.01	Uganda	0.40	104	1	0.01
Norway	0.89	2	_	0.01	Ukraine	0.50	77	1	0.01
Pakistan	0.39	105	1	0.01	United Arab Emirates	0.65	32	1	- 0.01
Panama	0.52	61	1	0.00	United Kingdom	0.81	11	▼ 1	0.00
Peru	0.52	60	▲ 5	0.01	United States	0.73	19	▼ 1	- 0.01
Philippines	0.47	88	▼ 18	- 0.04	Uruguay	0.71	22	▼ 2	- 0.01
Poland	0.67	25	▼ 3	- 0.04	Uzbekistan	0.46	91	A 2	0.01
Portugal	0.72	21	A 2	0.01	Venezuela	0.29	113	_	0.01
Republic of Korea	0.72	20	▼ 1	- 0.01	Vietnam	0.50	74	▼ 7	- 0.01
Romania	0.65	29	A 3	0.00	Zambia	0.47	83	▼ 2	0.00
Russia	0.47	89	A 3	0.01	Zimbabwe	0.37	108	_	0.00
Senegal	0.55	49	▼ 3	- 0.02					
Serbia	0.50	76	▼ 2	0.00					

Features of the WJP Rule of Law Index 2017–2018

The World Justice Project developed the WJP Rule of Law Index to serve as a quantitative tool that measures the rule of law in practice. The Index's methodology and comprehensive definition of the rule of law are the products of intensive consultation and vetting with academics, practitioners, and community leaders from more than 100 countries and 17 professional disciplines.

The scores and rankings of the eight factors and 44 sub-factors of the Index draw from two sources of data collected by the WJP in 113 countries:

- A General Population Poll (GPP) conducted by leading local polling companies, using a representative sample of 1,000 respondents in the three largest cities of each country;
- 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.²

Taken together, these two data sources provide current, firsthand information about the experiences and perceptions of a large number of people. Their insights address the government, the police, the courts, the state's openness and accountability, the extent of corruption, and the magnitude of common crimes to which the general public is exposed.

Box 1 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: data.worldjusticeproject.org. The interactive data site invites viewers to browse each of the 113 country profiles, and explore country and factor scores. The site features the Index's entire dataset, as well as global, regional, and income group rankings.



Main Features

The WJP Rule of Law Index includes several features that set it apart from other indices and make it useful for analysis across 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 written legal code, or the institutional means by which a society may seek to achieve these policy outcomes.

Comprehensive and 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 the state of the rule of law. The WJP Rule of Law Index is the only global instrument that looks at the rule of law comprehensively.

Perspective of Ordinary People

The WJP Rule of Law Index puts people at its core. It looks at a country's adherence to the rule of law from the perspective of ordinary individuals and their experiences with the rule of law in their societies. The 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 residents (1,000 respondents per country) and local legal experts, which ensure that the findings reflect the conditions experienced by actual people, including residents from 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 country faces the perpetual challenge of building and renewing the structures, institutions, and norms that can support and sustain a rule of law culture.

Defining the Rule of Law

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 rule of law is not just the rule of lawyers and judges: all members of society are stakeholders.

Despite its profound importance for fair and functioning societies, 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, 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.

The WJP Rule of Law Index captures adherence to the rule of law as defined by the WJP's universal principles (see Box 2) through a comprehensive and multi-dimensional set of outcome indicators, each of which reflects a particular aspect of this complex concept. The theoretical framework linking these outcome indicators draws upon two main principles pertaining to the relationship between the state and the governed. The first principle measures whether 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. The second principle measures whether 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 all members of society have access to dispute settlement and grievance

mechanisms. 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 provision 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-governance 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 that lack many of the features that characterize democratic nations, while including sufficient substantive characteristics to render the rule of law as more than a system of rules. Indeed, the Index recognizes that a system of 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 2

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:

1. Accountability

The government as well as private actors are accountable under the law.

2. Just Laws

The laws are clear, publicized, stable, and just; are applied evenly; and protect fundamental rights, including the security of persons and property and certain core human rights.

3. Open Government

The processes by which the laws are enacted, administered, and enforced are accessible, fair, and efficient.

4. Accessible & Impartial Dispute Resolution

Justice is delivered timely by competent, ethical, and independent representatives and neutrals who are accessible, have adequate resources, and reflect the makeup of the communities they serve.

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 for lawyers or judges. It is the foundation for a system of rules to keep us safe, resolve our disputes, and enable us to prosper. 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 deter 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 would happen if building codes governing their design and safety were not enforced, or if government officials and contractors used low-quality materials in order to pocket the surplus? Weak regulatory enforcement and corruption decrease the security of physical infrastructure

and waste scarce resources, which are essential to a thriving economy.

Public Health & Environment

Consider the implications of pollution, wildlife poaching, and deforestation for public health and the environment. What would happen if a company were pouring harmful chemicals into a river in a highly populated area and the environmental inspector ignored these actions in exchange for a bribe? Adherence to the rule of law is essential to holding governments, businesses, civil society organizations, and communities accountable for protecting public health and the environment.

Conceptual Framework of the WJP Rule of Law Index

The conceptual framework of the WJP Rule of Law Index is comprised of eight factors further disaggregated into 44 sub-factors. The WJP also collects data on a ninth factor, informal justice, which are not calculated into the aggregate scores and rankings. These factors and sub-factors are presented below and described in detail in the section that follows.

Factor 1

Constraints on Government Powers



- 1.1 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 nongovernmental 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 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 the 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 & 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 Alternative dispute resolution mechanisms are 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 justice system is impartial
- 8.5 Criminal justice system is free of corruption
- 8.6 Criminal justice system is free of improper government influence
- 8.7 Due process of the law and rights of the accused

Box 3

Informal Justice and the Rule of Law

The conceptual framework of the Index includes a ninth factor on informal justice that is not included in the Index's aggregate scores and rankings. Informal justice systems often play a large role in countries where formal legal institutions are weak, remote, or perceived as ineffective. For this reason, the 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 systematically measuring their fairness and effectiveness make cross-country assessments extraordinarily challenging.

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

Indicators of the WJP Rule of Law Index

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 on 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 on 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 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

Open Government -



Factor 4

3.1 Publicized laws and government data

Measures whether basic laws and information on legal rights are publicly available, presented in plain language, and 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

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, sexual orientation, or gender identity – 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, detention, imprisonment, threats, abusive treatment, or violence

4.3 Due process of the 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

4.4 Freedom of opinion and 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

Factor 4

Fundamental Rights



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

Factor 5

Order & Security -



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 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, refrai

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

Civil Justice -

Factor 8

Criminal 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 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 of corruption

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 justice system is impartial

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

8.5 Criminal justice system is free of corruption

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

8.6 Criminal justice 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 the 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



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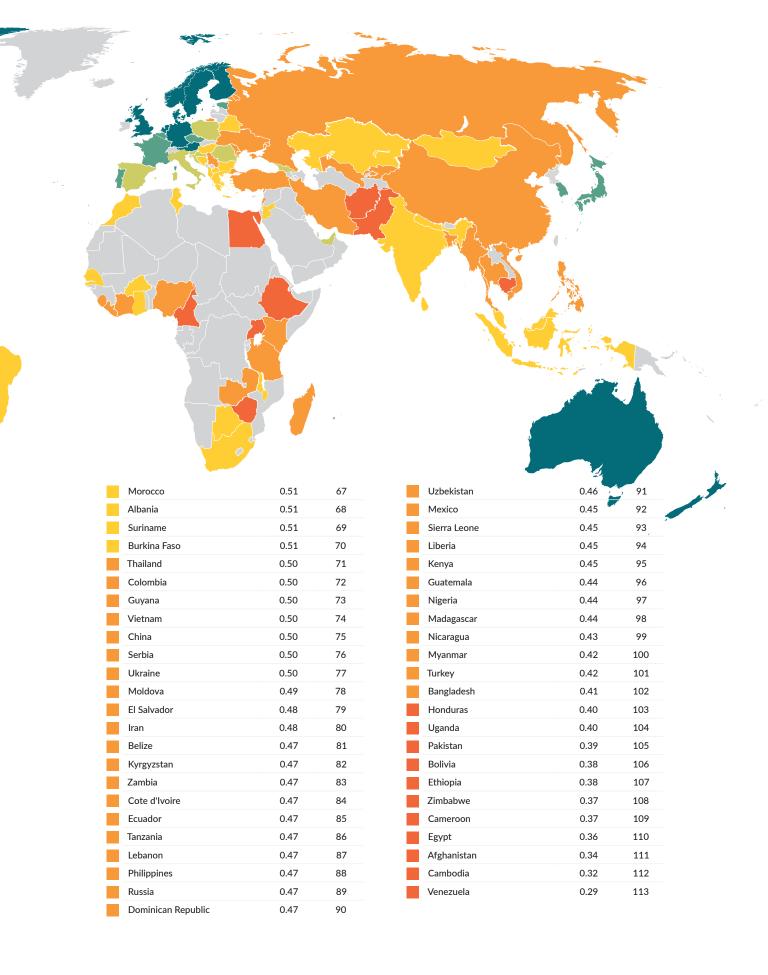
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	Country/Jurisdiction	Overall Score*	Global Ranking
	Denmark	0.89	1
	Norway	0.89	2
	Finland	0.87	3
	Sweden	0.86	4
	Netherlands	0.85	5
	Germany	0.83	6
	New Zealand	0.83	7
	Austria	0.81	8
	Canada	0.81	9
	Australia	0.81	10
	United Kingdom	0.81	11
	Estonia	0.80	12
	Singapore	0.80	13
	Japan	0.79	14
	Belgium	0.77	15
	Hong Kong SAR, China	0.77	16
	Czech Republic	0.74	17
	France	0.74	18
	United States	0.73	19
	Republic of Korea	0.72	20
	Portugal	0.72	21
	Uruguay	0.71	22
	Spain	0.70	23
	Costa Rica	0.68	24
	Poland	0.67	25
	Slovenia	0.67	26
	Chile	0.67	27
	St. Kitts & Nevis	0.66	28
	Romania	0.65	29
	Barbados	0.65	30
	Italy	0.65	31
	United Arab Emirates	0.65	32
	St. Lucia	0.63	33

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	Antigua & Barbuda	0.63	34
	Croatia	0.61	35
	Grenada	0.61	36
	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	0.61	37
	Georgia	0.61	38
	Greece	0.60	39
	Bahamas	0.60	40
	Dominica	0.60	41
	Jordan	0.60	42
	Ghana	0.59	43
	South Africa	0.59	44
	Botswana	0.58	45
	Argentina	0.58	46
	Jamaica	0.58	47
	Trinidad & Tobago	0.56	48
	Senegal	0.55	49
	Hungary	0.55	50
	Mongolia	0.54	51
	Brazil	0.54	52
	Malaysia	0.54	53
	Tunisia	0.53	54
	Bulgaria	0.53	55
	Bosnia & Herzegovina	0.53	56
	Macedonia, FYR	0.53	57
	Nepal	0.53	58
	Sri Lanka	0.52	59
	Peru	0.52	60
	Panama	0.52	61
	India	0.52	62
	Indonesia	0.52	63
	Kazakhstan	0.51	64
	Belarus	0.51	65
	Malawi	0.51	66

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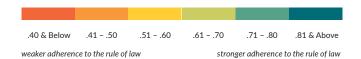
Rule of Law Around the World by Region

Region	Region's Average Score	Region's Rank	Top Performer
East Asia & Pacific	0.60	2/7	New Zealand
Eastern Europe & Central Asia	0.50	5/7	Georgia
EU & EFTA & NA	0.74	1/7	Denmark
Latin America & Caribbean	0.54	3/7	Uruguay
Middle East & North Africa	0.51	4/7	United Arab Emirates
South Asia	0.45	7/7	Nepal
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.47	6/7	Ghana

East Asia & Pacific

Country/Juri	sdiction	Regional Rank	Overall Score*	Global Rank	Change in Global Rank	Change in Overall Score*
New Zealand		1/15	0.83	7/113	A 1	0.00
Australia		2/15	0.81	10/113	<u>*1</u>	0.00
Singapore		3/15	0.80	13/113	▼ 4	- 0.02
Japan		4/15	0.79	14/113	^ 1	0.01
Hong Kong S	AR, China	5/15	0.77	16/113	-	0.00
Republic of K	orea	6/15	0.72	20/113	▼1	- 0.01
Mongolia		7/15	0.54	51/113	4 4	0.00
Malaysia		8/15	0.54	53/113	▲ 3	0.00
Indonesia		9/15	0.52	63/113	▼2	0.00
Thailand		10/15	0.50	71/113	▼ 7	- 0.01
Vietnam		11/15	0.50	74/113	▼ 7	- 0.01
China		12/15	0.50	75/113	▲ 5	0.02
Philippines		13/15	0.47	88/113	▼ 18	- 0.04
Myanmar		14/15	0.42	100/113	▼2	- 0.01
Cambodia		15/15	0.32	112/113	-	0.00





Eastern Europe & Central Asia

Country/Jurisdiction	Regional Rank	Overall Score*	Global Rank	Change in Global Rank	Change in Overall Score*	
Georgia	1/13	0.61	38/113	▼ 4	- 0.04	
Bosnia & Herzegovina	2/13	0.53	56/113	▼ 6	- 0.03	
Macedonia, FYR	3/13	0.53	57/113	▼ 3	- 0.01	
Kazakhstan	4/13	0.51	64/113	4 9	0.01	Brand St.
Belarus	5/13	0.51	65/113	▼ 8	- 0.02	
Albania	6/13	0.51	68/113	4	0.00	
Serbia	7/13	0.50	76/113	▼ 2	0.00	
Ukraine	8/13	0.50	77/113	1	0.01	
Moldova	9/13	0.49	78/113	▼ 1	0.00	
Kyrgyzstan	10/13	0.47	82/113	^ 1	0.00	
Russia	11/13	0.47	89/113	A 3	0.01	
Uzbekistan	12/13	0.46	91/113	A 2	0.01	
Turkey	13/13	0.42	101/113	▼ 2	- 0.01	

EU & EFTA & NA (European Union, European Free Trade Association, and North America)

Country/Jurisdiction	Regional Rank	Overall Score*	Global Rank	Change in Global Rank	Change in Overall Score*	
Denmark	1/24	0.89	1/113	-	0.01	
Norway	2/24	0.89	2/113	-	0.01	
Finland	3/24	0.87	3/113	-	0.00	
Sweden	4/24	0.86	4/113	-	0.00	
Netherlands	5/24	0.85	5/113	-	- 0.01	3.5
Germany	6/24	0.83	6/113	-	0.00	
Austria	7/24	0.81	8/113	▼ 1	- 0.02	
Canada	8/24	0.81	9/113	A 3	0.00	
United Kingdom	9/24	0.81	11/113	▼ 1	0.00	
Estonia	10/24	0.80	12/113	A 2	0.01	
Belgium	11/24	0.77	15/113	▼ 2	- 0.02	
Czech Republic	12/24	0.74	17/113	-	- 0.01	
France	13/24	0.74	18/113	A 3	0.02	
United States	14/24	0.73	19/113	▼ 1	- 0.01	
Portugal	15/24	0.72	21/113	A 2	0.01	
Spain	16/24	0.70	23/113	1	0.01	
Poland	17/24	0.67	25/113	▼ 3	- 0.04	
Slovenia	18/24	0.67	26/113	1	0.00	
Romania	19/24	0.65	29/113	A 3	0.00	
Italy	20/24	0.65	31/113	4	0.00	
Croatia	21/24	0.61	35/113	4	0.01 -	
Greece	22/24	0.60	39/113	A 2	0.00	
Hungary	23/24	0.55	50/113	▼ 1	- 0.02	
Bulgaria	24/24	0.53	55/113	▼ 2	- 0.01	

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Latin America & Caribbean

Uruguay Costa Rica Chile St. Kitts & Nevis Barbados St. Lucia Antigua & Barbuda Grenada St. Vincent & the Grenadines Bahamas	1/30 2/30 3/30 4/30 5/30 6/30 7/30 8/30	0.71 0.68 0.67 0.66 0.65 0.63	22/113 24/113 27/113 28/113 30/113	▼ 2 ▲ 1 ▼ 1	- 0.01 0.00 - 0.02	
Chile St. Kitts & Nevis Barbados St. Lucia Antigua & Barbuda Grenada St. Vincent & the Grenadines Bahamas	3/30 4/30 5/30 6/30 7/30 8/30	0.67 0.66 0.65 0.63	27/113 28/113	▼ 1		
St. Kitts & Nevis Barbados St. Lucia Antigua & Barbuda Grenada St. Vincent & the Grenadines Bahamas	4/30 5/30 6/30 7/30 8/30	0.66 0.65 0.63	28/113		- 0.02	
Barbados St. Lucia Antigua & Barbuda Grenada St. Vincent & the Grenadines Bahamas	5/30 6/30 7/30 8/30	0.65 0.63		A 2	- 0.02	
St. Lucia Antigua & Barbuda Grenada St. Vincent & the Grenadines Bahamas	6/30 7/30 8/30	0.63	30/113		0.00	
Antigua & Barbuda Grenada St. Vincent & the Grenadines Bahamas	7/30 8/30			▼ 2	- 0.02	3
Grenada St. Vincent & the Grenadines Bahamas	8/30	0.63	33/113	A 3	- 0.01	
St. Vincent & the Grenadines		0.00	34/113	▼ 5	- 0.04	
Bahamas	0.400	0.61	36/113	▼ 5	- 0.05	
	9/30	0.61	37/113	-	0.00	7 -50
	10/30	0.60	40/113	▼ 2	- 0.01	
Dominica	11/30	0.60	41/113	▼ 1	- 0.01	
Argentina	12/30	0.58	46/113	▲ 5	0.03	Mr.
Jamaica	13/30	0.58	47/113	-	0.00	
Trinidad & Tobago	14/30	0.56	48/113	-	- 0.01	man and a second
Brazil	15/30	0.54	52/113	-	- 0.02	1 2
Peru	16/30	0.52	60/113	▲ 5	0.01	
Panama	17/30	0.52	61/113	1	0.00	
Suriname	18/30	0.51	69/113	▼ 10	- 0.02	
Colombia	19/30	0.50	72/113	▼ 1	0.00	
Guyana	20/30	0.50	73/113	A 3	0.01	Ta.
El Salvador	21/30	0.48	79/113	▼ 4	- 0.01	
Belize	22/30	0.47	81/113	1	0.00	
Ecuador	23/30	0.47	85/113	4 6	0.02	
Dominican Republic	24/30	0.47	90/113	▼ 5	0.00	
Mexico	25/30	0.45	92/113	▼ 4	0.00	
Guatemala	26/30	0.44	96/113	1	0.00	
Nicaragua	27/30	0.43	99/113	A 2	0.01	
Honduras	28/30	0.40	103/113	▼ 1	- 0.02	
Bolivia						
Venezuela	29/30	0.38	106/113	▼ 2	- 0.02	



Middle East & North Africa

Country/Jurisdiction	Regional Rank	Overall Score*	Global Rank	Change in Global Rank	Change in Overall Score*	
United Arab Emirates	1/7	0.65	32/113	^ 1	- 0.01	
Jordan	2/7	0.60	42/113	-	0.01	
Tunisia	3/7	0.53	54/113	4 4	0.00	
Morocco	4/7	0.51	67/113	▼ 7	- 0.02	
Iran	5/7	0.48	80/113	A 6	0.01	
Lebanon	6/7	0.47	87/113	^ 2	0.01	
Egypt	7/7	0.36	110/113	_	0.00	



South Asia

Country/Jurisdiction	Regional Rank	Overall Score*	Global Rank	Change in Global Rank	Change in Overall Score*
Nepal	1/6	0.53	58/113	4 5	0.01
Sri Lanka	2/6	0.52	59/113	4 9	0.01
India	3/6	0.52	62/113	4 4	0.00
Bangladesh	4/6	0.41	102/113	^ 1	0.00
Pakistan	5/6	0.39	105/113	^ 1	0.01
Afghanistan	6/6	0.34	111/113	-	0.00



Sub-Saharan Africa

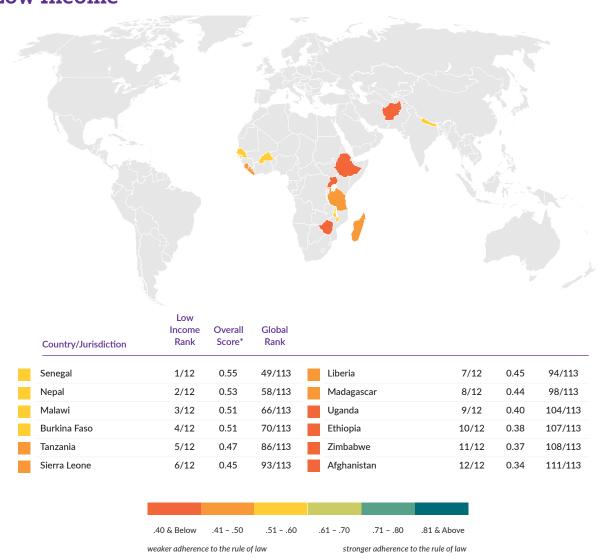
Country/Jurisdiction	Regional Rank	Overall Score*	Global Rank	Change in Global Rank	Change in Overall Score*
Ghana	1/18	0.59	43/113	^1	0.01
South Africa	2/18	0.59	44/113	▼1	0.00
Botswana	3/18	0.58	45/113	-	0.01
Senegal	4/18	0.55	49/113	▼ 3	- 0.02
Malawi	5/18	0.51	66/113	▲ 3	0.00
Burkina Faso	6/18	0.51	70/113	4 9	0.02
Zambia	7/18	0.47	83/113	▼2	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	8/18	0.47	84/113	▲ 3	0.01
Tanzania	9/18	0.47	86/113	▼2	0.00
Sierra Leone	10/18	0.45	93/113	▲2	0.01
Liberia	11/18	0.45	94/113	-	0.01
Kenya	12/18	0.45	95/113	▲ 5	0.02
Nigeria	13/18	0.44	97/113	▼1	- 0.01
Madagascar	14/18	0.44	98/113	▼8	- 0.02
Uganda	15/18	0.40	104/113	^1	0.01
Ethiopia	16/18	0.38	107/113	-	0.00
Zimbabwe	17/18	0.37	108/113	-	0.00
Cameroon	18/18	0.37	109/113	-	0.00



Rule of Law Around the World by Income

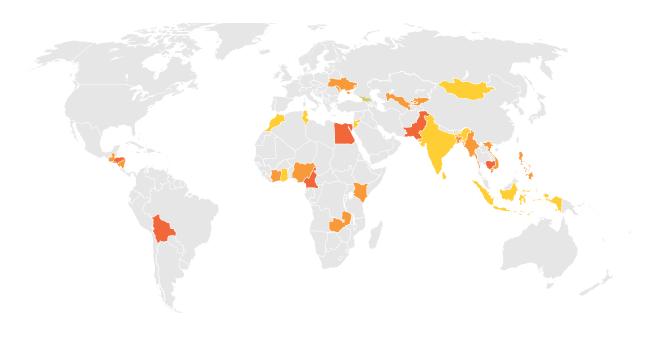
Income Group	Income Group Average Score	Income Group Rank	Top Performer
Low Income	0.45	4/4	Senegal
Lower Middle Income	0.47	3/4	Georgia
Upper Middle Income	0.53	2/4	Costa Rica
High Income	0.74	1/4	Denmark

Low Income

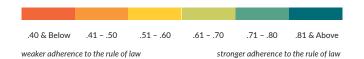


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Lower Middle Income

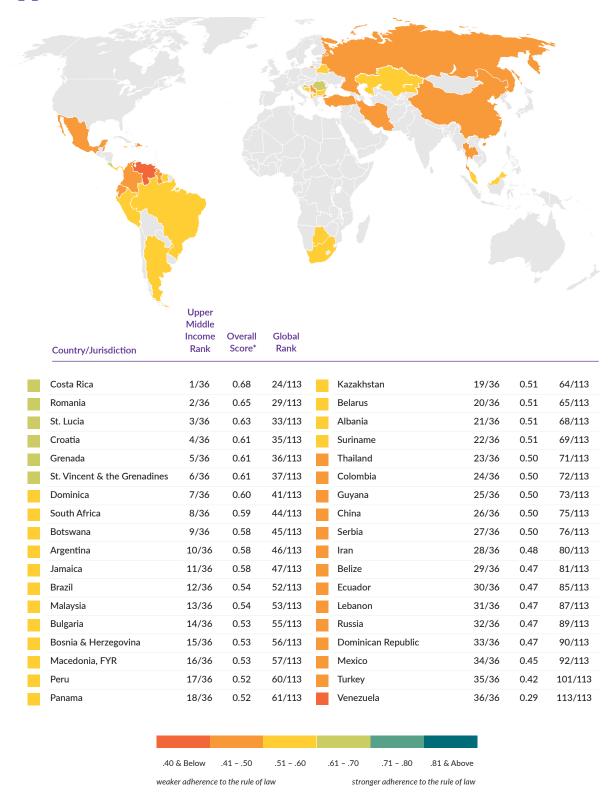


ıntry/Jurisdiction	Lower Middle Income Rank	Overall Score*	Global Rank
	1/30	0.61	38/113
an	2/30	0.60	42/113
	3/30	0.59	43/113
olia	4/30	0.54	51/113
isia	5/30	0.53	54/113
nka	6/30	0.52	59/113
	7/30	0.52	62/113
onesia	8/30	0.52	63/113
orocco	9/30	0.51	67/113
etnam	10/30	0.50	74/113
raine	11/30	0.50	77/113
oldova	12/30	0.49	78/113
Salvador	13/30	0.48	79/113
rgyzstan	14/30	0.47	82/113
mbia	15/30	0.47	83/113



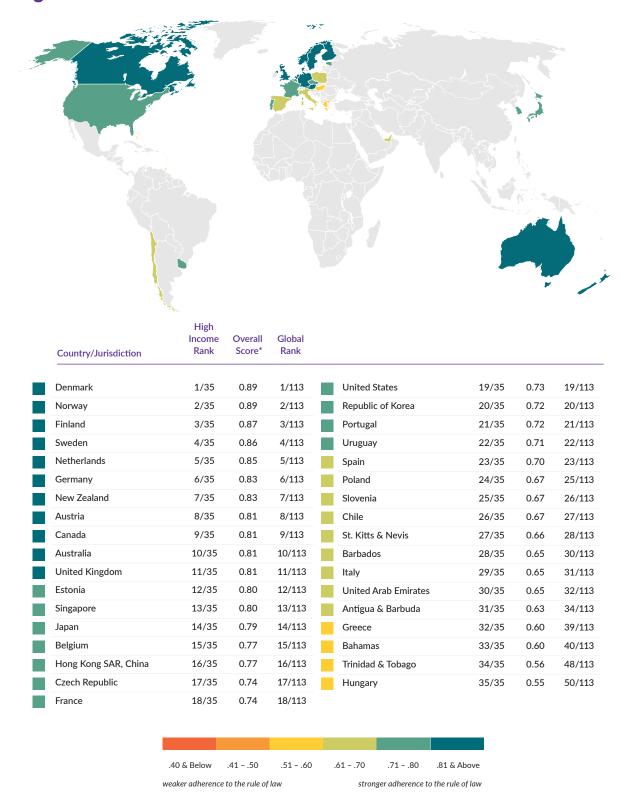
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Upper Middle Income



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High Income



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Rule of Law Performance & Changes

This chart categorizes countries according to whether their overall 2017–2018 rule of law score is above or below the median, and whether their score has improved, remained stable, or declined since 2016.



Above the Median Declining Rule of Law Total Countries: 25

Hungary

Senegal

Singapore

Netherlands

Republic of Korea

Macedonia, FYR (median)

Antigua & Barbuda Austria Bahamas Barbados Belgium Bosnia & Herzegovina Brazil Bulgaria Chile Czech Republic Dominica Georgia

Bulgaria St. Lucia
Chile Trinidad & Tobago
Czech Republic United Arab Emirates
Dominica United States
Georgia Uruguay
Grenada

Below the Median

Declining Rule of Law Total Countries: 13

Belarus Bolivia El Salvador Honduras Madagascar Morocco Myanmar Nigeria Philippines Suriname Thailand Turkey Vietnam

Above the Median Stable Rule of Law

Total Countries: 20

Australia New Zealand Canada Romania Costa Rica Slovenia South Africa Germany St. Kitts & Nevis Greece St. Vincent & the Hong Kong SAR, China Grenadines Sweden Italy Jamaica Tunisia United Kingdom Malaysia Mongolia

Below the Median

Stable Rule of Law

Total Countries: 22

Above the Median Improving Rule of Law

Total Countries: 12

Argentina Ghana
Botswana Japan
Croatia Jordan
Denmark Norway
Estonia Portugal
France Spain

Below the Median Improving Rule of Law Total Countries: 21

Afghanistan India Albania Indonesia Bangladesh Kyrgyzstan Belize Malawi Cambodia Mexico Cameroon Moldova Colombia Panama Dominican Republic Serbia Tanzania Eavpt Ethiopia Zambia Guatemala Zimbabwe

Burkina Faso Nicaragua China Pakistan Cote d'Ivoire Peru Ecuador Russia Guyana Sierra Leone Iran Sri Lanka Kazakhstan Uganda Kenya Ukraine Uzbekistan Lebanon Venezuela Nepal



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Change in Factor Scores

These charts present changes in country scores* for the eight aggregated factors by region. An arrow pointing up indicates a statistically significant improvement, while an arrow pointing down represents a statistically significant decline.

East Asia & Pacific

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Australia	0.00	0.00	▲0.02	0.00	-0.01	0.02	-0.01	-0.02
Cambodia	0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.01	-0.03
China	0.02	0.03	0.01	-0.01	▲ 0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01
Hong Kong SAR, China	-0.04	-0.02	0.08	-0.03	0.04	0.02	0.00	-0.08
Indonesia	0.00	-0.01	▼0.05	-0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	-0.03
Japan	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	-0.02	-0.03	0.05
Malaysia	-0.01	▼ 0.05	0.04	0.03	-0.05	0.03	-0.01	-0.01
Mongolia	0.01	0.03	0.01	-0.02	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.01
Myanmar	-0.04	0.03	-0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.02	-0.06	-0.03
New Zealand	-0.01	-0.02	-0.03	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.00	-0.01
Philippines	▼ 0.04	-0.02	0.01	₹0.08	▼0.15	0.01	0.02	▼ 0.05
Republic of Korea	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.03	-0.07	-0.01
Singapore	-0.04	-0.02	-0.03	0.01	-0.01	▼ 0.02	-0.03	-0.03
Thailand	-0.01	0.03	-0.04	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.05
Vietnam	-0.03	-0.01	0.02	-0.04	-0.01	0.02	-0.02	-0.01

Eastern Europe & Central Asia

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Albania	0.00	0.02	-0.01	0.03	0.02	-0.01	-0.03	0.01
Belarus	-0.02	0.03	▼0.09	-0.02	0.01	-0.04	▼0.05	-0.01
Bosnia & Herzegovina	▼0.11	0.01	▼ 0.06	▼ 0.06	▲ 0.05	0.00	0.00	-0.05
Georgia	▼ 0.06	-0.01	▼ 0.06	▼0.07	0.01	-0.04	▼0.07	-0.05
Kazakhstan	0.01	0.02	0.00	-0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.00
Kyrgyzstan	-0.02	0.01	0.01	▼ 0.04	0.00	0.05	0.04	-0.02
Macedonia, FYR Moldova	0.02	-0.03	-0.07	0.00	0.04	-0.01	0.00	-0.05
	0.01	0.04	-0.01	-0.04	-0.01	0.01	0.00	-0.03
Russia	-0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.00	▲ 0.09	0.01	0.01	0.00
Serbia	-0.04	0.02	₹0.08	-0.02	▲ 0.05	0.02	0.03	0.02
Turkey	-0.02	0.02	0.00	-0.02	▼0.07	0.00	-0.02	0.00
Ukraine	0.00	-0.02	0.00	-0.04	▲ 0.09	0.02	0.04	-0.02
Uzbekistan	0.03	0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	-0.03	0.01

EU & EFTA & NA

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Austria	-0.02	0.00	-0.04	-0.03	0.00	0.01	-0.02	▼0.07
Belgium	-0.01	0.00	0.02	-0.01	▼0.06	0.00	-0.03	-0.03
Bulgaria	▼ 0.04	0.01	-0.02	-0.04	-0.01	0.02	-0.01	-0.01
Canada	0.00	0.00	▲ 0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Croatia	-0.01	0.03	▲ 0.04	-0.03	-0.01	0.02	▲ 0.05	-0.03
Czech Republic	-0.01	-0.03	-0.03	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01
Denmark	0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.00
Estonia	0.04	0.01	-0.02	0.02	▲ 0.04	-0.01	0.01	-0.02
Finland	0.03	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	0.00	0.00
France	-0.01	0.00	▲0.03	-0.03	▲0.12	▲0.05	-0.01	0.00
Germany	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Greece	▲ 0.04	0.00	0.03	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	0.00	0.02
Hungary	-0.02	0.00	-0.03	▼0.03	0.05	-0.04	-0.02	-0.07
Italy	0.00	▲0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.00	-0.01	0.01
Netherlands	-0.01	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Norway	0.03	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	-0.01
Poland	▼ 0.06	-0.01	▼0.07	₹0.08	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	₹0.08
Portugal	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.03	-0.03
Romania	-0.02	0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	-0.01
Slovenia	0.02	0.03	0.01	-0.03	▲ 0.06	0.01	▼ 0.06	₹0.08
Spain	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Sweden	0.00	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
United Kingdom	-0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	▲ 0.06	0.00	-0.02
United States	▼ 0.04	0.02	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	0.01	0.02	-0.02

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Latin America & Caribbean

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Antigua & Barbuda	-0.04	▼0.06	0.02	-0.04	-0.03	-0.03	0.00	▼0.12
Argentina	▲0.05	0.02	▲0.08	0.03	-0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01
Bahamas	0.00	-0.01	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.02	-0.05
Barbados	0.00	-0.02	-0.03	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02
Belize	0.02	-0.04	-0.01	0.03	0.03	-0.05	0.00	0.01
Bolivia	-0.03	-0.03	0.01	-0.05	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	-0.03
Brazil	▼0.03	0.01	-0.01	▼0.05	-0.02	-0.02	0.00	-0.02
Chile	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	0.00	▼ 0.04	-0.01	-0.02
Colombia	0.00	0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
Costa Rica	0.01	-0.02	▲0.03	-0.02	0.02	-0.04	0.01	0.00
Dominica	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.02
Dominican Republic	0.01	0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	-0.01
Ecuador	▲0.04	0.00	▲ 0.04	-0.01	0.03	-0.01	0.02	0.02
El Salvador	▼0.03	0.00	0.01	-0.04	-0.03	-0.01	0.02	-0.04
Grenada	-0.02	-0.04	-0.06	-0.05	0.00	-0.03	▼ 0.13	-0.09
Guatemala	0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.03	0.02	0.02
Guyana	0.02	0.00	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	-0.01	0.03	▲ 0.05
Honduras	-0.05	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01	▲0.05	-0.04	-0.02	-0.01
Jamaica	-0.02	0.00	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	0.02	0.00	0.04
Mexico	-0.01	-0.02	0.00	0.01	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0.02
Nicaragua	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.04	-0.01	0.03	0.03
Panama	-0.03	-0.01	0.02	-0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.04
Peru	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
St. Kitts & Nevis	0.01	0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.00	-0.05	0.02	0.01
St. Lucia	-0.02	-0.03	0.00	-0.05	-0.01	0.01	0.05	-0.06
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	0.00	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.01	-0.02
Suriname	-0.05	0.01	▼0.09	-0.01	0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.02
Trinidad & Tobago	0.01	-0.05	0.02	-0.02	0.00	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01
Uruguay	▼0.03	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.00	0.01	-0.04
Venezuela	0.00	0.05	-0.02	0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.04	0.01

South Asia

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Afghanistan	0.00	▲0.04	-0.04	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.04	0.00
Bangladesh	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.02	-0.02	0.00
India	-0.01	0.01	-0.04	0.01	0.03	0.03	-0.01	0.01
Nepal	-0.02	0.03	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.02	0.05	-0.01
Pakistan	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00
Sri Lanka	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	▲ 0.04	-0.02	0.02	-0.01

Sub-Saharan Africa

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Botswana	0.00	0.01	-0.03	0.06	0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.04
Burkina Faso	▲ 0.07	▲ 0.06	0.01	0.04	-0.04	0.00	0.02	0.03
Cameroon	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	-0.02
Cote d'Ivoire	-0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	-0.03	0.02	0.01	0.03
Ethiopia	-0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	▼0.07	0.00	0.02	0.01
Ghana	▲0.05	0.01	-0.02	0.03	0.00	-0.01	0.01	0.04
Kenya	-0.01	▲0.03	0.00	-0.01	▲0.06	0.02	0.03	0.03
Liberia	-0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.02	-0.02	▲ 0.04
Madagascar	-0.01	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.04	-0.02	-0.04
Malawi	0.00	▲ 0.05	▼0.05	0.00	▲ 0.06	-0.03	0.00	-0.01
Nigeria	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	▼0.11	-0.01	0.02	0.00
Senegal	▼0.09	-0.01	₹0.08	-0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01
Sierra Leone	0.00	▲ 0.04	0.02	▼0.05	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.02
South Africa	0.00	-0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Tanzania	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.02	-0.02	0.00	-0.01
Uganda	0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.00
Zambia	-0.02	0.03	-0.01	-0.01	0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
Zimbabwe	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.03	0.01

Middle East & North Africa



Statistically significant decline

Statistically significant improvement









Government



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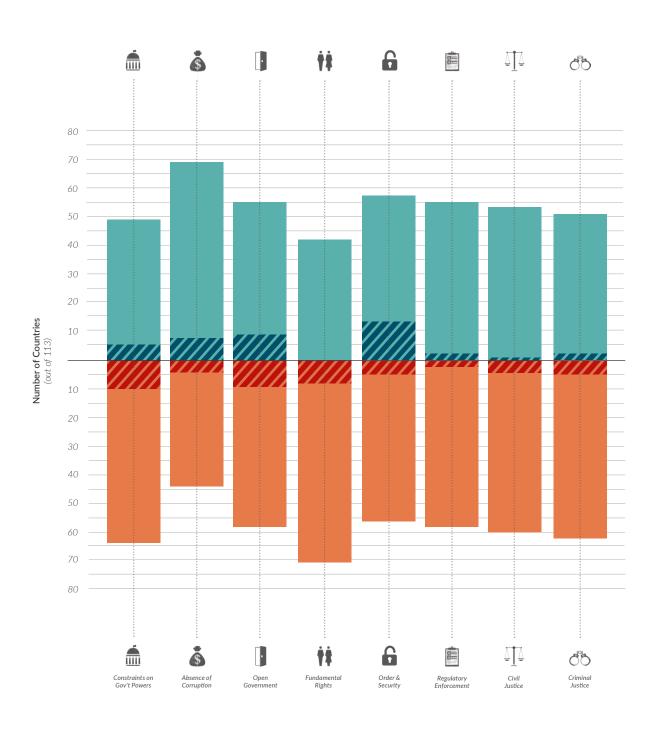




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Overview of Factor Changes

The chart below summarizes the number of countries whose score has improved or declined for each of the eight aggregated factors of the Index.

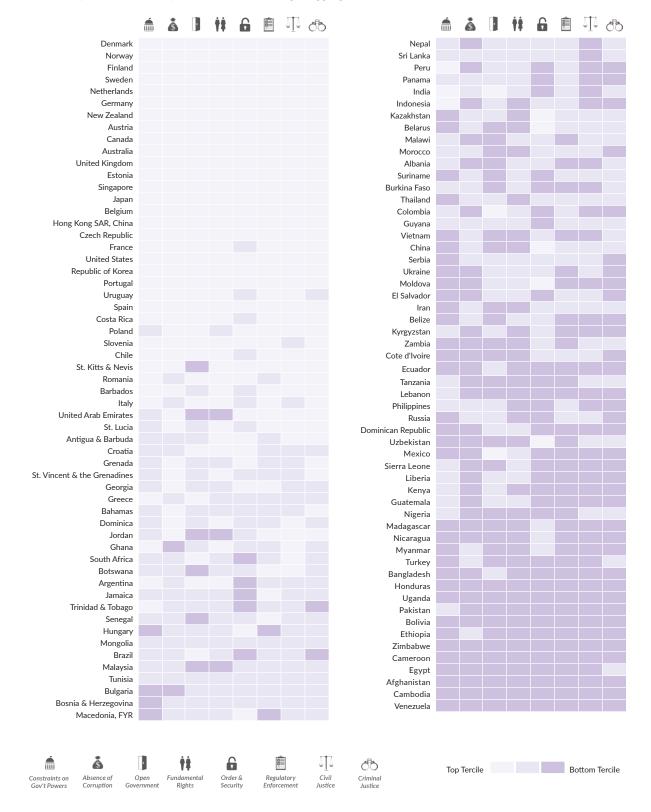






Overview of Factor Performance

This chart presents country performance for the eight aggregated factors of the WJP Rule of Law Index.



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. For a further breakdown of Constraints on Government Powers by sub-factor, please refer to page 14.

Country/Jurisdiction	Factor Score*	Factor Rank						
Denmark	0.94	1	St. Lucia	0.62	39	El Salvador	0.48	
Norway	0.94	2	Poland	0.61	40	Zambia	0.47	
Finland	0.92	3	South Africa	0.61	41	Suriname	0.47	
Netherlands	0.88	4	Nepal	0.61	42	Belize	0.47	
Sweden	0.88	5	Bahamas	0.61	43	Thailand	0.47	
Germany	0.86	6	Grenada	0.61	44	Vietnam	0.46	
New Zealand	0.85	7	Tunisia	0.60	45	Bosnia & Herzegovina	0.46	
Canada	0.84	8	Antigua & Barbuda	0.59	46	Mexico	0.46	
United Kingdom	0.84	9	Croatia	0.59	47	Myanmar	0.46	
Australia	0.84	10	Senegal	0.58	48	Kazakhstan	0.45	
Estonia	0.84	11	United Arab Emirates	0.58	49	Ukraine	0.45	
Austria	0.83	12	Brazil	0.58	50	Bulgaria	0.45	
Belgium	0.81	13	St. Vincent &	0.57	54	Dominican Republic	0.45	
Portugal	0.80	14	the Grenadines	0.57	51	Macedonia, FYR	0.45	
Costa Rica	0.79	15	Georgia	0.57	52	Madagascar	0.45	
United States	0.77	16	Dominica	0.57	53	Moldova	0.44	
France	0.76	17	Malawi	0.57	54	Cote d'Ivoire	0.44	
Uruguay	0.76	18	Sri Lanka	0.56	55	Hungary	0.44	
Japan	0.74	19	Jordan	0.56	56	Iran	0.43	
Czech Republic	0.74	20	Guyana	0.55	57	Afghanistan	0.43	
Ghana	0.72	21	Botswana	0.55	58	Ecuador	0.43	
Chile	0.71	22	Philippines	0.55	59	Serbia	0.42	
Spain	0.71	23	Liberia	0.55	60	Bangladesh	0.42	
Italy	0.71	24	Morocco	0.55	61	Uganda	0.42	
Singapore	0.70	25	Mongolia	0.55	62	China	0.40	
Republic of Korea	0.70	26	Nigeria	0.55	63	Russia	0.39	
Greece	0.68	27	Guatemala	0.54	64	Cameroon	0.39	
St. Kitts & Nevis	0.68	28	Colombia	0.53	65	Honduras	0.39	
Romania	0.66	29	Pakistan	0.53	66	Bolivia	0.36	
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.66	30	Burkina Faso	0.53	67	Belarus	0.34	
Barbados	0.66	31	Panama	0.53	68	Ethiopia	0.33	
Peru	0.65	32	Sierra Leone	0.52	69	Egypt	0.33	
Indonesia	0.64	33	Albania	0.52	70	Uzbekistan	0.32	
Argentina	0.63	34	Tanzania	0.52	71	Nicaragua	0.32	
Slovenia	0.63	35	Lebanon	0.49	72	Cambodia	0.32	
India	0.63	36	Kenya	0.49	73	Turkey	0.30	
Trinidad & Tobago	0.63	37	Malaysia	0.49	74	Zimbabwe	0.28	
Jamaica	0.62	38	Kyrgyzstan	0.48	75	Venezuela	0.18	



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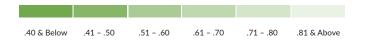
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Absence of Corruption



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. For a further breakdown of Absence of Corruption by sub-factor, please refer to page 14.

Country/Jurisdiction	Score*	Rank						
Denmark	0.95	1	Botswana	0.62	38	El Salvador	0.42	
Norway	0.93	2	Italy	0.62	39	Zambia	0.42	
Sweden	0.91	3	Antigua & Barbuda	0.60	40	Ecuador	0.42	
Singapore	0.91	4	Croatia	0.60	41	Ghana	0.42	
Finland	0.89	5	Romania	0.58	42	Nepal	0.41	
New Zealand	0.88	6	Suriname	0.57	43	Malawi	0.41	
Netherlands	0.86	7	Malaysia	0.56	44	Bulgaria	0.41	
Japan	0.85	8	Greece	0.55	45	Colombia	0.41	
Austria	0.84	9	Jamaica	0.55	46	Tanzania	0.40	
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.83	10	China	0.55	47	Egypt	0.40	
Canada	0.83	11	Belarus	0.54	48	Cote d'Ivoire	0.40	
Australia	0.83	12	South Africa	0.53	49	Lebanon	0.39	
Germany	0.83	13	Senegal	0.53	50	Nicaragua	0.38	
United Kingdom	0.82	14	Argentina	0.53	51	Peru	0.38	
Estonia	0.79	15	Iran	0.53	52	Indonesia	0.37	
Belgium	0.78	16	Hungary	0.51	53	Dominican Republic	0.37	
United Arab Emirates	0.76	17	Turkey	0.50	54	Guatemala	0.35	
Uruguay	0.76	18	Trinidad & Tobago	0.50	55	Bangladesh	0.35	
United States	0.75	19	Thailand	0.49	56	Albania	0.35	
France	0.75	20	Tunisia	0.49	57	Ukraine	0.34	
Portugal	0.74	21	Sri Lanka	0.48	58	Uzbekistan	0.34	
Poland	0.72	22	Morocco	0.47	59	Sierra Leone	0.34	
Georgia	0.71	23	Macedonia, FYR	0.47	60	Honduras	0.34	
Spain	0.71	24	Myanmar	0.47	61	Pakistan	0.33	
St. Kitts & Nevis	0.69	25	Philippines	0.47	62	Nigeria	0.32	
Chile	0.69	26	Brazil	0.46	63	Moldova	0.32	
Costa Rica	0.68	27	Guyana	0.46	64	Mexico	0.31	
Barbados	0.68	28	Ethiopia	0.46	65	Venezuela	0.30	
St. Vincent &	0.68	29	Kazakhstan	0.45	66	Kyrgyzstan	0.29	
the Grenadines	0.00	29	India	0.45	67	Kenya	0.29	
Republic of Korea	0.67	30	Panama	0.45	68	Zimbabwe	0.28	
Grenada	0.66	31	Burkina Faso	0.44	69	Madagascar	0.28	
Jordan	0.66	32	Mongolia	0.44	70	Liberia	0.28	
St. Lucia	0.66	33	Vietnam	0.44	71	Afghanistan	0.27	
Czech Republic	0.65	34	Belize	0.44	72	Bolivia	0.26	
Dominica	0.65	35	Bosnia & Herzegovina	0.43	73	Uganda	0.26	
Bahamas	0.64	36	Serbia	0.43	74	Cameroon	0.25	
Slovenia	0.63	37	Russia	0.43	75	Cambodia	0.25	



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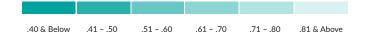
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Open Government

Factor 3 measures the openness of government defined by the extent to which a government shares information, empowers people with tools to hold the government accountable, and fosters citizen participation in public policy deliberations. This factor measures whether basic laws and information of legal rights are publicized and evaluates the quality of information published by the government. For a further breakdown of Open Government by sub-factor, please refer to page 15.

Country/Jurisdiction	Factor Score*	Factor Rank						
Norway	0.88	1	Jamaica	0.59	39	Madagascar	0.46	
Finland	0.86	2	Trinidad & Tobago	0.57	40	Burkina Faso	0.46	
Denmark	0.86	3	Moldova	0.57	41	Botswana	0.46	
Sweden	0.85	4	Georgia	0.57	42	Jordan	0.45	
Netherlands	0.84	5	Kyrgyzstan	0.56	43	Pakistan	0.45	
Canada	0.82	6	Peru	0.56	44	Bolivia	0.45	
New Zealand	0.81	7	Bulgaria	0.55	45	Malawi	0.45	
United Kingdom	0.81	8	Ukraine	0.55	46	China	0.45	
Australia	0.80	9	Indonesia	0.54	47	Morocco	0.44	
France	0.80	10	Antigua & Barbuda	0.53	48	Vietnam	0.44	
Germany	0.79	11	Ghana	0.52	49	Senegal	0.44	
Estonia	0.79	12	Dominican Republic	0.52	50	Albania	0.44	
United States	0.77	13	Nepal	0.52	51	Nigeria	0.44	
Belgium	0.75	14	El Salvador	0.52	52	Lebanon	0.44	
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.75	15	St. Lucia	0.52	53	Belize	0.44	
Austria	0.72	16	Philippines	0.52	54	Honduras	0.43	
Costa Rica	0.72	17	Grenada	0.50	55	St. Kitts & Nevis	0.42	
Chile	0.71	18	Dominica	0.50	56	Turkey	0.42	
Uruguay	0.71	19	Tunisia	0.50	57	Zambia	0.42	
Japan	0.70	20	Ecuador	0.49	58	Sierra Leone	0.42	
Spain	0.69	21	St. Vincent &	0.40	59	Nicaragua	0.41	
Republic of Korea	0.69	22	the Grenadines	0.49	59	Malaysia	0.39	
Portugal	0.68	23	Barbados	0.49	60	United Arab Emirates	0.39	
Slovenia	0.67	24	Mongolia	0.49	61	Uganda	0.38	
Czech Republic	0.66	25	Sri Lanka	0.49	62	Tanzania	0.38	
Romania	0.66	26	Hungary	0.49	63	Cote d'Ivoire	0.37	
Poland	0.66	27	Macedonia, FYR	0.49	64	Iran	0.37	
Singapore	0.65	28	Kenya	0.49	65	Afghanistan	0.36	
Argentina	0.64	29	Guatemala	0.49	66	Suriname	0.36	
Italy	0.64	30	Serbia	0.49	67	Belarus	0.35	
Colombia	0.63	31	Thailand	0.48	68	Cameroon	0.33	
India	0.63	32	Russia	0.48	69	Myanmar	0.32	
Croatia	0.62	33	Kazakhstan	0.48	70	Uzbekistan	0.30	
South Africa	0.62	34	Bosnia & Herzegovina	0.48	71	Zimbabwe	0.30	
Brazil	0.61	35	Bahamas	0.48	72	Venezuela	0.30	
Mexico	0.61	36	Liberia	0.48	73	Ethiopia	0.28	
Greece	0.60	37	Guyana	0.46	74	Egypt	0.25	
Panama	0.59	38	Bangladesh	0.46	75	Cambodia	0.23	



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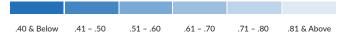
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Fundamental Rights



Factor 4 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 of Human Rights and are most closely related to rule of law concerns. The selected menu of rights can be found on page 15.

Country/Jurisdiction	Factor Score*	Factor Rank						
Finland	0.91	1	Bahamas	0.66	38	Jordan	0.51	
Denmark	0.90	2	Poland	0.66	39	Ecuador	0.51	
Norway	0.88	3	Peru	0.65	40	Indonesia	0.51	
Sweden	0.87	4	Albania	0.63	41	Vietnam	0.50	
Germany	0.85	5	Grenada	0.63	42	Kyrgyzstan	0.50	
Netherlands	0.85	6	Greece	0.63	43	Lebanon	0.49	
Austria	0.85	7	South Africa	0.63	44	Madagascar	0.48	
Belgium	0.83	8	Jamaica	0.63	45	Tanzania	0.48	
Canada	0.82	9	Georgia	0.61	46	United Arab Emirates	0.47	
Estonia	0.82	10	Bulgaria	0.60	47	Nigeria	0.47	
New Zealand	0.81	11	Burkina Faso	0.60	48	Nicaragua	0.47	
United Kingdom	0.81	12	Ukraine	0.59	49	Malaysia	0.47	
Australia	0.81	13	Panama	0.59	50	Thailand	0.47	
Czech Republic	0.80	14	Trinidad & Tobago	0.59	51	Belarus	0.47	
Portugal	0.79	15	Bosnia & Herzegovina	0.59	52	Cote d'Ivoire	0.46	
Uruguay	0.78	16	Hungary	0.59	53	Kenya	0.46	
Costa Rica	0.78	17	Dominican Republic	0.59	54	Bolivia	0.46	
Barbados	0.77	18	Senegal	0.59	55	Morocco	0.45	
Spain	0.77	19	Mongolia	0.59	56	Kazakhstan	0.45	
Japan	0.76	20	Malawi	0.58	57	Russia	0.44	
St. Kitts & Nevis	0.75	21	Botswana	0.57	58	Zambia	0.43	
Slovenia	0.74	22	Brazil	0.57	59	Honduras	0.43	
Chile	0.73	23	Tunisia	0.57	60	Cameroon	0.43	
France	0.72	24	Serbia	0.56	61	Philippines	0.42	
Argentina	0.72	25	Liberia	0.56	62	Pakistan	0.40	
United States	0.72	26	Colombia	0.56	63	Uganda	0.40	
Romania	0.72	27	Guyana	0.55	64	Afghanistan	0.39	
Italy	0.71	28	Guatemala	0.55	65	Uzbekistan	0.38	
Republic of Korea	0.71	29	Macedonia, FYR	0.54	66	Cambodia	0.38	
St. Vincent &	0.70	30	Moldova	0.54	67	Venezuela	0.36	
the Grenadines	0.70	30	El Salvador	0.53	68	Bangladesh	0.34	
Antigua & Barbuda	0.70	31	Belize	0.53	69	Turkey	0.32	
Singapore	0.70	32	Sri Lanka	0.53	70	China	0.31	
St. Lucia	0.68	33	Nepal	0.53	71	Ethiopia	0.31	
Ghana	0.68	34	Mexico	0.52	72	Myanmar	0.31	
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.67	35	Suriname	0.52	73	Iran	0.30	
Croatia	0.67	36	Sierra Leone	0.52	74	Egypt	0.30	
Dominica	0.67	37	India	0.52	75	Zimbabwe	0.29	



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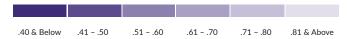
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Order & Security



Factor 5 measures how well a society assures the security of persons and property. Security is one of the defining aspects of any rule of law society and is 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. For a further breakdown of Order & Security by sub-factor, please refer to page 16.

Country/Jurisdiction	Factor Score*	Factor Rank						
Singapore	0.93	1	Mongolia	0.78	39	Trinidad & Tobago	0.67	
Sweden	0.93	2	Serbia	0.77	40	Tanzania	0.67	
Norway	0.93	3	Malaysia	0.77	41	Panama	0.67	
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.92	4	Vietnam	0.77	42	Zimbabwe	0.67	
Denmark	0.92	5	Albania	0.77	43	Sierra Leone	0.66	
Finland	0.92	6	Bosnia & Herzegovina	0.76	44	Cambodia	0.66	
Uzbekistan	0.92	7	Barbados	0.75	45	Lebanon	0.66	
Japan	0.91	8	France	0.75	46	Brazil	0.65	
Canada	0.91	9	Dominica	0.75	47	Russia	0.65	
Czech Republic	0.90	10	St. Vincent &	0.75	40	Suriname	0.65	
United Arab Emirates	0.90	11	the Grenadines	0.75	48	Peru	0.64	
Hungary	0.90	12	Indonesia	0.74	49	Burkina Faso	0.63	
Austria	0.90	13	Italy	0.74	50	Ecuador	0.63	
Estonia	0.90	14	Kyrgyzstan	0.74	51	South Africa	0.62	
Slovenia	0.89	15	Bulgaria	0.74	52	Jamaica	0.62	
New Zealand	0.89	16	Ukraine	0.73	53	Guyana	0.62	
Germany	0.88	17	Iran	0.73	54	Honduras	0.61	
Australia	0.86	18	Belize	0.73	55	Argentina	0.61	
Poland	0.85	19	Botswana	0.73	56	Dominican Republic	0.61	
Netherlands	0.85	20	Nepal	0.73	57	Ethiopia	0.60	
United Kingdom	0.84	21	Bahamas	0.72	58	El Salvador	0.60	
Republic of Korea	0.84	22	Sri Lanka	0.72	59	Liberia	0.59	
Romania	0.84	23	Madagascar	0.72	60	India	0.59	
Belarus	0.82	24	St. Lucia	0.72	61	Mexico	0.59	
St. Kitts & Nevis	0.82	25	Greece	0.72	62	Guatemala	0.58	
Croatia	0.81	26	Uruguay	0.71	63	Bolivia	0.58	
Moldova	0.80	27	Myanmar	0.70	64	Bangladesh	0.58	
China	0.80	28	Nicaragua	0.70	65	Kenya	0.57	
Grenada	0.79	29	Ghana	0.70	66	Colombia	0.57	
Georgia	0.79	30	Zambia	0.69	67	Uganda	0.56	
United States	0.79	31	Costa Rica	0.69	68	Turkey	0.52	
Portugal	0.79	32	Thailand	0.69	69	Philippines	0.51	
Antigua & Barbuda	0.79	33	Morocco	0.69	70	Egypt	0.51	
Belgium	0.78	34	Tunisia	0.69	71	Cameroon	0.49	
Macedonia, FYR	0.78	35	Senegal	0.69	72	Venezuela	0.47	
Kazakhstan	0.78	36	Malawi	0.68	73	Nigeria	0.37	
Spain	0.78	37	Chile	0.68	74	Afghanistan	0.32	
Jordan	0.78	38	Cote d'Ivoire	0.68	75	Pakistan	0.32	



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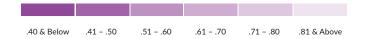
Regulatory Enforcement



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. 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. For a further breakdown of Regulatory Enforcement by sub-factor, please refer to page 16.

Country/Jurisdiction	Factor Score*	Factor Rank						
Netherlands	0.88	1	Romania	0.56	39	Hungary	0.46	
Singapore	0.87	2	South Africa	0.55	40	Macedonia, FYR	0.46	
Denmark	0.87	3	Grenada	0.55	41	Uzbekistan	0.46	
Norway	0.87	4	Greece	0.54	42	Myanmar	0.46	
Sweden	0.85	5	Morocco	0.54	43	Burkina Faso	0.45	
New Zealand	0.85	6	Bulgaria	0.53	44	Nicaragua	0.45	
Australia	0.85	7	Indonesia	0.53	45	Ecuador	0.45	
Germany	0.85	8	Panama	0.52	46	Vietnam	0.45	
United Kingdom	0.84	9	St. Vincent &			Turkey	0.44	
Austria	0.81	10	the Grenadines	0.52	47	Kenya	0.44	
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.81	11	Brazil	0.52	48	Lebanon	0.44	
Finland	0.81	12	Trinidad & Tobago	0.52	49	Mexico	0.44	
Japan	0.80	13	Dominica	0.52	50	Zambia	0.43	
Canada	0.79	14	Kazakhstan	0.52	51	Kyrgyzstan	0.43	
Estonia	0.77	15	Croatia	0.52	52	Nigeria	0.43	
France	0.77	16	Tunisia	0.52	53	Albania	0.43	
Belgium	0.77	17	Colombia	0.51	54	Malawi	0.43	
Republic of Korea	0.72	18	Philippines	0.51	55	Liberia	0.42	
United States	0.72	19	Antigua & Barbuda	0.51	56	Bangladesh	0.42	
United Arab Emirates	0.69	20	Cote d'Ivoire	0.51	57	Moldova	0.42	
Uruguay	0.69	21	Argentina	0.50	58	Ukraine	0.42	
Czech Republic	0.67	22	Thailand	0.50	59	Uganda	0.41	
Spain	0.66	23	Malaysia	0.50	60	Bolivia	0.41	
Costa Rica	0.64	24	Bosnia & Herzegovina	0.50	61	Dominican Republic	0.40	
Slovenia	0.63	25	Nepal	0.50	62	Tanzania	0.40	
Chile	0.62	26	Peru	0.50	63	Belize	0.39	
St. Kitts & Nevis	0.61	27	Belarus	0.49	64	Cameroon	0.38	
Portugal	0.61	28	El Salvador	0.49	65	Sierra Leone	0.37	
Poland	0.61	29	India	0.49	66	Honduras	0.37	
Barbados	0.60	30	Russia	0.48	67	Pakistan	0.35	
Jordan	0.59	31	Sri Lanka	0.48	68	Guatemala	0.35	
Georgia	0.58	32	China	0.48	69	Zimbabwe	0.35	
Botswana	0.58	33	Bahamas	0.48	70	Madagascar	0.34	
St. Lucia	0.58	34	Suriname	0.48	71	Afghanistan	0.34	
Italy	0.57	35	Mongolia	0.47	72	Egypt	0.31	
Senegal	0.57	36	Serbia	0.47	73	Ethiopia	0.31	
Jamaica	0.56	37	Iran	0.47	74	Cambodia	0.27	
Ghana	0.56	38	Guyana	0.47	75	Venezuela	0.22	



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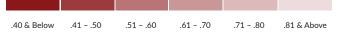
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Civil Justice -



Factor 7 measures whether ordinary people can resolve their grievances peacefully and effectively through the civil justice system. It measures whether civil justice systems are accessible; affordable; and 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. For a further breakdown of Civil Justice by sub-factor, please refer to page 17.

Country/Jurisdiction	Factor Score*	Factor Rank						
Netherlands	0.87	1	Belarus	0.59	39	Burkina Faso	0.49	
Denmark	0.86	2	Trinidad & Tobago	0.59	40	Colombia	0.49	
Germany	0.85	3	Grenada	0.59	41	Panama	0.48	
Norway	0.85	4	Slovenia	0.59	42	Lebanon	0.47	
Singapore	0.81	5	Argentina	0.58	43	Belize	0.47	
Sweden	0.81	6	Croatia	0.57	44	Philippines	0.47	
Finland	0.80	7	St. Vincent &	0.57	45	Nepal	0.47	
New Zealand	0.79	8	the Grenadines	0.57	45	Moldova	0.47	
Austria	0.79	9	Greece	0.57	46	Kyrgyzstan	0.46	
Japan	0.79	10	Senegal	0.56	47	Kenya	0.46	
Estonia	0.78	11	Macedonia, FYR	0.56	48	Ecuador	0.46	
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.77	12	Bulgaria	0.56	49	Albania	0.45	
Australia	0.75	13	Kazakhstan	0.56	50	Dominican Republic	0.45	
United Kingdom	0.75	14	Malaysia	0.56	51	Uganda	0.45	
Republic of Korea	0.74	15	Italy	0.56	52	Indonesia	0.45	
Uruguay	0.74	16	Jamaica	0.54	53	Sri Lanka	0.45	
St. Kitts & Nevis	0.74	17	Morocco	0.54	54	Vietnam	0.44	
Belgium	0.73	18	Georgia	0.54	55	Peru	0.44	
Czech Republic	0.72	19	Malawi	0.54	56	Turkey	0.44	
Canada	0.72	20	China	0.54	57	Zimbabwe	0.43	
Antigua & Barbuda	0.72	21	Mongolia	0.53	58	Liberia	0.43	
France	0.70	22	Thailand	0.53	59	India	0.42	
Portugal	0.69	23	Russia	0.53	60	Sierra Leone	0.41	
United Arab Emirates	0.68	24	Brazil	0.53	61	Honduras	0.41	
St. Lucia	0.68	25	Iran	0.52	62	Mexico	0.40	
United States	0.67	26	Cote d'Ivoire	0.52	63	Madagascar	0.39	
Spain	0.66	27	Guyana	0.51	64	Nicaragua	0.39	
Barbados	0.65	28	Ukraine	0.51	65	Ethiopia	0.39	
Romania	0.65	29	Tanzania	0.50	66	Afghanistan	0.38	
Poland	0.64	30	Suriname	0.50	67	Egypt	0.38	
Chile	0.63	31	Hungary	0.50	68	Bangladesh	0.37	
Costa Rica	0.63	32	Bosnia & Herzegovina	0.50	69	Pakistan	0.37	
Ghana	0.62	33	Nigeria	0.50	70	Cameroon	0.37	
Jordan	0.62	34	El Salvador	0.50	71	Myanmar	0.37	
South Africa	0.61	35	Serbia	0.49	72	Guatemala	0.35	
Botswana	0.61	36	Tunisia	0.49	73	Bolivia	0.34	
Dominica	0.60	37	Uzbekistan	0.49	74	Venezuela	0.33	
Bahamas	0.60	38	Zambia	0.49	75	Cambodia	0.20	



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Criminal Justice



Factor 8 evaluates a country's 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. An assessment of the delivery of criminal justice should take into consideration the entire system, including the police, lawyers, prosecutors, judges, and prison officers. For a further breakdown of Criminal Justice by sub-factor, please refer to page 17.

Country/Jurisdiction	Factor Score*	Factor Rank						
Finland	0.85	1	Botswana	0.55	38	Cote d'Ivoire	0.39	
Norway	0.83	2	Malaysia	0.55	39	Trinidad & Tobago	0.39	
Denmark	0.82	3	Uruguay	0.54	40	Ecuador	0.38	
Sweden	0.80	4	Dominica	0.54	41	Sierra Leone	0.38	
Singapore	0.80	5	Greece	0.53	42	Kenya	0.38	
Netherlands	0.80	6	South Africa	0.52	43	Pakistan	0.38	
Germany	0.77	7	Suriname	0.52	44	Zimbabwe	0.38	
Austria	0.77	8	Ghana	0.51	45	Ukraine	0.37	
Czech Republic	0.74	9	Bosnia & Herzegovina	0.51	46	Morocco	0.37	
Canada	0.74	10	Georgia	0.51	47	Brazil	0.37	
United Kingdom	0.74	11	Croatia	0.51	48	Lebanon	0.37	
Japan	0.74	12	Jamaica	0.50	49	Madagascar	0.36	
Australia	0.74	13	Mongolia	0.50	50	Peru	0.36	
New Zealand	0.74	14	Belarus	0.50	51	Serbia	0.36	
Belgium	0.72	15	Vietnam	0.49	52	Moldova	0.36	
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.72	16	Sri Lanka	0.48	53	Indonesia	0.35	
Republic of Korea	0.70	17	China	0.48	54	Colombia	0.34	
United Arab Emirates	0.69	18	Hungary	0.47	55	Nicaragua	0.34	
Estonia	0.68	19	Macedonia, FYR	0.47	56	Uganda	0.34	
United States	0.65	20	Albania	0.47	57	Ethiopia	0.34	
France	0.65	21	Burkina Faso	0.45	58	Bangladesh	0.34	
Italy	0.64	22	Iran	0.45	59	Russia	0.33	
Portugal	0.64	23	Uzbekistan	0.45	60	Belize	0.33	
Spain	0.64	24	Argentina	0.43	61	Panama	0.33	
Bahamas	0.63	25	Senegal	0.43	62	Dominican Republic	0.33	
Poland	0.62	26	Nepal	0.43	63	Kyrgyzstan	0.32	
Jordan	0.60	27	Malawi	0.43	64	Philippines	0.31	
St. Vincent &	0.60	28	Tunisia	0.43	65	Liberia	0.31	:
the Grenadines	0.60	28	India	0.42	66	Guatemala	0.30	:
Barbados	0.59	29	Nigeria	0.42	67	Mexico	0.30	
St. Lucia	0.59	30	Egypt	0.42	68	El Salvador	0.30	
Antigua & Barbuda	0.59	31	Zambia	0.42	69	Myanmar	0.29	
St. Kitts & Nevis	0.58	32	Kazakhstan	0.41	70	Afghanistan	0.28	
Slovenia	0.58	33	Bulgaria	0.41	71	Cameroon	0.28	
Romania	0.57	34	Thailand	0.40	72	Cambodia	0.27	
Grenada	0.56	35	Guyana	0.40	73	Honduras	0.24	
Costa Rica	0.56	36	Turkey	0.40	74	Bolivia	0.21	
Chile	0.56	37	Tanzania	0.39	75	Venezuela	0.14	



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Part Four
Country Profiles

How to Read the Country Profiles

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How to Read the Country Profiles

This section presents profiles for the 113 countries and jurisdictions included in the WJP Rule of Law Index® 2017–2018 report.

Each profile presents the featured country's scores for each of the WJP Rule of Law Index's factors and sub-factors, and draws comparisons between the scores of the featured country and the scores of other indexed countries in the same regional and income groups.

The scores range from 0 to 1, where 1 signifies the highest possible score (high adherence to rule of law) and 0 signifies the lowest possible score (low adherence to rule of law). The country profiles consist of four sections, outlined below.

Section 1: Displays the country's overall rule of law score; its overall global, income, and regional ranks; and its change in score and rank from 2016.

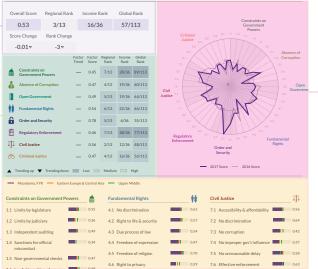
Section 2: Displays the featured country's individual factor scores, along with its global, regional, and income group rankings. The scores for the global rank, regional rank, and income rank are distributed across three tiers — high, medium, and low — as indicated by the color of the box where the score is found.

Section 3: Displays the country's disaggregated scores for each of the sub-factors that compose the WJP Rule of Law Index.

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.

Macedonia, FYR

egion: Eastern Europe & Central Asia Income Group: Upper Middle

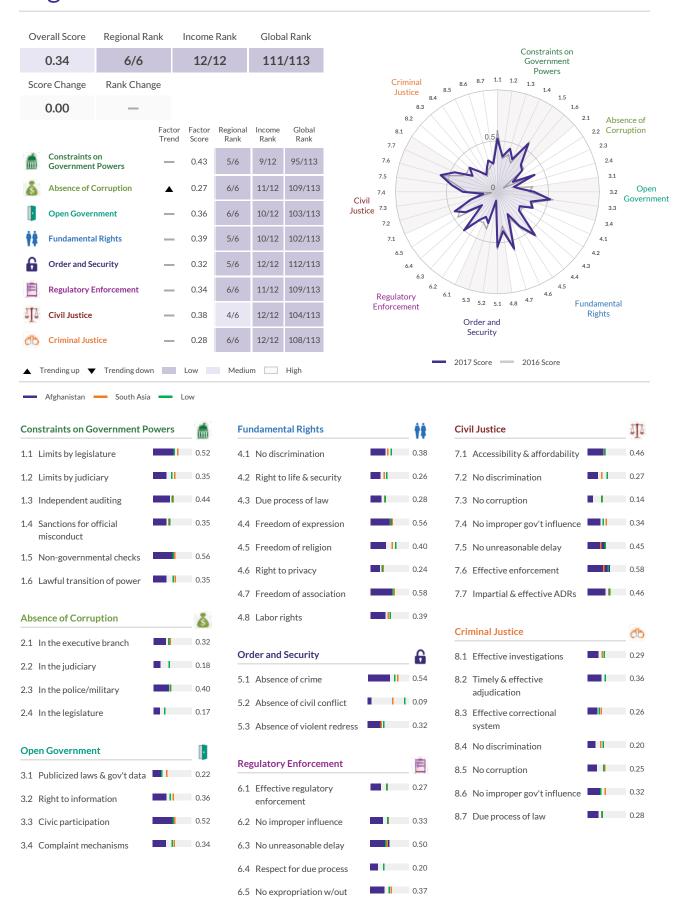


Section 4: Presents the individual sub-factor scores underlying each of the factors listed in Section 3 of the country profile.

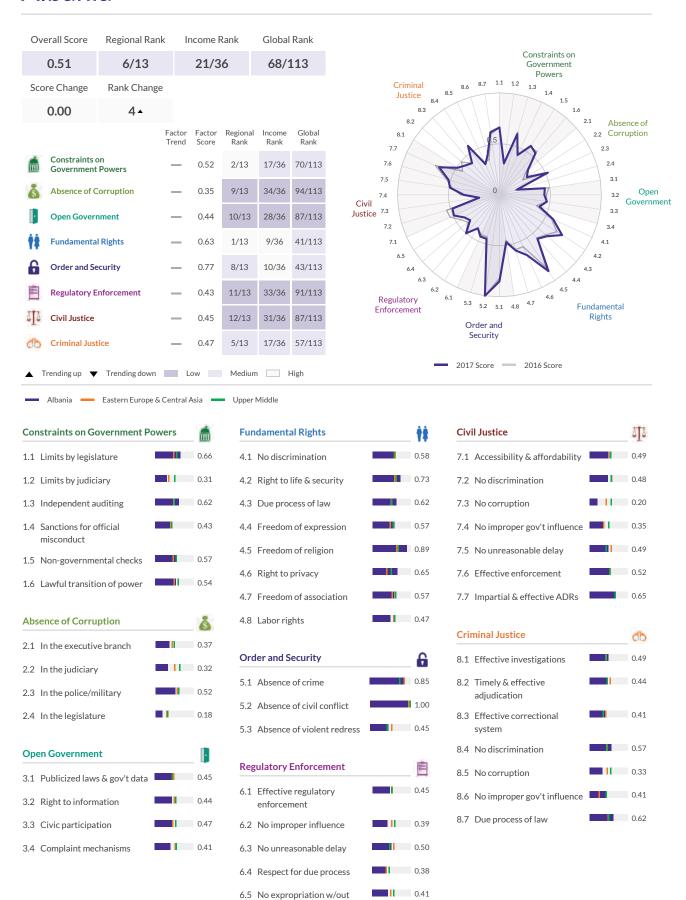
Each of the 44 sub-factors is represented by a gray line drawn from the center to the periphery of the circle. The center of the circle corresponds to the worst possible score for each sub-factor (0), and the outer edge of the circle marks the best possible score for each sub-factor (1).

The featured country's scores for 2017–2018 are represented by the purple line. The featured country's scores for 2016 are represented by the gray line.

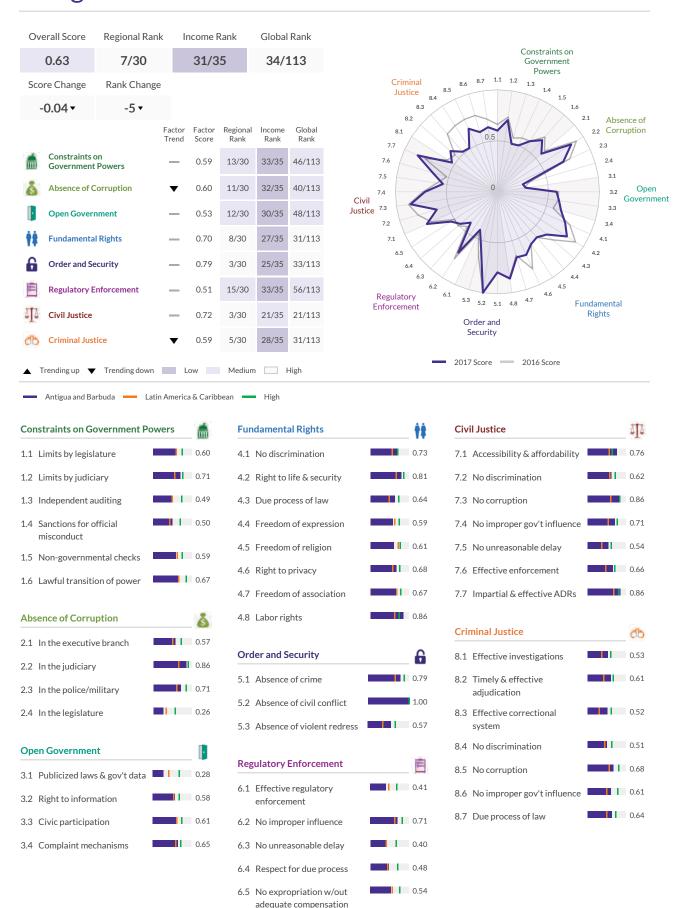
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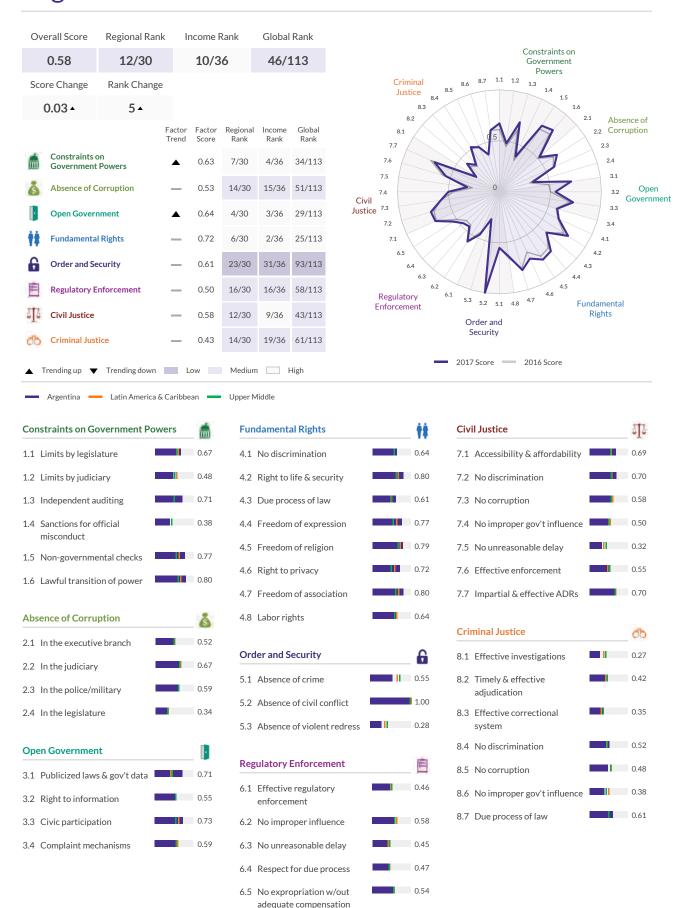
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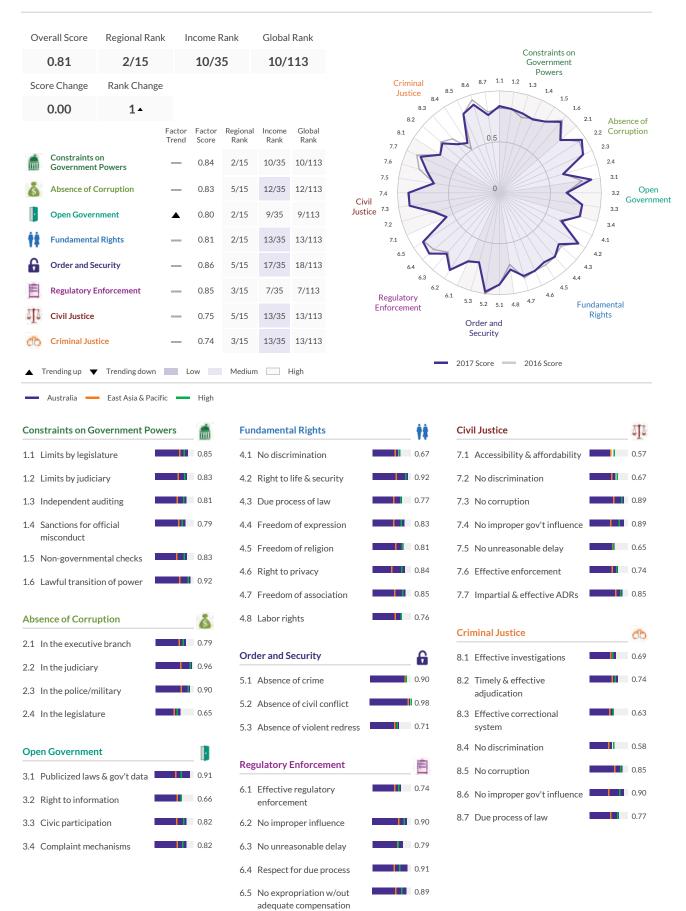
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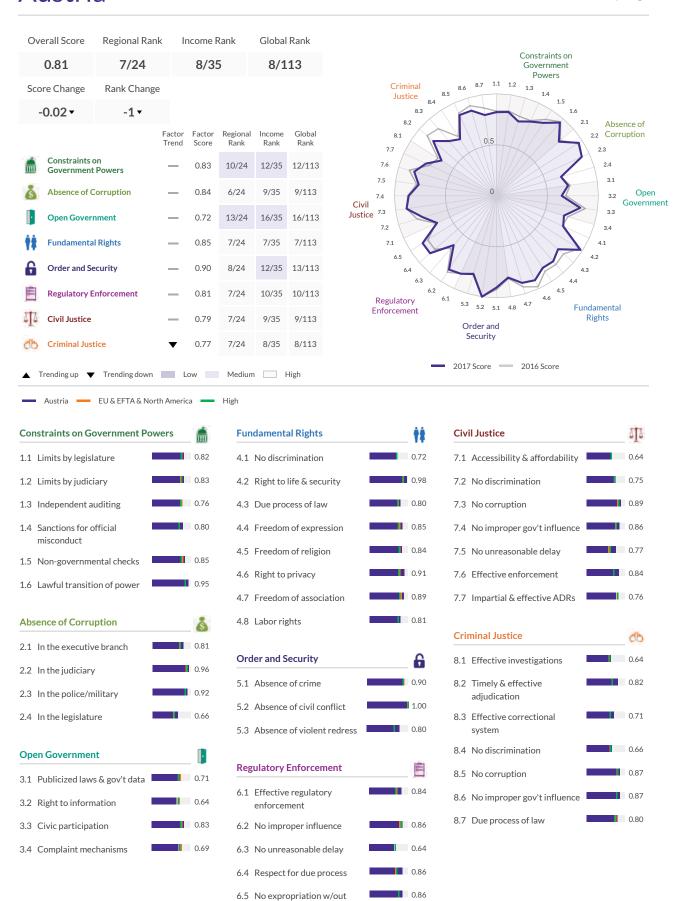
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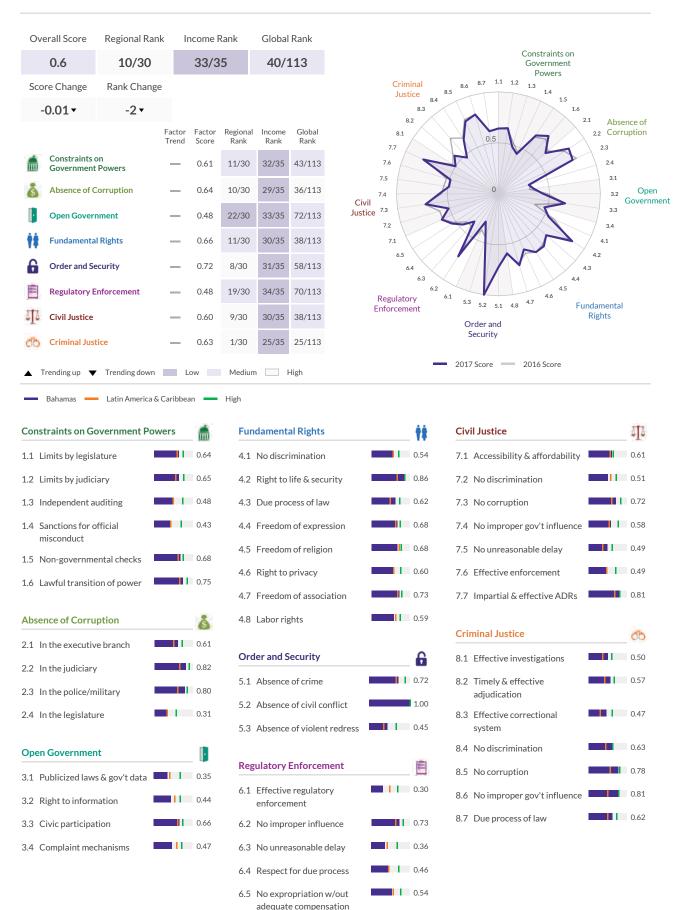
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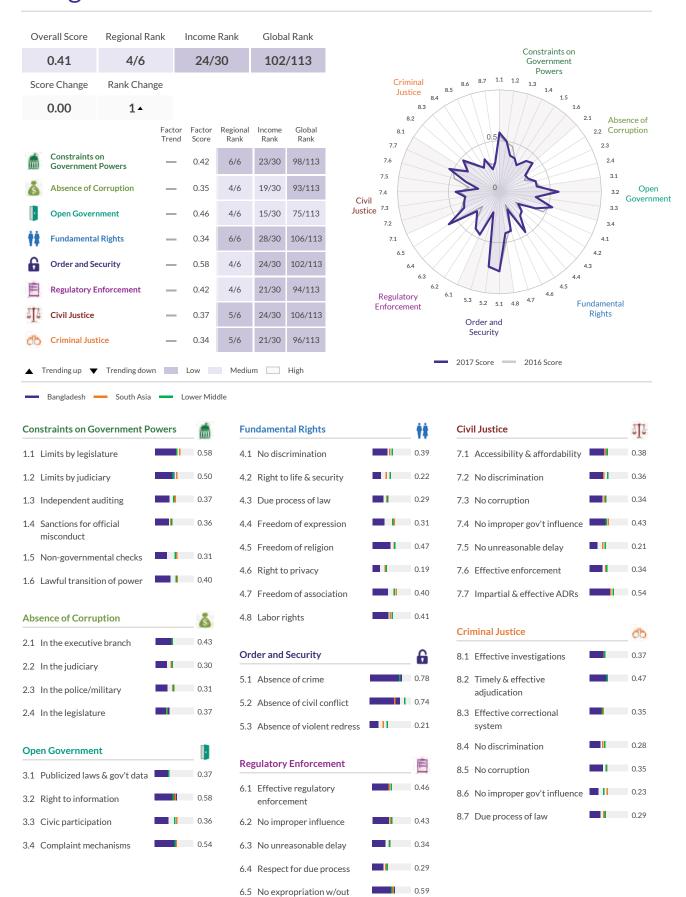
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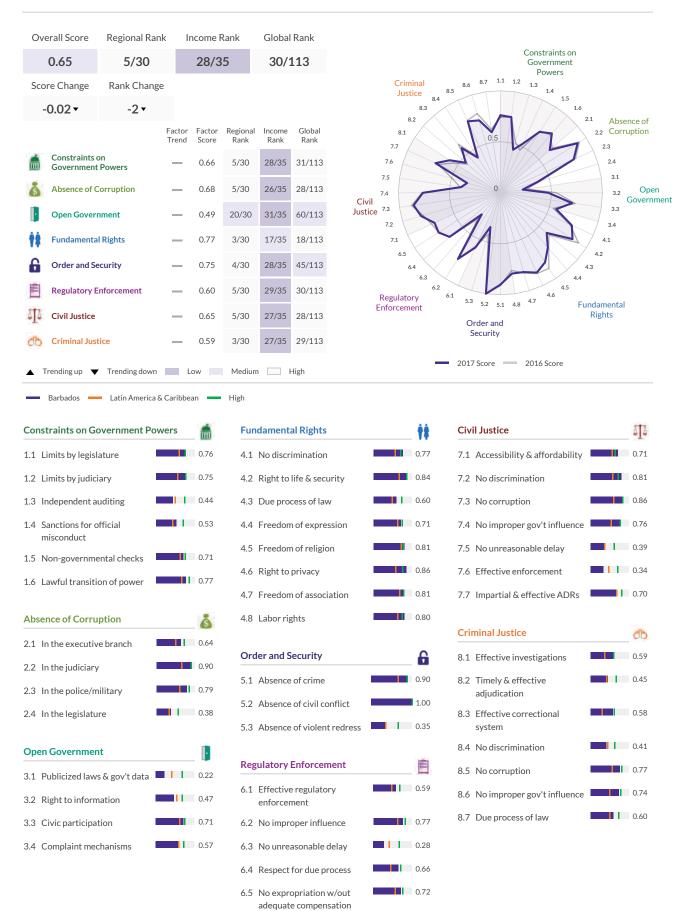
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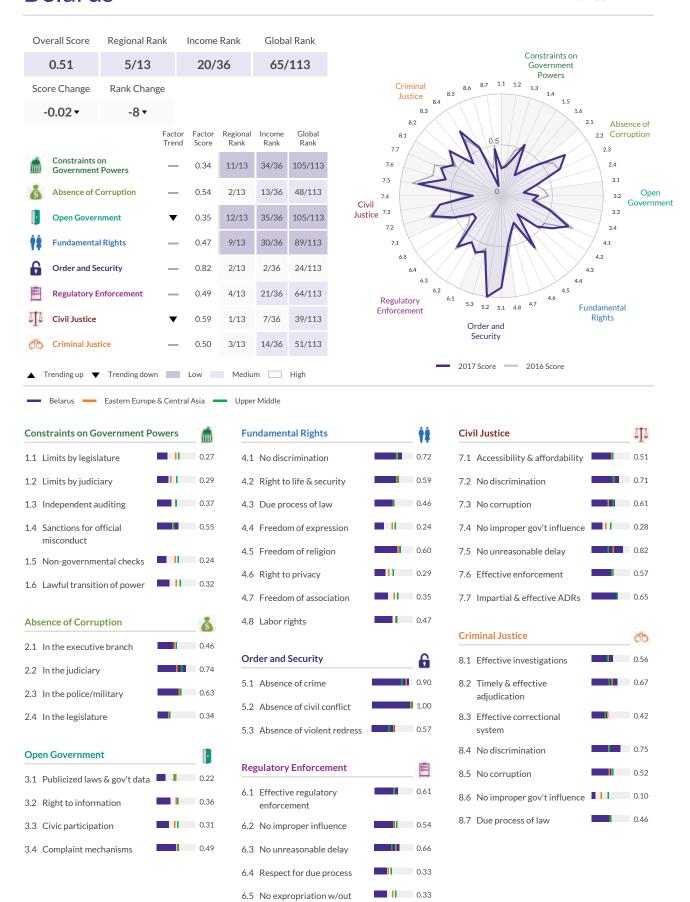
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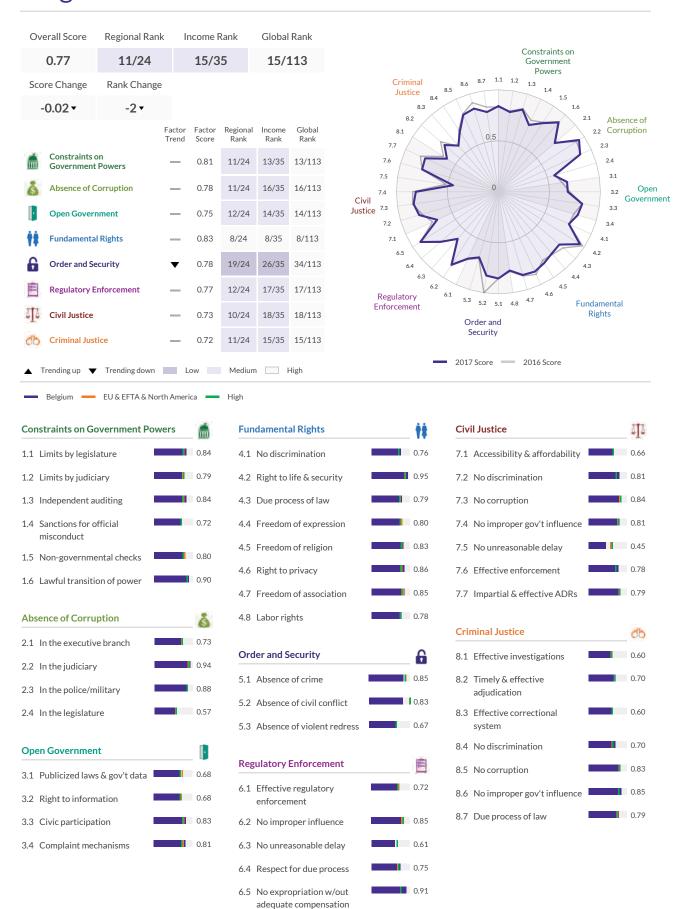
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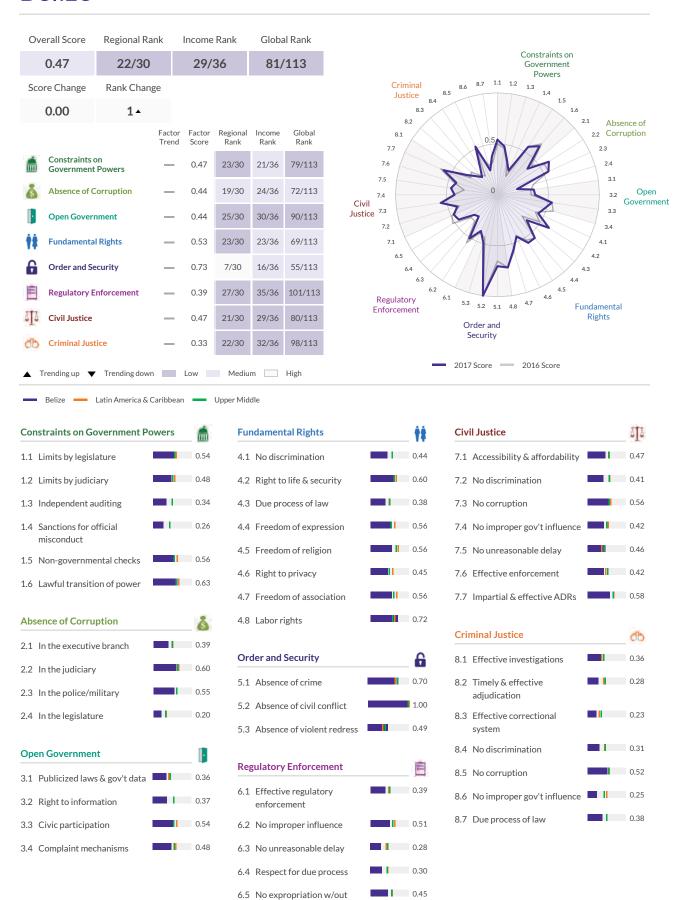
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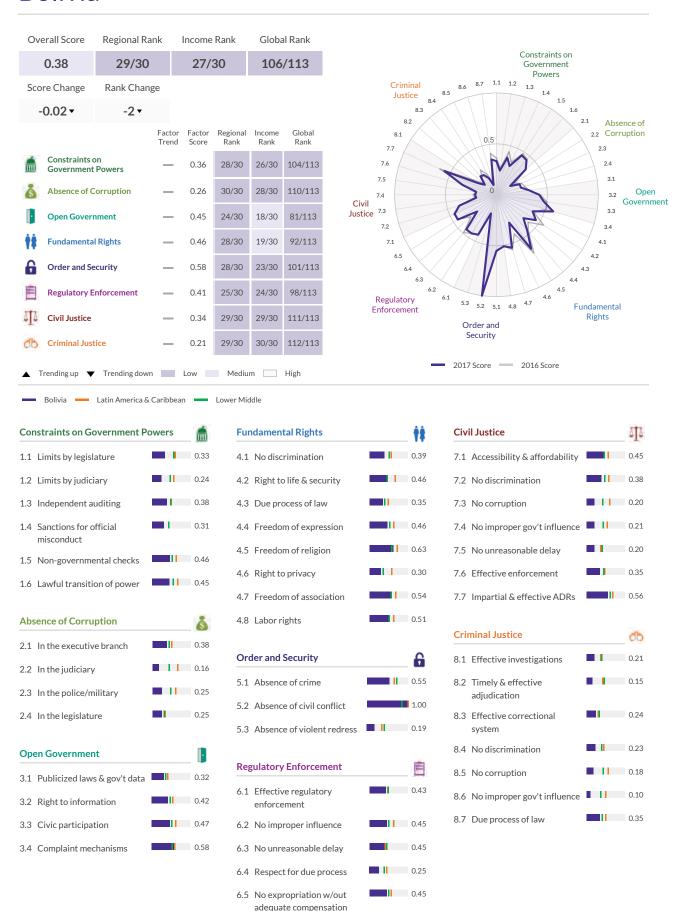
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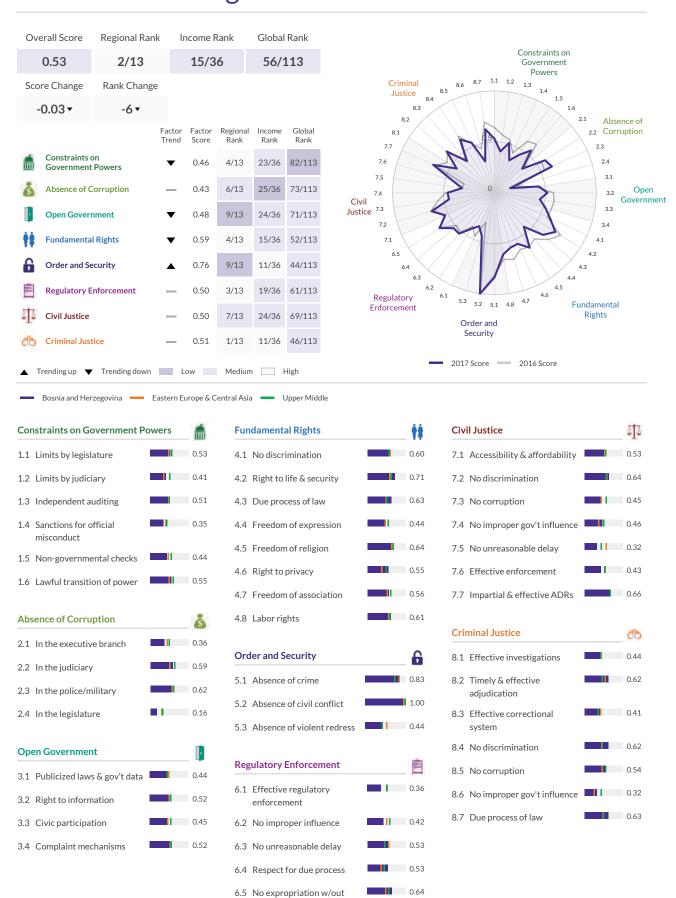
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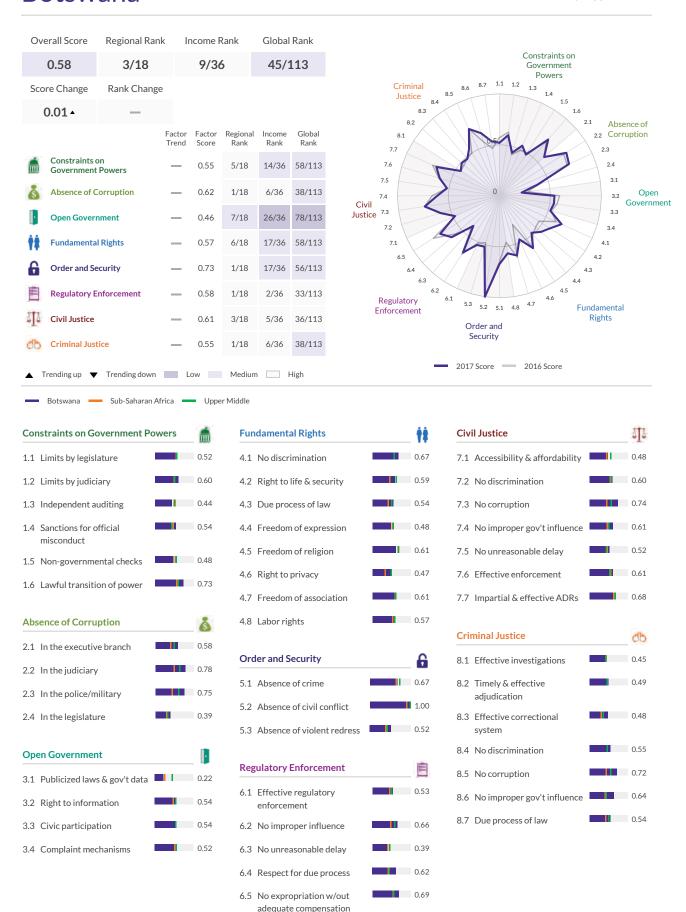




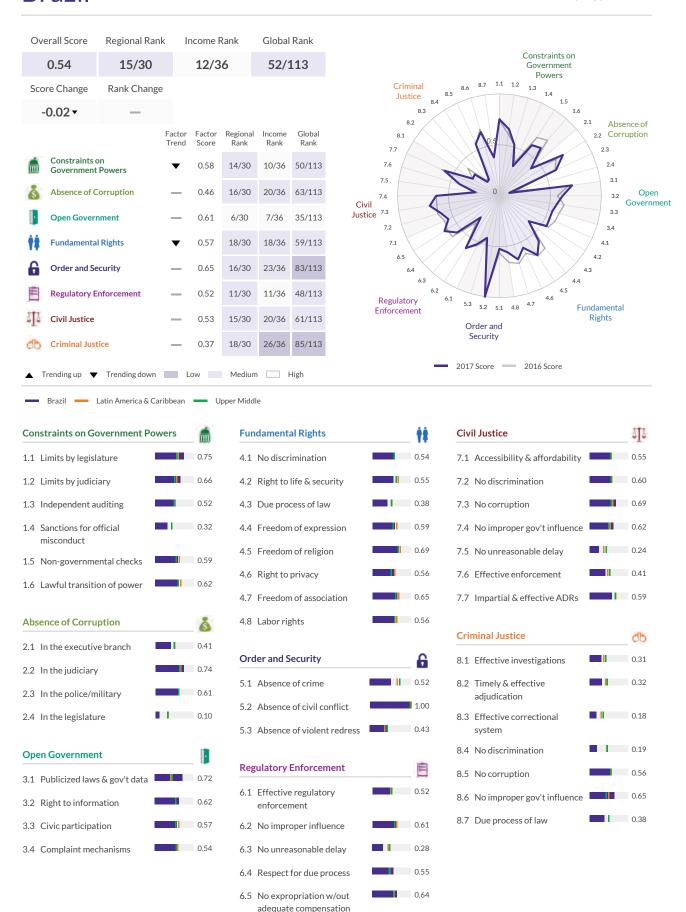
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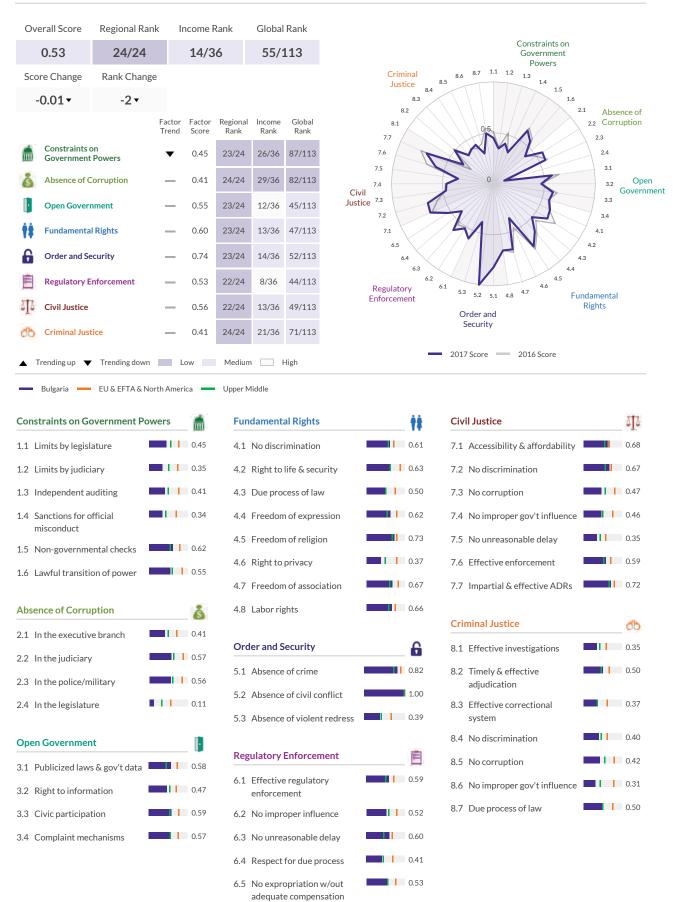
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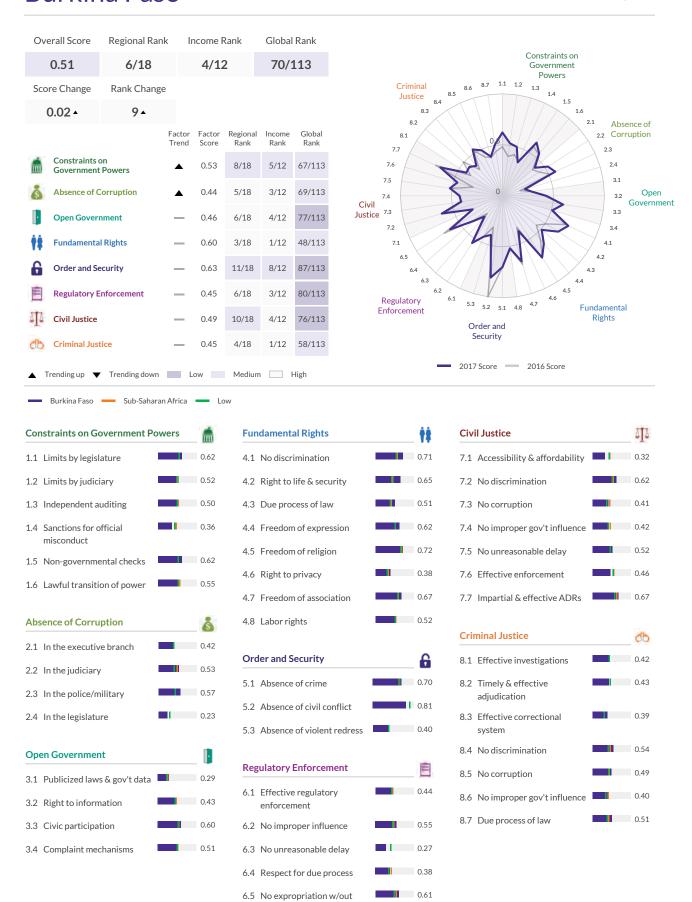
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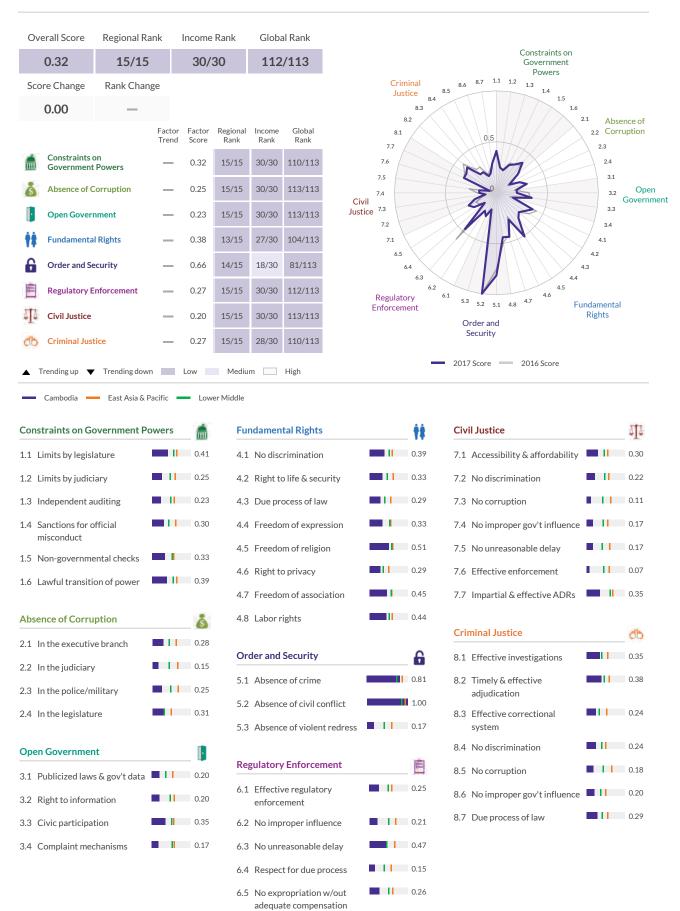
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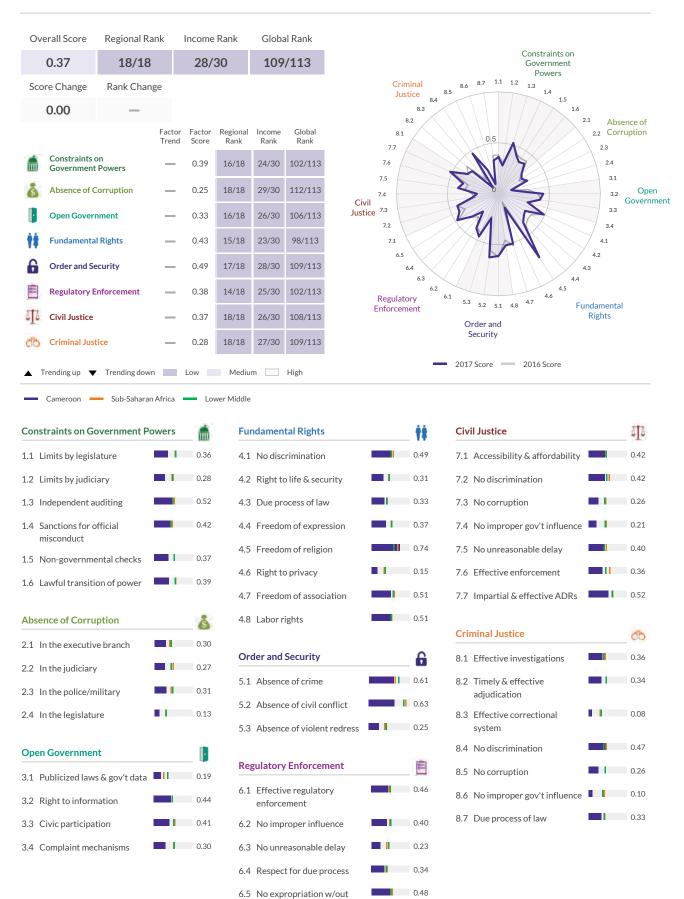
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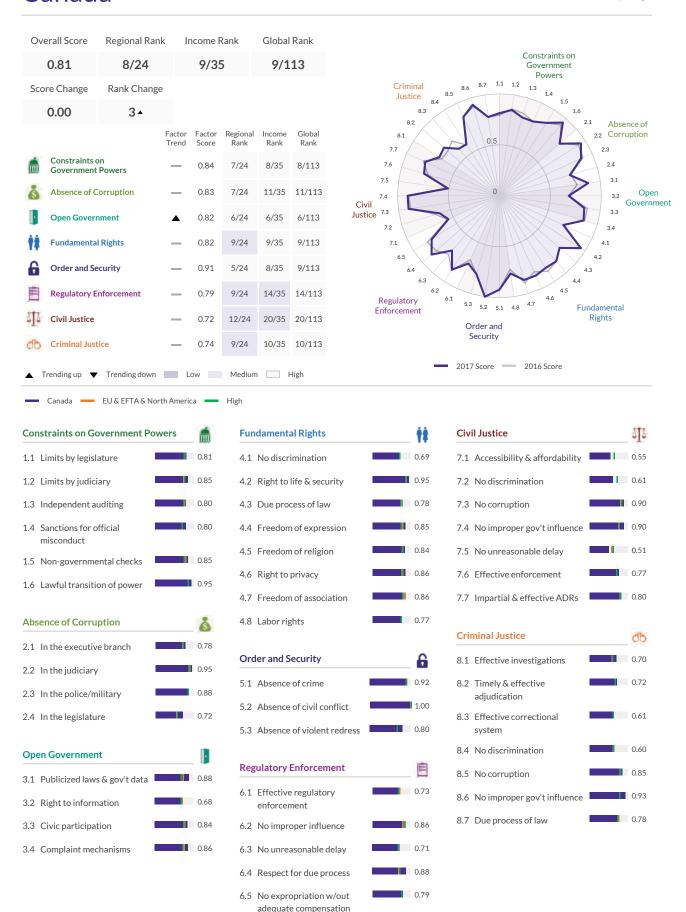
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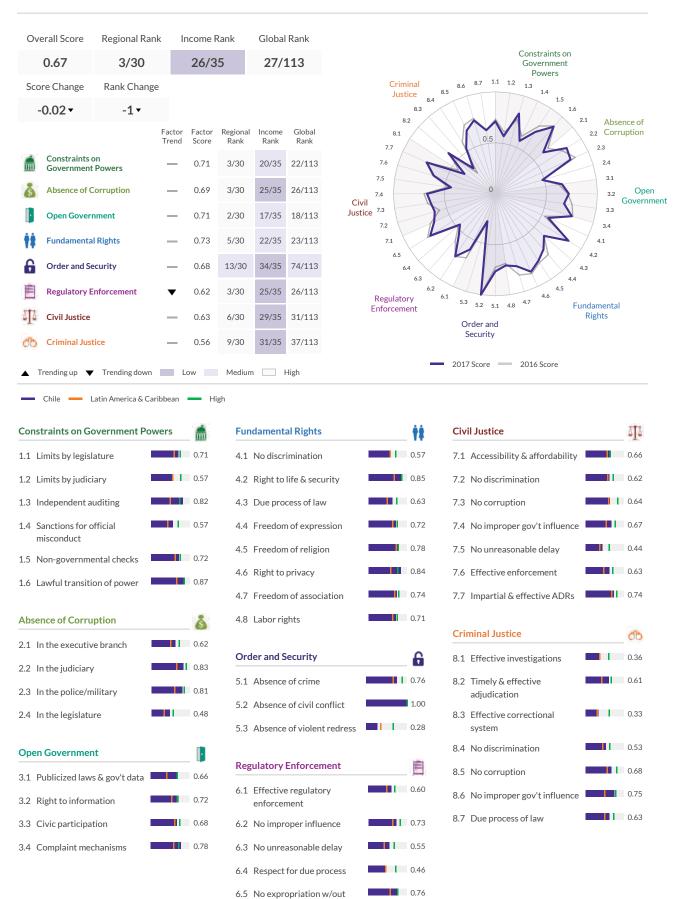
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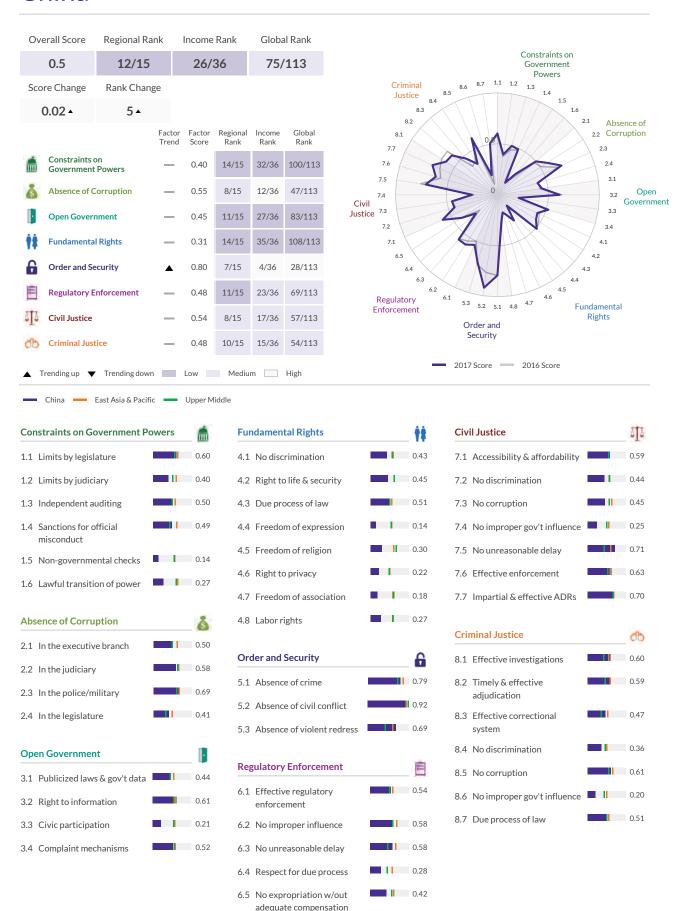
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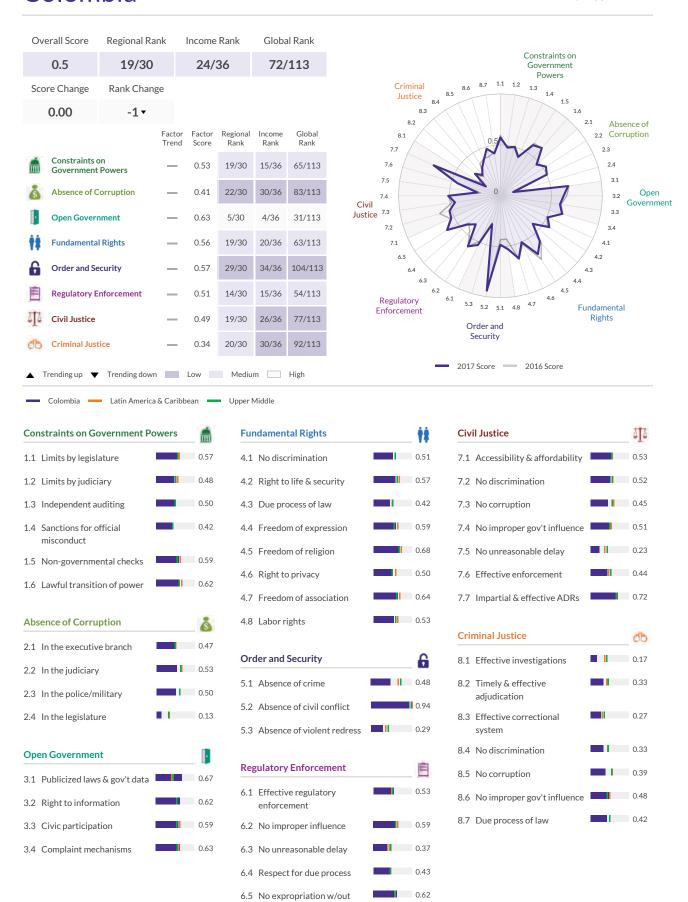




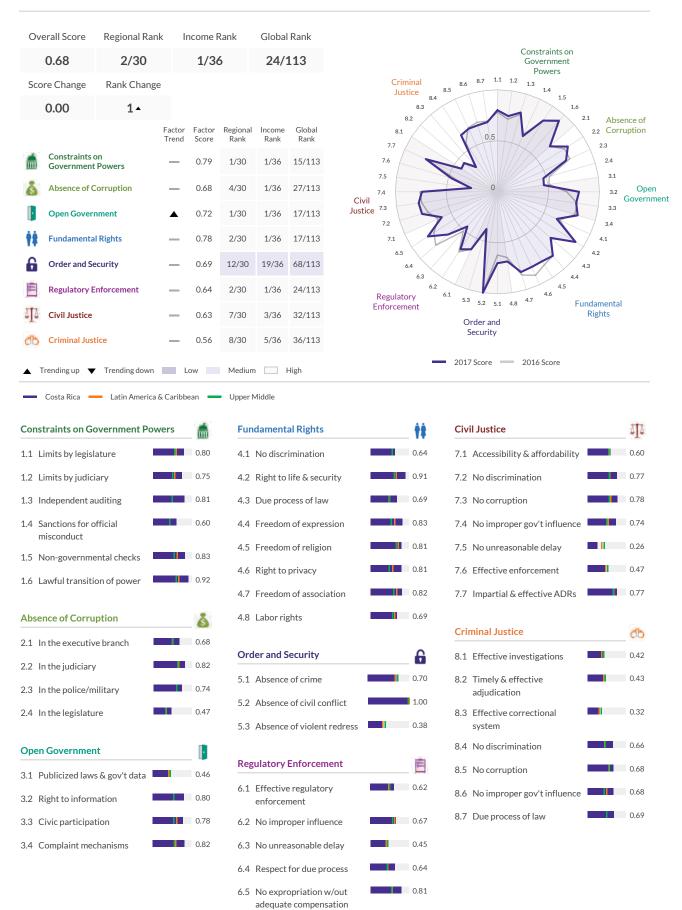
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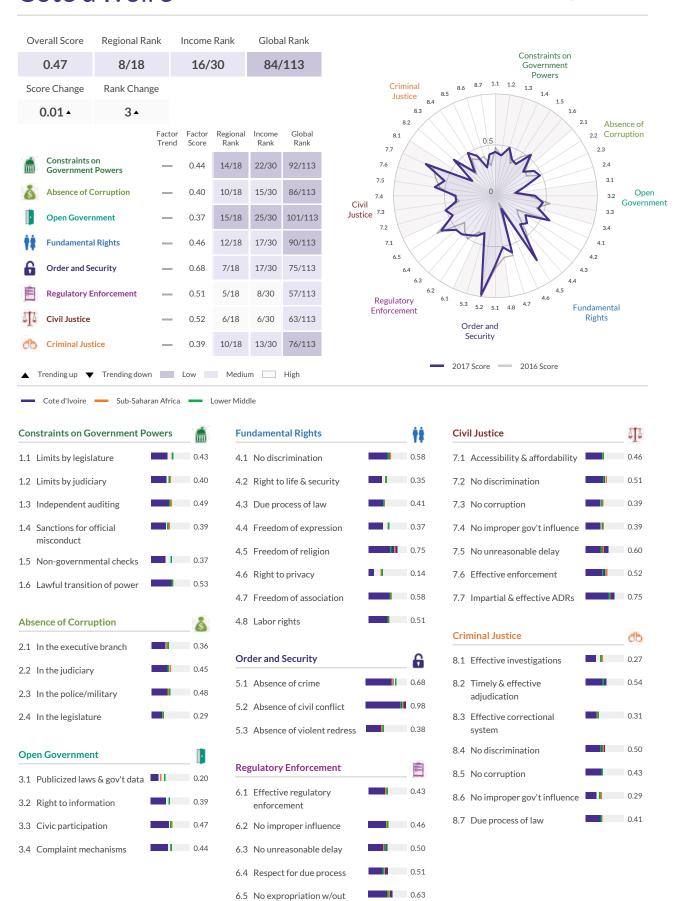
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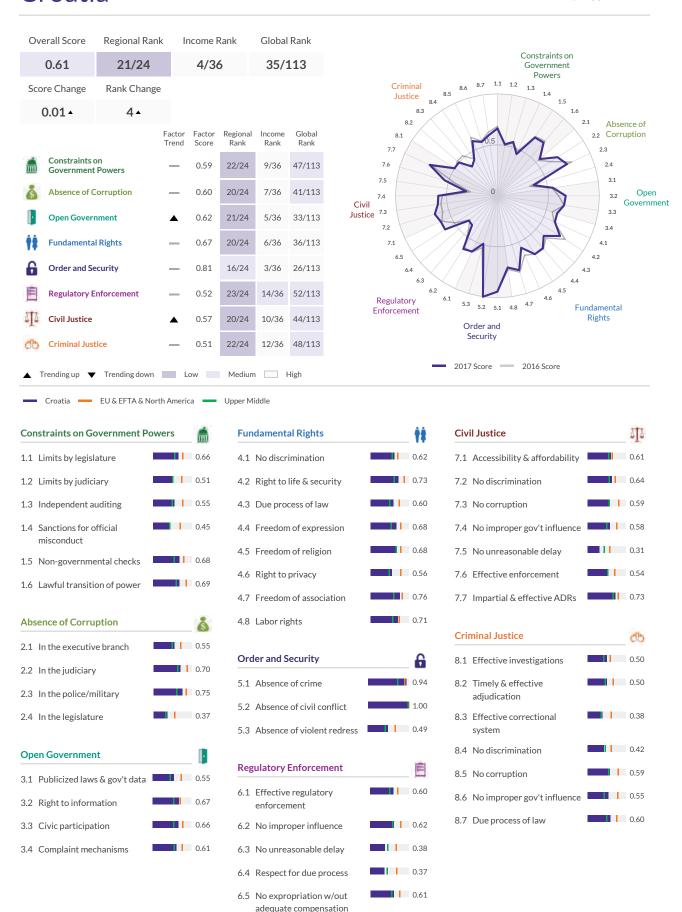
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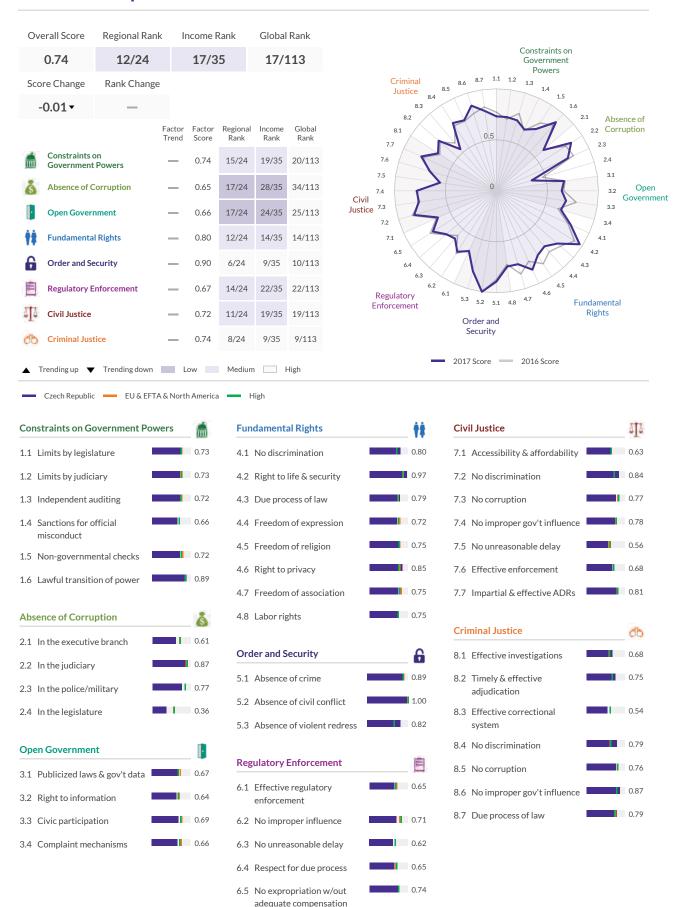
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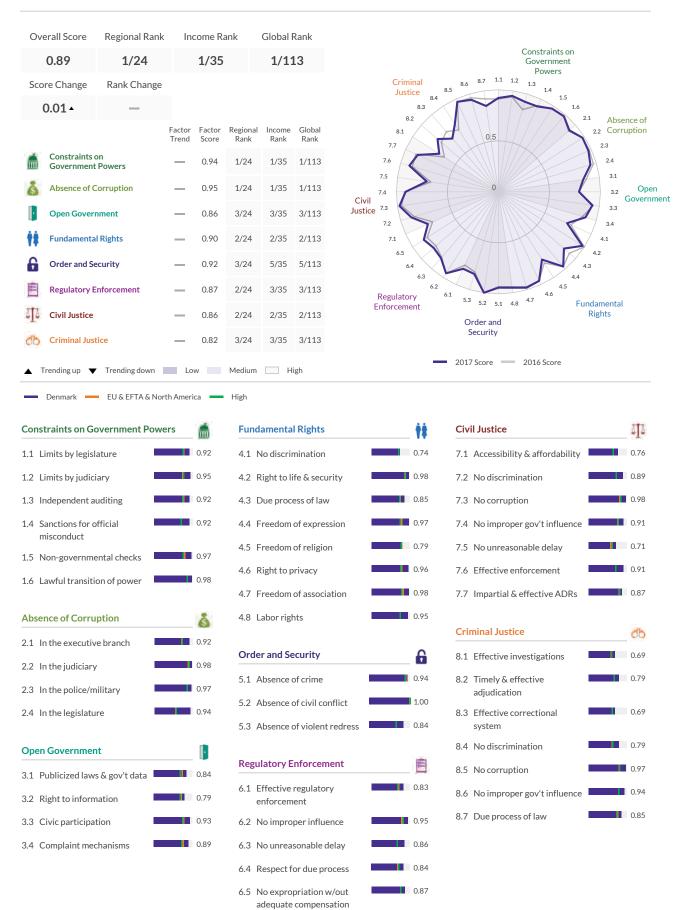
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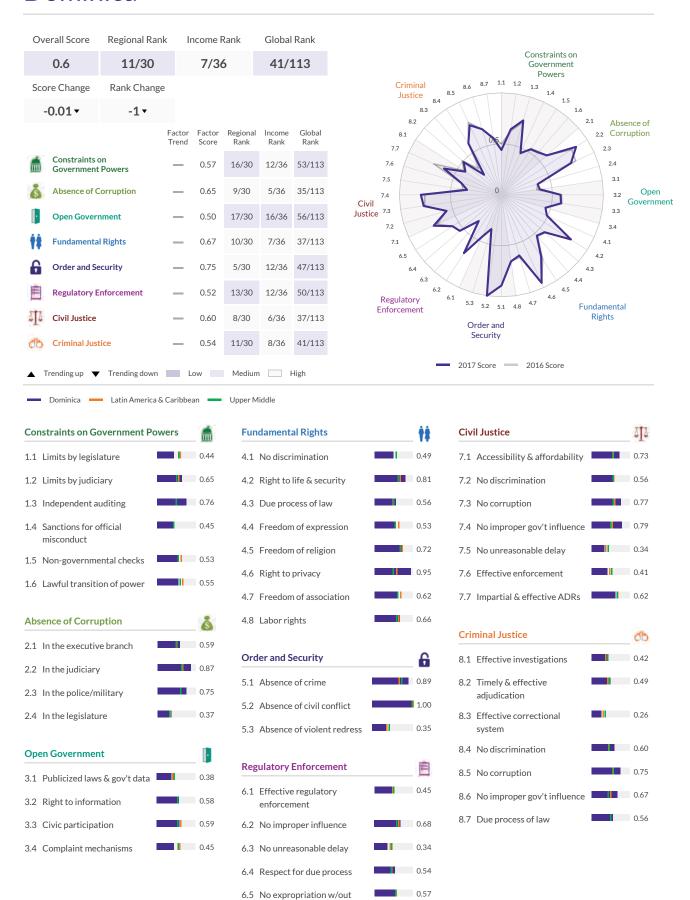
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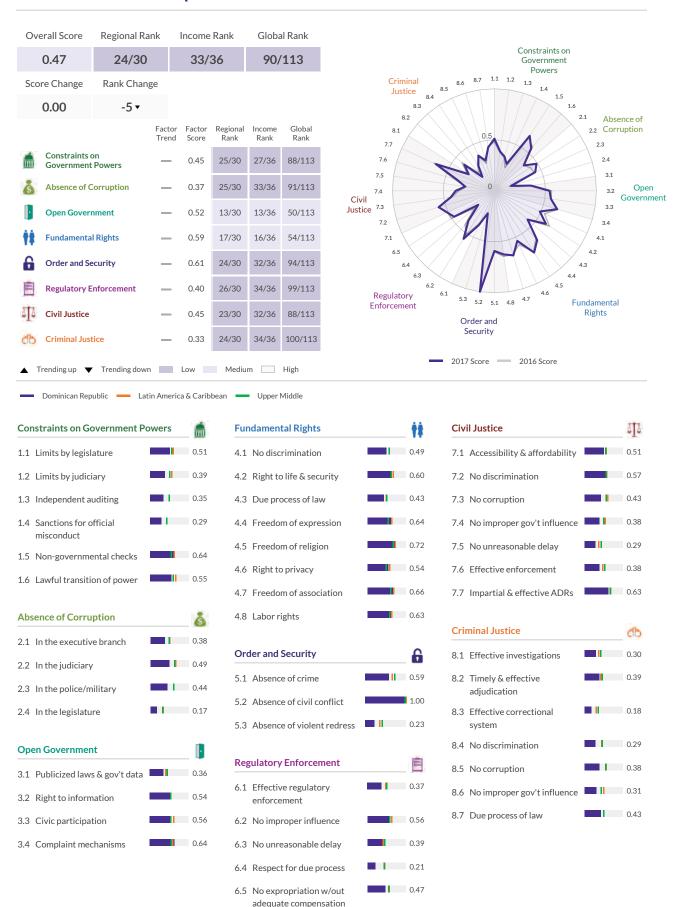
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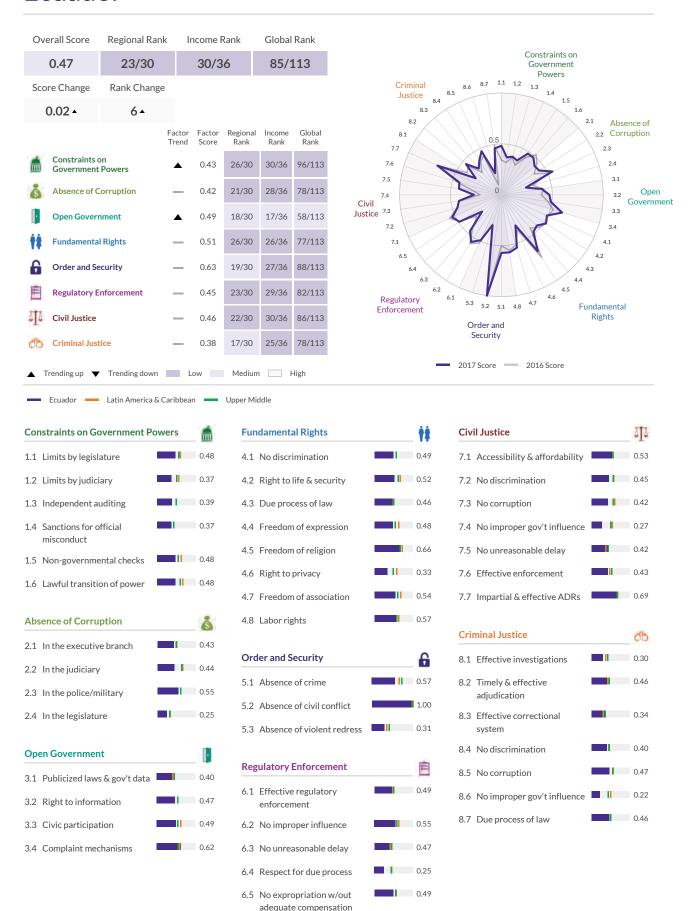
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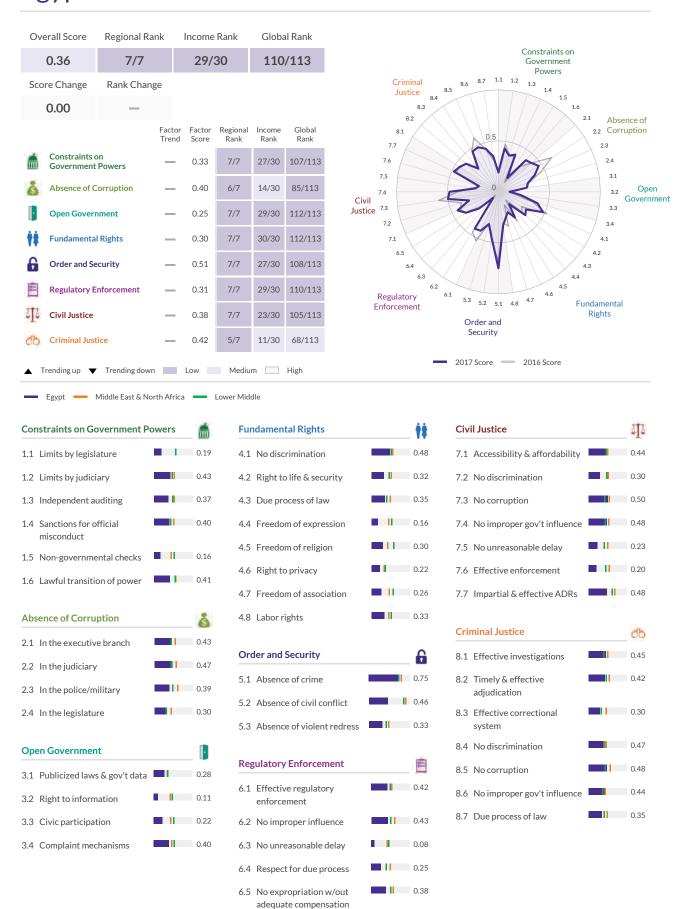
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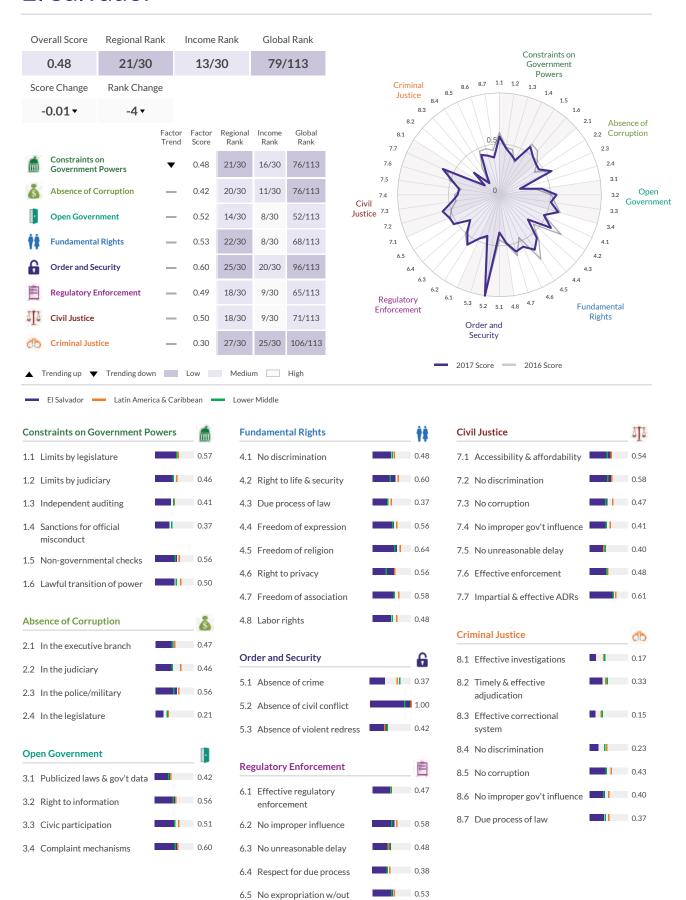
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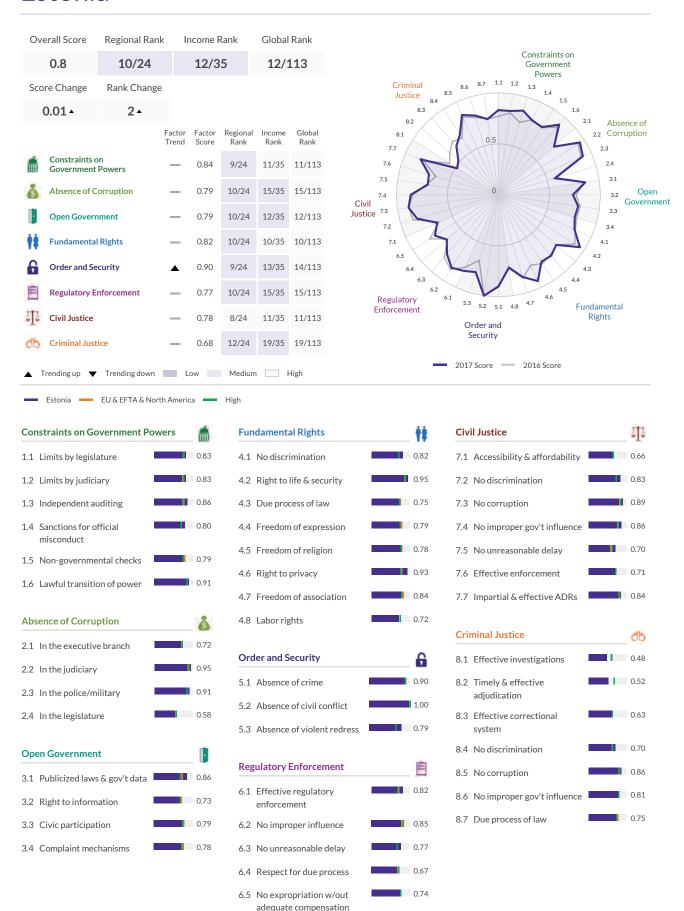
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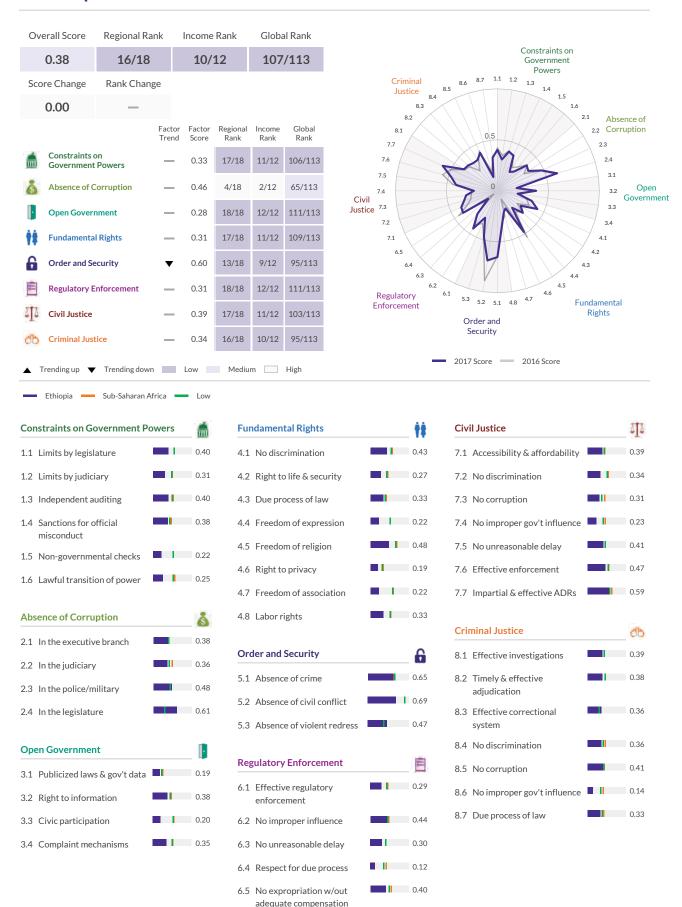
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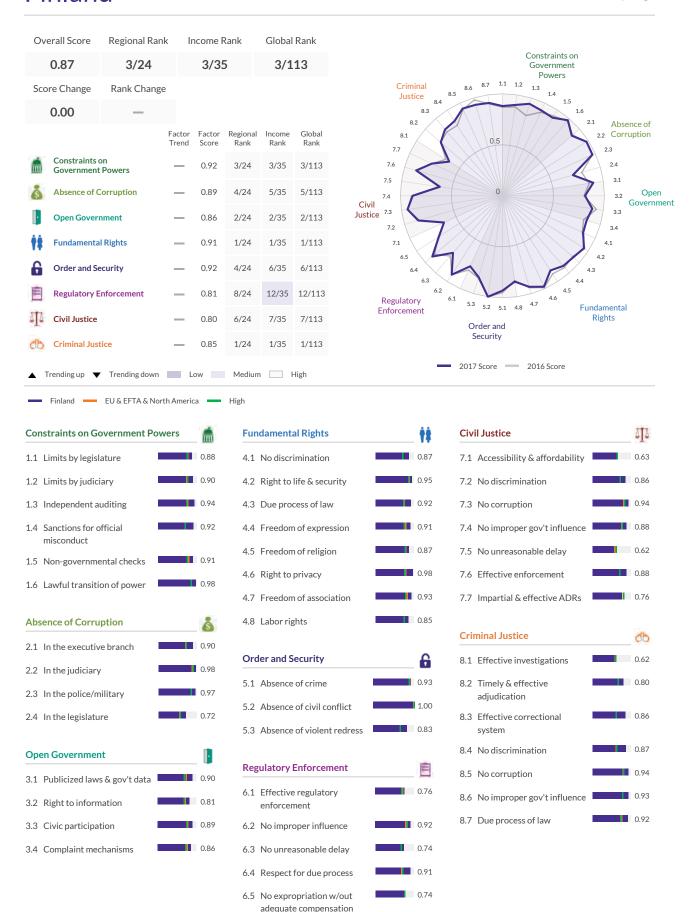
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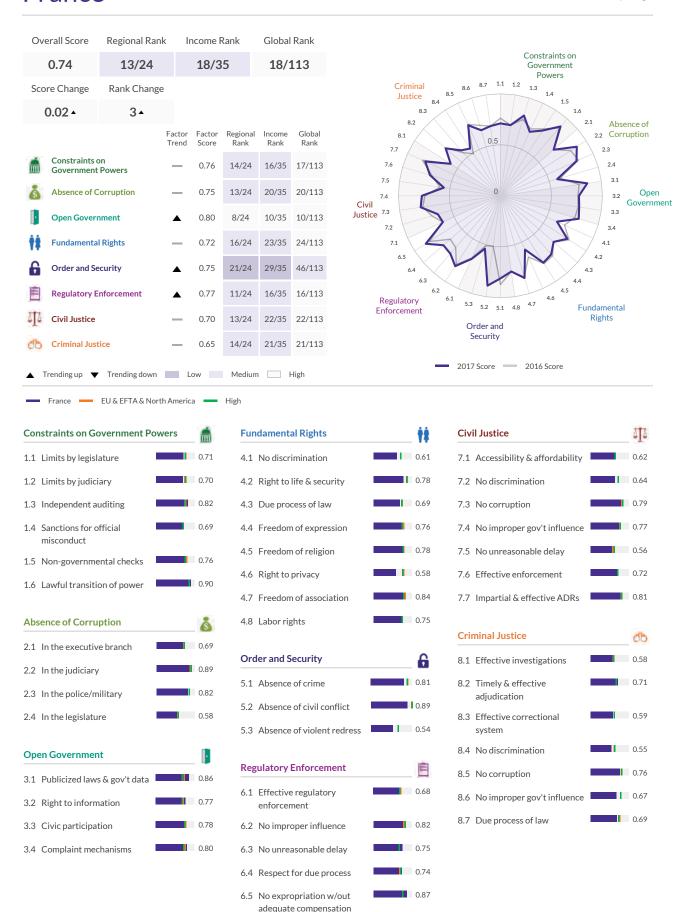
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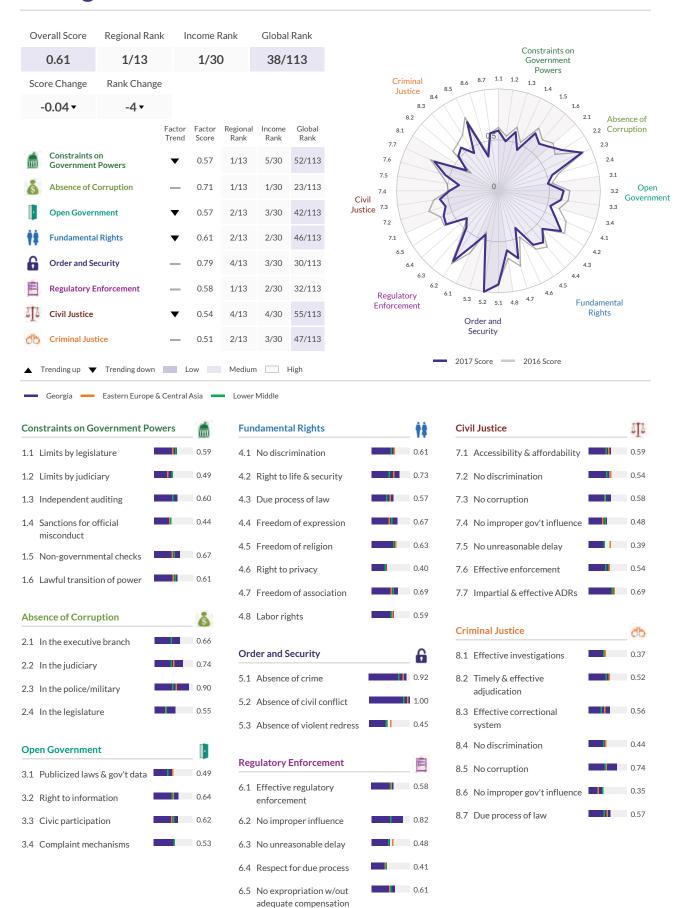
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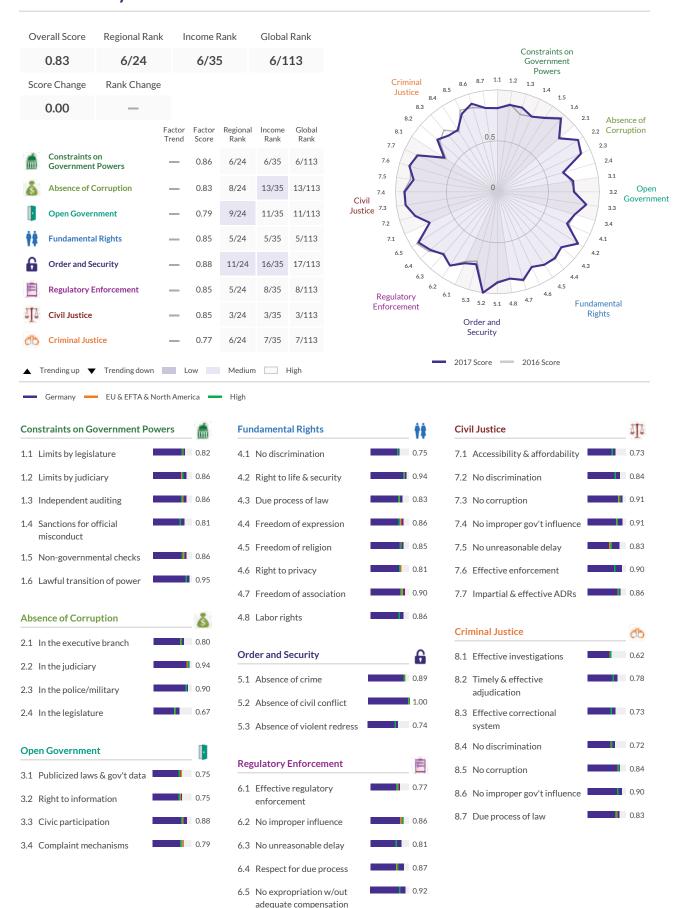
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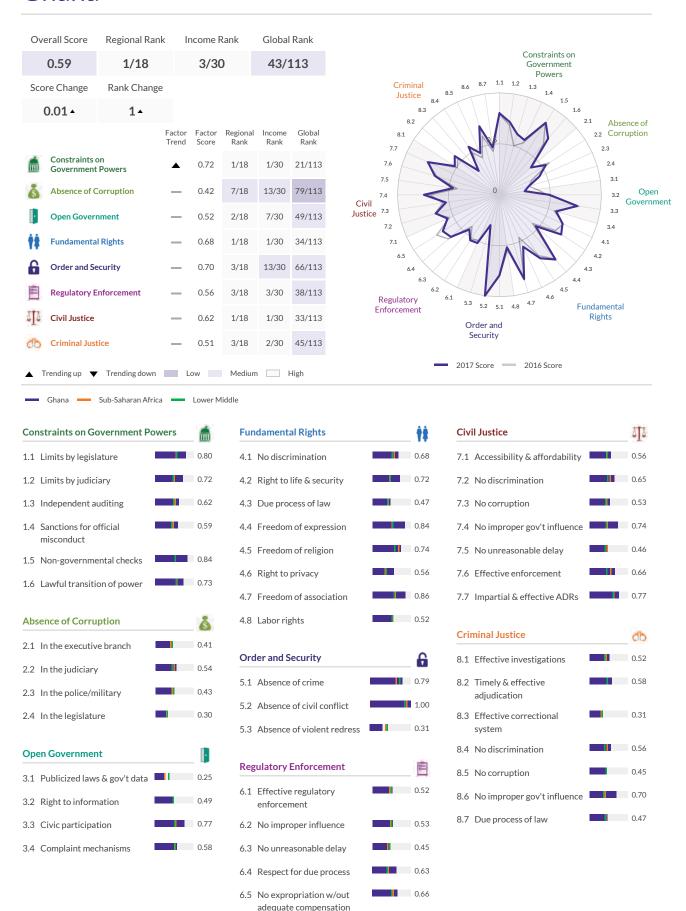
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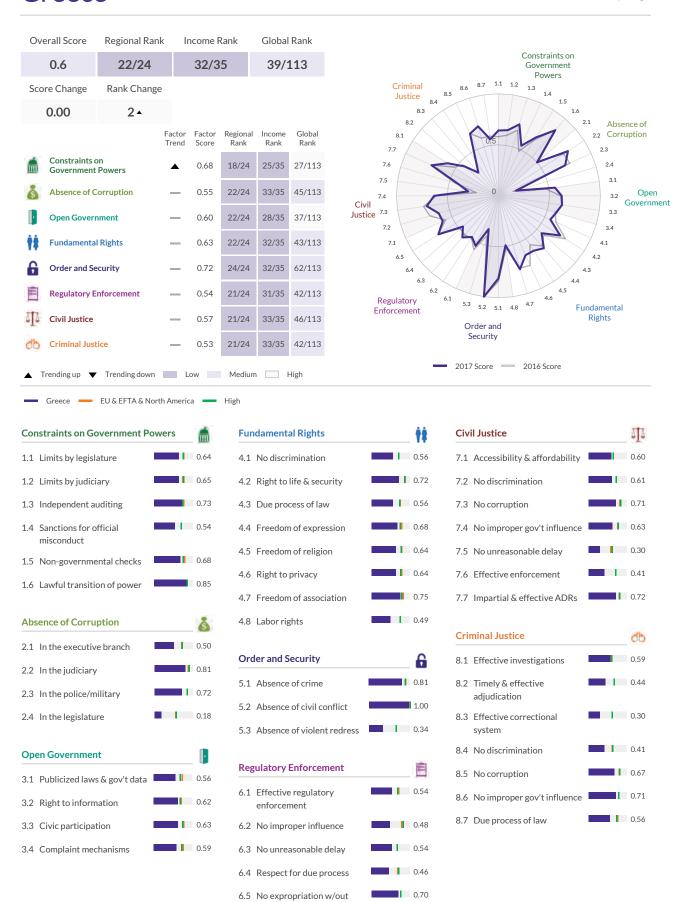
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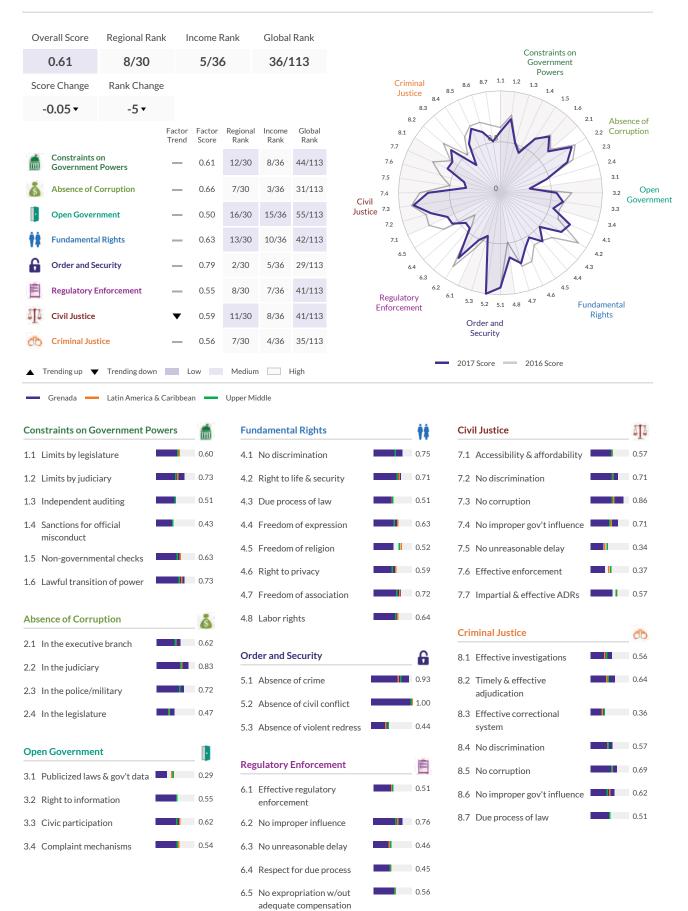
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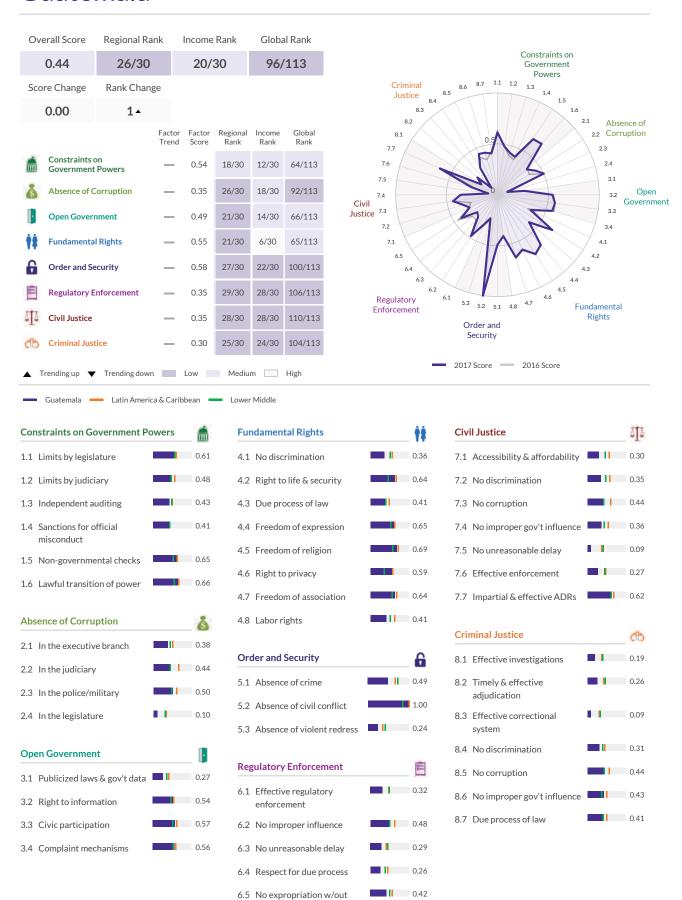
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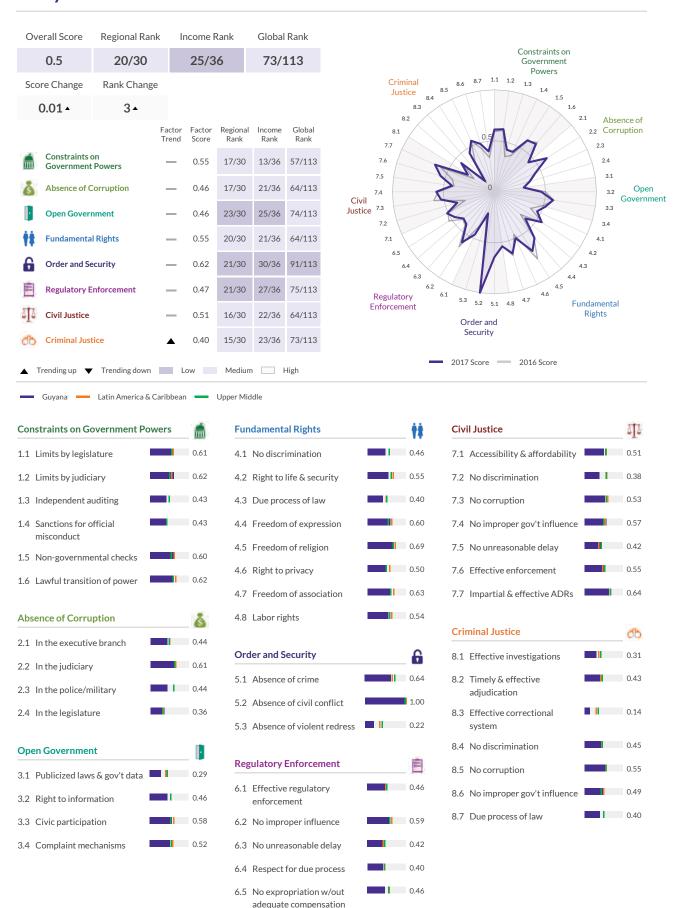
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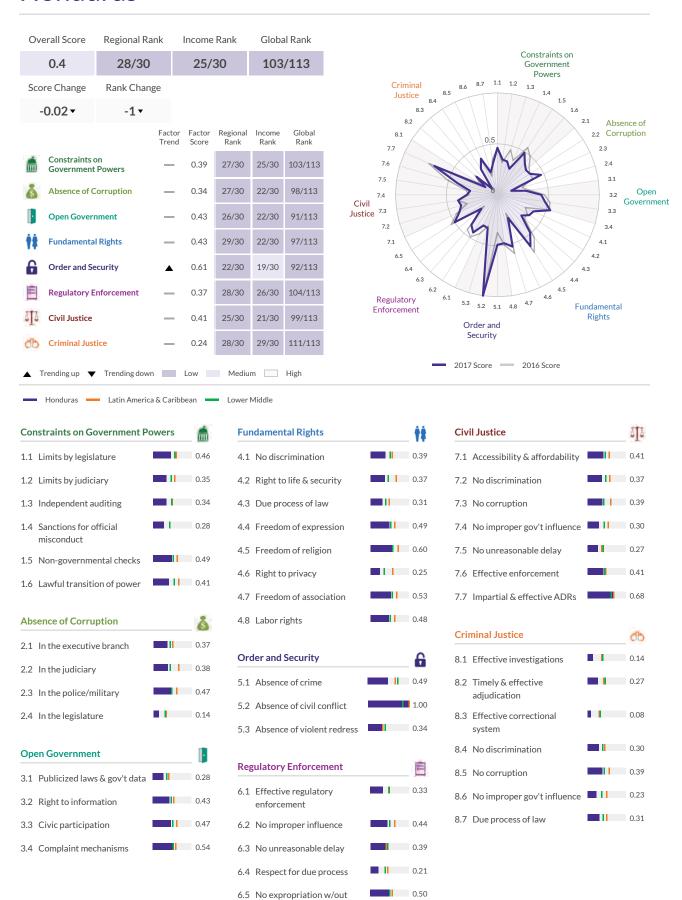
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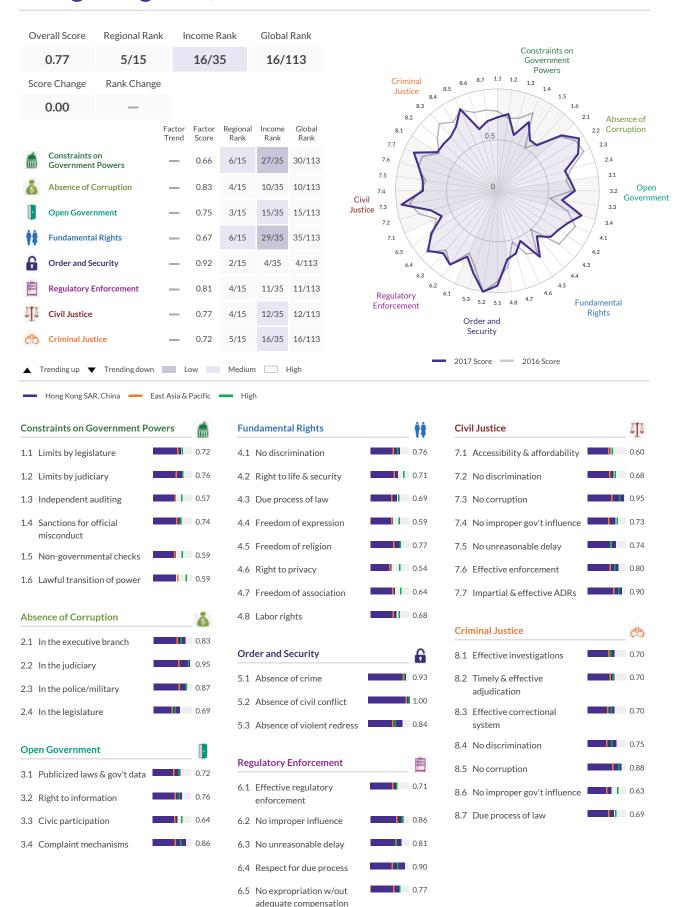
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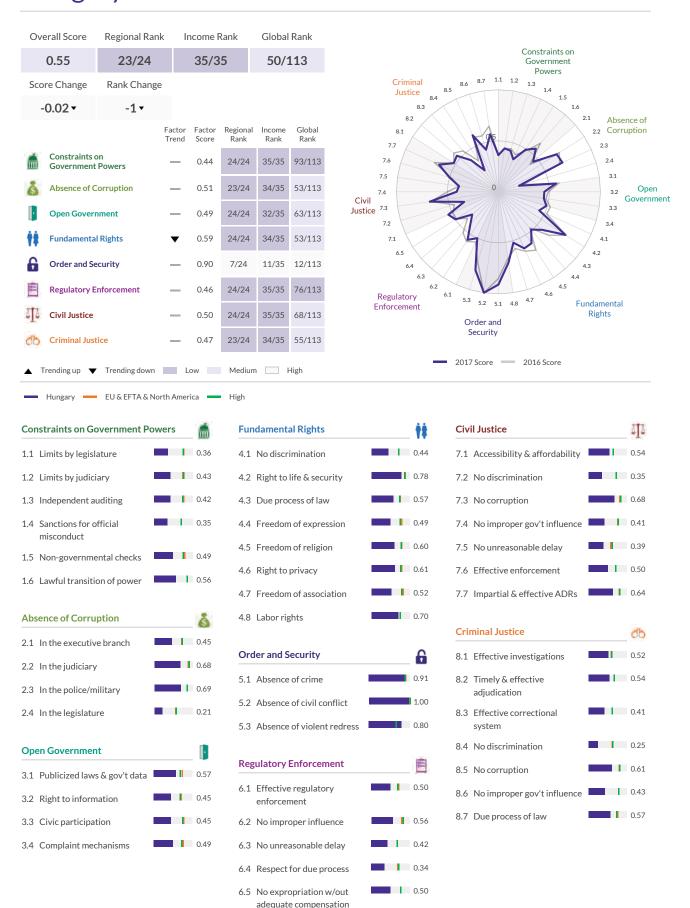
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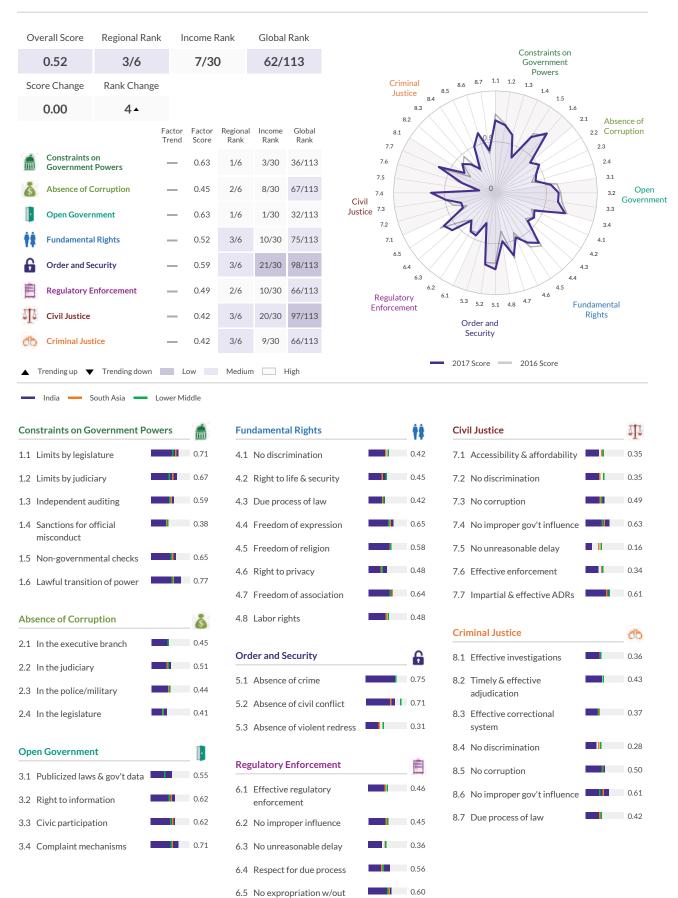
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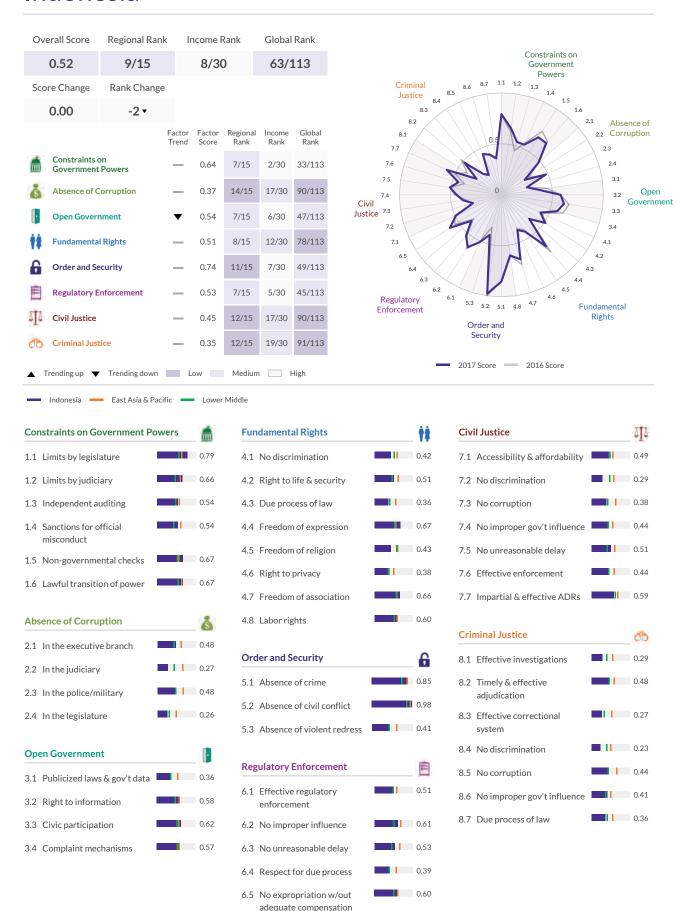
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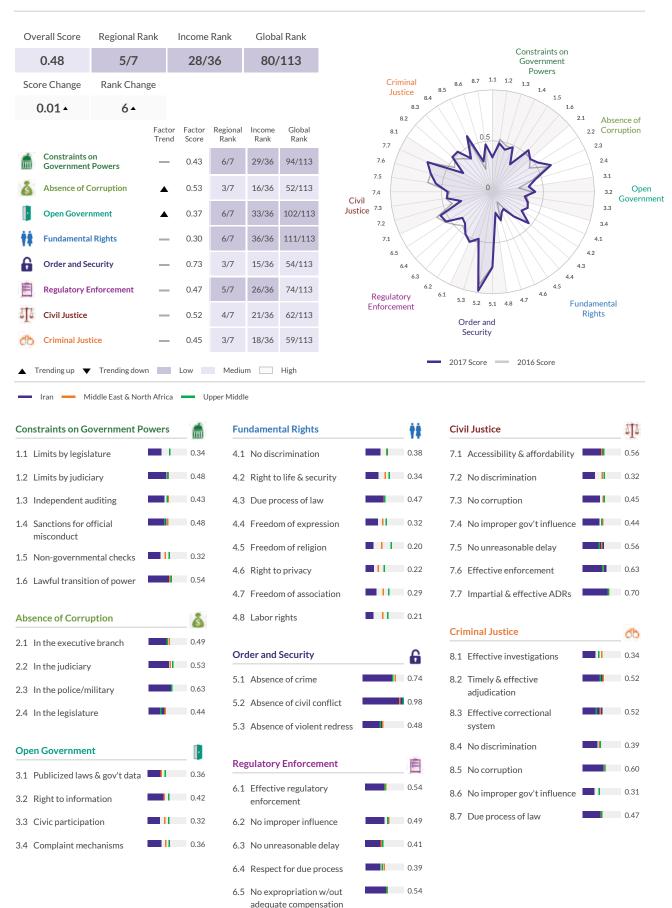




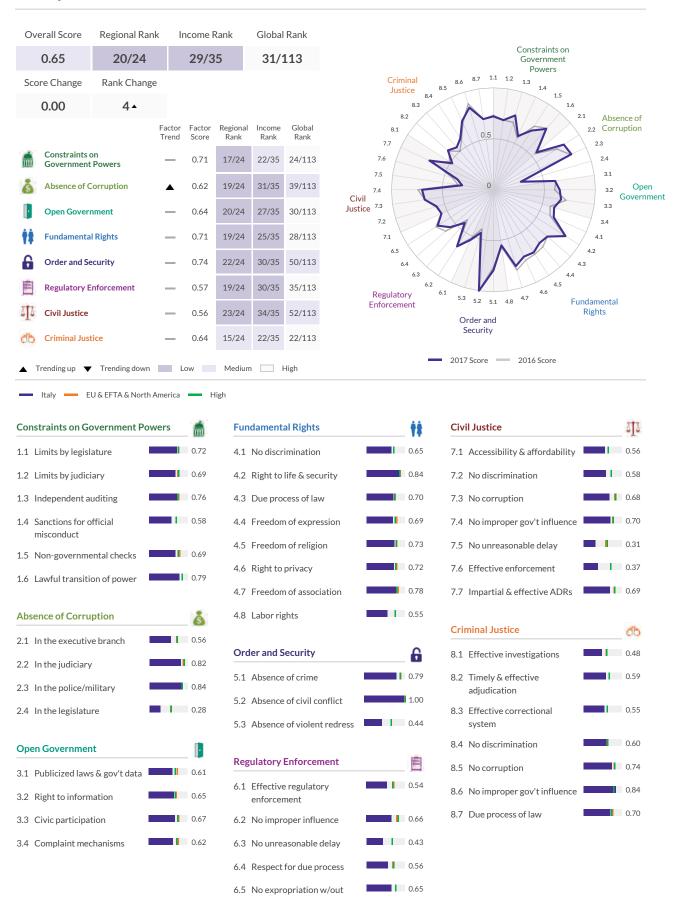
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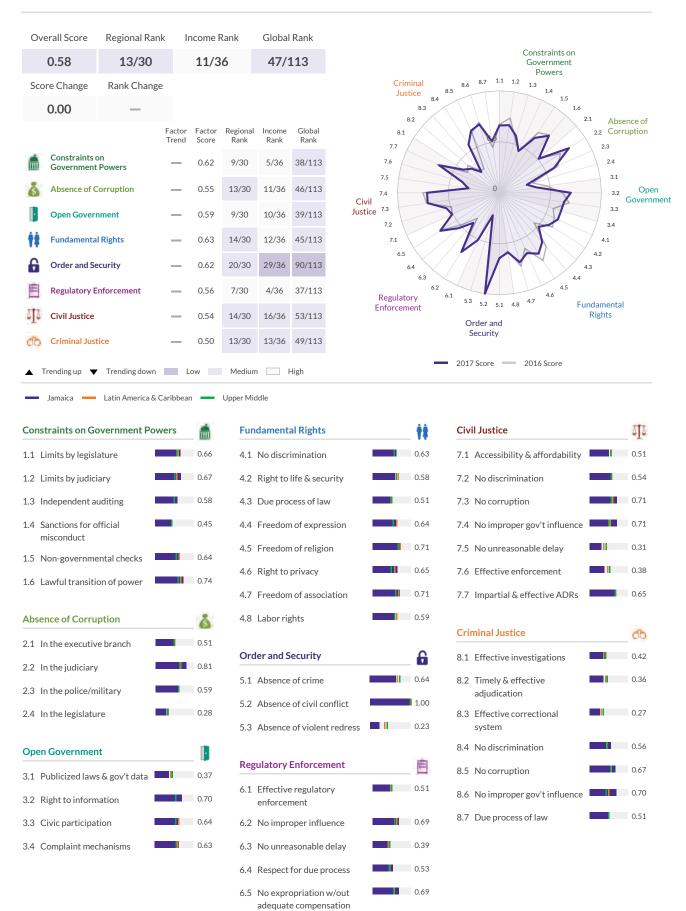




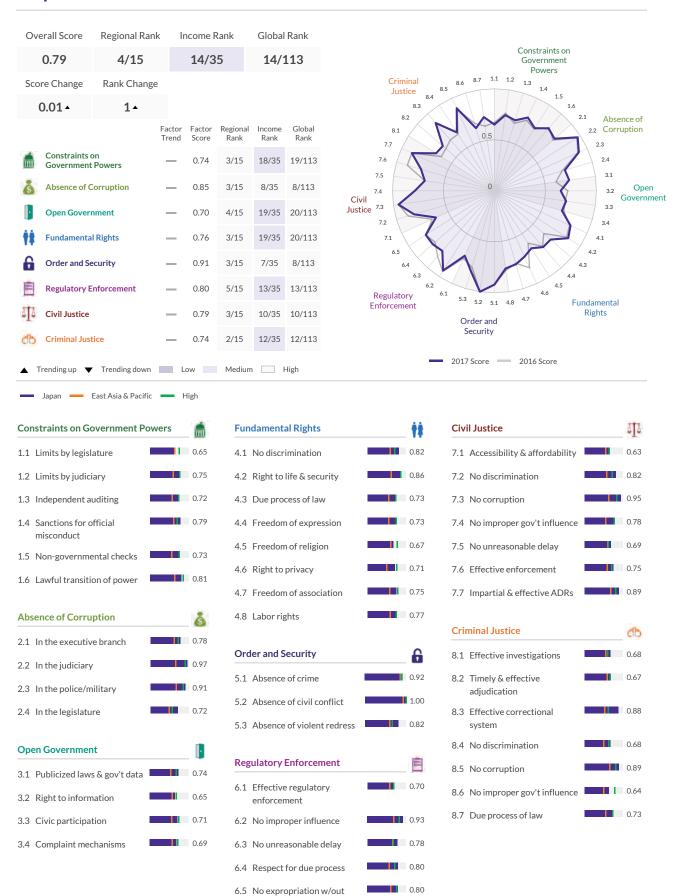




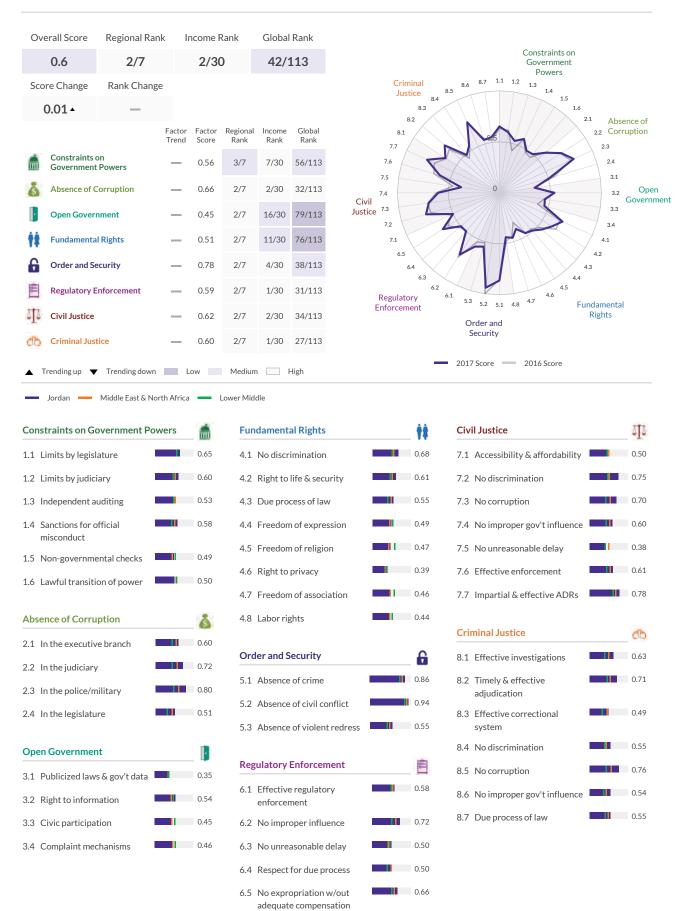
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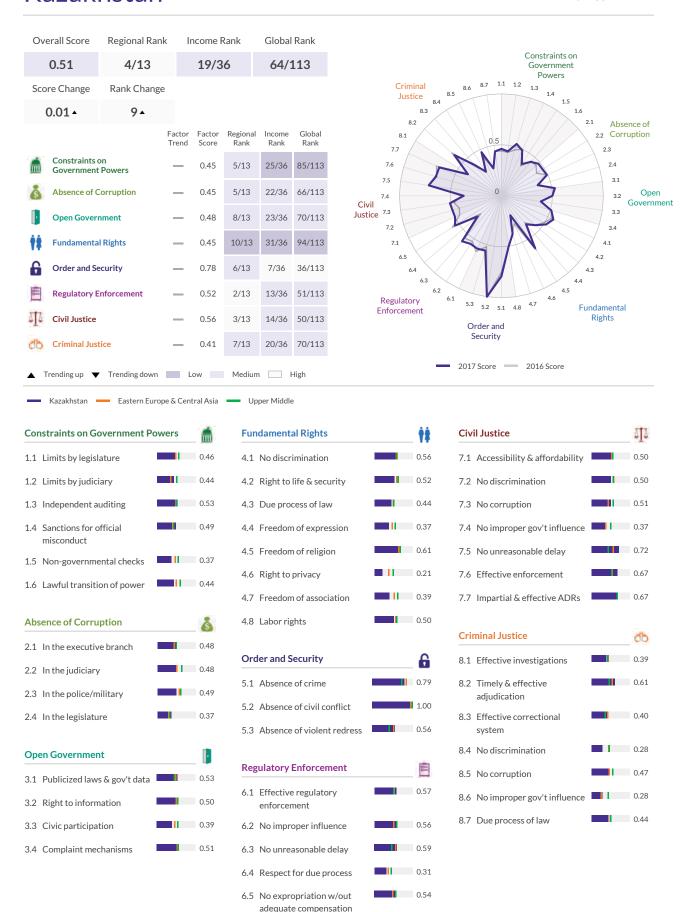
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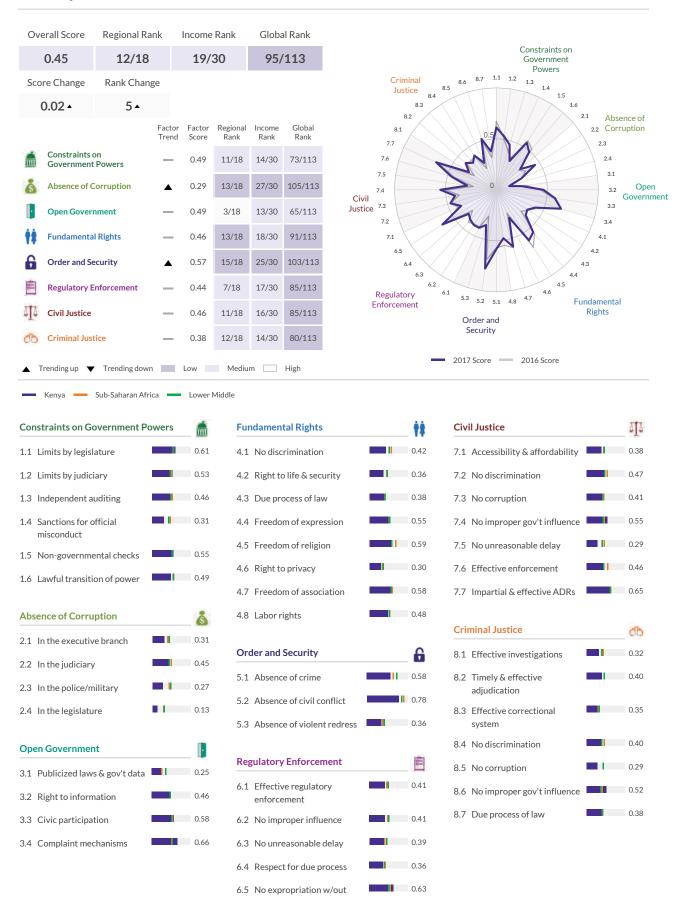
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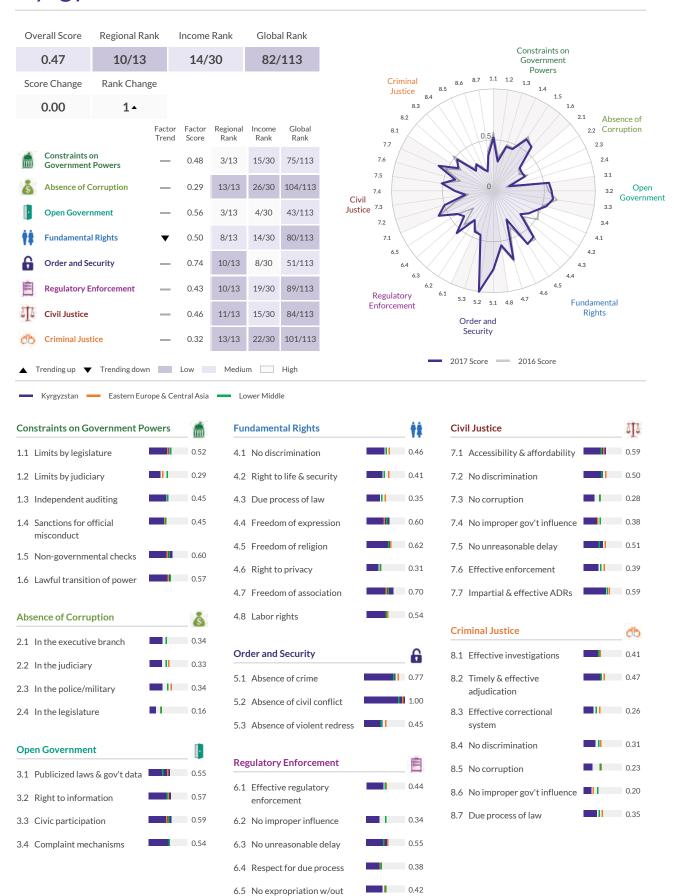
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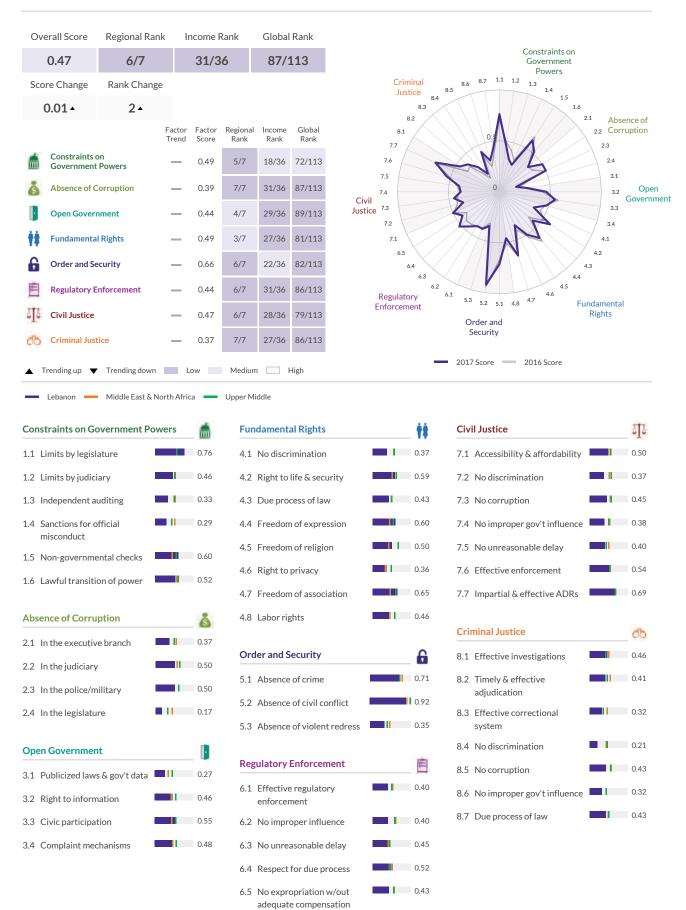




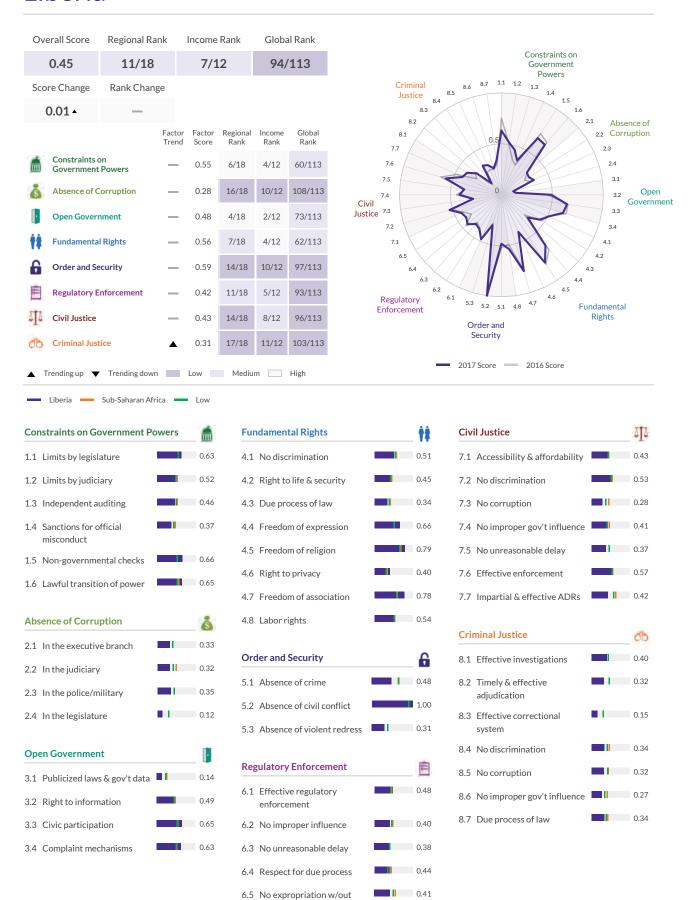
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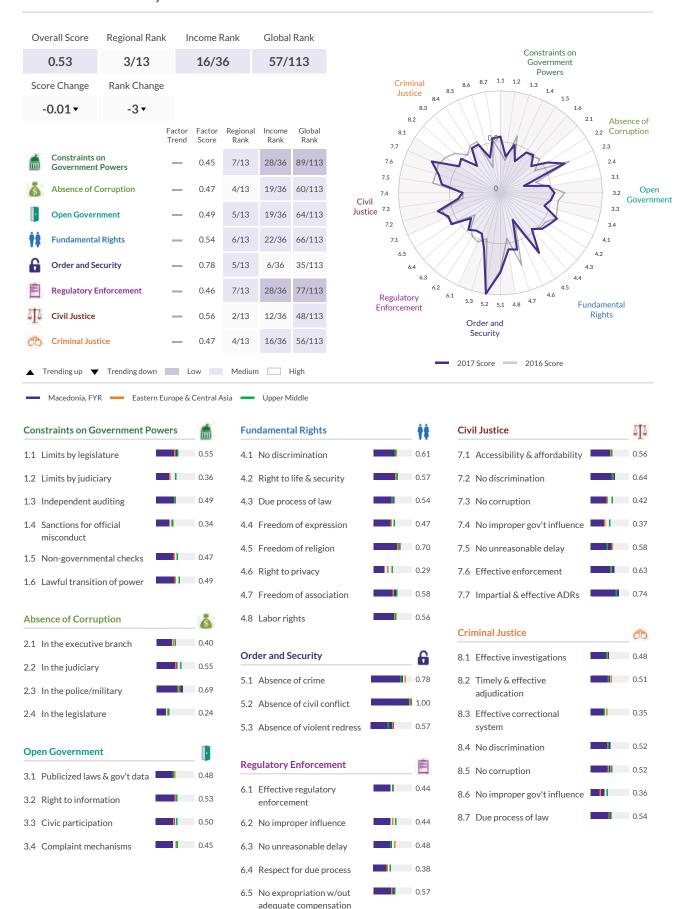
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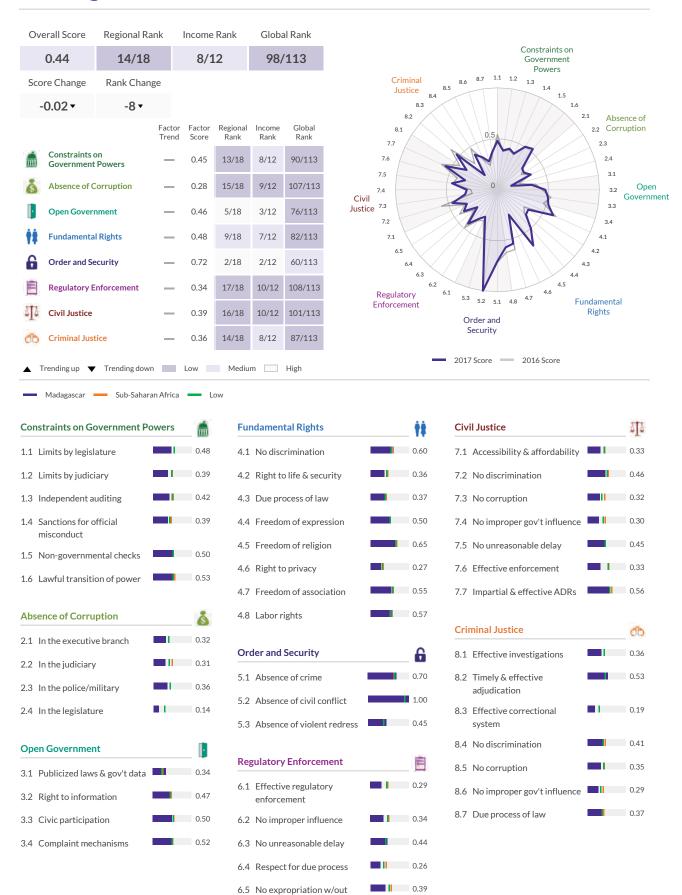
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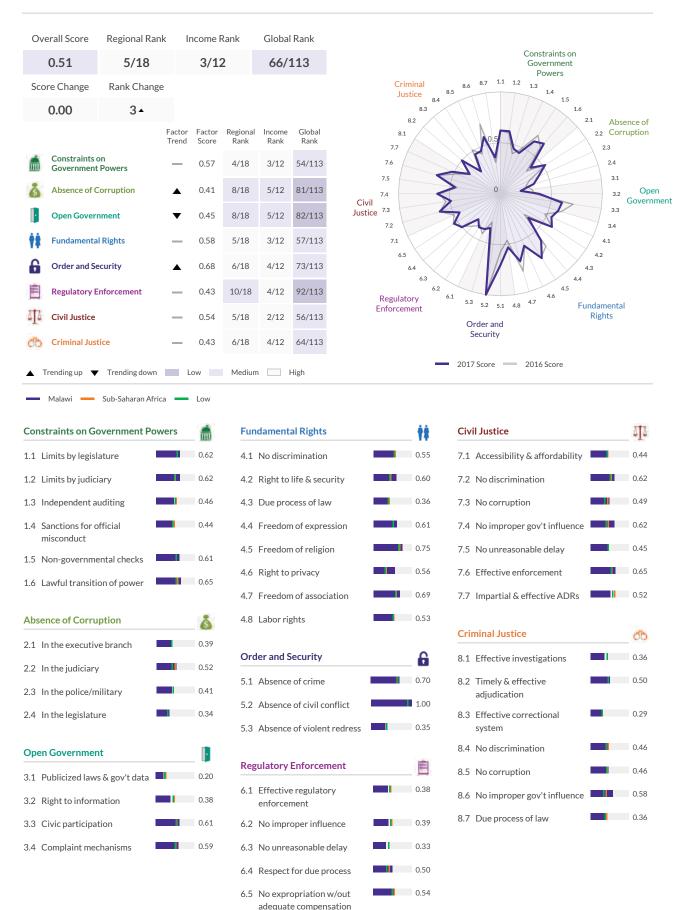
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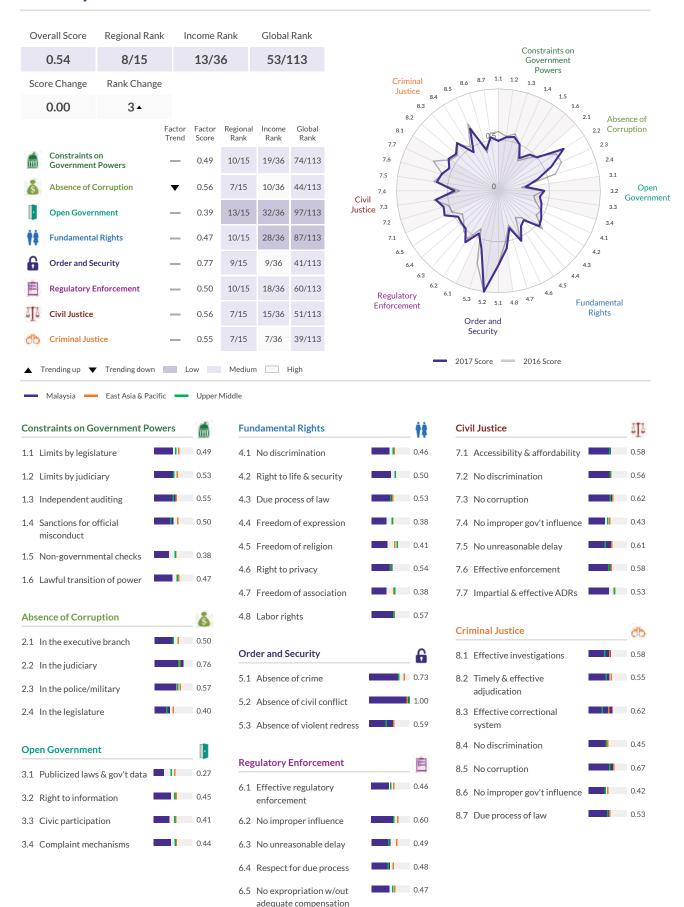
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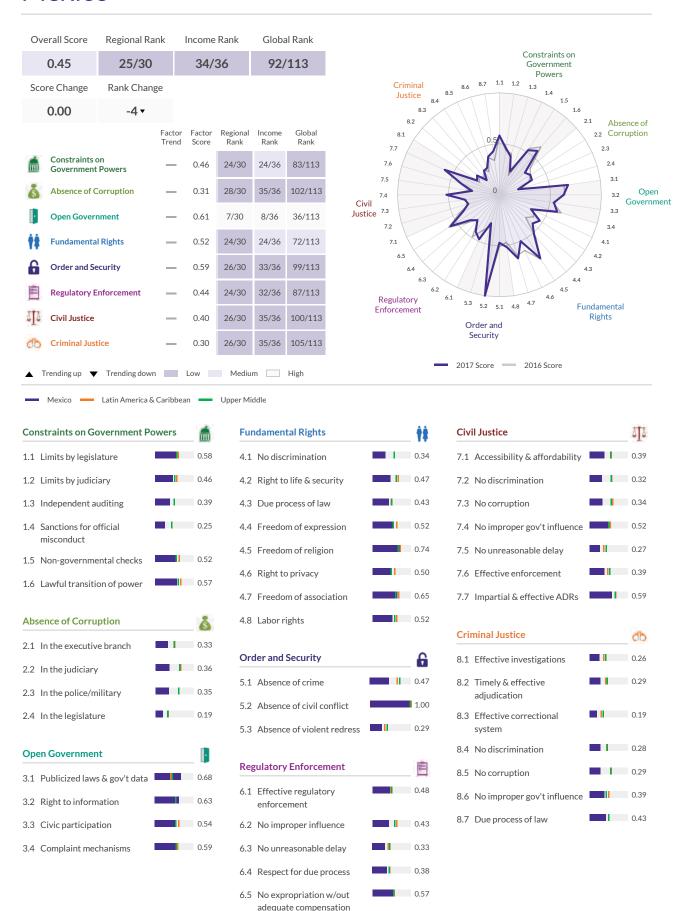




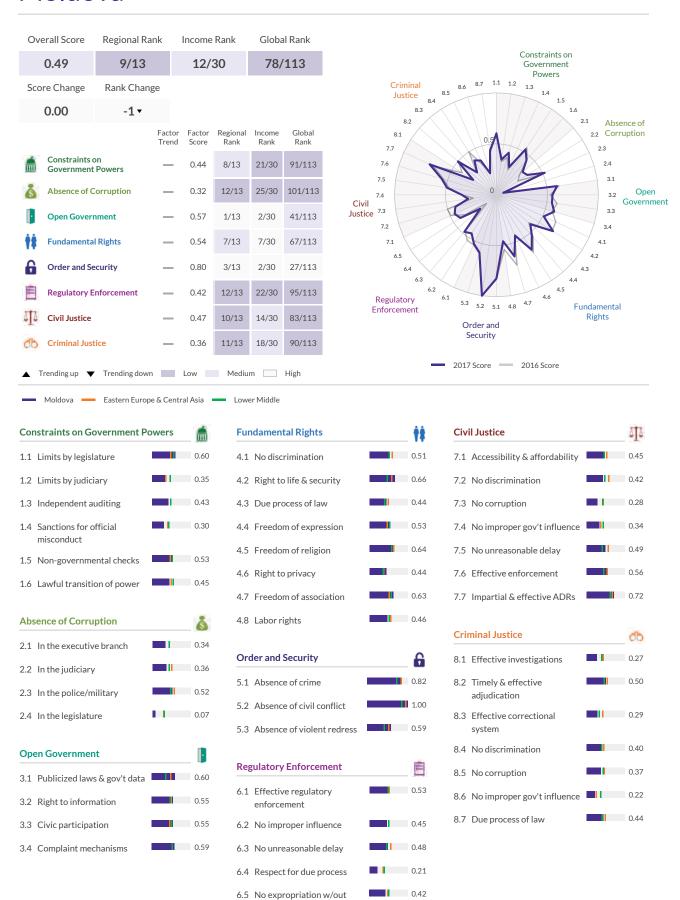
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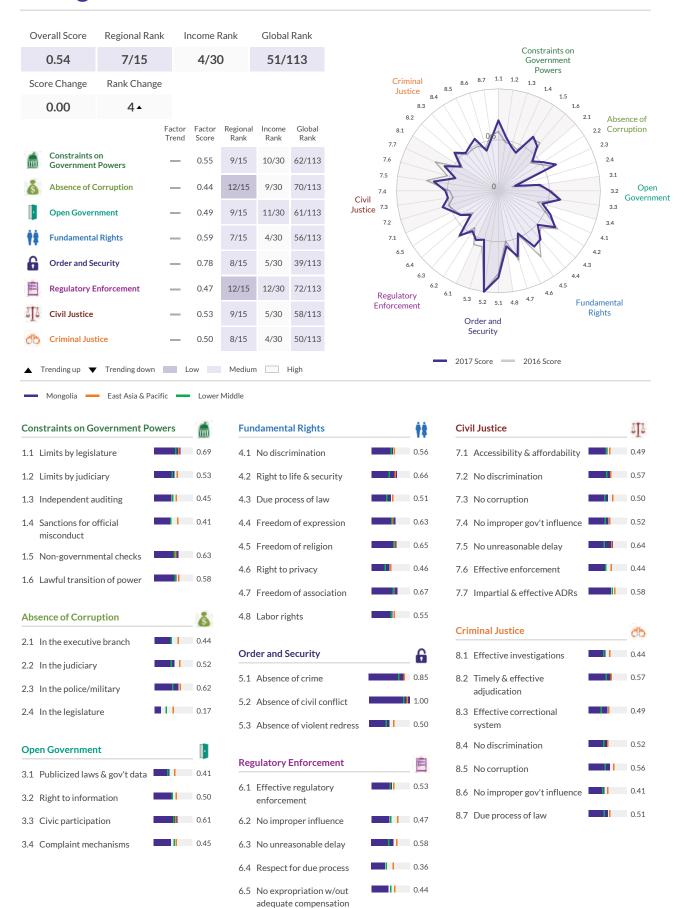
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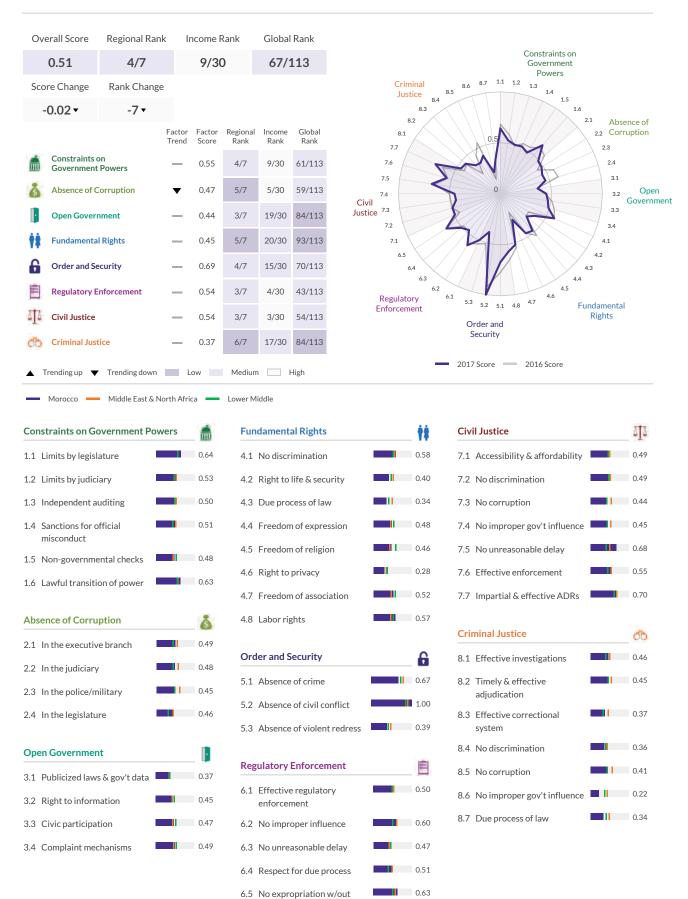
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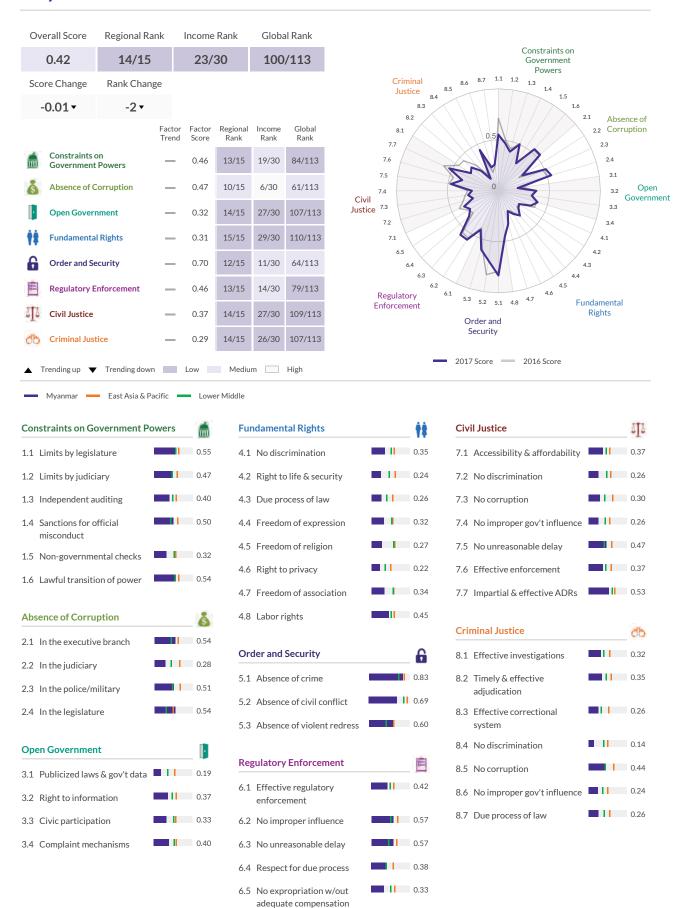
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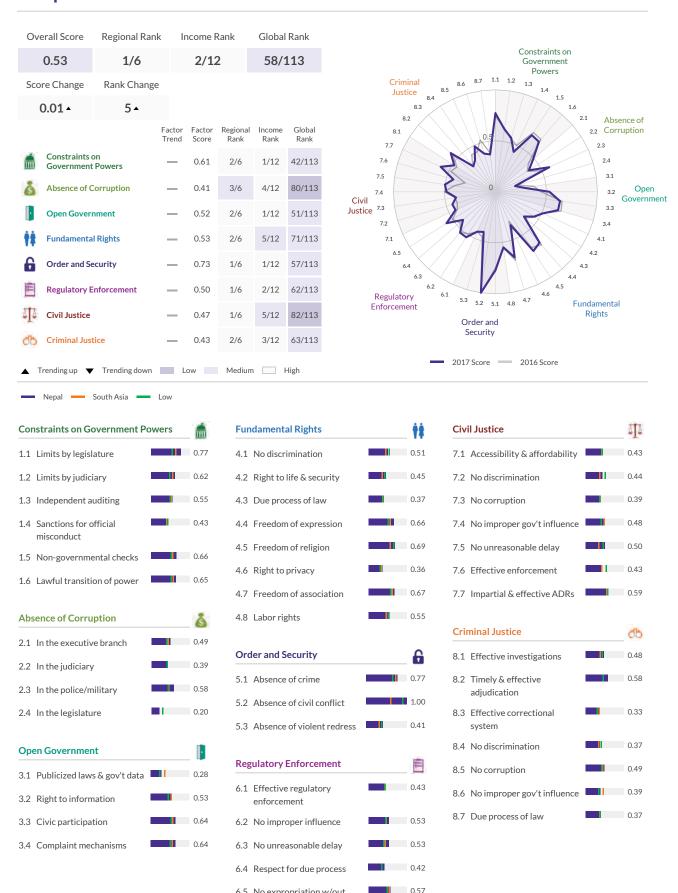
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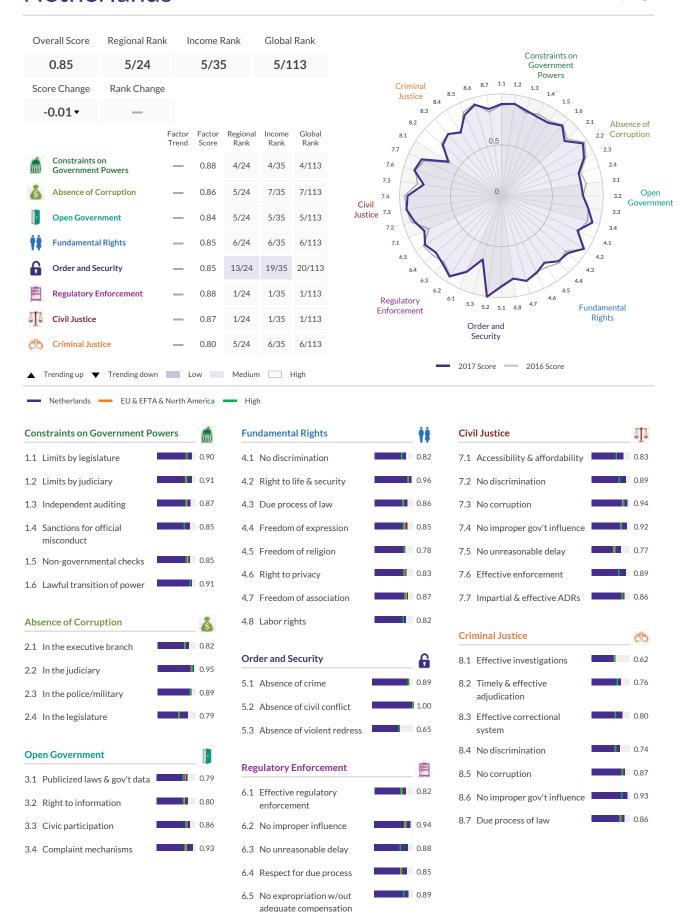


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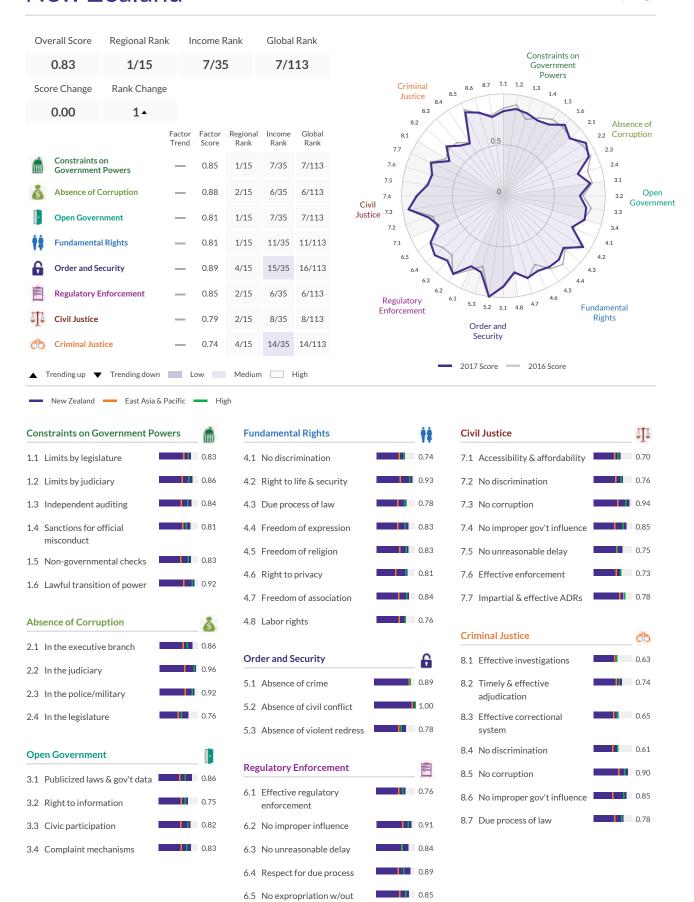


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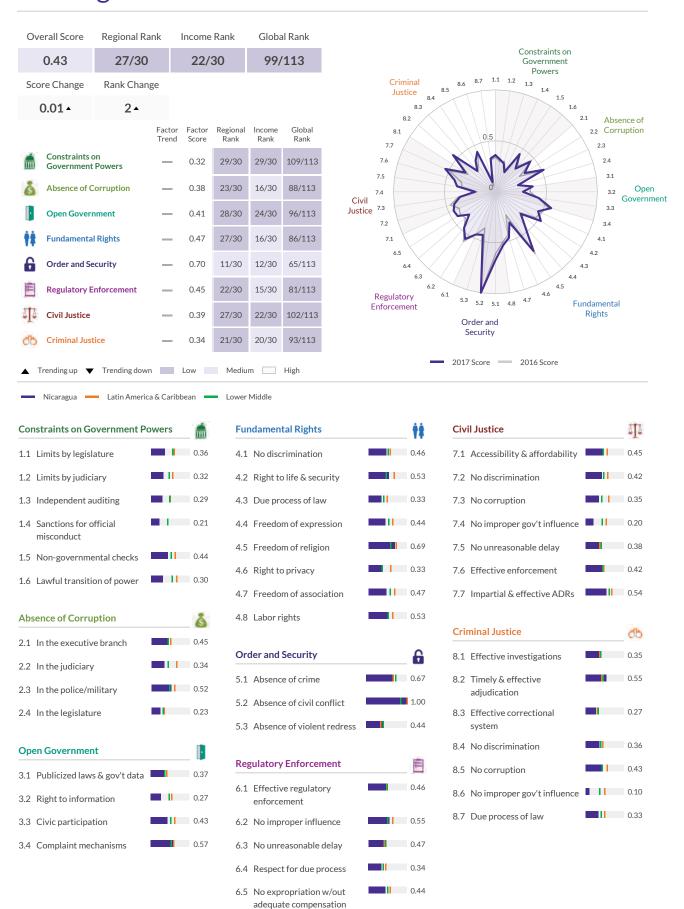
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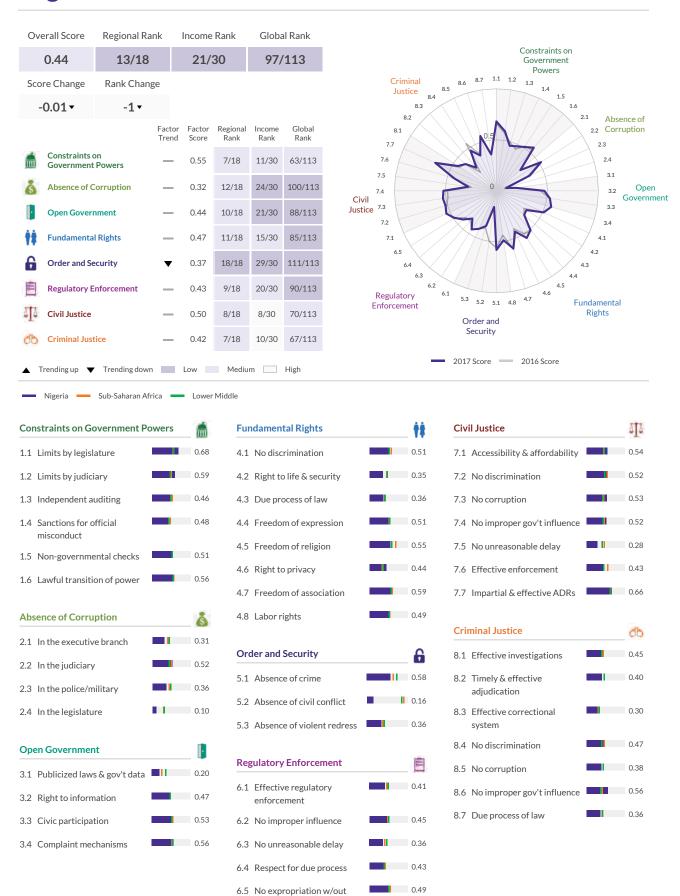
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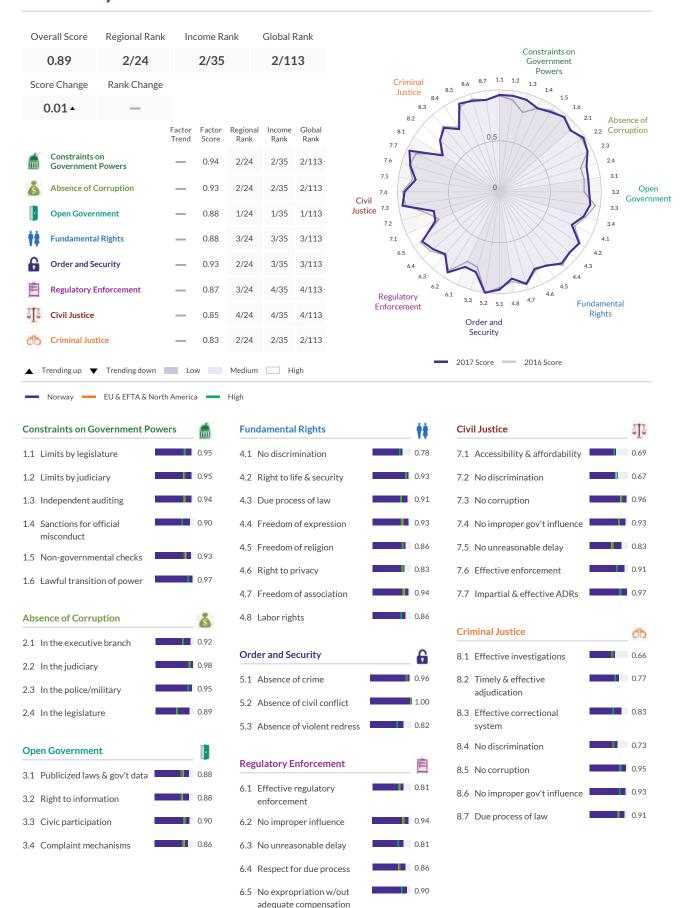
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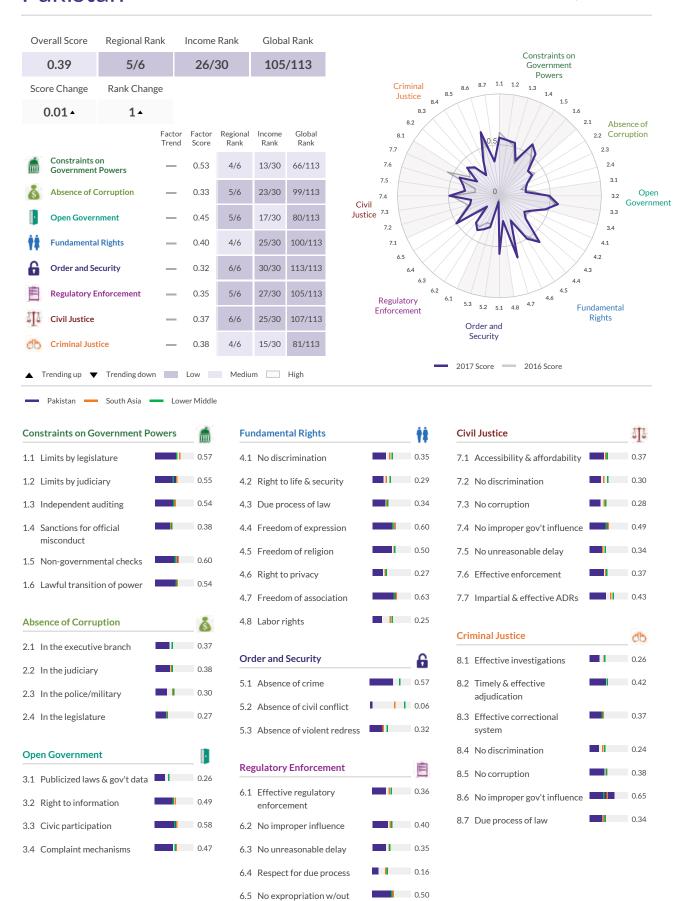
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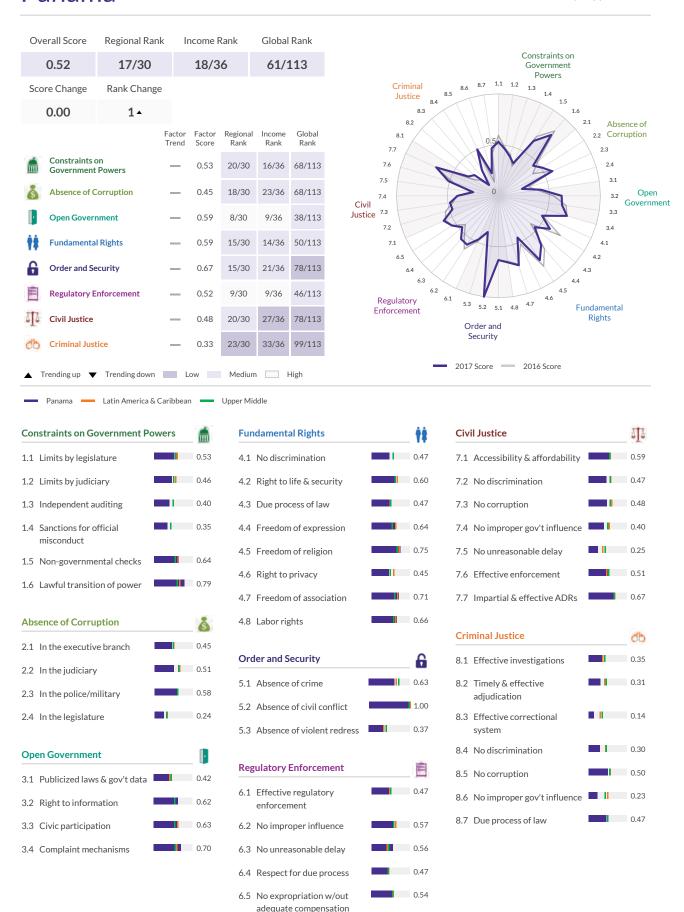
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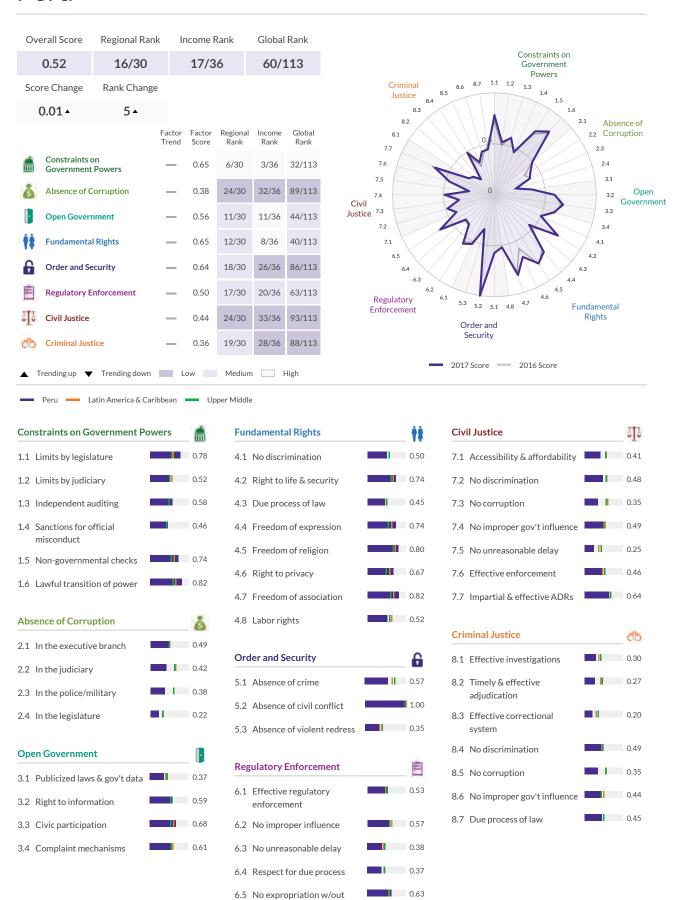
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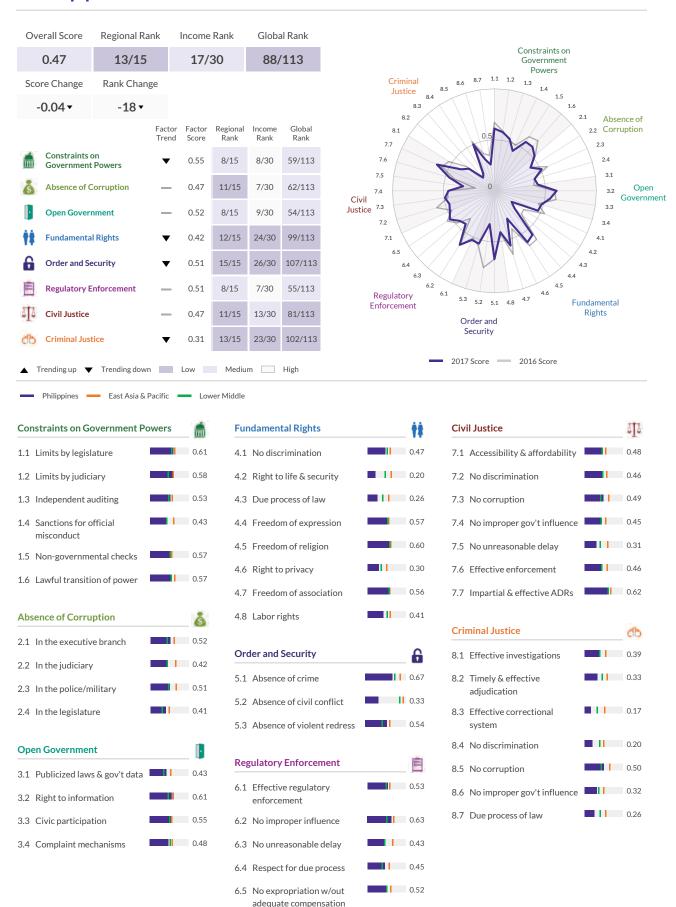
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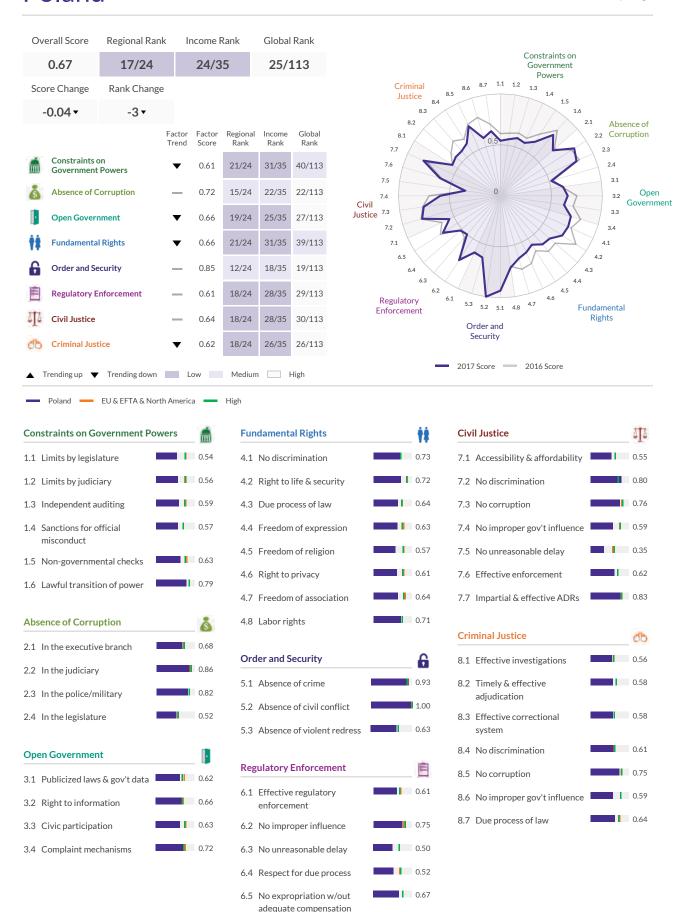
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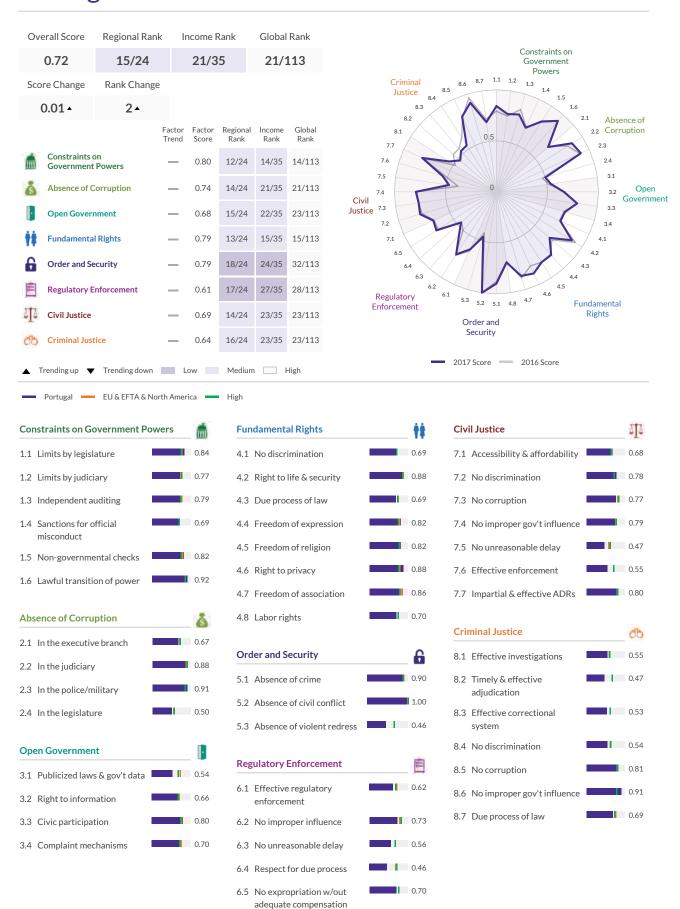
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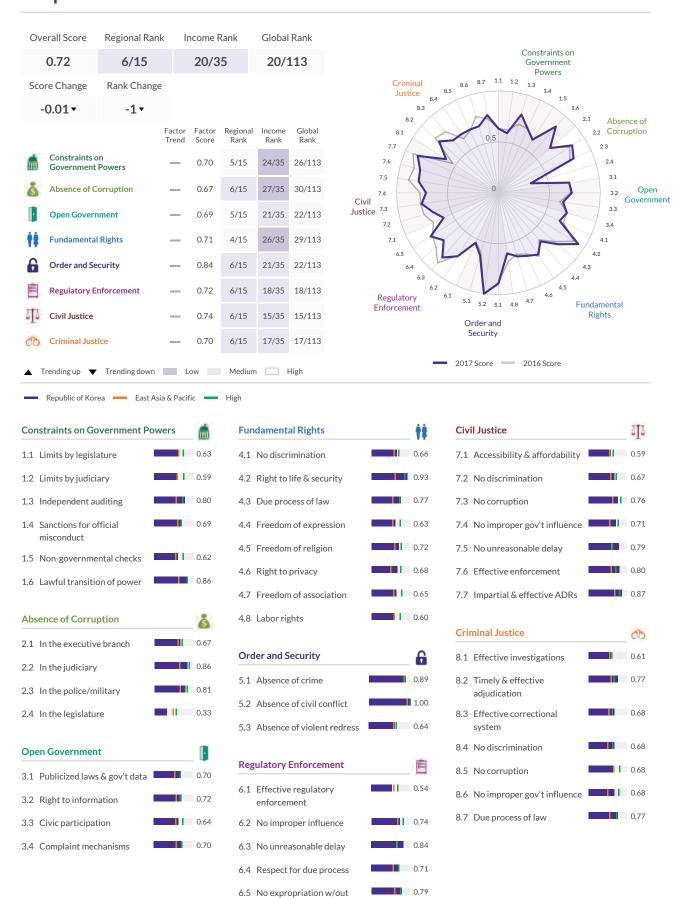
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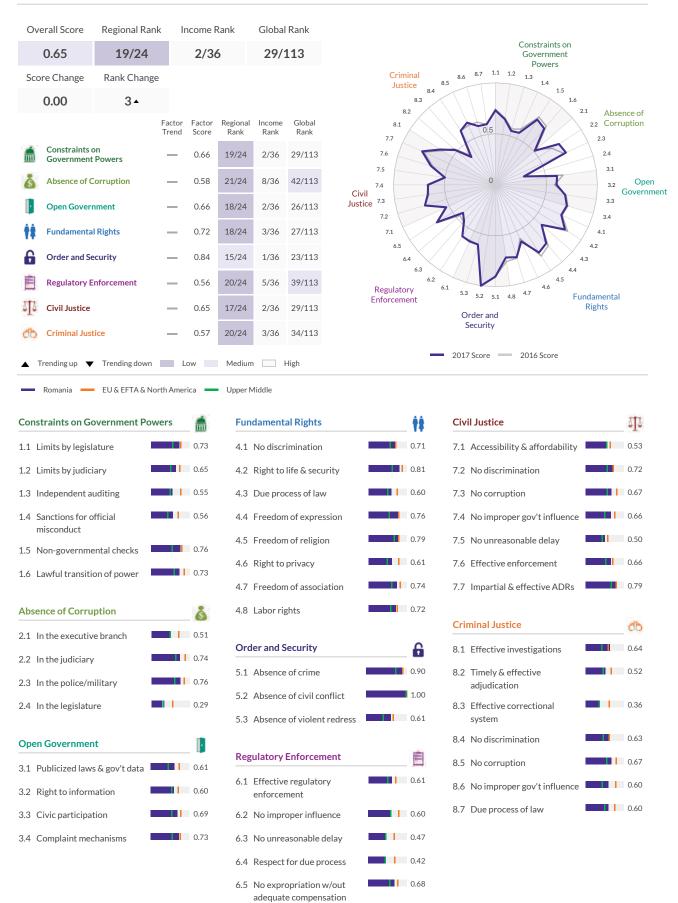
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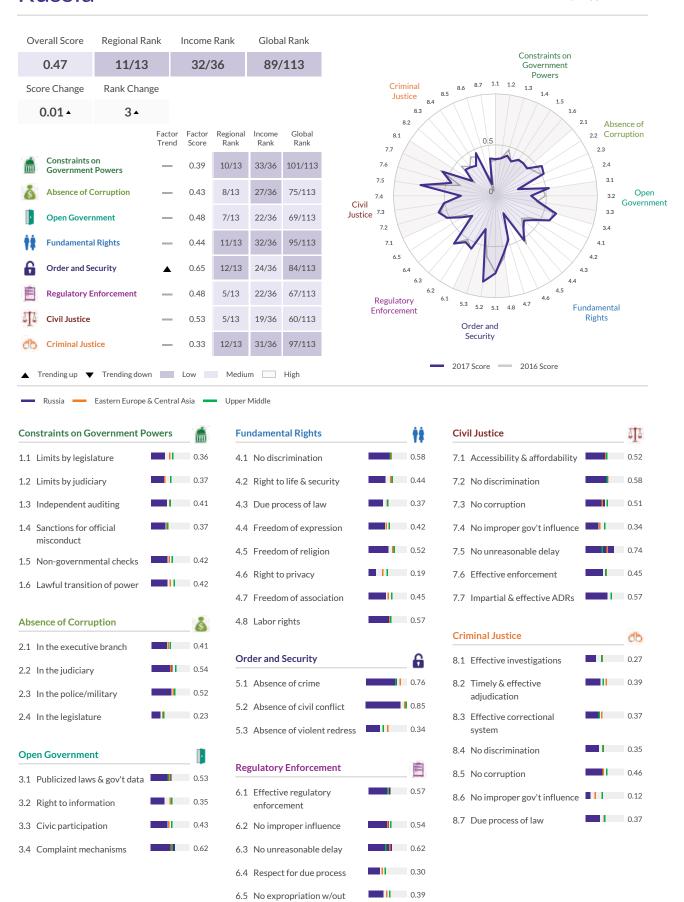
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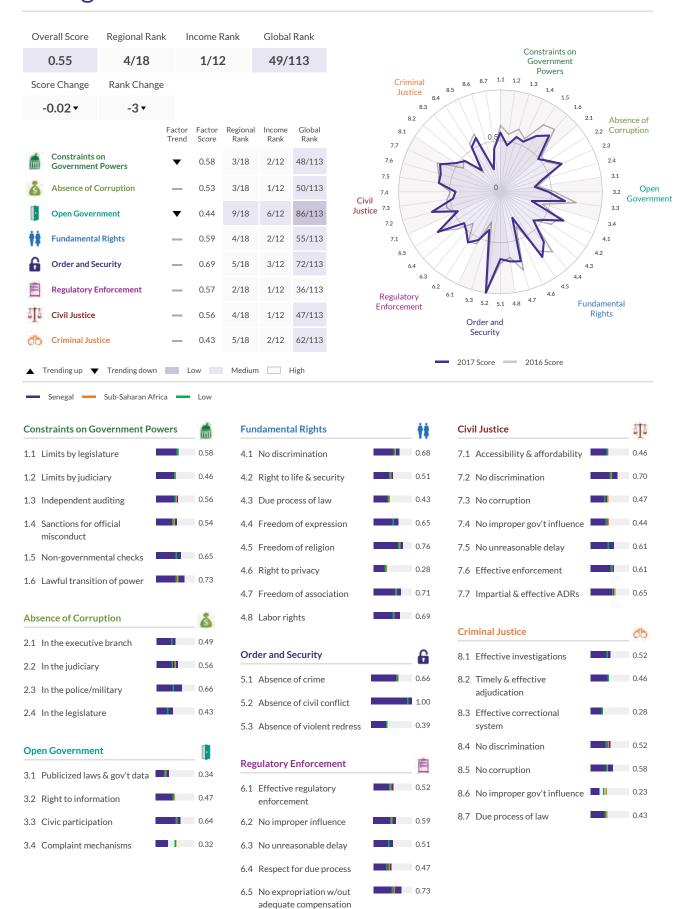
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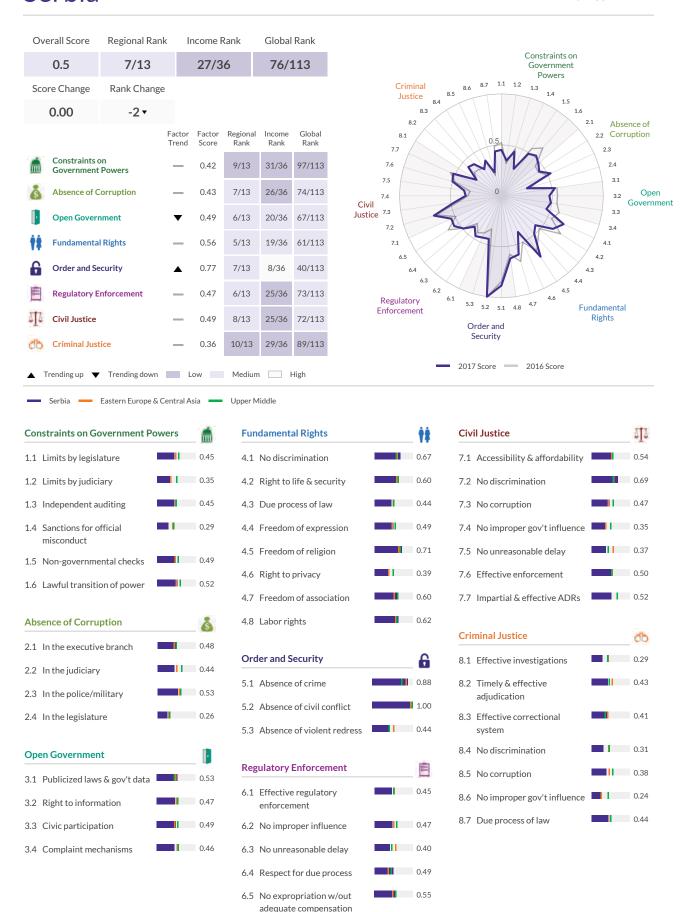
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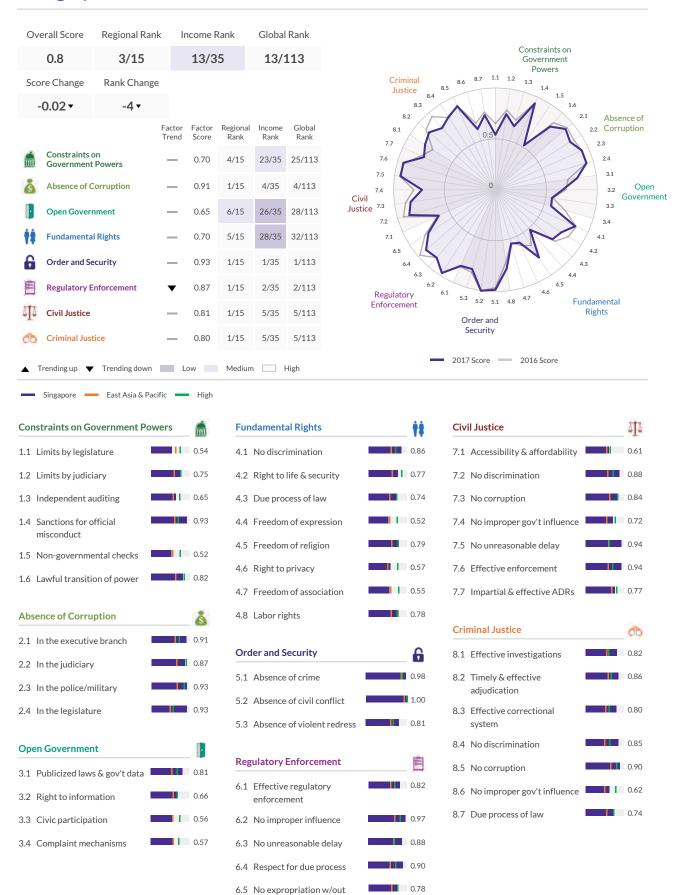
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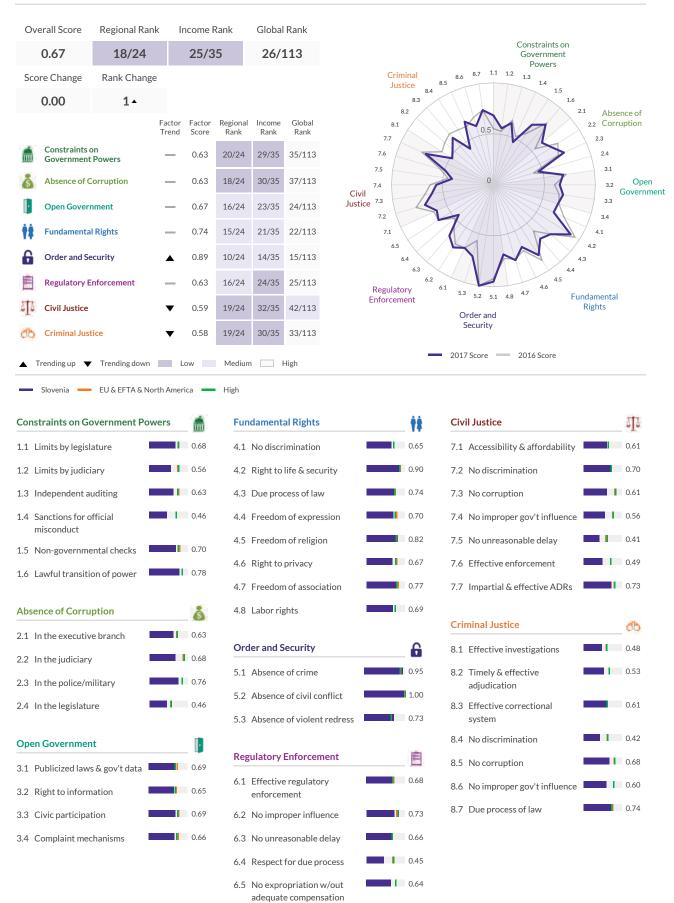
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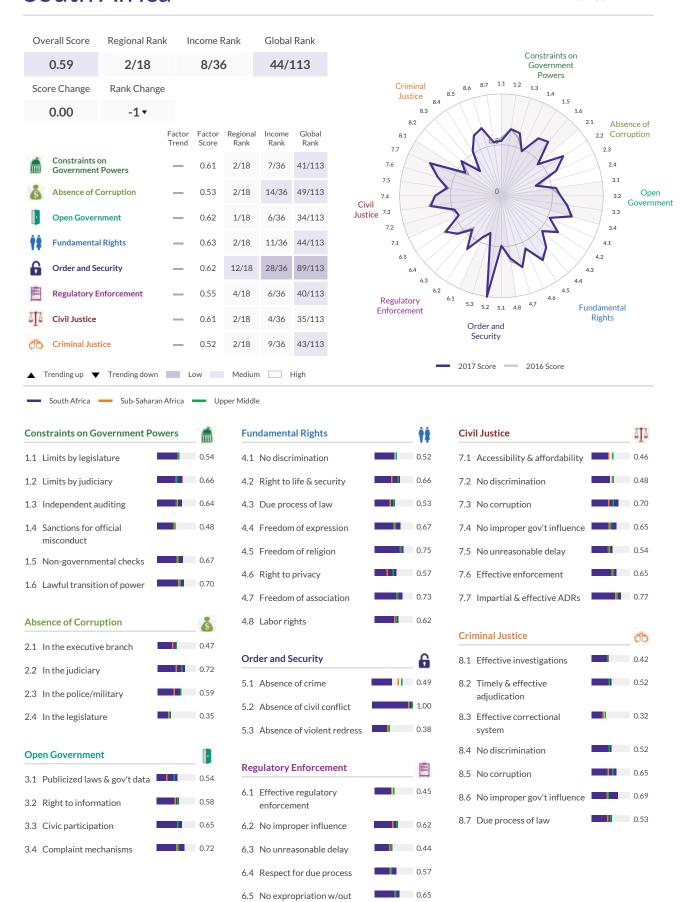
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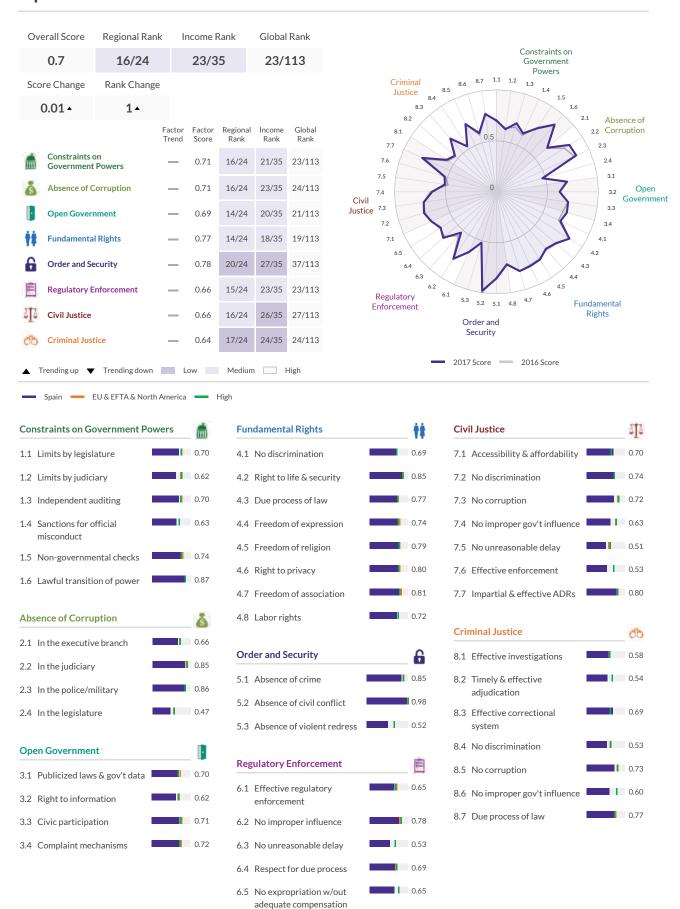
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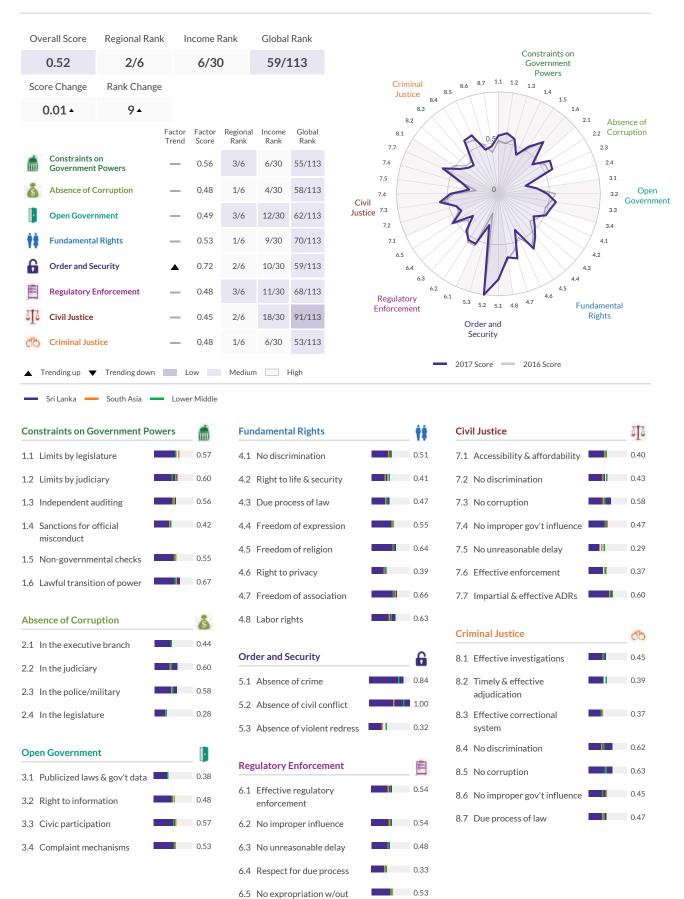
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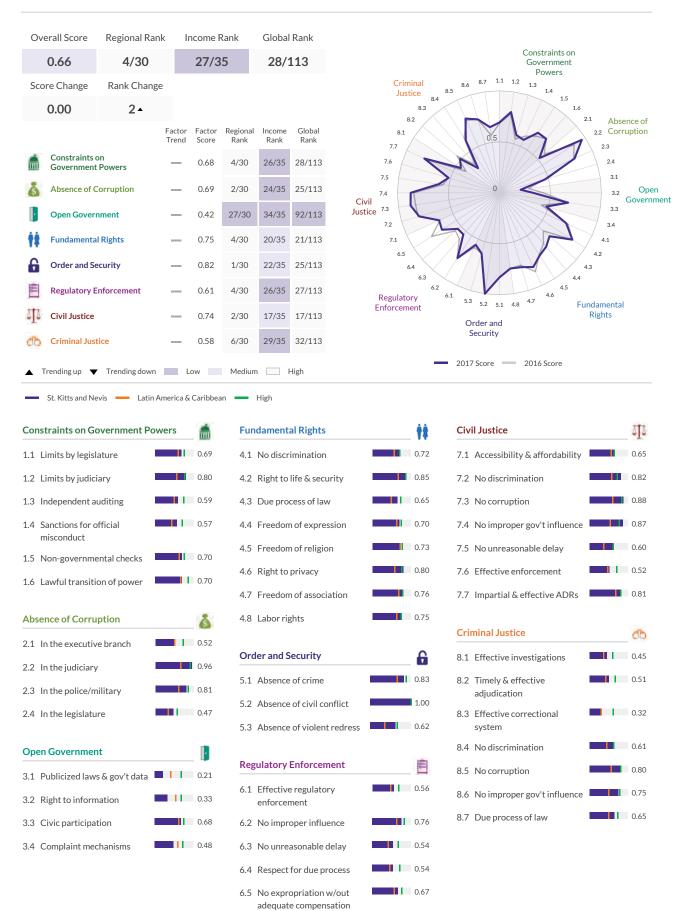
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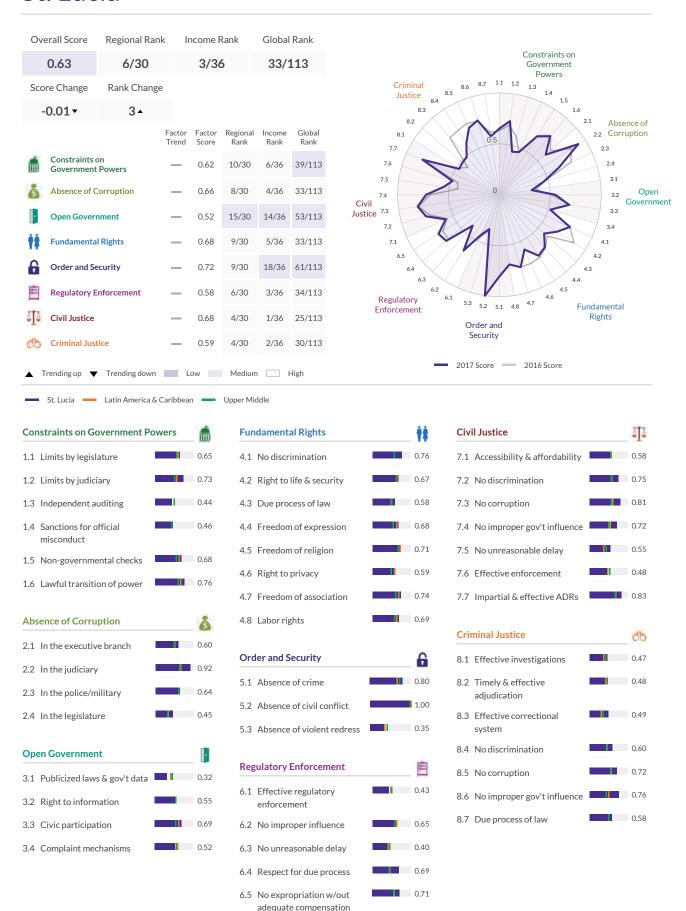
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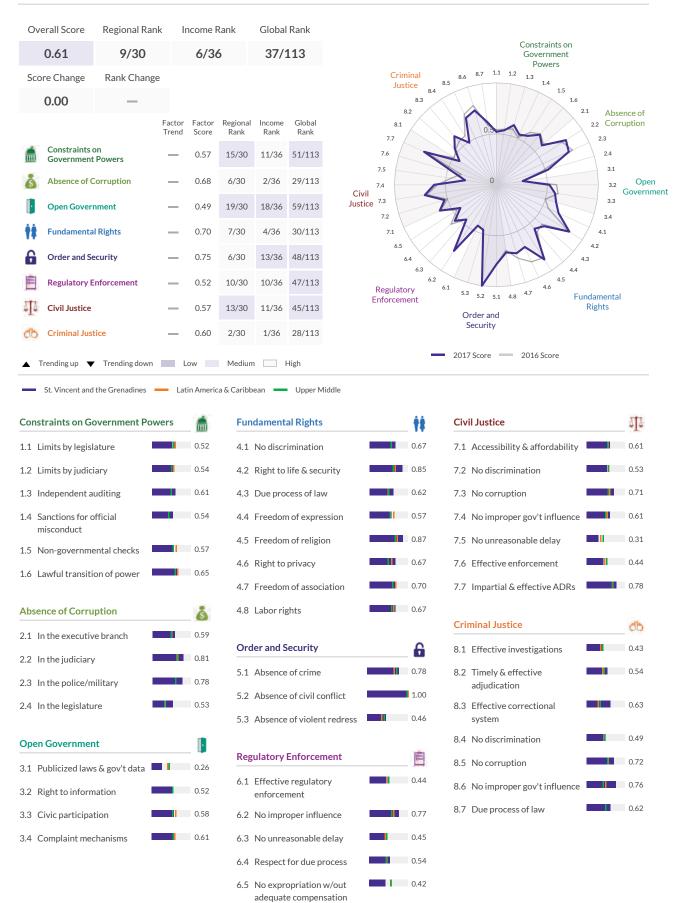
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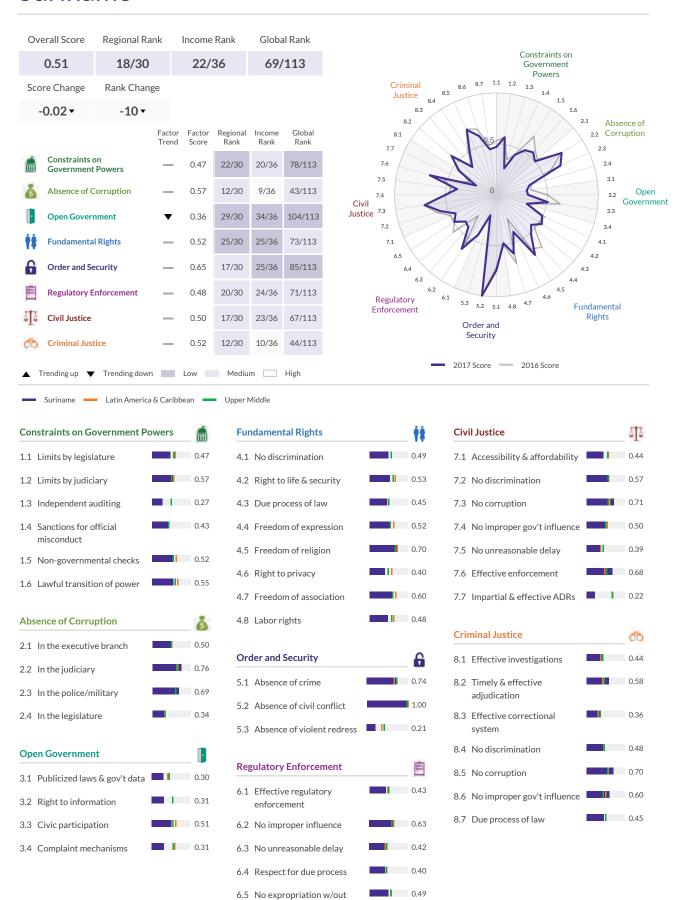
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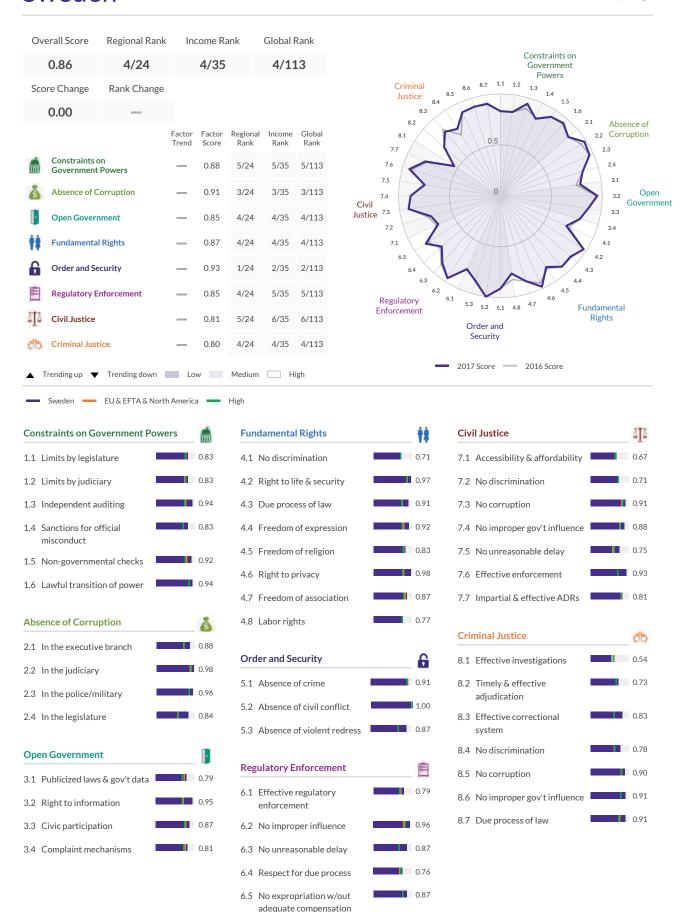
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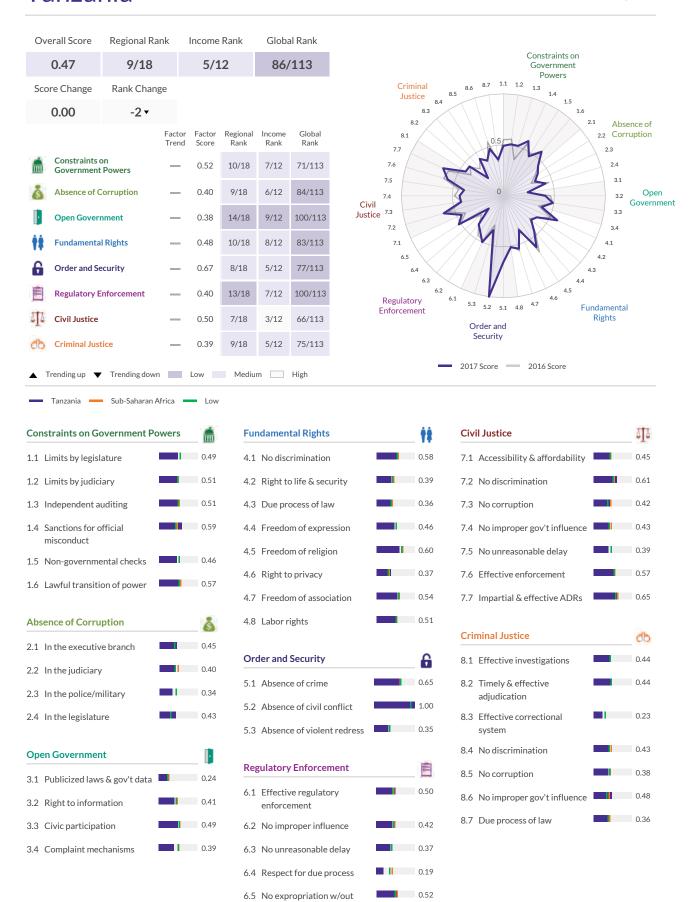
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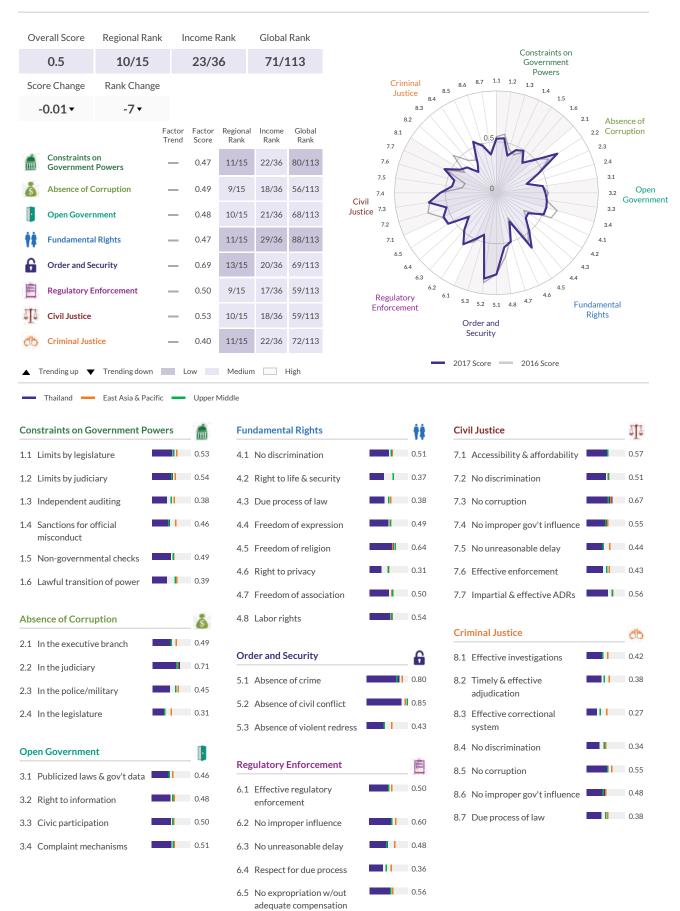
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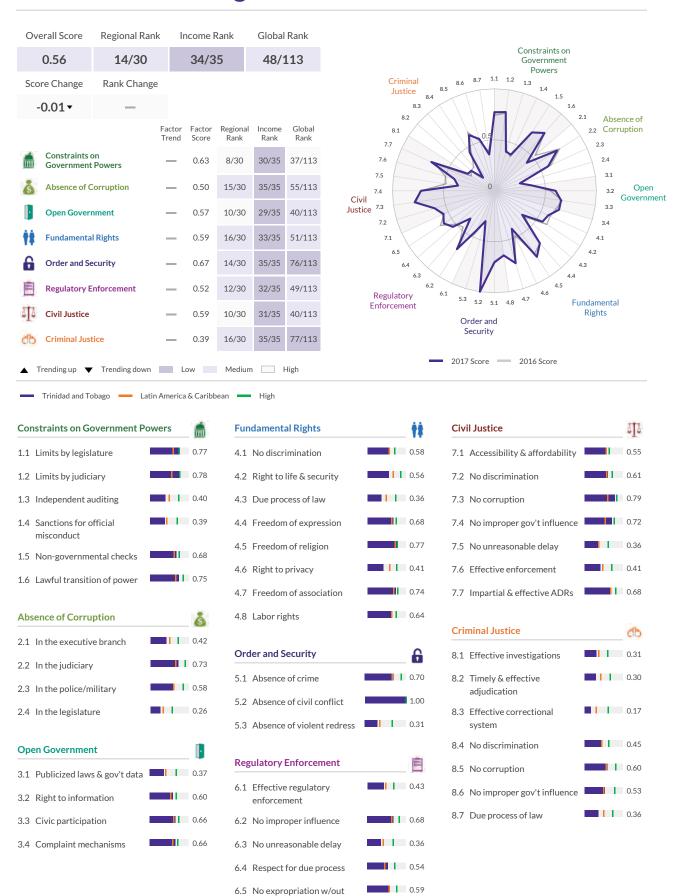
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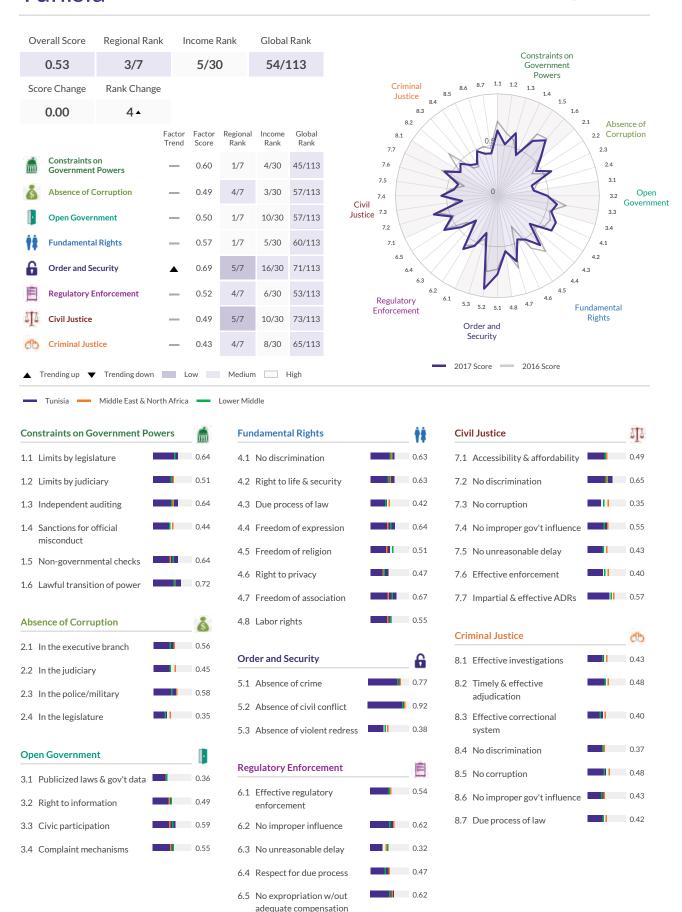
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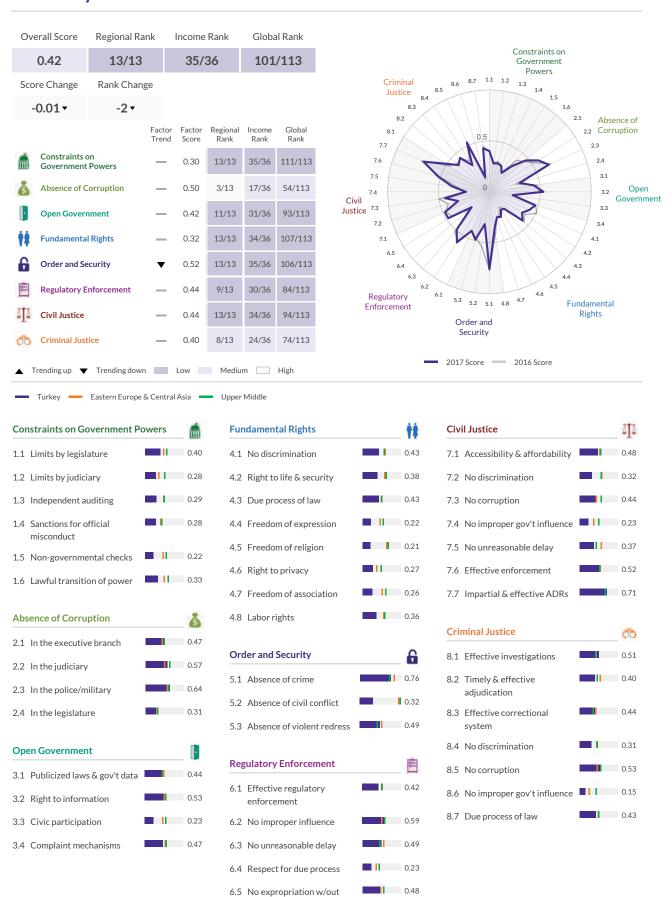
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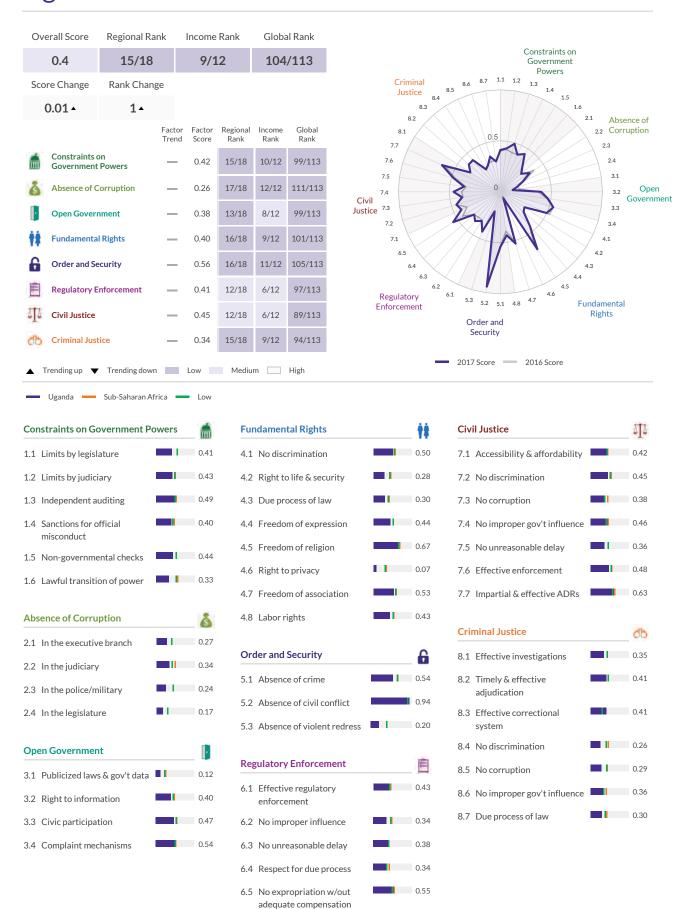
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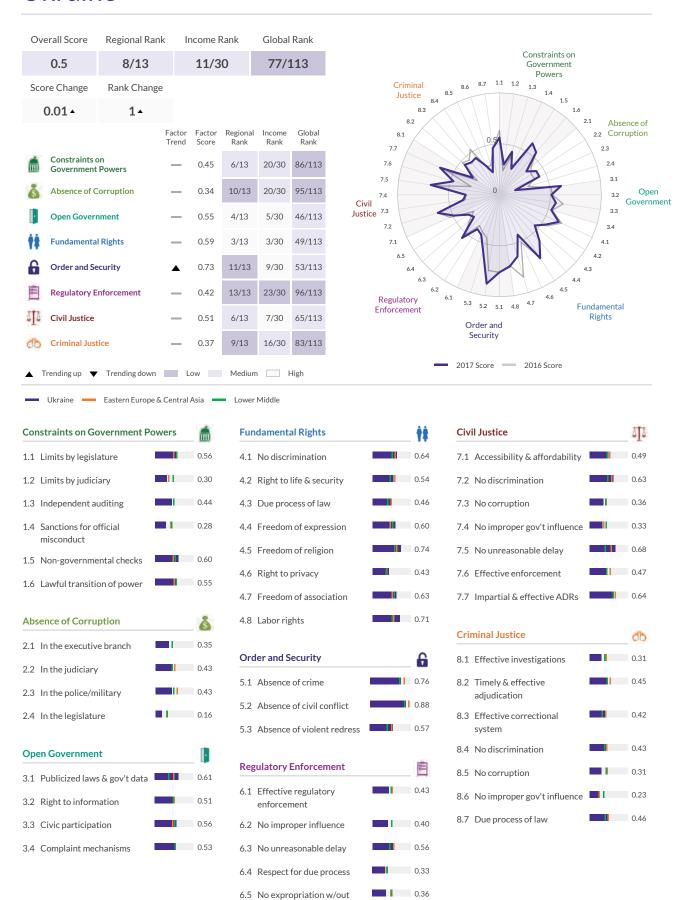
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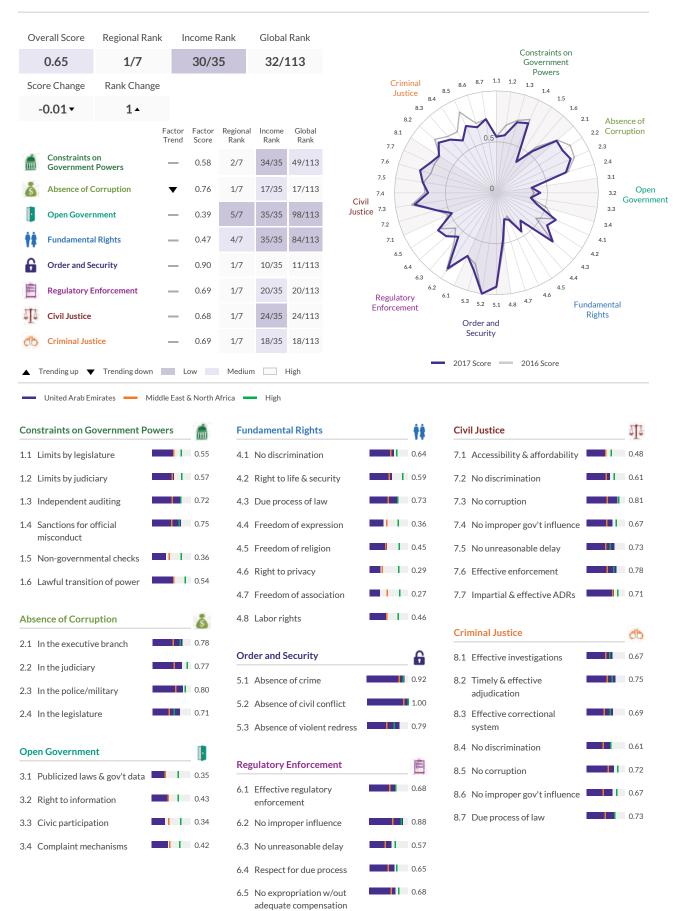
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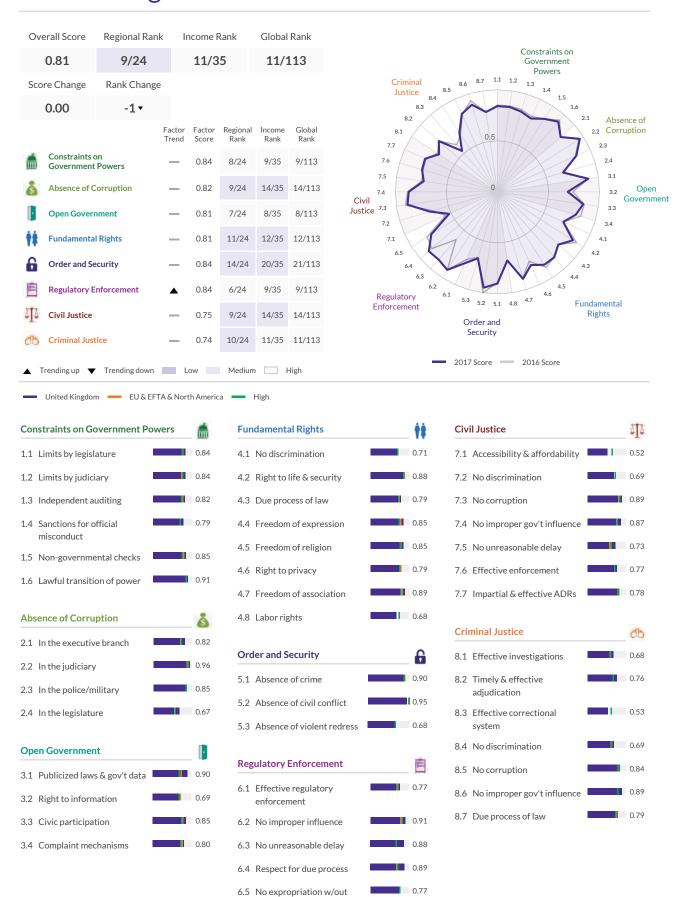
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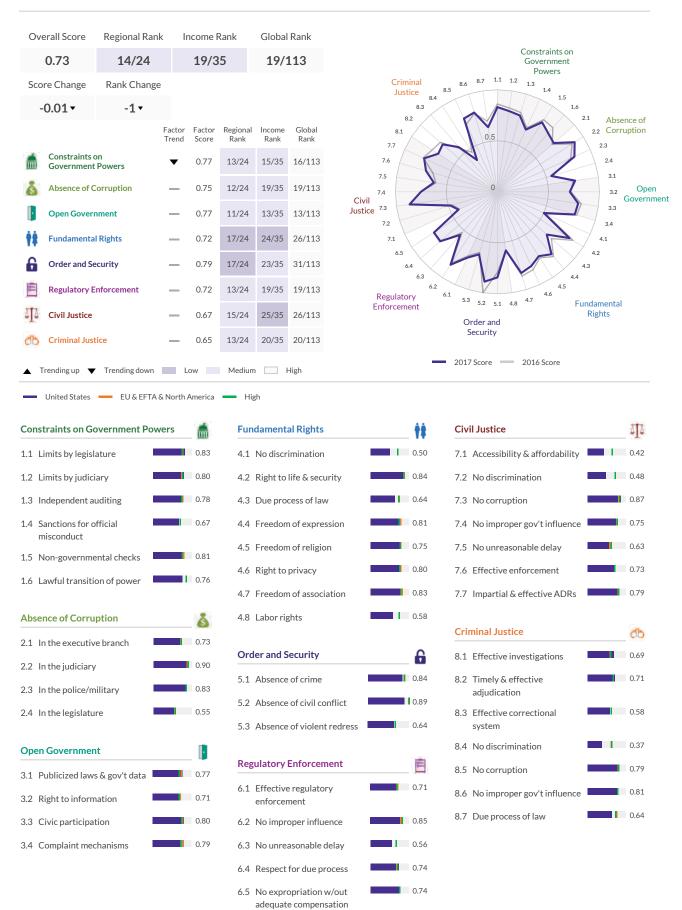
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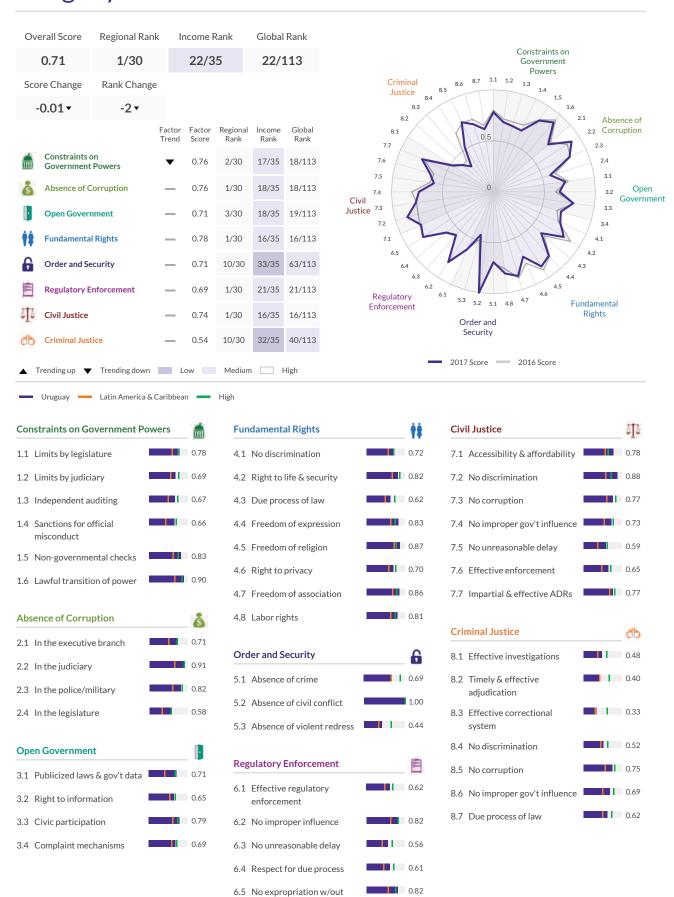
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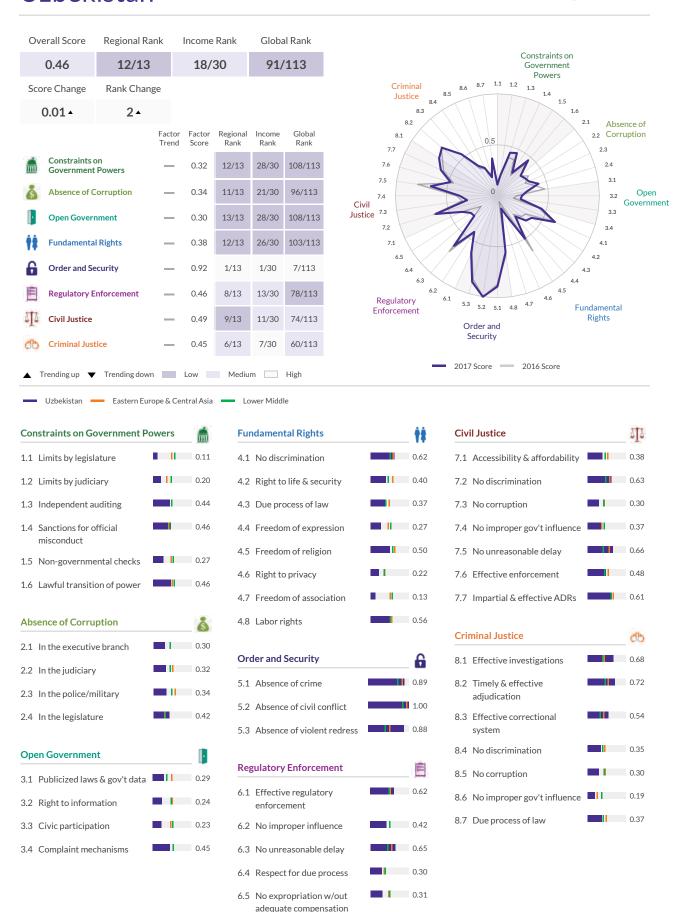
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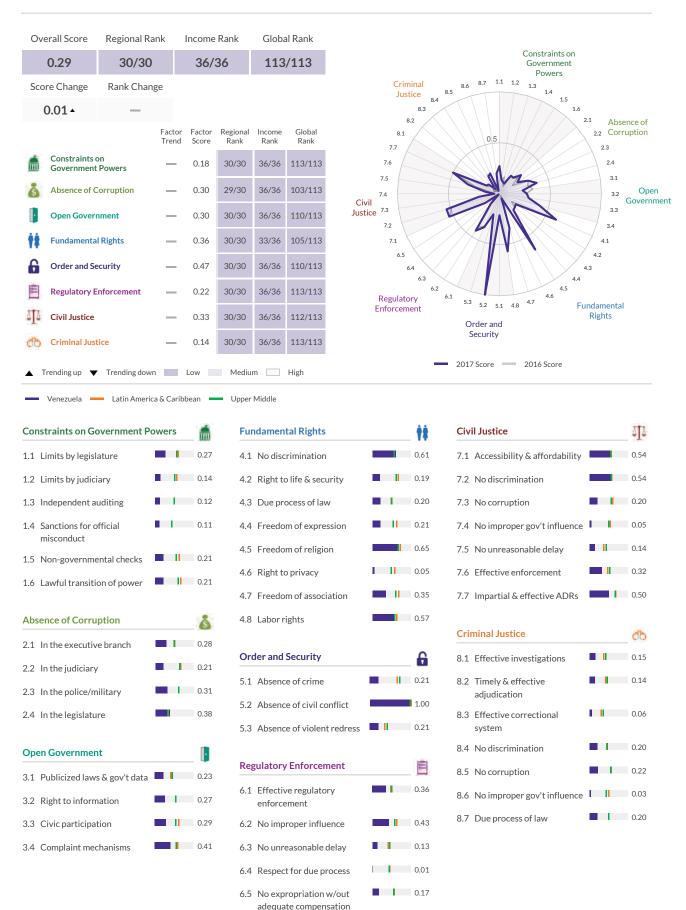
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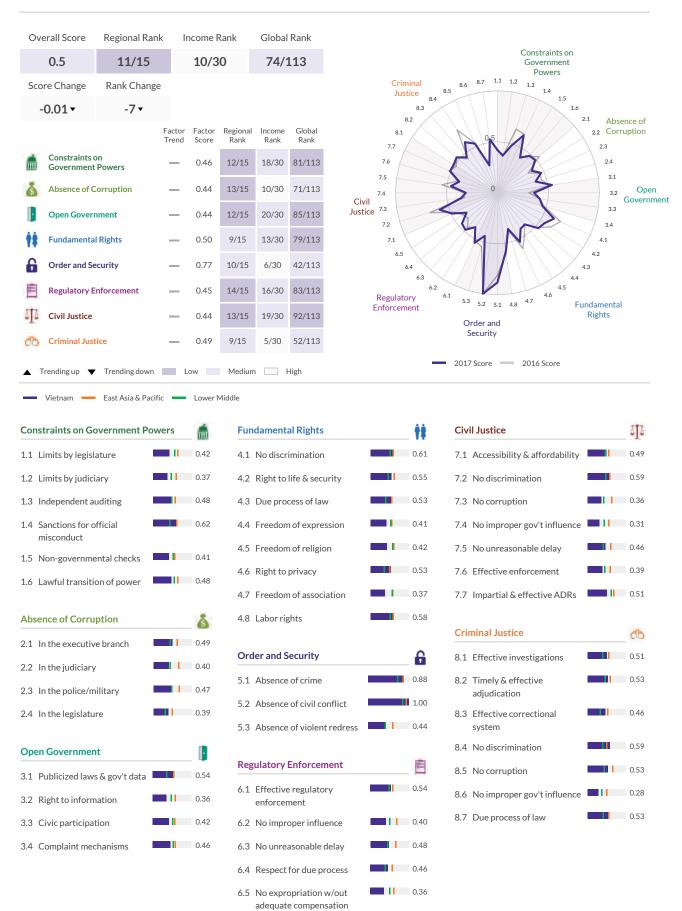
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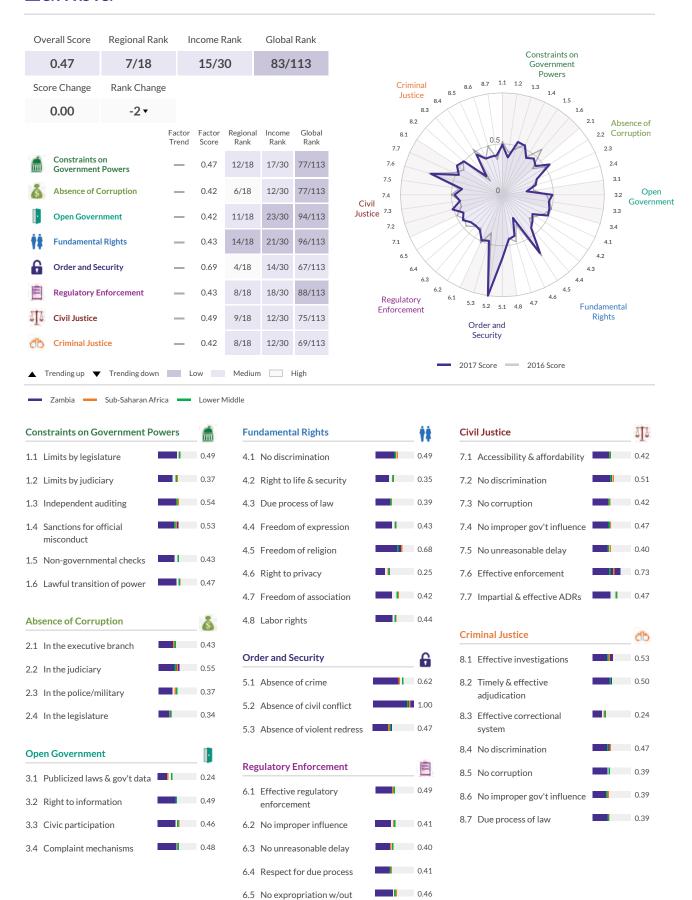
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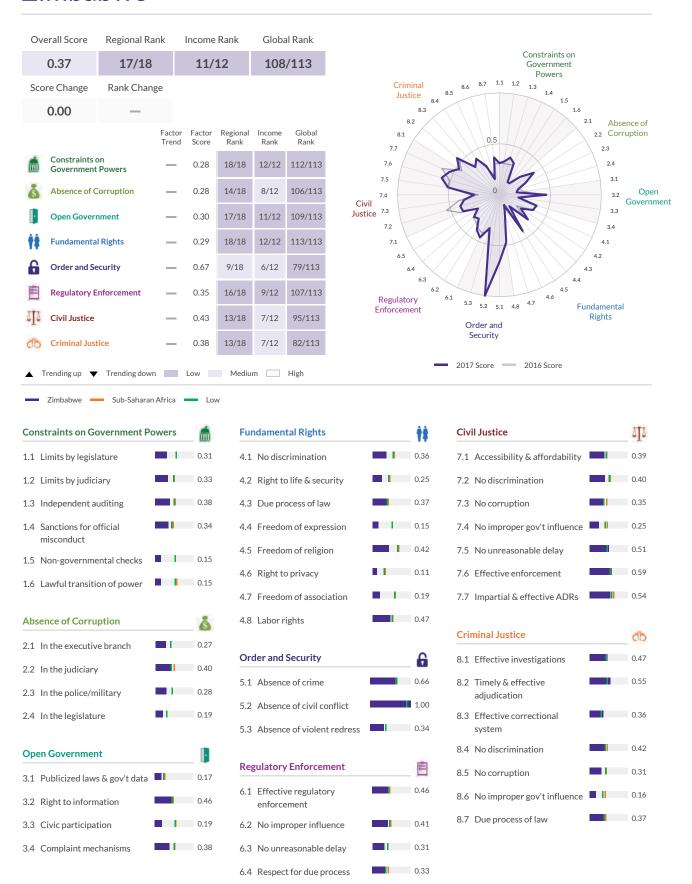




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Methodology

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 2017-2018 report presents information on eight composite factors that are further disaggregated into 44 specific sub-factors (see pages 12-13). Factor 9, Informal Justice, is included in the conceptual framework, but has been excluded from the aggregated scores and rankings in order to provide meaningful cross-country comparisons. 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 500 variables drawn from the assessments of more than 110,000 citizens and 3,000 legal experts in 113 countries and jurisdictions, making it the most accurate portrayal of the factors that contribute to shaping the rule of law in a country.

The WJP Rule of Law Index systematically and comprehensively quantifies the rule of law in 113 countries around the world. The production of the WJP Rule of Law Index can be summarized in 11 steps:

- 1. The WJP developed the conceptual framework summarized in the Index's nine 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 QRQs and engaged the services of leading local polling companies to implement the household surveys.
- 4. Polling companies conducted pilot tests of the GPP in consultation with the Index team, and launched the final survey for full fieldwork.
- 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 normalized scores, which are rounded to two decimal points, and the final rankings
- 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 70 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. For tables organized by income group, the WJP follows the World Bank income classifications.

A detailed description of the process by which data are collected and the rule of law is measured is provided on the following pages.

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 153 perception-based questions and 191 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.3 Depending on the particular situation of each country, one of three different polling methodologies is used: face-to-face, telephone, or online. The GPP is carried out in each country every other year. The polling data used in this year's report were collected during the fall of 2017 (for 52 countries), the fall of 2016 (for 57 countries), the fall of 2014 (for 3 countries), and the fall of 2011 (for 1 country). Detailed information regarding the cities covered, the polling companies contracted to administer the questionnaire, and the polling methodology employed in each of the 113 countries is presented on page 167.

The QRQs complement the household 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 on a range of topics from practitioners who frequently interact with state institutions. Such topics include information on the efficacy of courts, the strength of regulatory enforcement, and the reliability of accountability mechanisms.

³ Last year, the WJP added 11 Latin American and Caribbean countries to the Index. Due to the small populations of many of these countries and the difficulties of collecting enough respondents that met the quotas in the three largest cities, the sampling plan was adjusted accordingly in some cases. One adjustment was to decrease the sample size to 500 respondents. A second was to conduct a nationally representative poll that covered a larger portion of the country. For more information on the specific countries and sample sizes, see page 167 on city coverage and polling methodology.

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The questionnaires contain closed-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 four languages: English, French, Russian, and Spanish. The QRQ data for this report include more than 3,000 surveys, which represents an average of 26 respondents per country. These data were collected from May 2017 through early November 2017.

Data Cleaning and Score Computation

Once collected, the data are carefully processed to arrive at country-level scores. As a first step, the respondent-level 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 unweighted) average of all respondents.

This year, to allow for an easier comparison across years, the resulting 2017-2018 scores have been normalized using the Min-Max method with a base year of 2015. These normalized scores were then successively aggregated from the variable level all the way up to the factor level to produce the final country scores, rounded to two decimal points, 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 available on the *Rule of Law Index* page at worldjusticeproject.org.

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. Most of the third-party data sources used to cross-check the Index scores are described in Botero and Ponce (2011).

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, proactive dependent interviewing techniques were used to remind respondents who participated in last year's survey of their responses in the previous year.

This year, a few changes were made to some of the indicators and questions of the Index. These changes occurred in sub-factors 2.2, 4.3, 8.1, 8.5, and 8.7.

- 1. In the construction of sub-factor 2.2 "Government officials in the judicial branch do not use public office for private gain," five questions were added. Sub-factor 2.2 now contains 18 questions.
- 2. In the construction of sub-factor 4.3 "Due process of the law and rights of the accused," four questions were added. Sub-factor 4.3 now contains 35 questions.
- 3. In the construction of sub-factor 8.1 "Criminal investigation system is effective," seven questions were added. Subfactor 8.1 now contains 24 questions. In the construction of sub-factor 8.5 "Criminal justice system is free of corruption," five questions were added. Sub-factor 8.5 now contains 26 questions.

In the construction of sub-factor 8.7 "Due process of the law and rights of the accused," four questions were added. Sub-factor 8.7 now contains 35 questions.

Overall, 96 percent of questions remained the same between the 2016 and 2017-2018 editions of the Index. A description of the new variables is available at worldjusticeproject.org.

In a few instances, the WJP uses data from third-party sources to measure an element of the rule of law that is not possible to measure through the GPP or QRQs. Out of more than 500 variables used to calculate the Index, five variables are from third-party sources.

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 from 2016 to 2017–2018. 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 three steps:

- 1. First, last year's scores are subtracted from this year's to obtain, for each country and each factor, the annual difference in scores.
- 2. 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 pair-wise t-tests for each country and each factor.

3. 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 significance (at the 95 percent level).

Strengths & Limitations

The Index methodology has 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 only been applied in three major urban areas in each of the indexed countries for the General Population Poll. The WJP is therefore piloting the application of the methodology to rural areas. Third, given the rapid changes occurring in some 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

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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 GPP is 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: worldjusticeproject.org and in Botero, J. and Ponce, A. (2011) "Measuring the Rule of Law": WJP Working Paper No.1, available at: worldjusticeproject.org/publications.

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, non-governmental organizations, and other constituencies to assess a country's adherence to the rule of law as perceived and experienced by the average person, identify a country'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.

1. 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.

- 2. 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.
- 3. 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 are 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. Policy-making 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 2017–2018. These confidence intervals and other relevant considerations regarding measurement error are reported in Saisana and Saltelli (2015) and Botero and Ponce (2011).

The following pages (167–169) list the city coverage and polling methodology for the GPP in the 113 indexed countries and jurisdictions.

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	Ethiopia	Addis Ababa, Gonder, Nazret	Infinite Insight Ltd.	Face-to-face	1037	2017

^{*}Due to difficulties with data collection, the World Justice Project was unable to complete the 2017 General Population Poll in Belarus, Cambodia, the United Arab Emirates, and Uzbekistan. As a result, GPP data from previous years have been used for these four countries.

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Finland	Helsinki, Espoo, Tampere	YouGov	Online	1014	2017
France	Paris, Lyon, Marseille	YouGov	Online	1011	2016
Georgia	Tbilisi, Batumi, Kutaisi	ACT Market Research and Consulting Company	Face-to-face	1000	2017
Germany	Berlin, Hamburg, Munich	YouGov	Online	1012	2016
Ghana	Kumasi, Accra, Sekondi-Takoradi	FACTS International Ghana Limited	Face-to-face	1016	2016
Greece	Athens, Thessaloniki, Patras	YouGov	Online	1015	2017
Grenada	Nationally representative sample	Mercaplan	Face-to-face	510	2016
Guatemala	Guatemala City, Villa Nueva, Mixco	CID-Gallup	Face-to-face	1036	2016
Guyana	Georgetown, Linden, New Amsterdam	CID-Gallup	Face-to-face	506	2016
Honduras	Tegucigalpa, San Pedro Sula, Choloma	CID-Gallup	Face-to-face	1100	2017
Hong Kong SAR, China	Hong Kong	WJP in collaboration with local partner	Face-to-face	1004	2017
Hungary	Budapest, Debrecen, Szeged	Ipsos Hungary	Face-to-face	1000	2017
India	Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore	DataPrompt International Pvt. Ltd.	Face-to-face	1002	2016
Indonesia	Jakarta, Surabaya, Bandung	MRI (Marketing Research Indonesia)	Face-to-face	1004	2017
Iran	Tehran, Isfahan, Mashhad	Ipsos Public Affairs	Telephone	1005	2016
Italy	Rome, Milan, Naples	YouGov	Online	1004	2017
Jamaica	Kingston, Portmore, Spanish Town	Dichter and Neira	Face-to-face	401	2017
Japan	Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya	Survey Sampling International	Online	1000	2016
Jordan	Amman, Irbid, Zarqa	WJP in collaboration with local partner	Face-to-face	1000	2016
Kazakhstan	Almaty, Astana, Shymkent	WJP in collaboration with local partner	Face-to-face	1000	2017
Kenya	Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru	Infinite Insight	Face-to-face	1085	2016
Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek, Osh, Jalalabad	WJP in collaboration with local partner	Face-to-face	1000	2016
Lebanon	Beirut, Tripoli, Sidon	REACH SAL	Face-to-face	1000	2017
Liberia	Monrovia, Gbarnga, Kakata	FACTS International Ghana Limited	Face-to-face	1008	2016
Macedonia, FYR	Skopje, Kumanovo, Bitola	Ipsos dooel Skopje	Face-to-face	1017	2017
Madagascar	Antananarivo, Toamasina, Antsirabe	DCDM Research	Face-to-face	1000	2017
Malawi	Lilongwe, Blantyre, Mzuzu	Infinite Insight Ltd.	Face-to-face	1039	2017
Malaysia	Klang Valley, Johor Bahru, Ipoh	Acorn Marketing & Research Consultant (M) Sdn Bhd	Face-to-face	1000	2017
Mexico	Mexico City, Guadalajara, Monterrey	Data Opinión Pública y Mercados	Face-to-face	1000	2017
Moldova	Chisinau, Balti, Cahul	Georgian Opinion Research Business International (GORBI)	Face-to-face	520	2017
Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar, Erdenet, Darkhan	Mongolian Marketing Consulting Group LLC	Face-to-face	1000	2017
Morocco	Casablanca, Fes, Tangier	WJP in collaboration with local partner	Face-to-face	1000	2017
Myanmar	Mandalay, Yangon, Naypyidaw	APMI Partners	Face-to-face	1008	2016
Nepal	Kathmandu, Pokhara, Lalitpur	Solutions Consultant	Face-to-face	1000	2017
Netherlands	Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague	YouGov	Online	1017	2016
New Zealand	Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch	Big Picture	Online	1000	2017
Nicaragua	Managua, León, Masaya	CID-Gallup	Face-to-face	1100	2017
Nigeria	Lagos, Kano, Ibadan	Marketing Support Consultancy	Face-to-face	1050	2016
Norway	Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim	YouGov	Online	1007	2017
Pakistan	Karachi, Lahore, Faisalabad	Gallup Pakistan (affiliated with Gallup International)	Face-to-face	1840	2017

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Panama	Panama City, San Miguelito, La Cumbres	Gallup Panamá	Face-to-face	1000	2017
Peru	Lima, Arequipa, Trujillo	Datum Internacional S.A.	Face-to-face	1007	2016
Philippines	Manila, Cebu, Davao	APMI Partners	Face-to-face	1008	2016
Poland	Warsaw, Krakow, Lodz	IQS Sp. z o.o.	Face-to-face	1000	2016
Portugal	Lisbon, Porto, Amadora	YouGov	Online	1016	2017
Republic of Korea	Seoul, Busan, Incheon	Survey Sampling International	Online	1025	2016
Romania	Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Timisoara	Ipsos S.R.L.	Face-to-face	1000	2016
Russia	Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Novosibirsk	WJP in collaboration with local partner	Face-to-face	1000	2016
Senegal	Pikine, Dakar, Thiès	Kantar TNS	Face-to-face	1012	2017
Serbia	Belgrade, Novi Sad, Nis	Ipsos Strategic Marketing d.o.o.	Face-to-face	1002	2017
Sierra Leone	Freetown, Bo, Kenema	Liaison Marketing	Face-to-face	1000	2016
Singapore	Singapore	Survey Sampling International	Online	1000	2017
Slovenia	Ljubljana, Maribor, Celje	lpsos d.o.o.	Face-to-face	1006	2017
South Africa	Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban	Quest Research Services	Face-to-face	1000	2016
Spain	Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia	YouGov	Online	1005	2016
Sri Lanka	Colombo, Kaduwela, Maharagama	Kantar LMRB	Face-to-face	1010	2017
St. Kitts & Nevis	Basseterre, St. Peter, St. Thomas Middle Island	UNIMER	Face-to-face	508	2016
St. Lucia	Castries, Vieux Fort, Micoud	Statmark Group	Face-to-face	1004	2016
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Calliaqua, Kingstown, Kingstown Park	UNIMER	Face-to-face	501	2016
Suriname	Paramaribo, Brokopondo, Lelydrop	CID-Gallup	Face-to-face	507	2016
Sweden	Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmo	YouGov	Online	1002	2016
Tanzania	Mwanza, Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar	Consumer Options Ltd.	Face-to-face	1017	2016
Thailand	Bangkok, Nakhon Ratchasima, Udon Thani	Infosearch Limited	Face-to-face	1005	2016
Trinidad & Tobago	Changuanas, San Fernando, Port of Spain	CID-Gallup	Face-to-face	1005	2016
Tunisia	Big Tunis, Sfax, Sousse	BJKA Consulting	Face-to-face	1001	2017
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Founded by William H. Neukom in 2006 as a presidential initiative of the American Bar Association (ABA), and with the initial support of 21 other strategic partners, the World Justice Project transitioned into an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 2009. Its offices are located in Washington, DC and Seattle, WA, USA; Mexico City, Mexico; and Singapore.

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Traditionally, the rule of law has been viewed as the domain of lawyers and judges. But everyday issues of safety, rights, justice, and governance affect us all; everyone is a stakeholder in the rule of law. Based on this, WJP's mutually-reinforcing lines of business employ a multi-disciplinary approach through original research and data, an active and global network, and practical, locally-led programs to advance the rule of law worldwide.

Research & Scholarship

The WJP's Research & Scholarship work supports research about the meaning and measurement of the rule of law, and how it matters for economic, socio-political, and human development. The Rule of Law Research Consortium (RLRC) is a community of leading scholars from a variety of fields harnessing diverse methods and approaches to produce research on the rule of law and its effects on society.

WJP Rule of Law Index

The WJP Rule of Law Index® provides original, impartial data on how the rule of law is experienced and perceived by the general public in 113 countries around the globe. It is the most comprehensive index of its kind. To date, more than 330,000 households and experts have been interviewed worldwide. Index findings have been referenced by heads of state, chief justices, business leaders, public officials, and the press, including media outlets in over 125 countries worldwide.

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Engagement efforts include connecting and developing a global network, organizing strategic convenings, and fostering practical, on-the-ground programs. At our World Justice Forum, regional conferences, and single-country engagements, citizens and leaders come together to learn about the rule of law, build their networks, and design pragmatic solutions to local rule of law challenges. In addition, the World Justice Challenge provides seed grants to support practical, on-the-ground programs addressing discrimination, corruption, violence, and more.

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"Laws of justice which Hammurabi, the wise king, established... That the strong might not injure the weak, in order to protect the widows and orphans..., in order to declare justice in the land, to settle all disputes, and heal all injuries."

Codex Hammurabi

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

Analects of Confucius

"It is more proper that law should govern than any one of the citizens."

Aristotle, Politics (350 BCE)

"If someone disobeys the law, even if he is (otherwise) worthy, he must be punished. If someone meets the standard, even if he is (otherwise) unworthy, he must be found innocent. Thus the Way of the public good will be opened up, and that of private interest will be blocked."

The Huainanzi 139 BCE (Han Dynasty, China)

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

Cicero (106 BCE - 43 BCE)

"The Law of Nations, however, is common to the entire human race, for all nations have established for themselves certain regulations exacted by custom and human necessity."

Corpus Juris Civilis

"Treat the people equally in your court and give them equal attention, so that the noble shall not aspire to your partiality, nor the humble despair of your justice."

Judicial Guidelines from 'Umar Bin Al-Khattab, The Second Khalifa of Islam'

"No freeman is to be taken or imprisoned or disseised of his free tenement or of his liberties or free customs, or outlawed or exiled or in any way ruined, nor will we go against such a man or send against him save by lawful judgement of his peers or by the law of the land. To no-one will we sell or deny or delay right or justice."

Magna Carta

"Where-ever law ends, tyranny begins."

John Locke, Two Treatises of Government (1689)

"Good civil laws are the greatest good that men can give and receive. They are the source of morals, the palladium of property, and the guarantee of all public and private peace. If they are not the foundation of government, they are its supports; they moderate power and help ensure respect for it, as though power were justice itself."

Jean-Étienne-Marie Portalis, Discours Préliminaire du Premier Projet de Code Civil

"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights... Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status."

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