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ABOUT THIS REPORT

EFFECTIVE RULE OF LAW reduces corruption, combats poverty and disease, and protects people from injustices large and small. Strengthening the rule of law is an important objective for governments, donors, 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 Rule of Law in Barbados: Key Findings from the General Population Poll 2022 presents question-level data drawn from the General Population Poll (GPP), an original data source designed and collected by the World Justice Project. To provide a more in-depth view of trends in perceptions of rule of law in Barbados, this report also presents select findings over time and compared to Barbados' regional peers within the Eastern Caribbean subregion of Latin America and the Caribbean.

The GPP was conducted between July and August 2022 through face-to-face interviews to a nationally representative sample of 500 Barbadian households. This poll was designed to capture data on the experiences and perceptions of ordinary people regarding a variety of themes related to the rule of law.

This report represents the voices of people in Barbados and their experiences with the rule of law in their country.

The data derived from the General Population Poll is presented in this report as thematic briefs, each one highlighting a different dimension of the rule of law from the perspective of Barbadians. These thematic briefs focus on the current rule of law ecosystem in Barbados while simultaneously illuminating changes over time and comparisons across the following peer countries in the Eastern Caribbean region: Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago. Each section touches upon perceptions of and attitudes towards the following topics: authoritarianism, fundamental freedoms, corruption, trust in institutions, the criminal justice system and its actors, police performance, crime victimization, support for victims of crime, and security.

EXECUTIVE FINDINGS

The Rule of Law in Barbados: Key Findings from the General Population Poll 2022 provides a comprehensive overview of how citizens perceive and experience the rule of law in Barbados alongside comparative findings across the Eastern Caribbean region. The findings in this report indicate a number of positive trends in the general public's perspective on the rule of law in Barbados, including positive perceptions of fundamental freedoms, increasing levels of trust in institutions, and positive perceptions of personal safety. Despite these positive developments, however, these findings highlight the fact that many challenges—including worsening perceptions of corruption—persist. At the regional level, prominent trends include worsening perceptions of corruption, weakened confidence in criminal justice system performance, and low confidence in victim support practices.

SECTION 1

Authoritarianism and Fundamental Freedoms

1. Authoritarianism

Views on authoritarian behavior in the Eastern Caribbean varied widely. Across the region, however, most respondents felt that top government officials resort to misinformation to shape public opinion in their favor. Among respondents in the Eastern Caribbean region, on average, Trinidadians and Tobagonians most often felt that top government officials engage in authoritarian behavior and Barbadians least often felt that top government officials engage in authoritarian behavior.

- When asked about authoritarian tendencies in Barbados, respondents most often felt that top government officials **resort to misinformation to shape public opinion in their favor** (54%) and **censor information that comes from abroad** (52%).
- Compared to their regional counterparts, respondents in Barbados least often felt that top government officials resort to almost every authoritarian tactic, with the exceptions of **resorting to misinformation to shape public opinion** (54% of respondents) and **censoring information that comes from abroad** (52%).

2. Fundamental Freedoms

On average, fewer respondents believe that their freedoms of expression, political participation, election, and religion are guaranteed in Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago compared to the last year of data collection. In contrast, the average percentage of respondents who believe that these freedoms are guaranteed increased in Barbados and Grenada. Within the region, Barbadians, on average, most often felt that fundamental freedoms are guaranteed by the state, while Vincentians least often felt the same.

- When asked about respect for fundamental freedoms in Barbados, respondents had more favorable views on freedoms of political participation, with 99% of respondents agreeing that **people can attend community meetings**. Conversely, Barbadians had less favorable views on freedoms of expression, with 73% of respondents agreeing that **civil society organizations and the media can express opinions against the government**.
- Between 2018 and 2022, Barbados' most significant trends in public opinions on freedoms include improvements in the perceptions that **local government officials are elected through a clean process** (up 28 percentage points) and **the media can express opinions against the government** (up 20 percentage points).

SECTION 2

Corruption and Trust

3. Corruption

Public views on the pervasiveness of corruption within the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary deteriorated, on average, in four out of six countries in the Eastern Caribbean. Meanwhile, perceptions of corruption within law enforcement deteriorated in every country in the Eastern Caribbean. Public views on corruption across all of these institutions improved only in Grenada and St. Lucia. Within the region, on average, more Trinidadian and Tobagonian respondents reported perceptions of corruption across all actors than their regional peers, whereas Barbadian respondents reported the same least frequently.

- **Political parties** are considered the most corrupt institution in Barbados. Nearly one-half (48%) of respondents believe that most or all members of Barbadian political parties are involved in corrupt practices.
- **Doctors and nurses in public hospitals** and **teachers in public schools** are considered the least corrupt actors in Barbados, with 2% of respondents reporting that they believe most or all doctors, nurses, and teachers are involved in corrupt practices.

4. Attitudes Towards Corrupt Behaviors

Acceptance of corrupt behaviors in the Eastern Caribbean is relatively rare compared to in the rest of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Throughout the Eastern Caribbean, respondents, on average, most often found a public officer recruited on the basis of family ties and friendship networks to be acceptable. Company officials asking for a bribe from a job applicant was tolerated the least often. On average, respondents in St. Lucia most often found certain cases of bribery, nepotism, and embezzlement always or usually acceptable, whereas respondents in St. Vincent and the Grenadines least often found these behaviors acceptable.

5. Trust

Respondents in the Eastern Caribbean, on average, trust people living in their country more than any other public actor and trust prosecutors the least. On average, respondents in St. Vincent and the Grenadines least often reported having some or a lot of trust across all institutions. In contrast, respondents in Barbados reported the highest overall levels of trust.

- Levels of trust in Barbados increased across every institution between 2018 and 2022. Trust in **people living in Barbados** improved the most between 2018 and 2022, with 81% of respondents reporting some or a lot of trust in 2022, compared to 51% in 2018.
- In 2022, respondents in Barbados most often reported having some or a lot of trust in **people living in their country** (81%) and least often reported having some or a lot of trust in **police officers** (58%).

SECTION 3

Security and Criminal Justice

6. Crime Victimization

On average, 18% of all respondents surveyed in the Eastern Caribbean reported experiencing a crime in the last 12 months. On average, half (50%) of those respondents reported their crime experience to an authority.

- Only 10% of Barbadians reported experiencing a crime in the last 12 months, a figure below the regional average (18%).
- Most (69%) Barbadian respondents who were victims of a crime reported the crime to an authority and, of those who reported, all filed an official crime report.

7. Security

The majority of respondents in the Eastern Caribbean feel safe or very safe when walking in their neighborhood at night. Perceptions of safety improved in almost every country between the previous round of data collection and 2022. Perceptions of safety declined only in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, where 76% of respondents reported feeling safe in their neighborhood at night, compared to 77% in 2018. Compared to respondents in regional peer countries, Barbadians most often reported feeling safe in their neighborhood at night (92%), while roughly two-thirds of Trinidadians and Tobagonians (67%) reported the same.

- In Barbados, approximately 9 in 10 (92%) respondents reported feeling safe walking in their neighborhood at night in 2022, marking an improvement from 85% of respondents in 2018.
- Barbadians who do not have a high school diploma were more likely to feel safe walking in their neighborhood at night than respondents with other sociodemographic characteristics.

8. Criminal Justice

Across the Eastern Caribbean, respondents are, on average, most confident that the criminal justice system ensures equal treatment of victims and least confident that the criminal justice system ensures timeliness. On average, respondents in Barbados reported the highest levels of confidence in the criminal justice system overall, while respondents in St. Lucia reported the lowest levels of confidence. Average perceptions of the criminal justice system's overall performance deteriorated in four out of six countries within the region, with average perceptions improving only in Barbados and Grenada.

- Barbadians were most confident that the criminal justice system **ensures equal treatment of victims and the accused** (both 81%) and were least confident that the criminal justice system **ensures timeliness** (41%) and **gives appropriate punishments** (53%).
- Perceptions of adherence to **equal treatment of the accused** in Barbados' criminal justice system improved the most between 2018 and 2022, with an increase of 20 percentage points.

9. Police Performance

When asked about their impressions of police performance, respondents in the Eastern Caribbean had the most negative views on **accountability, corruption, and due process** and the most positive views on absence of discrimination and public service, on average.

- When asked about their impressions of police performance, respondents in Barbados were most confident that:
 - Police resolve security problems in the community (92%).
 - Police serve the interests of the community (88%).
 - Police help them feel safe (88%).
- Respondents in Barbados were least confident that:
 - Police do not serve the interests of politicians (29%).
 - Police do not use excessive force (49%).
 - Police respond to crime reports (49%).
- In Barbados, respondents most often indicated that suspects with tattoos and younger suspects would most likely be at a disadvantage in a criminal investigation.

10. Victim Support

In almost every country surveyed in the Eastern Caribbean, less than half of all respondents, on average, believed that victims of crime receive adequate support and protection, with the exception of Barbados. In five out of six countries surveyed in the region, respondents were least confident that victims of sexual crimes and victims of domestic violence receive adequate care and protection. Respondents in Barbados reported the highest average levels of confidence in victim support practices overall, while respondents in Dominica reported the lowest average levels of confidence in the victim support practices overall.

- Barbadians were most often confident that crime victims **are addressed by the police using accessible language** (77%), **receive prompt and courteous attention when reporting a crime** (66%) and **are believed when reporting a crime** (66%).
- Barbadians were least often confident that crime victims **receive protection from the police if their safety is in danger** (26%) and **receive adequate care and protection as victims of domestic violence** (26%).

Note: In addition to the data found in regional charts included in this report, comparative data for regional peer countries referenced in the Executive Findings can be found in each country's respective report.

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AUTHORITARIANISM

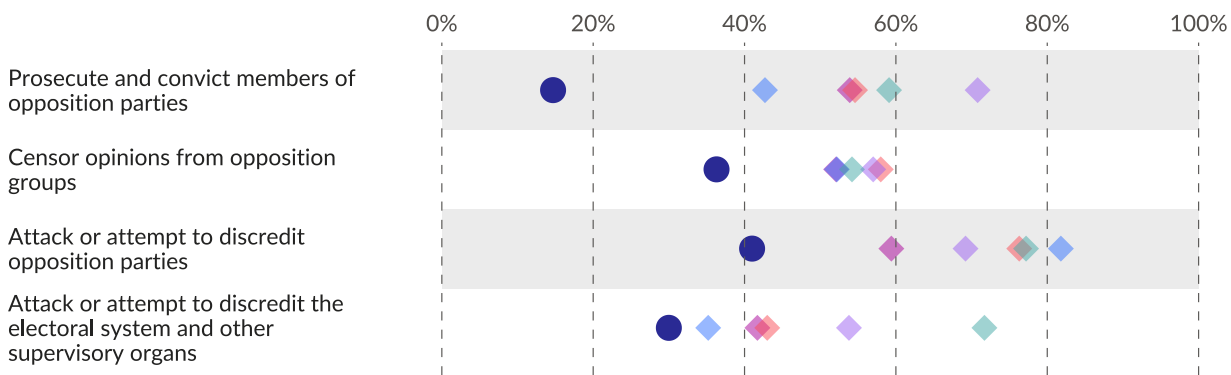
CHART 1.

Perceptions of Authoritarian Behaviors

Percentage of respondents who believe that top government officials...

● Barbados ◆ Dominica ◆ Grenada ◆ St. Lucia ◆ St. Vincent and the Grenadines ◆ Trinidad and Tobago

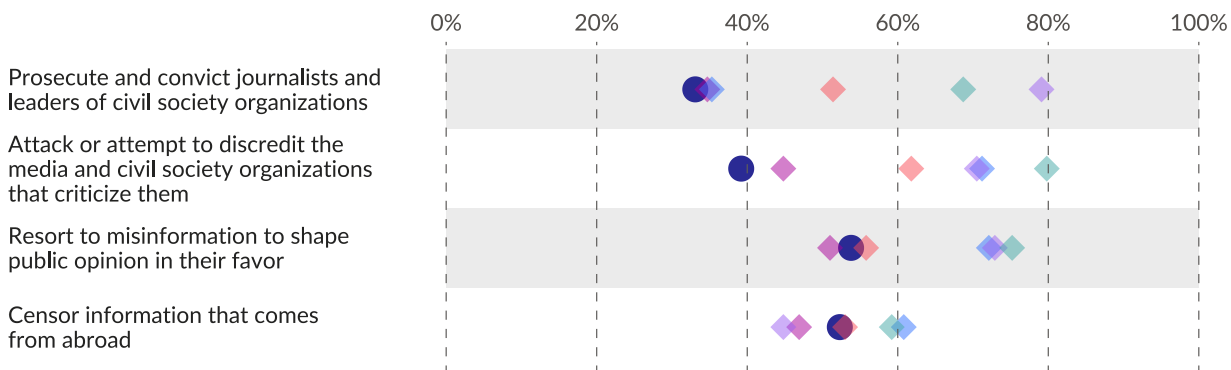
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ATTACKS ON THE JUDICIARY



ATTACKS ON THE MEDIA AND MISINFORMATION



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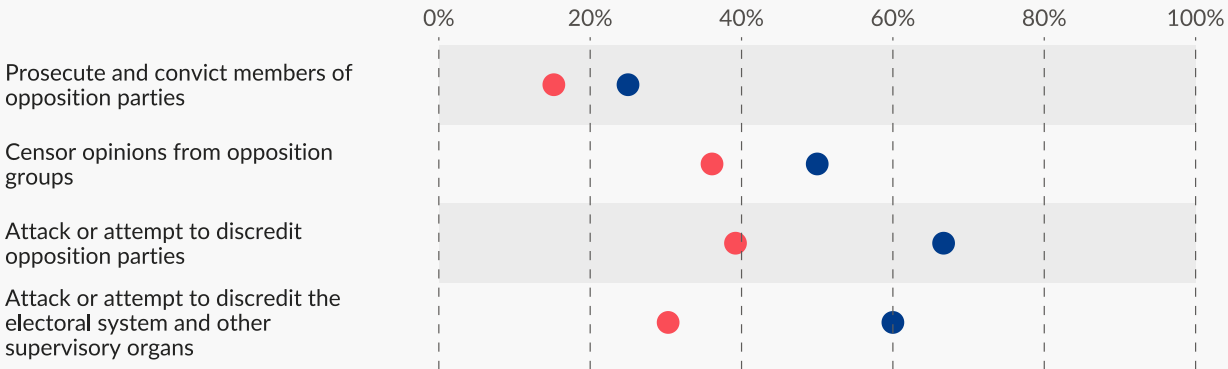
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Perceptions of Authoritarian Behavior, by Support for the Current Administration

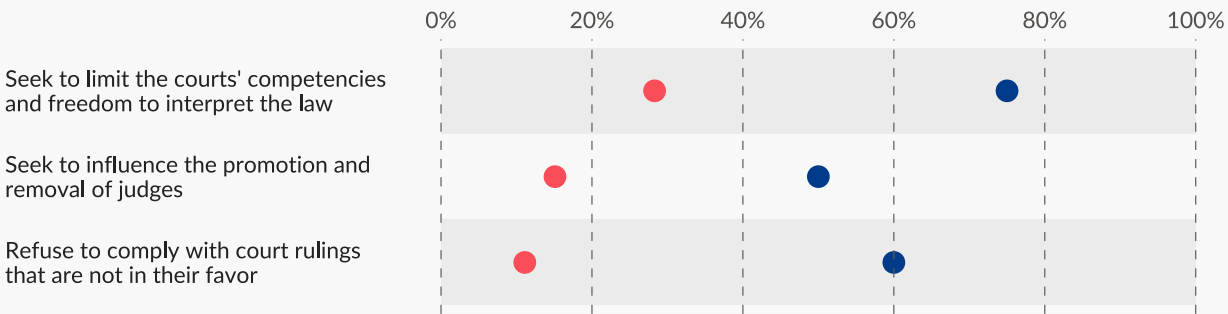
Percentage of respondents in Barbados who believe that top government officials...

● Government Supporter ● Non-Government Supporter

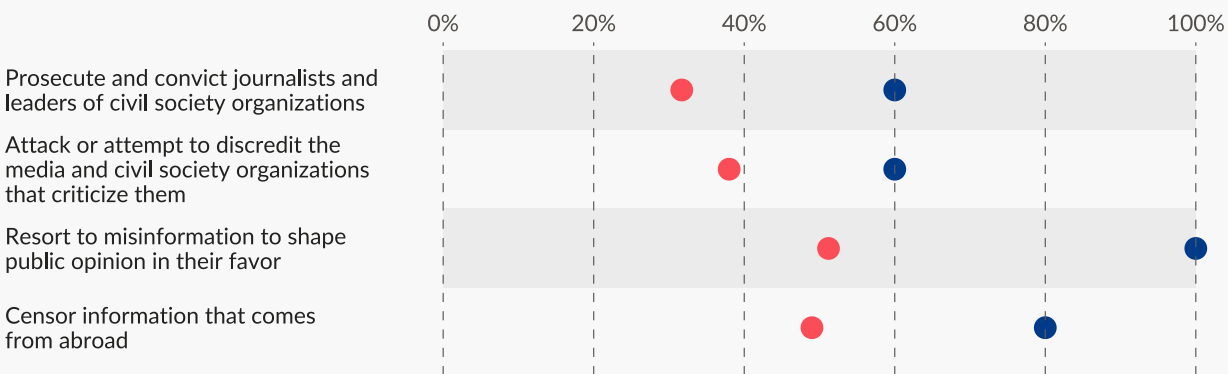
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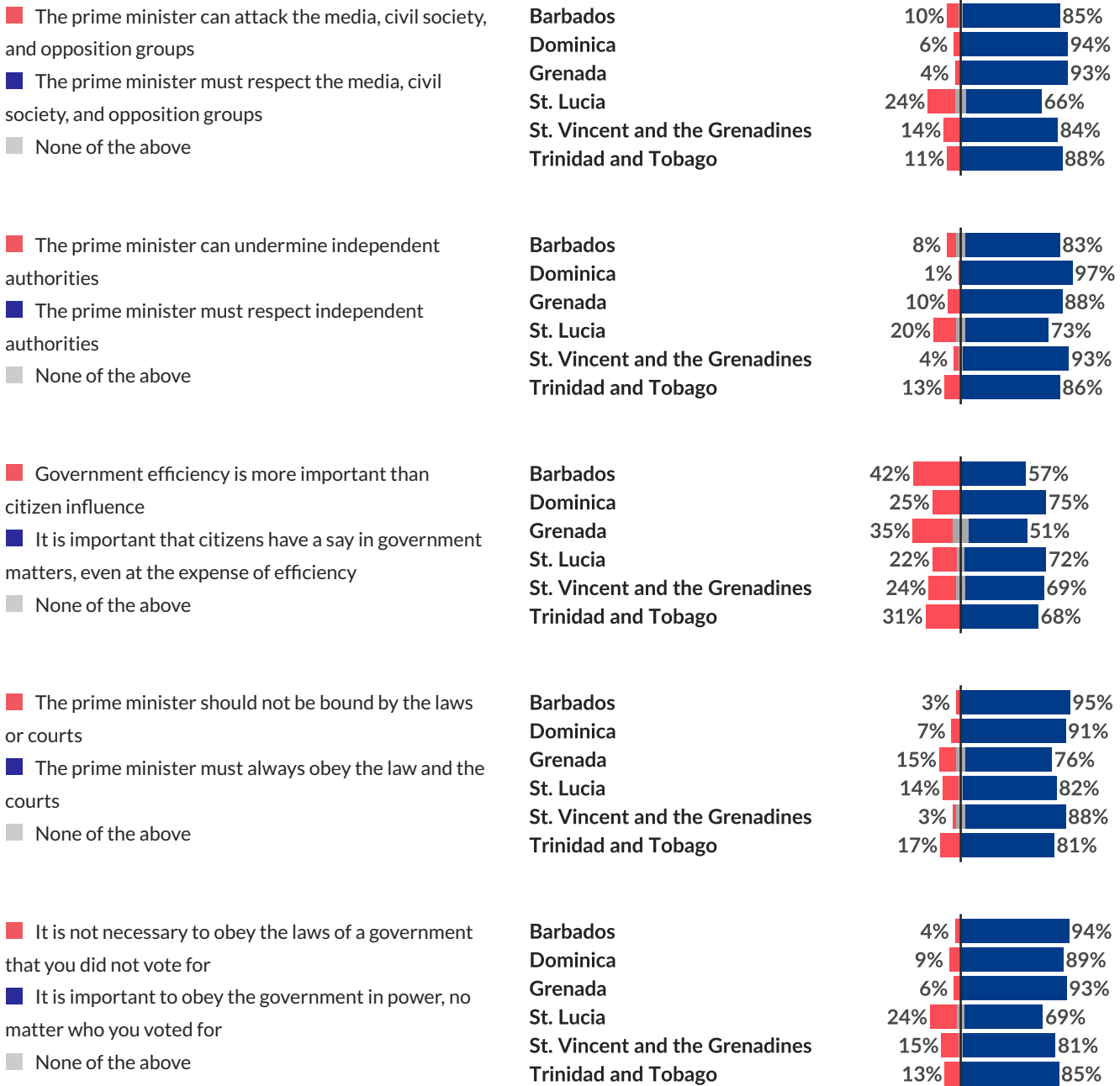


Source: WJP General Population Poll 2022

CHART 3.

Attitudes Towards Authoritarianism and Rule of Law

Percentage of respondents who agree with the following statements



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FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

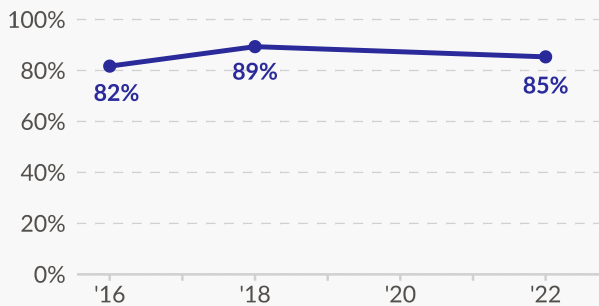
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Fundamental Freedoms in Barbados Over Time

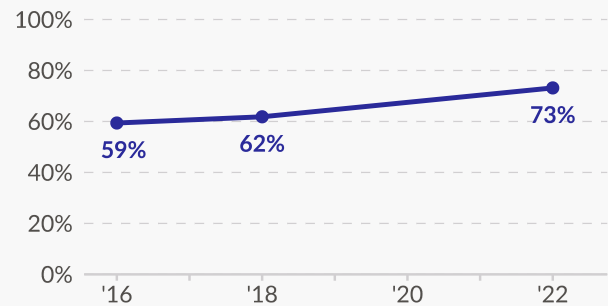
Percentage of respondents who believe the following statements

EXPRESSION

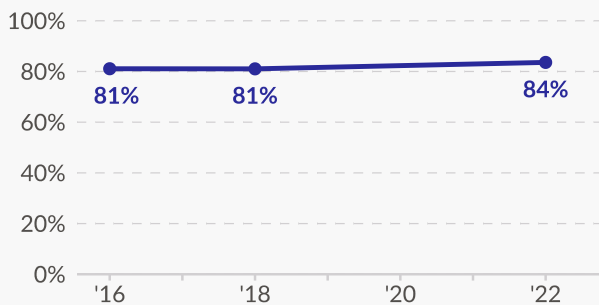
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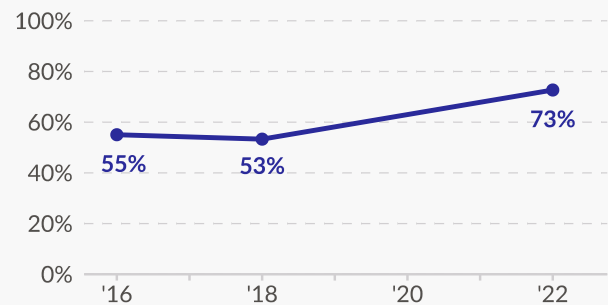
Civil society organizations can express opinions against the government



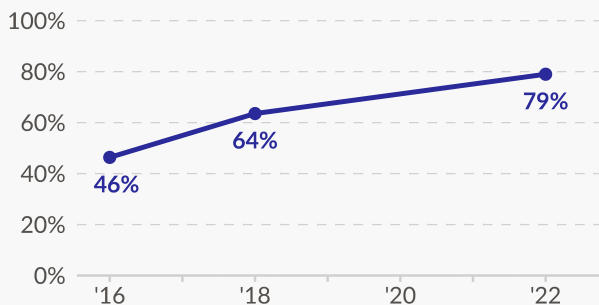
Political parties can express opinions against the government



The media can express opinions against the government without fear of retaliation



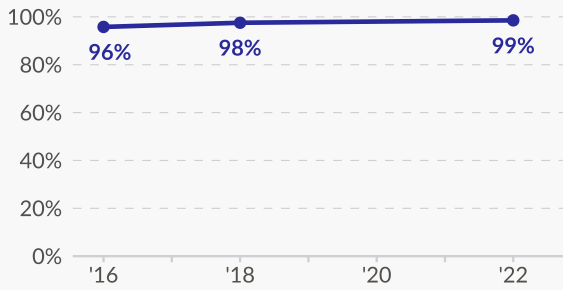
The media can expose cases of corruption



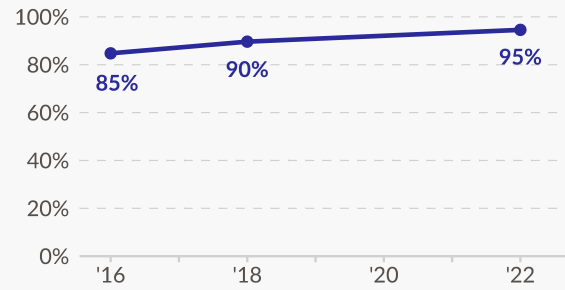
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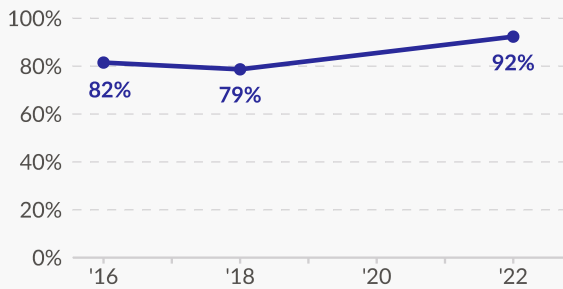
People can attend community meetings



People can join any political organization

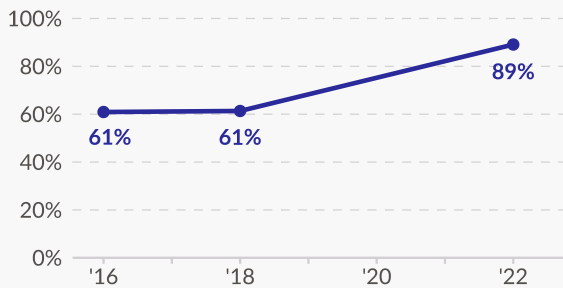


People can organize around an issue or petition

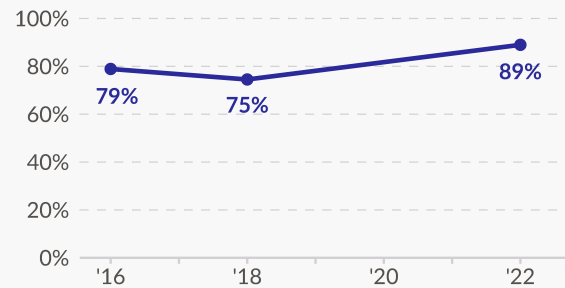


ELECTIONS

Local government officials are elected through a clean process

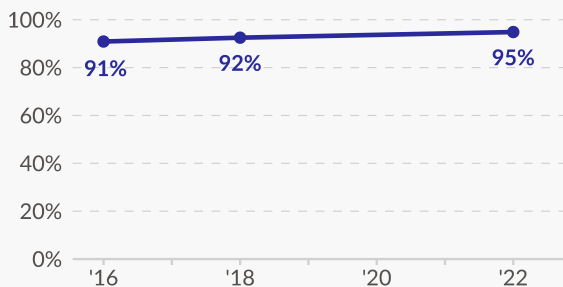


People can vote freely without feeling harassed or pressured



RELIGION

Religious minorities can observe their holy days



Source: WJP General Population Poll 2016, 2018, and 2022

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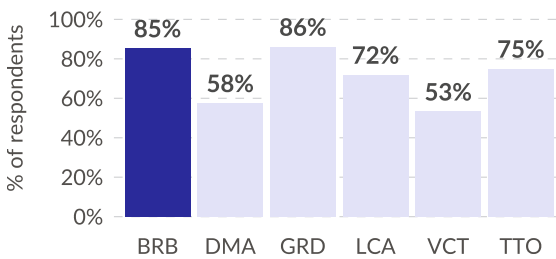
Perceptions of Fundamental Freedoms in the Eastern Caribbean

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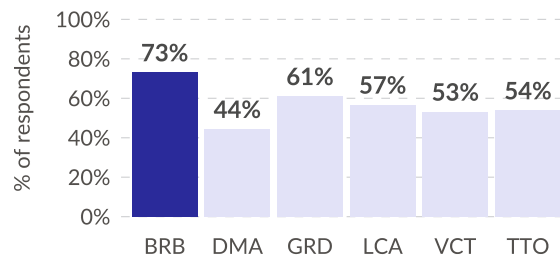
BRB = Barbados DMA = Dominica GRD = Grenada LCA = St. Lucia VCT = St. Vincent and the Grenadines
TTO = Trinidad and Tobago

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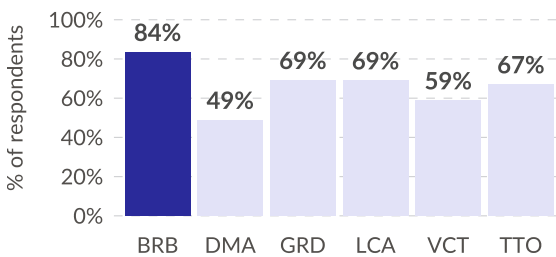
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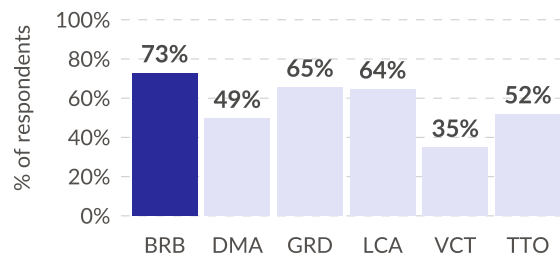
Civil society organizations can express opinions against the government



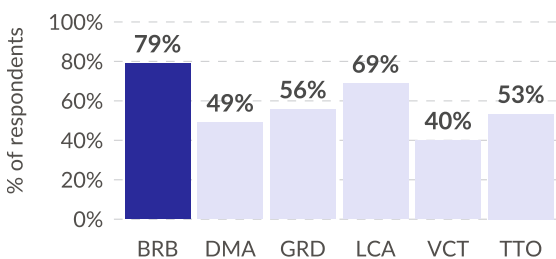
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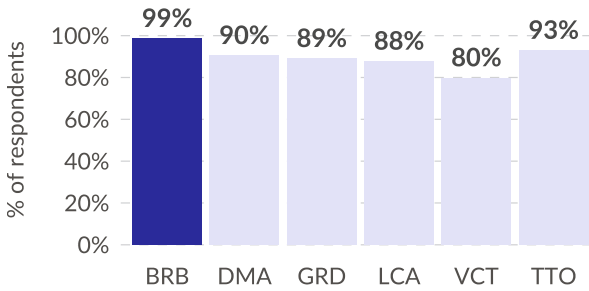


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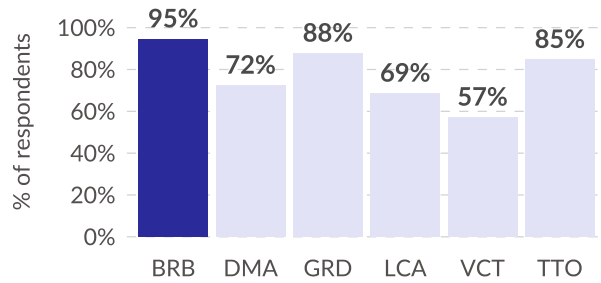


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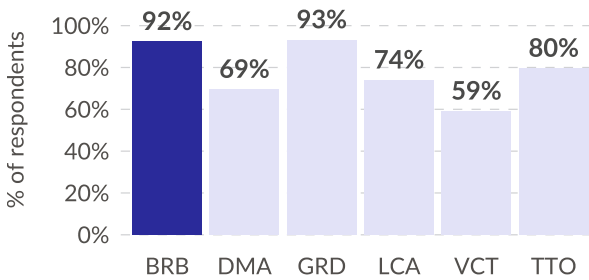
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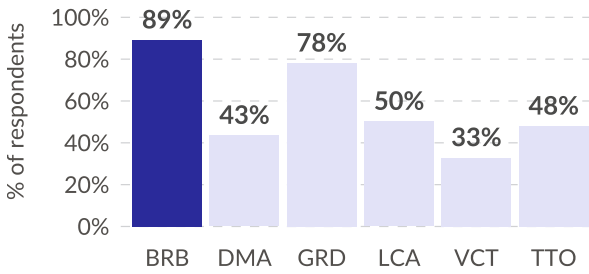


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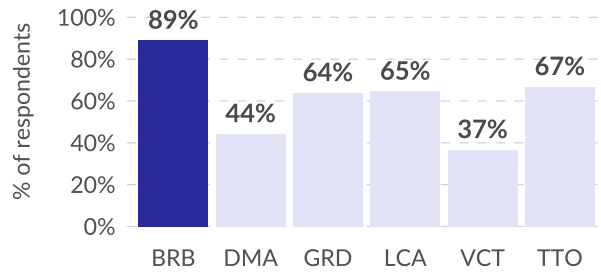


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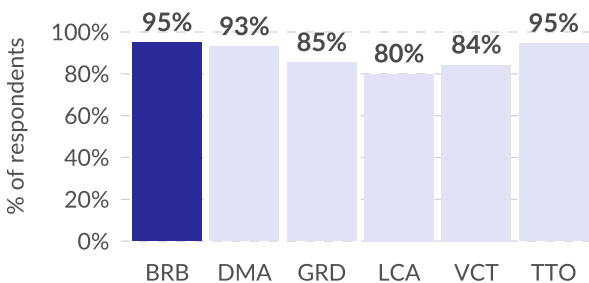


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RELIGION

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THEMATIC FINDINGS

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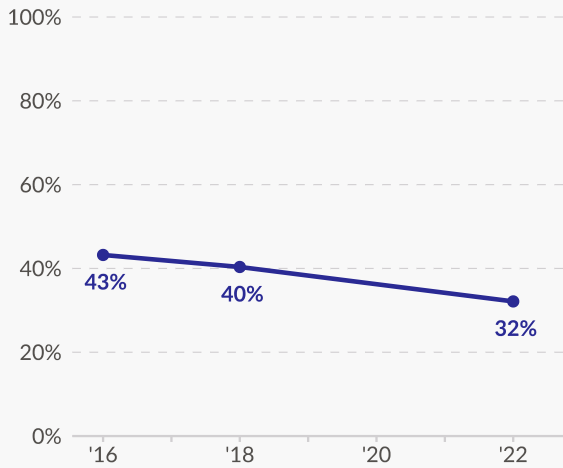
CORRUPTION

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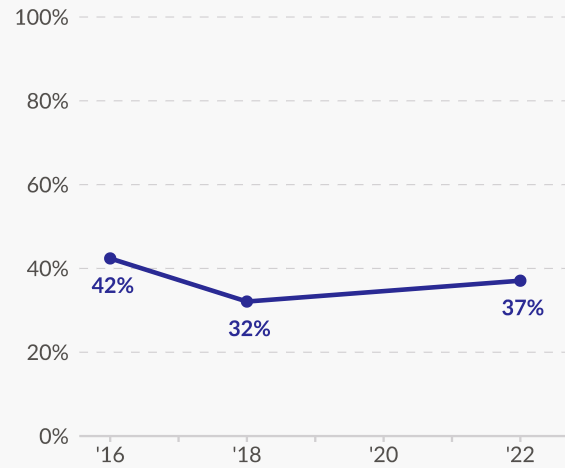
Perceptions of Corruption by Institution Over Time

Percentage of respondents who believe that most or all people working in the following institutions are corrupt

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

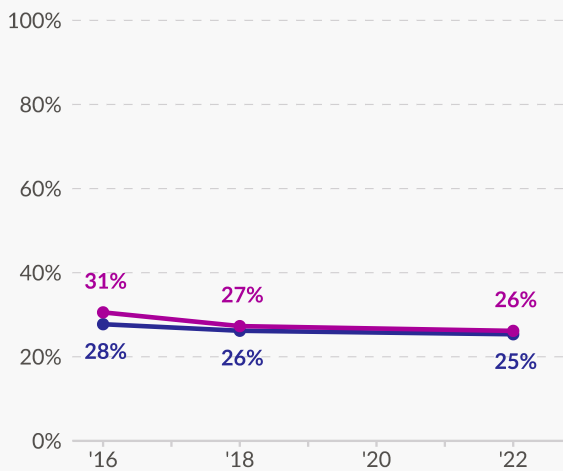


POLICE OFFICERS



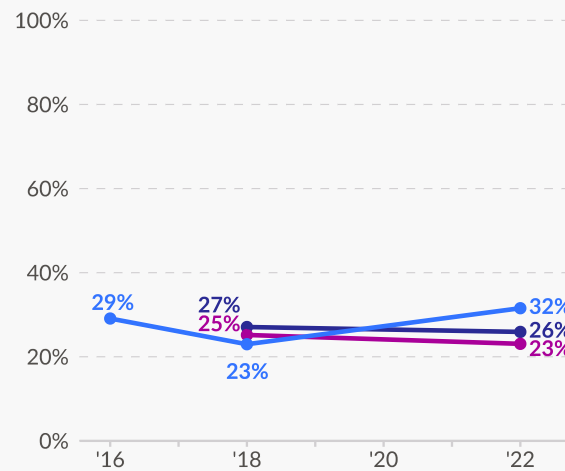
EXECUTIVE

- Local Government Officers
- National Government Officers



JUDICIARY

- Prosecutors
- Judges & Magistrates
- Public Defense Attorneys



Source: WJP General Population Poll 2016, 2018, and 2022

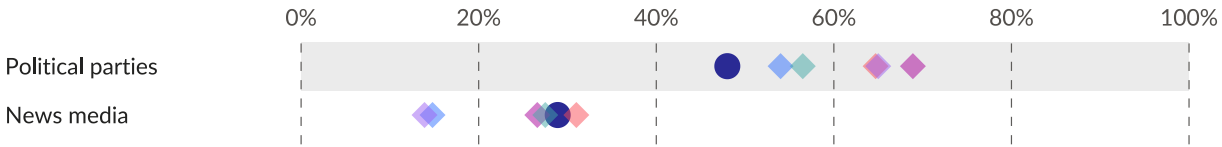
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Perceptions of Corruption in the Eastern Caribbean, by Institution

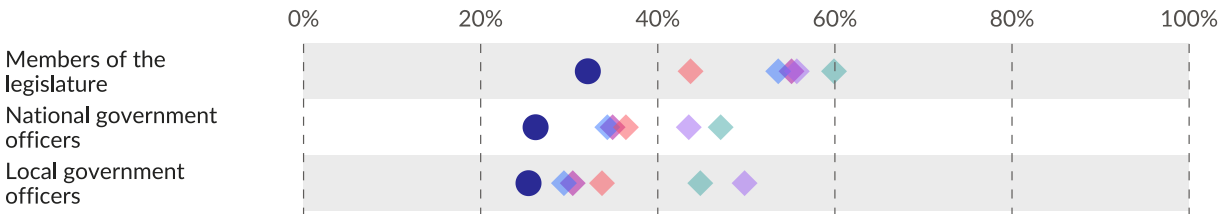
Percentage of respondents who think people in the following groups are involved in corrupt practices

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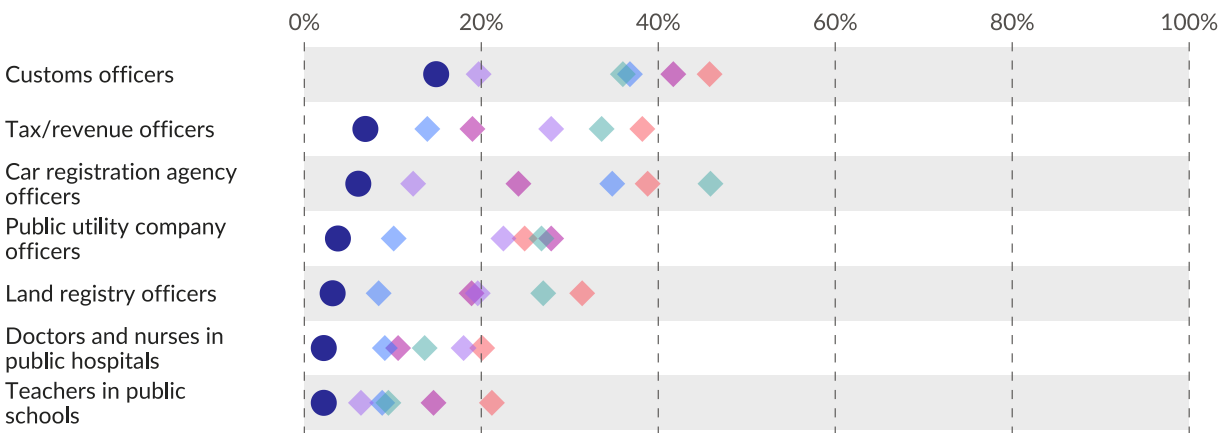
THE MEDIA AND POLITICAL PARTIES



NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT



ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUREAUCRATIC INSTITUTIONS



SECURITY AND JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS



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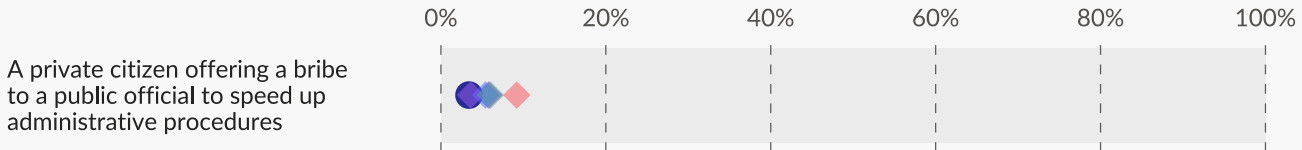
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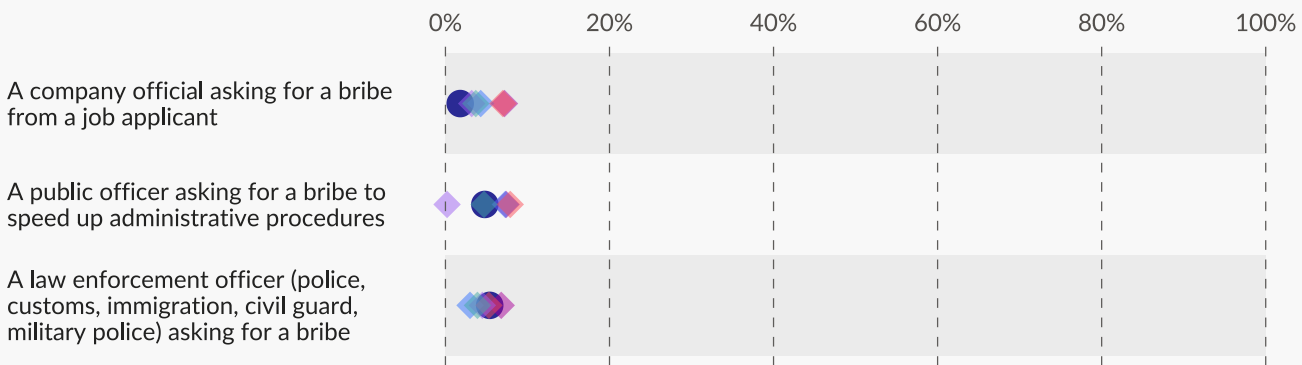
Percentage of respondents who believe the following behaviors are always or usually acceptable

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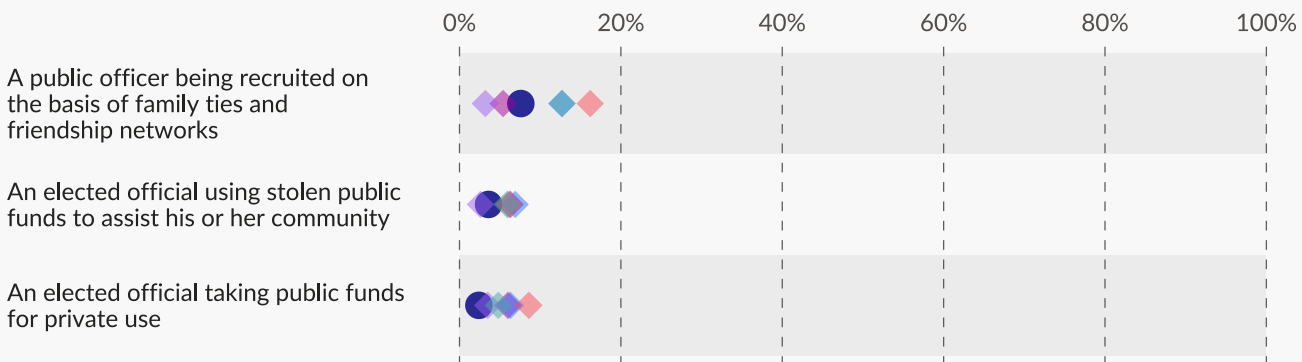
BRIBES OFFERED



BRIBES REQUESTED



NEPOTISM AND EMBEZZLEMENT



Source: WJP General Population Poll 2022

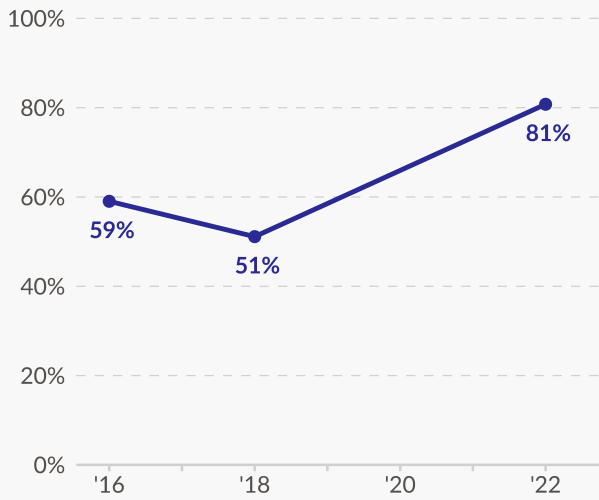
TRUST

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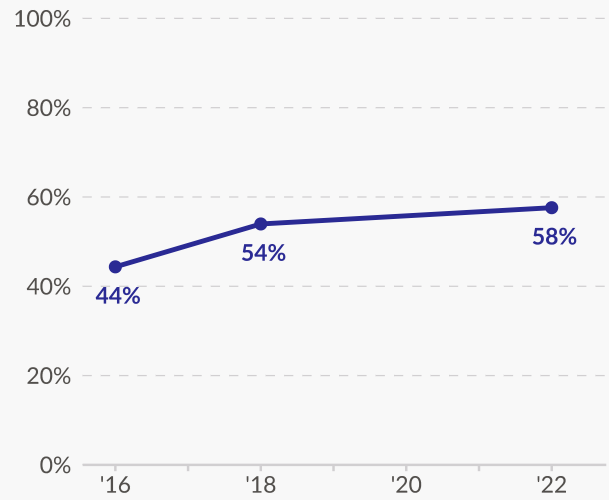
Trust in Institutions Over Time

Percentage of respondents who have a lot or some trust in...

PEOPLE LIVING IN THEIR COUNTRY

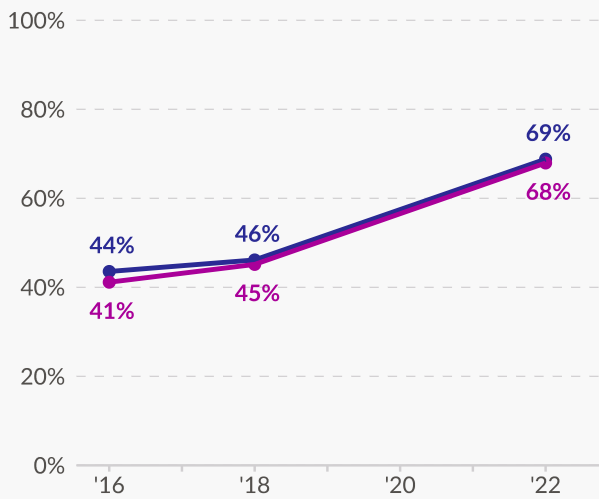


POLICE OFFICERS



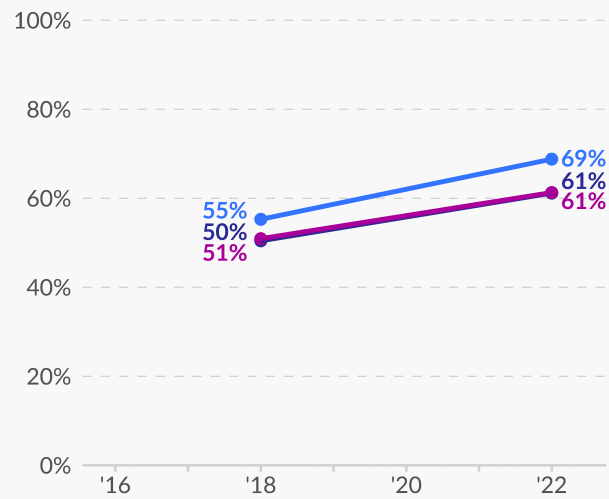
EXECUTIVE

- Local Government Officers
- National Government Officers



JUDICIARY

- Prosecutors
- Judges & Magistrates
- Public Defense Attorneys



Source: WJP General Population Poll 2016, 2018, and 2022

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CRIME VICTIMIZATION

CHART 10.1

Types of Crimes Experienced by People in Barbados

Victimization rate, by type of crime

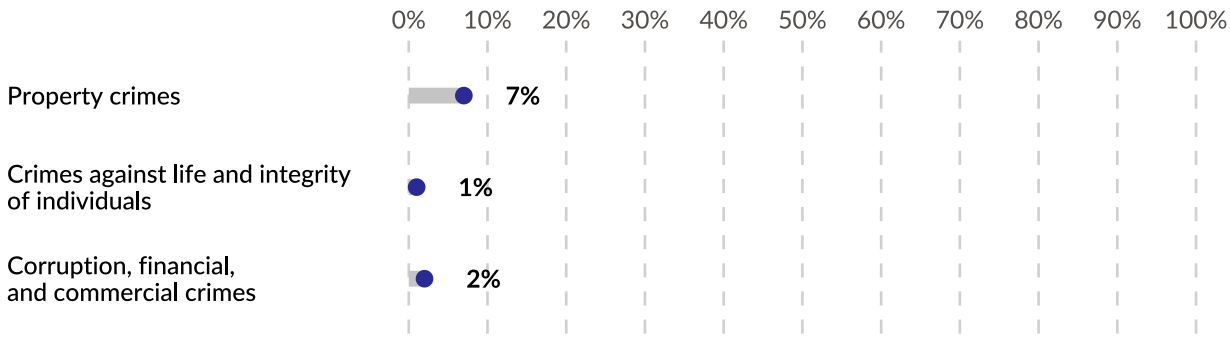
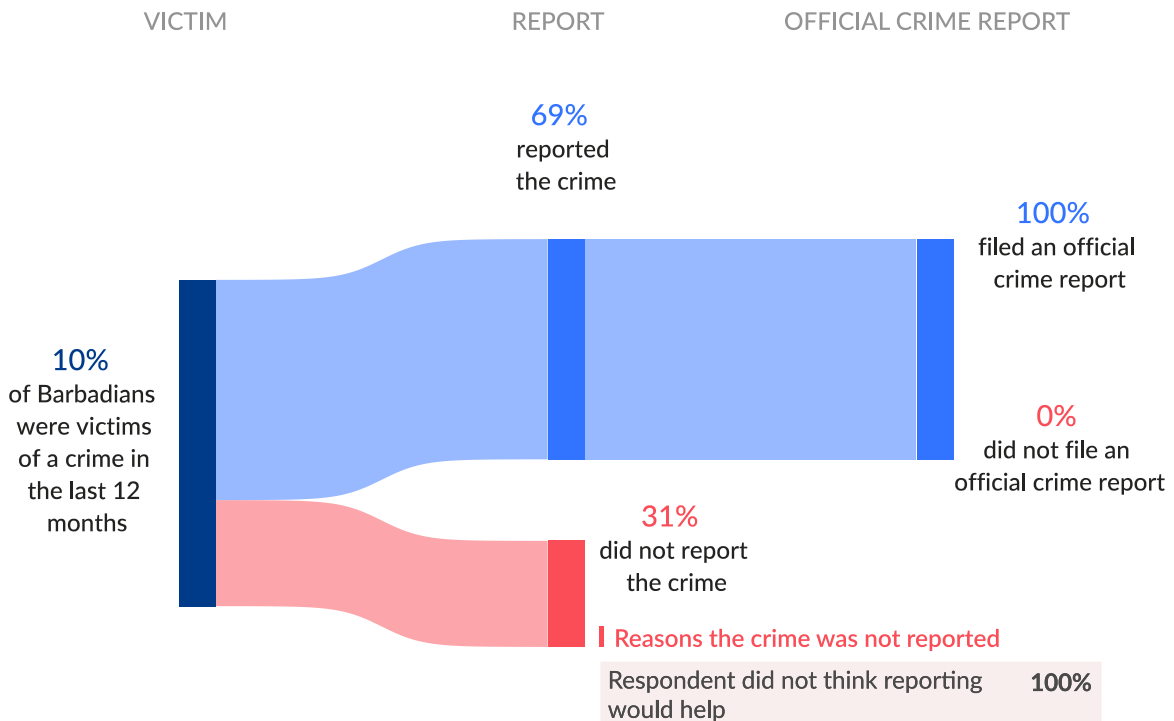


CHART 10.2

Crime Victimization Rates and Reporting

Data on crime victimization and reporting in Barbados



Note: For additional information on how Chart 10.1 and Chart 10.2 were produced, please see the Appendix.

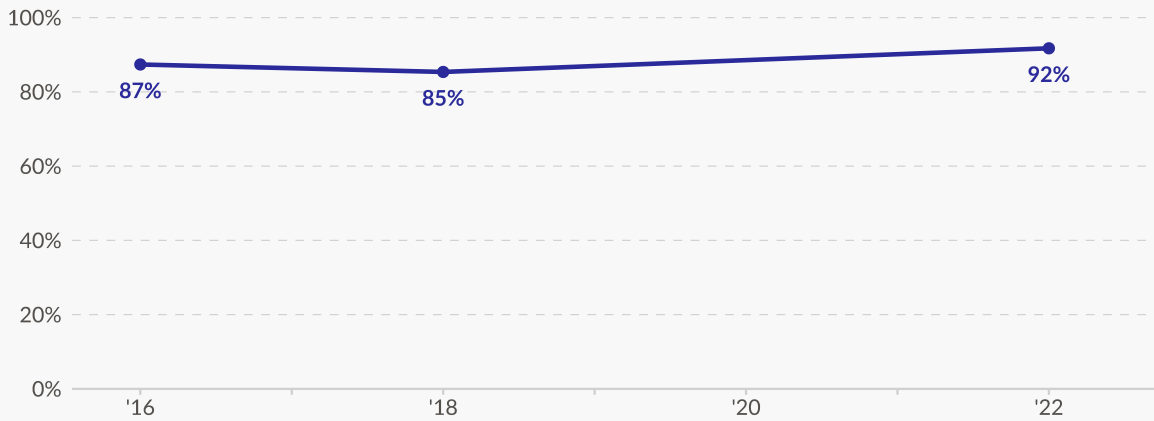
Source: WJP General Population Poll 2022

SECURITY

CHART 11.1

Perceptions of Security in Barbados Over Time

Percentage of respondents who reported that they feel safe or very safe walking in their neighborhood at night

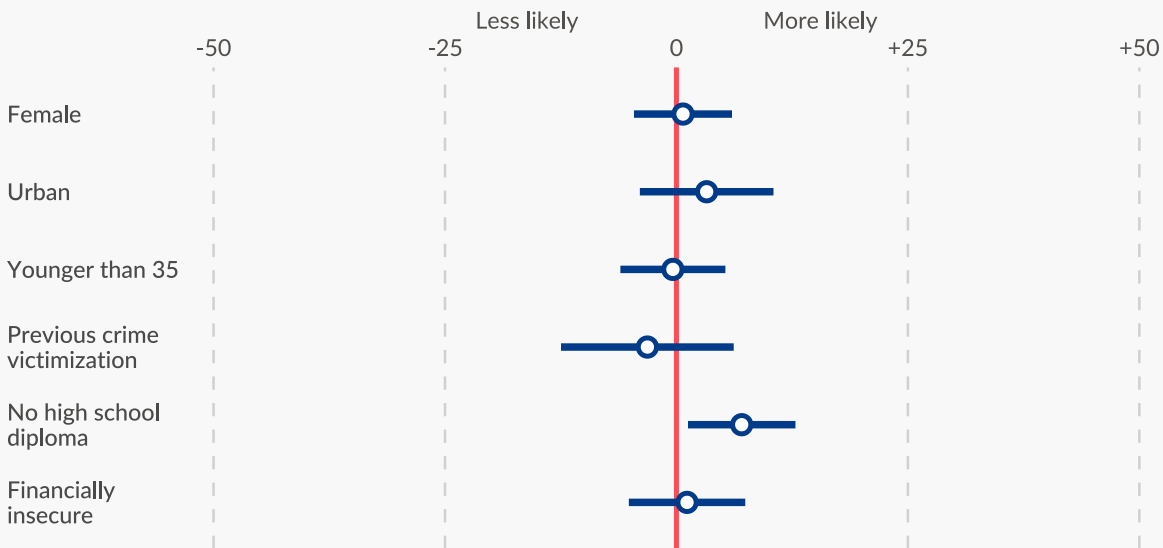


Source: WJP General Population Poll 2016, 2018, and 2022

CHART 11.2

Impact of Sociodemographic Characteristics on Perceptions of Safety

Likelihood that respondents feel safe or very safe walking in their neighborhood at night



Note: The results in this infographic were obtained from a logit regression. Each point indicates the average marginal effect of the corresponding sociodemographic characteristic on the predicted probability of a respondent to answer “safe” or “very safe” to the question “How safe do you feel walking in your neighborhood at night?” The lines indicate the 95% confidence intervals of each average marginal effect. For additional information on how Chart 11.2 was produced, please see the Regression Key linked in the Appendix.

Source: WJP General Population Poll 2022

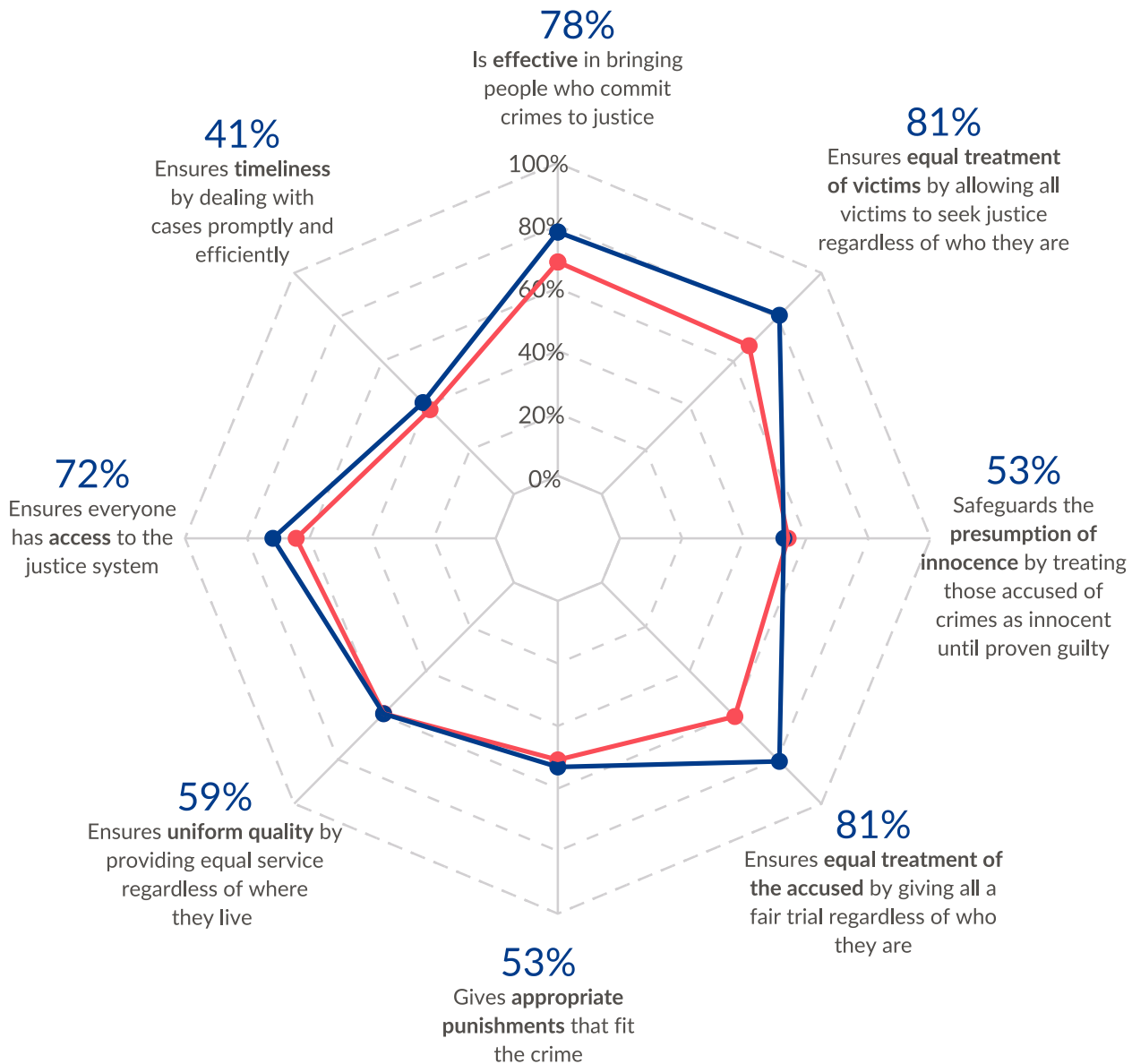
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CHART 12.

Perceptions of the Criminal Justice System in Barbados

Percentage of respondents who are confident that the criminal justice system...

● 2022 ● 2018



Note: For additional information on how Chart 12 was produced, please see the Appendix.

Source: WJP General Population Poll 2018 and 2022

CHART 13.

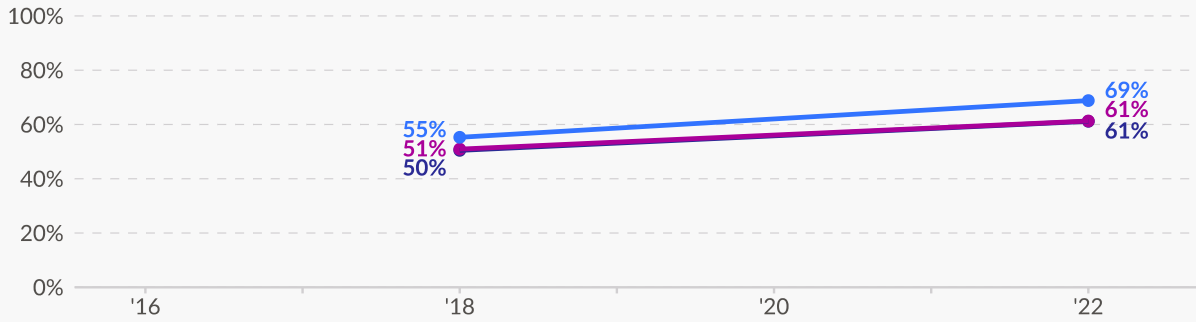
Criminal Justice Actors

Perceptions of criminal justice actors in Barbados

● Prosecutors ● Public Defense Attorneys ● Judges & Magistrates

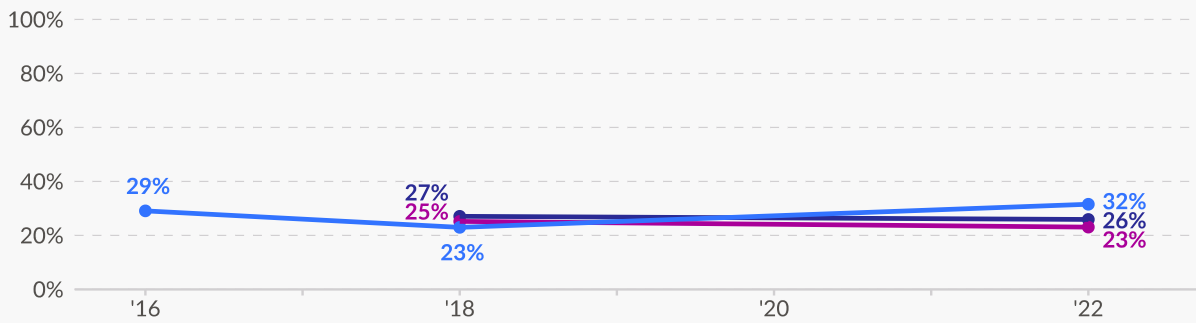
TRUST IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACTORS OVER TIME

Percentage of respondents who have a lot or some trust in prosecutors, public defense attorneys, and judges and magistrates



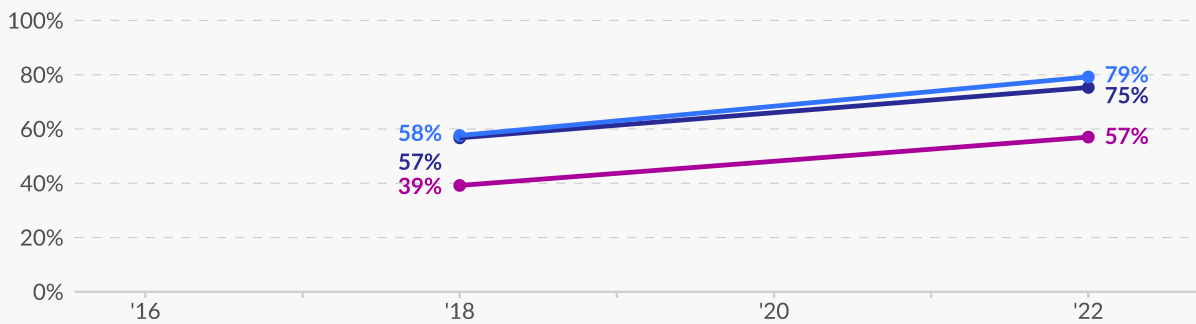
PERCEPTIONS OF CORRUPTION ACROSS CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACTORS OVER TIME

Percentage of respondents who believe that most or all prosecutors, public defense attorneys, and judges and magistrates are corrupt



PERCEPTIONS OF EFFECTIVENESS ACROSS CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACTORS OVER TIME

Percentage of respondents who believe that prosecutors, public defense attorneys, and judges and magistrates do their job well



Note: Variables in Effectiveness category are as follows: Prosecutors prosecute crimes committed in an independent manner and are not subject to any sort of pressure; Public defenders do everything they can to defend poor people that are accused of committing a crime; Judges decide cases in an independent manner and are not subject to any sort of pressure.

Source: WJP General Population Poll 2016, 2018, and 2022

POLICE

CHART 14.

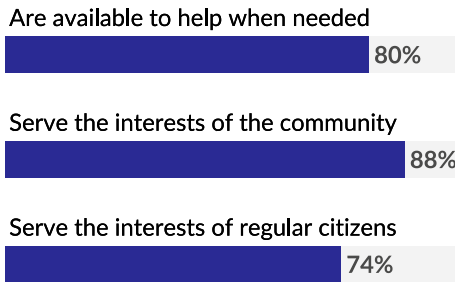
Perceptions of the Police

Opinions on the effectiveness and legitimacy of law enforcement

EFFECTIVENESS

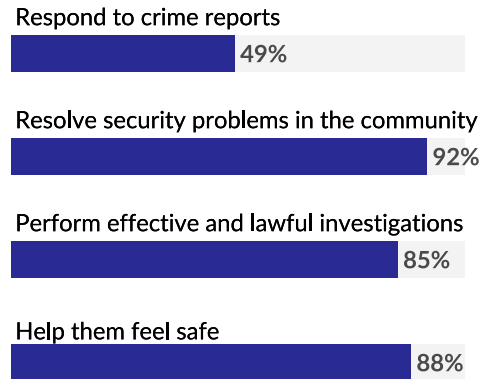
Serve the Public

Percentage of respondents who believe that the police...



Crime Control and Safety

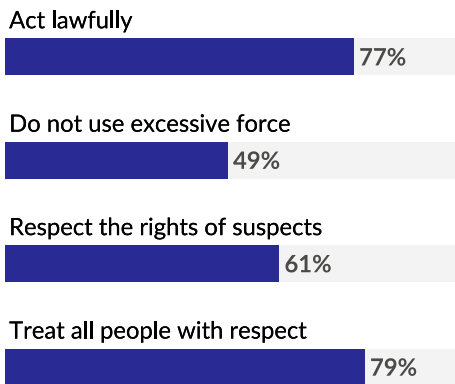
Percentage of respondents who believe that the police...



LEGITIMACY

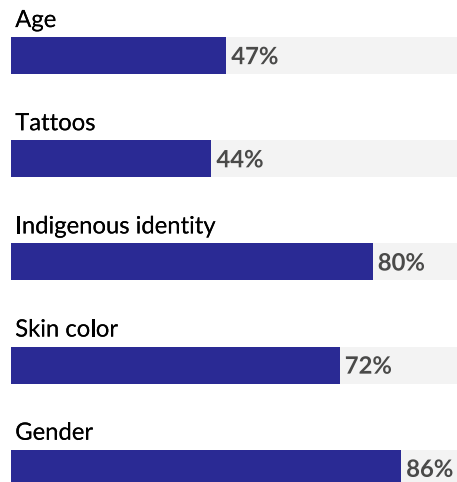
Due Process

Percentage of respondents who believe that the police...



Discrimination

Percentage of respondents who believe that the police do not discriminate against suspects based on...



Corruption

Percentage of respondents who believe that the police...

Are not involved in corrupt practices



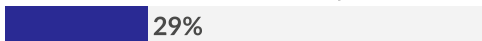
Investigate crimes in an independent manner



Do not serve the interests of gangs



Do not serve the interests of politicians



Trust and Crime Reporting

Percentage of respondents who...

Trust the police



Report a crime when they are a victim



Feel safe in their neighborhoods



Accountability

Percentage of respondents who believe that the police...

Are held accountable for violating laws



Are held accountable for seeking bribes



Are held accountable for accepting bribes



Are investigated for misconduct



Note: For additional information on how Chart 14 was produced, please see the Appendix.

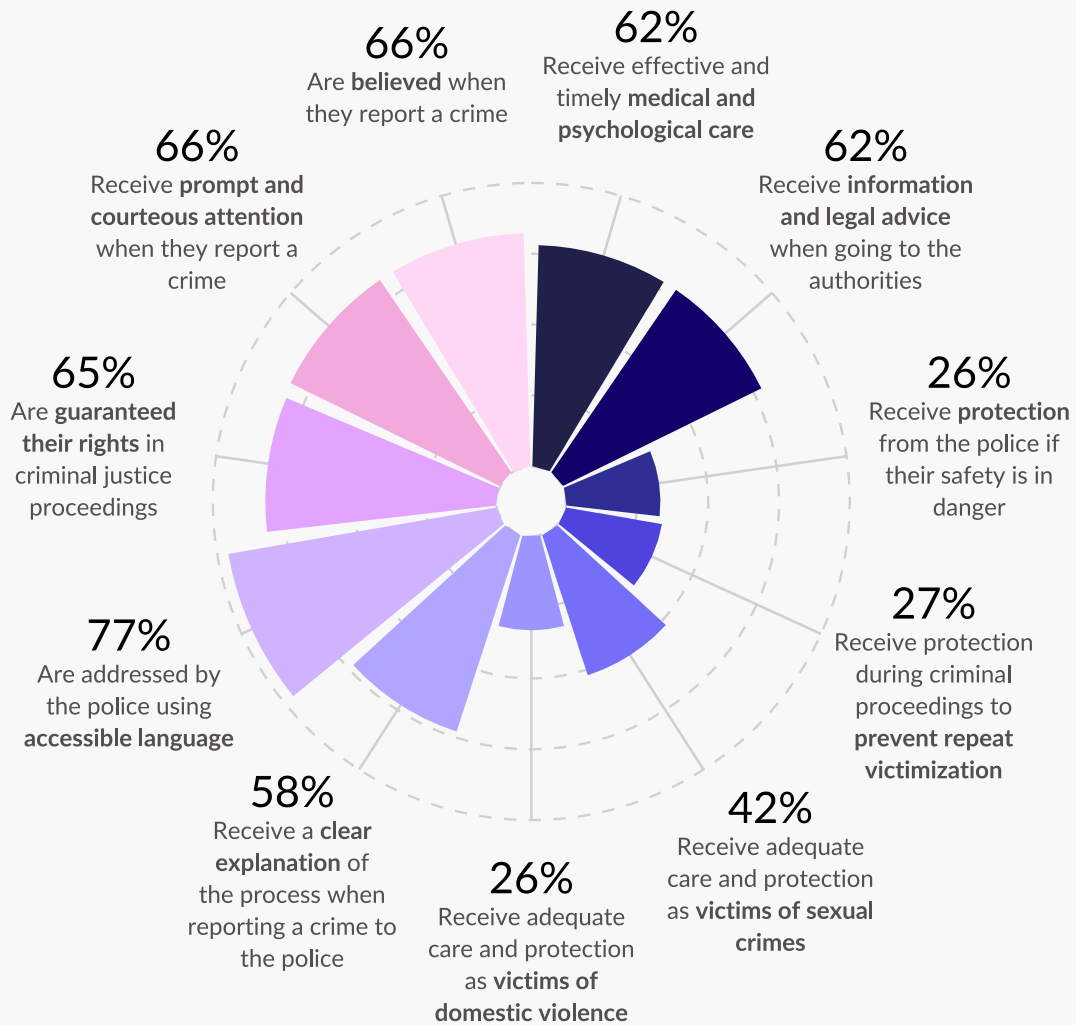
Source: WJP General Population Poll 2022

VICTIM SUPPORT

CHART 15.

Perceptions of the Treatment of Crime Victims

Percentage of respondents who are confident that crime victims...



Note: For additional information on how Chart 15 was produced, please see the Appendix.

Source: WJP General Population Poll 2022

PROJECT DESIGN

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METHODOLOGY

To present an image that accurately portrays the rule of law as experienced by ordinary people, data in this report is drawn from the General Population Poll (GPP), an original data source designed and collected by the World Justice Project (WJP). The GPP captures the experiences and perceptions of ordinary citizens concerning the performance of the state and its agents and the actual operation of the legal framework in their country.

The General Population Poll used to collect data in Barbados in 2022 features several new questions that highlight perceptions on issues salient to the region, including corruption, authoritarian behaviors, police performance, criminal justice, and security. In total, the General Population Poll questionnaire includes 172 perception-based questions and 122 experience-based questions, along with sociodemographic information on all respondents. Additionally, the GPP in Barbados was administered to a sample of 500 respondents.

Data Collection

The GPP in Barbados was conducted for the WJP's *The Rule of Law in Barbados: Key Findings from the General Population Poll 2022* with sampling, fieldwork, and data processing by DMR Insights Ltd., based in St. Lucia. DMR Insights Ltd. administered the surveys between July and August 2022, conducting face-to-face interviews using a multi-stage stratified random sampling design. The target group for this survey included Barbadians aged 18 years or older residing across all seven parishes throughout the country.

SAMPLE SIZE AND SAMPLE FRAME

The General Population Poll in Barbados represents an achieved total sample size of 500 interviews distributed proportionally across seven regions. DMR Insights Ltd. based the sampling frame on 2010 census figures, acquiring a proportionally stratified sample by region, age, gender, socioeconomic status, and level of urbanization.

In order to address all relevant topics while controlling the questionnaire length, the World Justice Project split three of the survey modules into two versions (Option A and Option B) and randomly assigned one option to each respondent for each module. These modules included: Hypothetical Situations, Civic Participation, and Institutional Performance. Aside from these modules, the questionnaires are identical. A link to the complete survey instrument, in English, can be found in the Appendix of this report.

SAMPLING

Given Barbados' population size, regions served as the primary sampling unit. Interviewers were assigned a starting point within each primary sampling unit and performed a systemic random route, while paying close attention to target quotas for gender, age, and income. Interviewers used a Kish grid to select respondents. If the selected respondent declined to be interviewed or otherwise did not meet the characteristics of the target quota, the interviewer moved on to the next household.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SAMPLE

COVERAGE: Interviews were distributed across regions to create a nationally representative sample. Thirty-two percent (32%) of the interviews took place in Saint Michael, followed by 20% in Christ Church, 10% in Saint James, 8% in Saint John, and the remaining 31% in other regions.

GEOGRAPHY: Twenty-two percent (22%) of respondents resided in rural areas and municipalities and 78% of respondents resided in metro areas or cities.

RACIAL AND ETHNIC BACKGROUND: Most respondents (88%) identified themselves as Afro-Barbadian, followed by Mixed Race (7%).

GENDER: Fifty-one percent (51%) of respondents were female and 49% were male.

EDUCATION: Most respondents (88%) reported that they had received at least a high school diploma or vocational degree and the remaining 12% of respondents received up to a middle school diploma.

RESPONSE RATES

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Eligible household, non-interview | 447 |
| Refusals | 268 |
| Break-off | 82 |
| Non-contact | 97 |

INTERVIEWING AND QUALITY CONTROL

In total, 19 interviewers worked on this project, including 11 female interviewers. Enumerators worked in five groups of three to four interviewers. Interviews were conducted in English.

The supervisory team directly oversaw 10% of all interviews in the field. During data processing, 150 interviews (30% of the sample) were backchecked via telephone by the central office. After quality control, 14 interviews were rejected from the final sample due to abnormal interview length. Interviews averaged 46 minutes in length and ranged from 42 to 79 minutes.

DATA REVIEW AND JUSTIFICATION

As part of the data analysis process, the team consulted several third-party sources in order to contextualize and validate perception-based data captured by the General Population Poll and compare it with the objective rule of law situation in-country. Peer data sources consulted include select indicators measured by the Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP)'s *AmericasBarometer*, *Latinobarómetro*, *Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)*, *Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index*, the Bertelsmann Stiftung's *Transformation Index (BTI)*, and *Freedom House's Freedom in the World*. While certain trends captured by the 2022 General Population Poll in Barbados are comparable to trends in perceptions data measured by other indices, the experiences and perceptions presented in this report may not always coincide with the reality of Barbados' rule of law performance as measured by other sources.

HISTORICAL DATA

Historical data in this report derives from the *WJP Rule of Law Index®*'s General Population Poll that is typically administered every two to three years using a nationally representative probability sample ranging from 500 to 1,000 respondents. These household surveys were administered in the three largest cities of most countries until 2018, when the World Justice Project transitioned to nationally representative coverage as the preferred methodology for polling. The historical polling data used in this year's reports was collected in the following intervals: Data for Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago was collected in 2016, 2018, and 2022.

ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES

The Rule of Law in Barbados: Key Findings from the General Population Poll 2022 includes comparisons to the following Eastern Caribbean countries surveyed by the World Justice Project during the same period: Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago. This report is additionally part of a series that presents findings from the following five sub-regions within Latin America and the Caribbean: Andes (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru); Southern Cone (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay); Eastern Caribbean (Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago); Greater Antilles, The Bahamas, and the Guianas (The Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Suriname); and Central America (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama). Together, these 26 countries are a portion of the 140 countries and jurisdictions included in the *WJP Rule of Law Index 2022* report. Detailed information regarding the methodology of the *Rule of Law Index* is available at: www.worldjusticeproject.org.

| Country | Polling Company | Methodology | Sample |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------|--------|
| Argentina | StatMark Group | Face-to-face | 759 |
| The Bahamas | DMR Insights Ltd. | Face-to-face | 500 |
| Barbados | DMR Insights Ltd. | Face-to-face | 500 |
| Belize | CID Gallup | Face-to-face | 1,500 |
| Bolivia | Captura Consulting | Face-to-face | 1,000 |
| Brazil | About Brazil Market Research | Face-to-face | 1,109 |
| Colombia | Tempo Group SA | Face-to-face | 1,000 |
| Costa Rica | CID Gallup | Face-to-face | 1,002 |
| Dominica | DMR Insights Ltd. | Face-to-face | 500 |
| Dominican Republic | CID Gallup | Face-to-face | 1,002 |
| Ecuador | StatMark Group | Face-to-face | 1,005 |
| El Salvador | CID Gallup | Face-to-face | 2,010 |
| Grenada | DMR Insights Ltd. | Face-to-face | 500 |
| Guatemala | Mercaplan | Face-to-face | 2,002 |
| Guyana | StatMark Group | Face-to-face | 500 |
| Haiti | CID Gallup | Face-to-face | 507 |
| Honduras | Mercaplan | Face-to-face | 2,000 |
| Jamaica | StatMark Group | Face-to-face | 531 |
| Nicaragua | CID Gallup | Telephone | 1,014 |
| Panama | CID Gallup | Face-to-face | 2,023 |
| Paraguay | Datum Internacional S.A./BM Business Partners | Face-to-face | 1,000 |
| Peru | Datum Internacional S.A. | Face-to-face | 1,029 |
| St. Lucia | DMR Insights Ltd. | Face-to-face | 500 |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | DMR Insights Ltd. | Face-to-face | 500 |
| Suriname | D3: Designs, Data, Decisions | Face-to-face | 522 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | CID Gallup | Face-to-face | 1,001 |

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Methodological Materials

GENERAL POPULATION POLL (GPP)

The General Population Poll in the Caribbean was designed to capture high-quality data on the realities and concerns of ordinary people on a variety of themes related to the rule of law, including authoritarianism, corruption, police performance, and crime and security.

[World Justice Project General Population Poll 2022 – Caribbean Survey Instrument \(English Versions A & B\)](#)

VARIABLES USED IN INFOGRAPHICS ON CRIME VICTIMIZATION

This table lists the question-level variables from the General Population Poll used to construct Chart 10.1 and the “Reasons the crime was not reported” table in Chart 10.2.

[World Justice Project Crime Rates and Reporting Variable Map](#)

REGRESSION TABLES FOR REGRESSION ANALYSIS USED IN INFOGRAPHIC ON PERCEPTIONS OF SECURITY

This document includes the question-level variables from the General Population Poll used in the regression analysis and the regression results featured in Chart 11.2.

[World Justice Project Regression Tables](#)

VARIABLES USED IN INFOGRAPHIC ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

This table lists the question-level variables from the General Population Poll used to construct Chart 12.

[World Justice Project Criminal Justice System Variable Map](#)

VARIABLES USED IN INFOGRAPHIC ON THE POLICE

This table lists the question-level variables from the General Population Poll used to construct Chart 14.

[World Justice Project Police Performance Variable Map](#)

VARIABLES USED IN INFOGRAPHIC ON PERCEPTIONS OF THE TREATMENT OF CRIME VICTIMS

This table lists the question-level variables from the General Population Poll used to construct Chart 15.

[World Justice Project Victim Support Variable Map](#)



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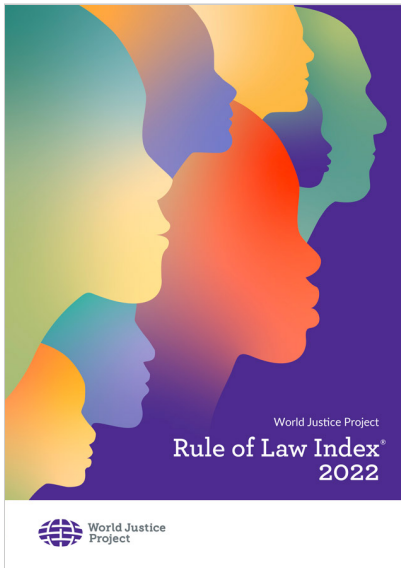
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Highlights and data trends from the WJP Rule of Law Index 2021



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