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# Executive Summary

*“The rule of law is the foundation for communities of opportunity and equity—it is the predicate for the eradication of poverty, violence, corruption, pandemics, and other threats to civil society.”*

William H. Neukom, Founder, President and  
CEO of the World Justice Project

Advancing the rule of law around the world is the central goal of the World Justice Project (WJP). Establishing the rule of law is fundamental to achieving communities of opportunity and equity—communities that offer sustainable economic development, accountable government, and respect for fundamental rights. Without the rule of law, medicines do not reach health facilities due to corruption; women in rural areas remain unaware of their rights; people are killed in criminal violence; and firms’ costs increase because of expropriation risk. The rule of law is the cornerstone to improving public health, safeguarding participation, ensuring security, and fighting poverty.

The WJP Rule of Law Index<sup>®</sup> is an innovative quantitative assessment tool designed to offer a comprehensive picture of the extent to which countries adhere to the rule of law, not in theory, but in practice. This report is the second in an annual series.

Indices and indicators are very useful tools. The systematic tracking of infant mortality rates, for instance, has greatly contributed to improving health outcomes around the globe. In a similar fashion, the WJP Rule of Law Index monitors the health of a country’s institutional environment—such as whether government officials are accountable under the law, and whether legal institutions protect fundamental rights and allow ordinary people access to justice.

## The WJP Rule of Law Index

The WJP Rule of Law Index presents a comprehensive set of indicators on the rule of law from the perspective of the ordinary person. It examines practical situations in which a rule of law deficit may affect the daily lives of ordinary people. For instance, the Index evaluates whether citizens

can access public services without the need to bribe a government officer; whether a basic dispute among neighbors or companies can be peacefully and cost-effectively resolved by an independent adjudicator; and whether people can conduct their daily activities without fear of crime or police abuse.

The Index provides new data on the following nine dimensions of the rule of law:

- » Limited government powers
- » Absence of corruption
- » Order and security
- » Fundamental rights
- » Open government
- » Effective regulatory enforcement
- » Access to civil justice
- » Effective criminal justice
- » Informal justice

These nine factors are further disaggregated into 52 sub-factors. The scores of these sub-factors are built from over 400 variables drawn from assessments of the general public (1,000 respondents per country) and local legal experts<sup>1</sup>. The outcome of this exercise is one of the world’s most comprehensive data sets measuring the extent to which countries adhere to the rule of law—not in theory but in practice.

## Defining the rule of law

As used by the World Justice Project, the rule of law refers to a rules-based system in which the following four universal principles are upheld:

- » The government and its officials and agents are accountable under the law.
- » The laws are clear, publicized, stable, and fair, and protect fundamental rights, including the security of persons and property.
- » The process by which the laws are enacted, administered, and enforced is accessible, fair, and efficient.
- » Access to justice is provided by competent, independent, and ethical adjudicators, attorneys or representatives, and judicial officers who are of sufficient number, have adequate resources, and reflect the makeup of the communities they serve.

<sup>1</sup> We are grateful for the generous engagement of the over 2,000 academics and practitioners around the world who contributed their time and expertise, and the 66,000 individuals who participated in the general population poll.

These principles are derived from international sources that enjoy broad acceptance across countries with differing social, cultural, economic, and political systems, and incorporate both substantive and procedural elements.

## Uses of the Index

The WJP Rule of Law Index is an instrument for strengthening the rule of law. It offers reliable, independent, and disaggregated information for policy makers, businesses, non-governmental organizations, and other constituencies to:

- » Assess a nation's adherence to the rule of law in practice;
- » Identify a nation's strengths and weaknesses in comparison to similarly situated countries; and
- » Track changes over time.

While the WJP Rule of Law Index enters a crowded field of indicators on different aspects of the rule of law, it has a number of features that set it apart:

- » **Comprehensiveness.** While other indices cover aspects of the rule of law, they do not yield a full picture of rule of law compliance.
- » **New data.** The Index findings are based almost entirely on new data collected by the WJP from independent sources. This contrasts it with other indices based on data aggregated from third-party sources, or on sources that are self-reported by governments or other interested parties.
- » **Rule of law in practice.** The Index measures adherence to the rule of law by looking not to the laws as written but at how they are actually applied in practice.
- » **Anchored in actual experiences.** The Index combines expert opinion with rigorous polling of the general public to ensure that the findings reflect the conditions experienced by the population, including marginalized sectors of society.
- » **Action oriented.** Findings are presented in disaggregated form, identifying strong and weak performers across the nine rule of law dimensions examined in each country.

Despite these methodological strengths, the findings should be interpreted in light of certain inherent limitations. While the Index is helpful in

taking the “temperature” of the rule of law in the countries under study, it does not provide a full diagnosis or dictate concrete priorities for action. No single index can convey a full picture of a country's situation. Rule of law analysis requires a careful consideration of multiple dimensions—which may vary from country to country—and a combination of sources, instruments, and methods.

This report introduces the framework of the WJP Rule of Law Index and summarizes the results and lessons learned during the WJP's implementation of the Index in 66 jurisdictions. It is anticipated that global coverage will expand to 100 countries in 2012.

More than half of the countries included in the 2011 report were also indexed in 2010. Country profiles for these countries are based chiefly on new data collected during the second quarter of 2011. However, because country scores are normalized across the entire sample of indexed countries, individual country findings in the 2011 report are not comparable to the previous year's results.

The *Index 2011* report introduces four conceptual and methodological changes. First, factor 3 (Clear, Publicized and Stable Laws) and factor 6 (Open Government) from the 2010 report have been merged to form factor 5 of the current report. The sub-factors of factor 2 (Absence of Corruption) have been redefined to their current status. Third, for the first time data has been collected on transition of power, civil conflict, freedom of assembly and association, due process in administrative proceedings, and criminal recidivism. Finally, in the measurement of factor 3 (Order and Security) a few variables from third-party sources have been incorporated into the Index. Changes introduced in 2011 are explained in the Data Notes section of this report, and further methodological details are provided in Botero and Ponce, “*Measuring the Rule of Law*”, 2011, available online at [www.worldjusticeproject.org](http://www.worldjusticeproject.org).

The Index is intended for a broad audience of policy-makers, civil society, practitioners, academics, and other constituencies. We hope that over time, this tool will help identify strengths and weaknesses in each country under review and encourage policy choices that advance the rule of law.

## About the World Justice Project

The World Justice Project (WJP) is a multinational and multidisciplinary effort to strengthen the rule of law throughout the world. It is based on two complementary premises: first, the rule of law is the foundation for communities of opportunity and equity; and second, multidisciplinary collaboration

is the most effective way to advance the rule of law. The WJP's work is being carried out through three complementary and mutually reinforcing program areas: Mainstreaming, the Rule of Law Index, and Scholarship. The Project's efforts are dedicated to increasing public awareness about the concept and practice of the rule of law, developing practical programs in support of the rule of law at the community level, and stimulating government reforms that enhance the rule of law. Further details are provided in the last section of this report and at [www.worldjusticeproject.org](http://www.worldjusticeproject.org).



# Part I: Constructing the WJP Rule of Law Index

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<sup>2</sup> This section builds on previous work developed in collaboration with Claudia J. Dumas.



# Constructing the WJP Rule of Law Index

The WJP Rule of Law Index® is an innovative quantitative assessment tool designed to offer a detailed and comprehensive picture of the extent to which countries adhere to the rule of law in practice.

The Index introduces new indicators on the rule of law from the perspective of the ordinary person. It considers practical situations in which a rule of law deficit may affect the daily lives of people. For instance, whether people can access public services without the need to bribe a government officer; whether a basic dispute among neighbors or companies can be peacefully and cost-effectively resolved by an independent adjudicator; or whether people can conduct their daily activities without fear of crime or police abuse.

The Index provides new data on the following nine dimensions of the rule of law: limited government powers; absence of corruption; order and security; fundamental rights; open government; effective regulatory enforcement; access to civil justice; effective criminal justice; and informal justice. These nine factors are further disaggregated into 52 sub-factors.

The Index's rankings and scores are the product of a rigorous data collection and aggregation process. Data comes from a global poll of the general public and detailed questionnaires administered to local experts. To date, over 2,000 experts and 66,000 other individuals from around the world have participated in this project.

The *WJP Rule of Law Index* 2011 is the second

report in an annual series. It builds on four years of development, intensive consultation, and vetting with academics, practitioners, and community leaders from over 100 countries and 17 professional disciplines. Version 1.0 of the Index was presented at the first World Justice Forum in 2008, including findings from a pilot conducted in six countries. Version 2.0 was presented at the second World Justice Forum in 2009, featuring preliminary findings for 35 countries. Version 3.0 was launched in October 2010, featuring a new version of the Index and country profiles for the same 35 countries. The

current report introduces a slightly modified version of the Index presented in 2010 for 66 countries, including updated data for the 35 countries indexed in 2010 plus new data for 31 additional countries. We anticipate that the Index will expand to cover 100 countries in 2012.

It should be emphasized that the Index is intended to be applied in countries with vastly differing social, cultural, economic, and political systems. No society has ever attained—let alone sustained—a perfect realization of the rule of law. Every nation faces the

**Box 1. The rule of law in everyday life**

Imagine the owner of a small business has a dispute with a client over a large, unpaid bill. What if her only recourse to settle the dispute is through the threat of physical violence? Consider the bridges, roads, or runways we traverse daily—or the offices and buildings in which we live, work, and play. What if building codes governing their design and safety were not enforced? Or suppose someone broke into your home and stole your belongings, and there was no means to reclaim your property and bring the perpetrator to justice?

Even though we may not readily realize it, the rule of law is a profoundly important part of our lives. It is the foundation for a system of rules to keep us safe, solve disputes, and help us prosper. Let’s consider a few examples:

**(a) 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. Businesses are reluctant to invest in countries where there is a high risk of government expropriation, either through administrative intervention, government’s failure to repay local debts, or unpredictable changes in laws and regulations. Secure property rights give businesses the ability to be rewarded for their investments.

**(b) Public works**

The rule of law is also fundamental in guaranteeing the quality of public works. In recent years, we have witnessed devastating earthquakes causing buildings to collapse. In many cases, it has been alleged that government officials and contractors have been complicit in constructing buildings dangerously below government-mandated standards in order to pocket the remaining surplus.

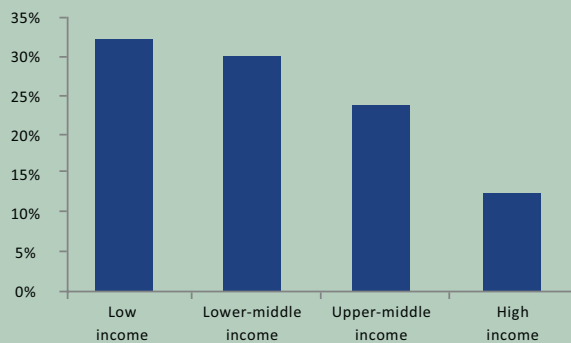
**(c) Public health**

Maintaining the physical health of a society is hugely reliant on its health care delivery systems. Absenteeism, mismanagement, bribes, and informal payments undermine health care delivery and waste already scarce resources. Unfortunately, it is in poor countries where people are more likely to have to pay bribes to obtain medical attention (figure 1). As a result, many people do not receive adequate medical care.

The rule of law affects all of us in our everyday lives. It is not just important to lawyers and judges; it matters to businessmen, builders, consumers, doctors, and journalists. Every sector of society is a stakeholder in the rule of law.

**Figure 1: Corruption in public health services**

Average % of people who had to pay a bribe to obtain public health services (countries grouped by income level)



Source: The WJP Rule of Law Index 2011 database

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

The design of the Index began with the effort to formulate a set of principles that would constitute a working definition of the rule of law. Having reviewed the extensive literature on the subject, the project team was profoundly conscious of the many challenges such an effort entails. Among other things, it was recognized that for the principles to be broadly accepted, they must be culturally universal, avoiding Western, Anglo-American, or other biases. Thus, the principles were derived to the greatest extent possible from established international standards and norms, and informed by a thorough review of national constitutions and scholarly literature. The principles and the factors derived from them were tested and refined through extensive consultations with experts from around the world to ensure, among other things, their cultural competence.

### 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:

1. The government and its officials and agents are accountable under the law.
2. The laws are clear, publicized, stable and fair, and protect fundamental rights, including the security of persons and property.
3. The process by which the laws are enacted, administered and enforced is accessible, fair and efficient.
4. Access to justice is provided by competent, independent, and ethical adjudicators, attorneys or representatives and judicial officers who are of sufficient number, have adequate resources, and reflect the makeup of the communities they serve.

It also was recognized that any effort to define the rule of law must grapple with the distinction between what scholars call a “thin” or minimalist conception of the rule of law that focuses on

formal, procedural rules, and a “thick” conception that includes substantive characteristics, such as self-government and various fundamental rights and freedoms. On one hand, it was felt that if the Index was to have utility and gain wide acceptance, the definition must be broadly applicable to many types of social and political systems, including some which lack many of the features that characterize democratic nations. On the other hand, it was recognized that the rule of law must be more than merely a system of rules—that indeed, a system of positive law that fails to respect core human rights guaranteed under international law is at best “rule *by* law”, and does not deserve to be called a rule of law system. In the words of Arthur Chaskalson, former Chief Justice of South Africa,

[T]he apartheid government, its officers and agents were accountable in accordance with the laws; the laws were clear; publicized, and stable, and were upheld by law enforcement officials and judges. What was missing was the substantive component of the rule of law. The process by which the laws were made was not fair (only whites, a minority of the population, had the vote). And the laws themselves were not fair. They institutionalized discrimination, vested broad discretionary powers in the executive, and failed to protect fundamental rights. Without a substantive content there would be no answer to the criticism, sometimes voiced, that the rule of law is ‘an empty vessel into which any law could be poured’.

The four “universal principles” that emerged from our deliberations are featured in box 2.

These principles represent an effort to strike a balance between thinner and thicker conceptions of the rule of law, incorporating both substantive and procedural elements—a decision which was broadly endorsed by the many international experts with whom we have consulted. A few examples may be instructive:

- » The principles address the extent to which a country provides for fair participation in the making of the laws—certainly an essential attribute of self-government. But the principles do not address the further question of whether the laws are enacted by democratically elected representatives.
- » The principles address the extent to which

a country protects fundamental human rights. But given the impossibility of assessing adherence to the full panoply of civil, political, economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights recognized in the Universal Declaration, the principles treat a more modest menu of rights, primarily civil and political, that are firmly established under international law and bear the most immediate relationship to rule of law concerns.

- » The principles address access to justice, but chiefly in terms of access to legal representation and access to the courts, rather than in the “thicker” sense in which access to justice is sometimes seen as synonymous with broad legal empowerment of the poor and disfranchised. Access to justice in this more limited sense is a critical cornerstone for the implementation of policies and rights that empower the poor.

In limiting the scope of the principles in this fashion, we do not wish to suggest any disagreement with a more robust and inclusive vision of self-government, fundamental rights, or access to justice, all of which are addressed in other important and influential indices, as well as in various papers developed by WJP scholars. Indeed, it is among the premises of the project as a whole that a healthy rule of law is critical to advancing such goals.

Moreover, the WJP’s conception of the rule of law is not incompatible with the notion that these universal principles may interact with each other in multiple ways. For example, concrete improvements in one dimension of the rule of law may affect societies in more than one way, depending on the prevailing cultural and institutional environments. It is our hope that by providing data on nine independent dimensions of the rule of law, the Index will become a useful tool for academics and other constituencies to further our understanding of these interactions.

## The 2011 WJP Rule of Law Index

This new version of the Index is composed of nine factors derived from the WJP’s universal principles. These factors are divided into 52 sub-factors which incorporate essential elements of the rule of law.

## Accountable Government (Factors 1 and 2)

The first principle measures government accountability by means of two factors:

- » Factor 1: Limited Government Powers
- » Factor 2: Absence of Corruption

### Limited Government Powers

The first factor measures the extent to which those who govern are subject to law. It comprises the means, both constitutional and institutional, by which the powers of the government and its officials and agents are limited and by which they are held accountable under the law. It also includes non-governmental checks on the government’s power, such as a free and independent press.

This factor is particularly difficult to measure in a standardized manner across countries, since there is no single formula for the proper distribution of powers among organs of the government to ensure that each is held in check. Governmental checks take many forms; they do not operate solely in systems marked by a formal separation of powers, nor are they necessarily codified in law. What is essential is that authority is distributed, whether by formal rules or by convention, in a manner that ensures that no single organ of government has the practical ability to exercise unchecked power.<sup>1</sup>

The factor measures the effective limitation of government powers in the fundamental law; institutional checks on government power by the legislature, the judiciary and independent auditing and review agencies<sup>2</sup>; effective sanctions for misconduct of government officers and agents in all branches of government; non-governmental checks on government power<sup>3</sup>; and whether transfers of power occur in accordance with the law.

<sup>1</sup> The Index does not address the further question of whether the laws are enacted by democratically elected representatives.

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

<sup>3</sup> This includes the media, citizen activism, and civic and political organizations.

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### Factor 1: Limited Government Powers

- 1.1 Government powers are defined in the fundamental law.
- 1.2 Government powers are effectively limited by the legislature.
- 1.3 Government powers are effectively limited by the judiciary.
- 1.4 Government powers are effectively limited by independent auditing and review.
- 1.5 Government officials are sanctioned for misconduct.
- 1.6 Government powers are effectively limited by non-governmental checks.
- 1.7 Transfers of power occur in accordance with the law.

### Factor 2: Absence of Corruption

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

### Factor 3: Order and Security

- 3.1 Crime is effectively controlled.
- 3.2 Civil conflict is effectively limited.
- 3.3 People do not resort to violence to redress personal grievances.

### Factor 4: Fundamental Rights

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

### Factor 5: Open Government

- 5.1 The laws are comprehensible to the public.
- 5.2 The laws are publicized and widely accessible.
- 5.3 The laws are stable.
- 5.4 The right of petition and public participation is effectively guaranteed.
- 5.5 Official drafts of laws are available to the public.
- 5.6 Official information is available to the public.

### Factor 6: Effective 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 property without adequate compensation.

### Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice

- 7.1 People are aware of available remedies.
- 7.2 People can access and afford legal advice and representation.
- 7.3 People can access and afford civil courts.
- 7.4 Civil justice is free of discrimination.
- 7.5 Civil justice is free of corruption.
- 7.6 Civil justice is free of improper government influence.
- 7.7 Civil justice is not subject to unreasonable delays.
- 7.8 Civil justice is effectively enforced.
- 7.9 ADR systems are accessible, impartial, and effective.

### Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice

- 8.1 Crimes are effectively investigated.
- 8.2 Crimes are effectively and timely adjudicated.
- 8.3 The correctional system is effective in reducing criminal behavior.
- 8.4 The criminal justice system is impartial.
- 8.5 The criminal justice system is free of corruption.
- 8.6 The criminal justice system is free of improper government influence.
- 8.7 The criminal justice system accords the accused due process of law.

### 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.

## Absence of Corruption

The second factor measures the absence of corruption. The Index 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 (including the police and the military), and those in the judiciary and the legislature. Our instruments take into account a wide range of possible situations in which corruption, from petty bribery to major kinds of fraud, can occur, including the provision of public services, procurement procedures, and administrative enforcement of environmental, labor, and health and safety regulations, among others.

## Security and Fundamental Rights (Factors 3 and 4)

The second principle encompasses two factors:

- » Factor 3: Order and Security
- » Factor 4: Fundamental Rights

### Order and Security

The third factor measures how well the society assures the security of persons and property. It encompasses three dimensions: absence of crime<sup>4</sup>; absence of civil conflict, including terrorism and armed conflict; and absence of violence as a socially acceptable means to redress personal grievances.

A few variables from third-party sources have been incorporated into this factor in order to measure structural rule of law situations that may not be captured through general population polls or expert opinion. These include, among others, the number of events and deaths resulting from high-casualty terrorist bombings<sup>5</sup>, the number of battle-related deaths, and the number of casualties resulting from “one-sided violence”.<sup>6</sup> These indicators are proxies for civil conflict (sub-factor 3.2).

<sup>4</sup> This factor focuses on conventional crime, including homicide, kidnapping, burglary, and theft.

<sup>5</sup> Source: Center for Systemic Peace.

<sup>6</sup> Source: Uppsala Conflict Data Program.

## Fundamental Rights

The fourth factor measures protection of fundamental human rights. It recognizes that the rule of law must be more than merely a system of rules—that indeed, a system of positive law that fails to respect core human rights guaranteed and established under international law is at best “rule *by* law”, and does not deserve to be called a rule of law system.

Sixty years after its adoption, the Universal Declaration remains the touchstone for determining which rights may be considered fundamental, even as newer rights continue to emerge and gain acceptance. At WJP regional meetings conducted in 2008 and 2009, there was spirited discussion over which rights should be encompassed within the Index. Many urged that the list be confined to civil and political rights, particularly freedom of thought and opinion, which bear an essential relationship to the rule of law itself. Others argued for a broader treatment that would encompass social, economic, and cultural rights.

While the debate may never be fully resolved, it was determined as a practical matter that since there are many other indices that address human rights in all of these dimensions, and as it would be impossible for the Index to assess adherence to the full range of rights, the Index should focus on a relatively modest menu of rights that are firmly established under international law and are most closely related to rule of law concerns. Accordingly, factor 4 covers effective enforcement of laws that ensure equal protection<sup>7</sup>; freedom of thought, religion, and expression; freedom of assembly and association; fundamental labor rights (including the right to collective bargaining, the prohibition of forced and child labor, and the elimination of discrimination)<sup>8</sup>;

<sup>7</sup> The laws can be fair only if they do not make arbitrary or irrational distinctions based on economic or social status—the latter defined to include race, color, ethnic or social origin, caste, nationality, alienage, religion, language, political opinion or affiliation, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or gender identity, age, and disability. It must be acknowledged that for some societies, including some traditional societies, certain of these categories may be problematic. In addition, there may be differences both within and among such societies as to whether a given distinction is arbitrary or irrational. Despite these difficulties, it was determined that only an inclusive list would accord full respect to the principles of equality and non-discrimination embodied in the Universal Declaration and emerging norms of international law.

<sup>8</sup> Sub-factor 4.8 includes the four fundamental principles recognized by the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work of 1998: (1) the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining; (2) the elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labor; (3) the effective abolition of child labor; and (4) the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.



the rights to privacy and religion; the right to life and security of the person<sup>9</sup>; and due process of law and the rights of the accused.<sup>10</sup>

## Open Government and Effective Regulatory Enforcement (Factors 5 and 6)

The third principle includes two factors:

- » Factor 5: Open Government
- » Factor 6: Effective Regulatory Enforcement

Factors 5 and 6 concern the extent to which the process by which the laws are enacted, administered, and enforced is accessible, fair, and efficient.

Factor 5 measures open government, which includes at its core the opportunity to know what the law is and what conduct is permitted and prohibited. This requires that the law be comprehensible and its meaning sufficiently clear, publicized, and explained to the general public in plain language, for them to be able to abide by it. This is one of the most basic preconditions for achieving and maintaining a rule of law society capable of guaranteeing public order, personal security, and fundamental rights.

Open government also encompasses the opportunity to participate in the process by which the laws are made and administered. Among the indicia of participation are: whether people have the right to petition the government; whether proceedings are held with timely notice and are open to the public; and whether drafts of legislation, records of legislative and administrative proceedings, and other kinds of official information are available to the public.

Factor 6 concerns the fair and effective enforcement of administrative regulations. The Index does not measure the presence or absence of particular forms of regulation or examine how much regulation of a particular activity is appropriate. Rather, it seeks to assess how well regulations are implemented and

enforced. This includes the absence of improper influence by public officials or private interests; adherence to administrative procedures that are fair, consistent, and predictable; and freedom from government taking of private property without adequate compensation.

## Access to Justice (Factors 7, 8, and 9)

The fourth and final principle measures access to justice by means of three factors:

- » Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice
- » Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice
- » Factor 9: Informal Justice

These factors measure whether ordinary people can peacefully and effectively resolve their grievances in accordance with generally accepted social norms, rather than resorting to violence or self-help.

Access to civil justice requires that the system be affordable, effective, impartial, and culturally competent. Effective criminal justice systems are capable of investigating and adjudicating criminal offences impartially and effectively, while ensuring that the rights of suspects and victims are protected.

Impartiality includes absence of arbitrary or irrational distinctions based on social or economic status, and other forms of bias, as well as decisions that are free of improper influence by public officials or private interests.

Accessibility includes general awareness of available remedies; availability and affordability of legal advice and representation; and absence of excessive or unreasonable fees, procedural hurdles, and other barriers to access to formal dispute resolution systems. Access to justice also requires fair and effective enforcement.

Finally, factor 9 concerns the role played in many countries by “informal” systems of law – including traditional, tribal, and religious courts, as well as community based systems – in resolving disputes. These systems often play a large role in cultures in which formal legal institutions fail to provide effective remedies for large segments of the

<sup>9</sup> Sub-factor 4.2 concerns police brutality and other abuses—including arbitrary detention, torture and extrajudicial execution—perpetrated by agents of the state against criminal suspects, political dissidents, members of the media, and ordinary people.

<sup>10</sup> This includes the presumption of innocence, illegal detention, abusive treatment of suspects and detainees, access to legal counsel and translators, opportunity to challenge evidence, and prisoners' rights.

population.<sup>11</sup>

## Measuring the rule of law

The WJP Rule of Law Index is a first attempt to quantify systematically and comprehensively a set of rule of law outcomes by linking the conceptual definitions to concrete questions. These questions are then administered to a representative sample of the general public, and to local experts, and then are analyzed and cross-checked pursuant to a rigorous triangulation methodology. The outcome of this exercise is one of the world's most comprehensive data sets regarding adherence to the rule of law in practice.

## Approach

The *WJP Rule of Law Index 2011* measures outcomes rather than inputs. More specifically, our aim is to provide a picture of where countries stand with regard to a number of widely accepted outcomes that rule of law societies seek to achieve, as opposed to measuring the institutional means, such as the legal and regulatory frameworks, by which a given society may seek to attain them. Some examples of outcomes measured by the Index include respect for fundamental rights, absence of corruption, and access to justice. Examples of inputs might include the number of courts, the number of police officers, and the judicial budget.

## Data

The WJP's Rule of Law Index methodology utilizes two main sources of new data: (i) a general population poll (GPP), designed by The World Justice Project and conducted by leading local polling companies using a representative sample of 1,000 respondents in three cities per country; and (ii) a qualified respondents' questionnaire (QRQ) 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.

<sup>11</sup> Significant effort has been devoted during the last two years to collecting data on informal justice in a dozen countries. Nonetheless, the complexities of these systems and the difficulties of measuring their fairness and effectiveness in a manner that is both systematic and comparable across countries, make assessments extraordinarily challenging. A preliminary overview of informal justice will be included in the *WJP Rule of Law Index 2012*.

### Box 3: The WJP Rule of Law Index methodology in a nutshell

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

1. The WJP developed the conceptual framework summarized in the Index's nine factors and 52 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. These instruments were piloted in six countries in 2008.
3. The team identified, on average, more than 300 potential local experts per country to respond to the qualified respondents' questionnaires, and engaged the services of leading local polling companies.
4. Polling companies conducted pre-test pilot surveys of the general public in consultation with the Index team, and launched the final survey.
5. The team sent the questionnaires to local experts and engaged in continual interaction with them.
6. The Index team collected and mapped the data onto the 52 sub-factors.
7. The Index team constructed the final scores using a five-step process:
  - a. Codified the questionnaire items as numeric values.
  - b. Produced raw country scores by aggregating the responses from several individuals (experts or general public).
  - c. Normalized the raw scores.
  - d. Aggregated the normalized scores into sub-factors and factors using simple averages.
  - e. Produced the final rankings using the normalized scores.
8. The data were subject to a series of tests to identify possible biases and errors. For example, the Index team cross-checked all sub-factors against more than 60 third-party sources, including quantitative data and qualitative assessments drawn from local and international organizations.
9. A sensitivity analysis was conducted by the Econometrics and Applied Statistics Unit of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, in collaboration with the Index team, to assess the statistical reliability of the results.
10. Finally, the data were organized into country reports, tables, and figures to facilitate their presentation and interpretation.



#### Box 4: Law in practice vs. law on books

In order to evaluate the rule of law in a given country, it is important to have an understanding of the country's laws and institutions. However, this is not enough. It is necessary to look not only at the laws as written (*de jure*) but at how they are actually implemented in practice and experienced by those who are subject to them (*de facto*). Unlike other indices, the WJP's Rule of Law Index methodology focuses entirely on adherence to the rule of law in practice.

The QRQ is administered on a yearly basis in each surveyed country, and the GPP is carried out every three years. In addition, some variables from third-party sources have been incorporated into this version of the Index, to capture certain structural rule of law situations such as terrorist bombings and battle-related deaths that may not be captured through general population polls or expert opinion. Finally, existing domestic and international data sources and legal resources is used to cross-check the findings.

The Index comprises more than 400 different variables, organized into nine factors and 52 sub-factors. These variables are aggregated and compiled into numerical scores.

To date, over 2,000 experts from 66 nations and jurisdictions have contributed their knowledge and expertise to the Index.

In addition, over 66,000 individuals from these countries have participated in the general population poll. The countries indexed in this volume are presented in Table 1. Data presented in this volume was collected and analyzed in the second quarter of 2011, with the exception of general population data for the initial 35 countries, which was collected during the fall of 2009. A detailed description of the process by which data is collected and the rule of law is measured is provided in the final section of this report, and in Botero and Ponce (2011).

## Using the WJP Rule of Law Index

The WJP Rule of Law Index is intended for multiple audiences. It is designed to offer a reliable and independent data source for policy makers, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, and other constituencies to:

- » Assess a nation's adherence to the rule of law in practice, as perceived and experienced by the average person;
- » Identify a nation's strengths and weaknesses in comparison to similarly situated countries; and
- » Track changes over time.

While other indices touch on various aspects of the rule of law, the WJP Rule of Law Index has new features that set it apart:

- » **Comprehensiveness.** While existing indices cover aspects of the rule of law, they do not yield a full picture of rule of law compliance.
- » **New data.** The Index findings are based almost entirely on new data collected by the WJP from independent sources. This contrasts with indices based on data aggregated from third-party sources, or on sources that are self-reported by governments or other interested parties.
- » **Rule of law in practice.** The Index measures adherence to the rule of law by looking not to the laws as written but to how they are actually applied.
- » **Anchored in actual experiences.** The Index combines expert opinion with rigorous polling of the general public to ensure that the findings reflect the conditions experienced by the population, including marginalized sectors of society.
- » **Action oriented.** Findings are presented in disaggregated form, identifying areas of strength and weakness across the nine rule of law dimensions examined in each country.

These features make the Index a powerful tool that can inform policy debates in 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 provide specific recipes or identify priorities for reform.
2. The Index data is not intended to establish

causation or to ascertain the complex relationship among different rule of law dimensions in various countries.

3. The Index's rankings and scores are the product of a very rigorous data collection and aggregation methodology. Nonetheless, as with all measures, they are subject to measurement error.<sup>12</sup>
4. Indices and indicators are subject to potential abuse and misinterpretation. Once released to the public, they can take on a life of their own and be used for purposes unanticipated by their creators. If data is taken out of context, it can lead to unintended or erroneous policy decisions.
5. Rule of law concepts measured by the Index may have different meanings across countries. Users are encouraged to consult the specific definitions of the variables employed in the construction of the Index, which are discussed in greater detail in Botero and Ponce (2011).
6. The Index is generally intended to be used in combination with other instruments, both quantitative and qualitative. Just as in the areas of health or economics no single index conveys a full picture of a country's situation. Policymaking in the area of rule of law requires careful consideration of all relevant dimensions—which may vary from country to country—and a combination of sources, instruments and methods. The Index does not provide a full diagnosis or dictate concrete priorities for action.
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 2011*. These confidence intervals and other relevant considerations regarding measurement error are reported in Saisana and Saltelli (2011) and Botero and Ponce (2011).

**Table 1: Countries Indexed in 2011**

Country	Region	Income Level
Albania	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Upper middle income
Argentina	Latin America & Caribbean	Upper middle income
Australia	East Asia & Pacific	High income
Austria	Western Europe & North America	High income
Bangladesh	South Asia	Low income
Belgium	Western Europe & North America	High income
Bolivia	Latin America & Caribbean	Lower middle income
Brazil	Latin America & Caribbean	Upper middle income
Bulgaria	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Upper middle income
Cambodia	East Asia & Pacific	Low income
Cameroon	Sub-Saharan Africa	Lower middle income
Canada	Western Europe & North America	High income
Chile	Latin America & Caribbean	Upper middle income
China	East Asia & Pacific	Lower middle income
Colombia	Latin America & Caribbean	Upper middle income
Croatia	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	High income
Czech Republic	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	High income
Dominican Republic	Latin America & Caribbean	Upper middle income
El Salvador	Latin America & Caribbean	Lower middle income
Estonia	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	High income
Ethiopia	Sub-Saharan Africa	Low income
France	Western Europe & North America	High income
Germany	Western Europe & North America	High income
Ghana	Sub-Saharan Africa	Low income
Guatemala	Latin America & Caribbean	Lower middle income
Hong Kong SAR, China	East Asia & Pacific	High income
India	South Asia	Lower middle income
Indonesia	East Asia & Pacific	Lower middle income
Iran	Middle East & North Africa	Upper middle income
Italy	Western Europe & North America	High income
Jamaica	Latin America & Caribbean	Upper middle income
Japan	East Asia & Pacific	High income
Jordan	Middle East & North Africa	Lower middle income
Kazakhstan	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Upper middle income
Kenya	Sub-Saharan Africa	Low income
Kyrgyzstan	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Low income
Lebanon	Middle East & North Africa	Upper middle income
Liberia	Sub-Saharan Africa	Low income
Malaysia	East Asia & Pacific	Upper middle income
Mexico	Latin America & Caribbean	Upper middle income
Morocco	Middle East & North Africa	Lower middle income
Netherlands	Western Europe & North America	High income
New Zealand	East Asia & Pacific	High income
Nigeria	Sub-Saharan Africa	Lower middle income
Norway	Western Europe & North America	High income
Pakistan	South Asia	Lower middle income
Peru	Latin America & Caribbean	Upper middle income
Philippines	East Asia & Pacific	Lower middle income
Poland	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	High income
Romania	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Upper middle income
Russia	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Upper middle income
Senegal	Sub-Saharan Africa	Lower middle income
Singapore	East Asia & Pacific	High income
South Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa	Upper middle income
South Korea	East Asia & Pacific	High income
Spain	Western Europe & North America	High income
Sweden	Western Europe & North America	High income
Thailand	East Asia & Pacific	Lower middle income
Turkey	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Upper middle income
United Arab Emirates	Middle East & North Africa	High income
Uganda	Sub-Saharan Africa	Low income
Ukraine	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Lower middle income
United Kingdom	Western Europe & North America	High income
United States	Western Europe & North America	High income
Venezuela	Latin America & Caribbean	Upper middle income
Vietnam	East Asia & Pacific	Lower middle income

Source: The World Bank

<sup>12</sup> Users of the Index for policy debate who wish to have a sound understanding of its methodology are encouraged to review the following papers:

a. Botero, J and Ponce, A. (2011) "Measuring the Rule of Law". WJP Working Paper No. 1, available online at: [www.worldjusticeproject.org](http://www.worldjusticeproject.org)

b. Saisana, M and Saltelli, A. (2011) "Statistical Audit of the WJP Rule of Law Index", available online at: [www.worldjusticeproject.org](http://www.worldjusticeproject.org)

## Complementarity with other WJP initiatives

The Index's development is highly integrated with other dimensions of the WJP.

- » The Index findings for a growing number of countries will be presented and discussed in detail at successive World Justice Forums and WJP regional conferences.
- » Many of the issues identified by the Index in various countries will become fertile areas for the design of rule of law programs by Forum participants.
- » The results of various WJP programs will be presented at each World Justice Forum, enabling a more detailed discussion of concrete issues covered by the Index.
- » Detailed discussions of Index findings at successive World Justice Forums and regional outreach meetings will generate useful information for further refinement of the Index methodology and measurement, as well as an opportunity to disseminate the results of both the Index and WJP programs.
- » WJP scholars will provide conceptual and methodological advice for the improvement and expansion of the Index, and the Index's findings and data will be made available to researchers around the world.

## Next steps

This volume presents the results and lessons learned during the WJP's implementation of the Index in 66 countries in 2011. The Index remains a work in progress, with the next steps including:

- » Expanded coverage to include a total of 100 countries by 2012.
- » Publication of topic-specific reports and other comparative materials.



# Part II: The Rule of Law Around the World

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## Regional Highlights

The following section provides an overview of regional trends revealed by the *WJP Rule of Law Index*® 2011 report, which covers 66 countries. This section also presents highlights for a number of countries in each of seven regions: Western Europe and North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, East Asia and Pacific, South Asia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Middle East and North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa. Adherence to the rule of law varies widely around the world and appears to be positively correlated with per capita income. The average rankings for each region are shown in Table 2. The detailed rankings are shown in the data tables at the end of the report. Additional scores and rankings are available in Botero and Ponce [2011].

### Western Europe and North America

Countries in Western Europe and North America tend to outperform most other countries in all dimensions. These countries are characterized by relatively low levels of corruption, open and accountable governments, and effective criminal justice systems. The greatest weakness in Western Europe and North America appears to be related to the accessibility of the civil justice system, especially for marginalized segments of the population. In the area of access to legal counsel, for instance, Italy, Canada, the United States, and Norway rank 42<sup>nd</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 48<sup>th</sup>, respectively. These are areas that require attention from both policy makers and civil society to ensure that all people are able to benefit from the civil justice system. While protection of fundamental rights in this region is the highest in the world, police discrimination against foreigners and ethnic minorities remains an issue in need of attention in most countries. In most dimensions, countries in Western Europe obtain higher scores than the United States.

The Nordic countries rank at the top in most dimensions of the rule of law. **Sweden** ranks first in three of eight areas -fundamental rights, open government, and effective regulatory enforcement- and is located in the top five in seven of the eight categories. Sweden's administrative agencies and courts are rated among the most effective and transparent in the world, and generally observe fundamental rights. **Norway** also ranks first in three areas -government accountability, access to civil justice, and effective criminal justice- and it places no lower than fifth in all but one of the rule of law indicators. Norway's public institutions are very strong. Access to justice is generally guaranteed to citizens in both countries, although access to affordable legal counsel remains limited, particularly for disadvantaged groups. Police discrimination against foreigners and ethnic minorities is perceived to be a problem in both countries.

The **Netherlands** ranks among the top three in three categories -fundamental rights, open government, and access to civil justice- and performs very well in most of the other five dimensions measured by the Index. The overall regulatory environment is transparent and efficient. The country's courts are accessible and free of improper influence, with criminal courts displaying an outstanding respect for due process of law, where they rank first in the world.

**Germany** is one of the world's leaders in many dimensions of the rule of law. Government accountability is strong (ranking 6<sup>th</sup> out of 66 countries) and corruption is minimal (ranking 12<sup>th</sup>).

The country's civil justice system ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> out of all countries, which is characterized by the affordability of attorneys, accessibility and efficiency of courts, and lack of undue influence. Police discrimination against foreigners, however, is perceived to occur.

**Austria** ranks among the top ten in all eight dimensions of the rule of law. The country is ranked fourth out of the ten Western European countries covered by the Index in the following dimensions: absence of corruption, order and security, respect for fundamental rights, and effectiveness of the criminal justice system. Although the country is very open, people in Austria face more difficulties in accessing official documentation than do individuals in most developed nations, including the United States, Germany, and France. In addition, police discrimination against foreigners is perceived to be significant.

The **United Kingdom** is among the top countries in the world in the areas of open government and effective regulatory enforcement, ranking fourth and sixth, respectively. It scores well on government accountability (ranking ninth), and corruption is minimal. While the court system is independent and free of undue influence, it is not as accessible and affordable as others in the region. The correctional system underperforms its income-group and regional peers.

**France** performs well in all eight dimensions of the rule of law. The country's notable strengths include absence of corruption and an independent, accessible, and affordable civil justice system. Nonetheless, judicial delays are a weakness in both

**Table 2: Average rankings by region**

Factor	Sub-Saharan Africa	East Asia & Pacific	Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Western Europe & North America	Latin America & Caribbean	Middle East & North Africa	South Asia
1. Limited Government Powers	51	30	50	9	39	39	48
2. Absence of Corruption	52	26	40	13	44	38	58
3. Order and Security	58	21	29	14	53	34	65
4. Fundamental Rights	52	32	33	12	35	56	48
5. Open Government	60	26	40	11	36	41	54
6. Regulatory Enforcement	53	32	38	11	38	29	58
7. Access to Civil Justice	43	41	34	10	38	28	62
8. Effective Criminal Justice	46	24	38	12	50	39	40

Source: WJP Rule of Law Index 2011 database

civil and criminal justice, where cases can take years to resolve. France also obtains high marks in the areas of effective regulatory enforcement and protection of fundamental rights, even though police discrimination against ethnic and religious minorities is perceived to be a problem.

**Belgium** obtains high marks in all eight categories. Belgium stands out for its high scores in government accountability and protection of fundamental rights, even though police discrimination against foreigners is perceived to be significant. The judicial system is independent, accessible, and affordable, which contrasts with the relatively poor performance of other high-income countries. However, judicial delays in civil cases are a source of concern. In the areas of effective criminal justice and effective regulatory enforcement, Belgium lags behind most regional and income-group peers.

**Spain** obtains high marks in guaranteeing fundamental rights, particularly in protecting labor rights and preventing interference in its citizens' privacy, as well as in the areas of government accountability, absence of corruption, access to legal counsel, and respect for due process of law. However, Spain lags behind its regional and income-group peers in providing mechanisms for public participation - including the right to petition public authorities - and in effectively enforcing government regulations, where it ranks second to last in the Western Europe and North America region. Judicial delays, ineffective enforcement of civil justice, and police discrimination are also areas in need of attention.

**Italy** is the weakest performer of the countries in the Western Europe and North America region measured by the Index, although there are significant variations across the three cities polled (Rome, Milan, and Naples). Out of 12 countries covered in the region, Italy ranks 12<sup>th</sup> in seven of the eight rule of law dimensions. Corruption within the judiciary and impunity of government officials - where the country ranks 27<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup>, respectively - both constitute significant institutional weaknesses. Italy ranks last among high-income countries in the areas of open government, order and security, and access to civil justice. Lack of government accountability, delays in administrative and judicial

decisions, police discrimination against foreigners, and deficient legal security, are also sources of concern. On the other hand, Italy earns high marks in the areas of judicial independence and protection of fundamental rights.

The **United States** obtains high marks in most dimensions of the rule of law. The country stands out for its well-functioning system of checks and balances and for its good results in guaranteeing civil liberties among its people, including the rights of association, opinion and expression, religion, and petition. The civil justice system is independent and free of undue influence, but it remains inaccessible to disadvantaged groups (ranking 21<sup>st</sup>). Legal assistance is expensive or unavailable (ranking 52<sup>nd</sup>), and the gap between rich and poor individuals in terms of both actual use of and satisfaction with the civil courts system remains significant (see box 5). In addition, there is a general perception that ethnic minorities and foreigners receive unequal treatment from the police and the courts.

**Canada** is among the top ten countries in the world in four categories of the rule of law: limited government powers, order and security, open government, and effective criminal justice. Corruption is minimal and the country generally observes fundamental rights. However, discrimination against immigrants and the poor remains a source of concern (ranking 30<sup>th</sup>). Canada's lowest scores are in the area of access to civil justice — where it ranks 16<sup>th</sup> out of the 23 high income countries indexed this year. This can be partially explained by shortcomings in the affordability of legal advice and representation, and the lengthy duration of civil cases.



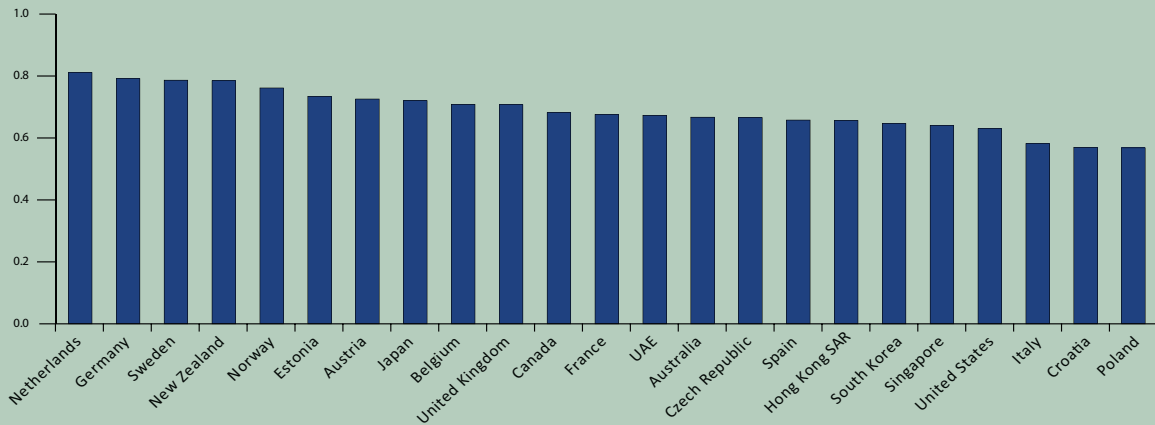
### Box 5: Equal Access to Justice

As understood by the World Justice Project, access to justice refers to the ability of all people to seek and obtain effective remedies through accessible, affordable, impartial, efficient, effective, and culturally competent institutions of justice. Well-functioning

northern European countries. These variances might be attributable to differences in attorney’s fees, availability of legal services, awareness of available remedies, disempowerment, different institutional settings, or differences related to the organization of the society, to

**Figure 2: Access to civil justice in high-income countries**

Average score of factor 7, where 1 signifies higher adherence to the rule of law



Source: The WJP Rule of Law Index 2011 database

dispute resolution systems enable people to protect their rights against infringement by others, including powerful parties and the state.

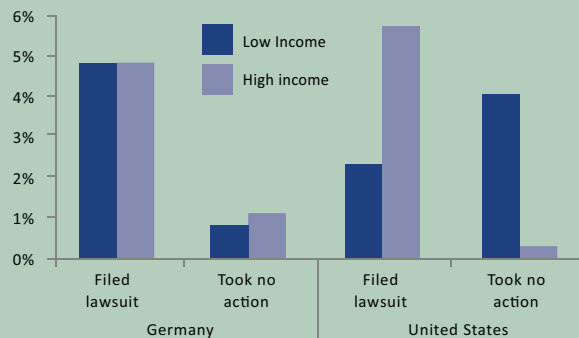
In numerous countries, however, access to justice remains limited for many people. All around the world, people’s ability to use legal channels to resolve their disputes is often impeded by obstacles such as financial barriers, language problems, complexity of procedures, or simply lack of knowledge, disempowerment, and exclusion. This problem is not restricted to developing countries. In many developed nations, the formal civil justice systems, although independent and free of improper influence, remain largely inaccessible to disadvantaged groups.

The cases of Germany and the United States provide an illustrative example. When facing a common civil dispute (in this case, an unpaid debt), most people in Germany, regardless of their socio-economic status, tend to use formal dispute-resolution channels, while only a few choose to take no action. The situation is quite different in the United States. While high-income Americans behave just like Germans, low-income people act very differently—only a few use the court system (including small-claims courts), while most take no action to resolve their dispute. These behavioral differences between income groups are also present in Canada and the United Kingdom, but not in the

mention just a few. While the causes of these patterns are subject to debate, few will disagree with the view that more work is needed to ensure that all people are able to benefit from a functioning civil justice system.

**Figure 3: Use of formal dispute mechanisms in Germany and the United States**

% of respondents who filed a lawsuit in court (including small claims court) to resolve a civil dispute vs. % of respondents who took no action to resolve the dispute, grouped by household income level



Source: The WJP Rule of Law Index 2011 database



## Latin America and the Caribbean

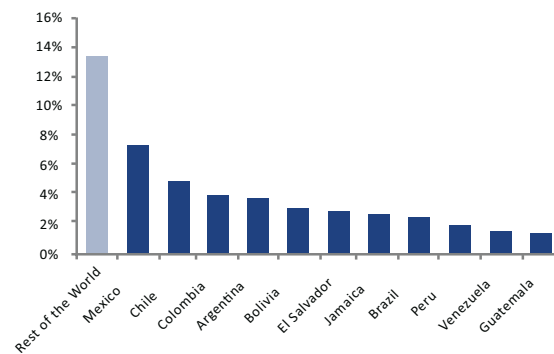
Latin America presents a picture of sharp contrasts. In spite of recent movements towards openness and political freedoms that have positioned many countries at the forefront in protecting basic rights and liberties, the region's public institutions remain fragile. Corruption and a lack of government accountability are still prevalent. Accordingly, the perception of impunity remains widespread. In Argentina and Mexico, for instance, only 15 percent of the people believe that institutions will act effectively in cases of corruption. Furthermore, public institutions in Latin America are not as efficient as those of countries in other regions, and police forces struggle to provide protection from crime or to punish perpetrators of abuses. Nowadays, Latin American countries show the highest crime rates in the world and the criminal investigation and adjudication systems rank among the worst in the world (See figure 4).

**Chile** leads the region in all dimensions of the rule of law, and is positioned in the top 20 out of all 66 countries in six categories. The government is accountable and courts are transparent and efficient. While Chile's crime rates are relatively high in comparison to other middle-income countries, the criminal justice system is effective and generally adheres to due process. Areas in need of attention include police discrimination against foreigners and ethnic minorities, harsh conditions in correctional facilities, and criminal recidivism.

**Brazil** follows Chile as the second-best performer in the region and positions itself as the country with the highest marks among the BRIC economies. The country enjoys a fair system of checks and balances, although a perceived culture of impunity among government officials raises some cause for concern. Fundamental rights are generally respected, ranking 4<sup>th</sup> among the 19 upper-middle income countries and 3<sup>rd</sup> among the 12 countries in Latin America. Regulatory agencies are perceived as relatively independent, but inefficient. The civil justice system is accessible (ranking 24<sup>th</sup> globally and second in Latin America), although court decisions are difficult to enforce (ranking 54<sup>th</sup>). Brazil's lowest

**Figure 4: Conviction rates in Latin America**

% of perpetrators of burglaries who were captured, prosecuted, and punished



Source: The WJP Rule of Law Index 2011 database

score is in the area of order and security, where it ranks 51<sup>st</sup> among all indexed countries. Police abuses and harsh conditions of correctional facilities are also problematic.

**Argentina** places low in the rankings in several dimensions. Government accountability is weak, partly because of the poor performance of government agencies in investigating allegations of misconduct, as well as political interference in law enforcement agencies and the judiciary. Regulatory agencies are perceived as ineffective (ranking 54<sup>th</sup> globally, and third to last in the region) and complaints take a long time to get resolved (ranking 60<sup>th</sup> out of 66 countries). Another weakness is the high incidence of crime. According to the general population poll, 18 percent of respondents in Buenos Aires, Cordoba, and Rosario reported having experienced a burglary in the past three years. Out of those incidents, only 4 percent of the perpetrators were punished. On the positive side, the court system, although slow and not fully independent, is accessible. In this regard, people in Argentina have better access to legal counsel in civil disputes than do individuals in some developed countries, such as Canada and the United States.

**Peru** scores highly with regard to checks on executive power, as well as in protection of fundamental rights, including freedom of thought and religion and freedom of opinion and expression. Government agencies are transparent, although not as effective as in other middle-income countries. On the other hand, the civil justice system is perceived as slow, expensive, and inaccessible, particularly for

disadvantaged groups. Another weakness is criminal justice—ranking 36<sup>th</sup> out of the 66 countries indexed— which can be explained by corruption and deficiencies in the criminal investigation and adjudication systems.

**Colombia** is a country of sharp contrasts, scoring very high in some dimensions and very low in others. It stands out as one of the most open countries in Latin America, ranking second highest among middle-income countries and 18<sup>th</sup> in the global rankings in the area of open government. People in Colombia enjoy better access to official information and higher degrees of participation in the administration of the laws than individuals in most other countries. Colombia also scores well in other rule of law areas, including effective regulatory enforcement (ranking 4<sup>th</sup> in Latin America) and in government accountability. The judicial system is independent and free of undue influence, and it is one of the most accessible and affordable in the region. However, it is affected by delays and lack of effectiveness in the investigation and prosecution of crimes. Colombia's worst performance is in the area of order and security (ranking 64<sup>th</sup> out of 66 countries indexed), which is partly attributed to high crime rates and the presence of powerful criminal organizations. Police abuses, violations of human rights, and poor conditions of correctional facilities are also significant problems. Civil conflict remains a challenge (ranking 60<sup>th</sup>).

**Bolivia** faces challenges in terms of transparency and accountability of public institutions, reflecting a climate characterized by impunity, corruption, and political interference in law enforcement agencies, the legislature, and the judiciary. The judicial system is inefficient and affected by corruption. Concerns also remain about discrimination and restrictions in the freedom of opinion and expression (both ranking 11<sup>th</sup> out of 12 in the region). Property rights are weak, and police abuses remain a significant problem. On the other hand, Bolivia obtains high marks in the areas of open government (ranking 5<sup>th</sup> among income-group peers), and affordability of legal services.

**Venezuela** ranks relatively well in terms of religious freedom (ranking 15<sup>th</sup>), accessibility of the civil courts (ranking 21<sup>st</sup>), and protection of labor rights

(ranking 27<sup>th</sup>). However, it is the worst performer in the world in accountability and effective checks on executive power. Corruption appears to be widespread (ranking 54<sup>th</sup>), crime and violence are common (ranking 66<sup>th</sup>), government institutions are non-transparent, and the criminal justice system is ineffective and subject to political influence (ranking 66<sup>th</sup>). The country also displays serious flaws in guaranteeing respect for fundamental rights, in particular, freedom of opinion and expression, and the right to privacy. On the other hand, while the property rights of companies are generally weak, the property rights of ordinary people appear to receive significantly better protection.

El Salvador and Guatemala fall into the middle of the global rankings in most categories, with El Salvador generally outperforming Guatemala. The area of effective regulatory enforcement is one of **El Salvador's** strengths (ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> among lower-middle income countries and 24<sup>th</sup> globally). The country's worst performances are in the areas of criminal justice (ranking 54<sup>th</sup> globally), and open government (ranking 10<sup>th</sup> in the region). Civil courts are generally accessible, but slow, and corruption in the judicial system is a serious cause for concern. Police abuses and harsh conditions of correctional facilities are also significant problems.

**Guatemala** also presents weaknesses in access to justice, which could be attributed to, among other factors, lack of information, language barriers for disadvantaged groups, lengthy processes, and corruption. Labor rights are weak, and crime is a very serious problem (ranking 63<sup>rd</sup> out of 66 countries). While government accountability is weak (ranking 53<sup>rd</sup> globally), Guatemala performs well on freedom of religion and effective protection of the right to petition the government when compared with its income-group peers.

**Mexico's** performance is mixed. The country possesses a long constitutional tradition, strong protections for free speech and freedom of religion, and an independent judiciary. Mexico also performs relatively well on measures of openness (ranking 27<sup>th</sup> globally, and 4<sup>th</sup> within the region), as well as on effectiveness of its administrative and regulatory agencies (ranking 35<sup>th</sup>). On the other hand, corruption is a serious problem in all branches of

government (ranking 53<sup>rd</sup>), and Mexico's police forces continue to struggle to guarantee the security of its citizens against crime and violence (ranking 58<sup>th</sup>). The criminal justice system is deficient — ranking 63<sup>rd</sup> out of 66 countries indexed— mainly because of weaknesses in the criminal investigation and adjudication systems, prevalent discrimination against vulnerable groups, corruption among judges and law enforcement officials, and serious violations of the due process of law and rights of the accused, where it ranks 64<sup>th</sup>. Failures to prosecute government officials who commit violations and corrupt acts also remain a cause of concern in the country (ranking 59<sup>th</sup>).

Jamaica and the Dominican Republic occupy mid-range positions in most areas within the regional rankings. **Jamaica** performs strongly in guaranteeing freedom of religion and freedom of privacy, although police abuses and harsh conditions in correctional facilities remain a source of concern. The judicial system is independent and relatively free of corruption, but it is also slow and ineffective. The country's main weaknesses lie in the areas of security and open government, wherein the country ranks 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> respectively among upper-middle income countries. Vigilante justice and organized crime are areas in need of attention.

**Dominican Republic** enjoys a relatively efficient civil court system. According to the general population poll, 64 percent of people who went to court for a debt collection had the conflict resolved in less than a year. This figure is much higher than the average figure for Argentina (24%), Mexico (37%), and even Spain (30%), where processes take longer. However, accessibility of legal aid and government interference with the judiciary are areas that still require attention. Crime and vigilante justice, lack of accountability for misconduct of government officers, corruption of the security forces, and violations of human rights, are also among the Dominican Republic's weaknesses.

## East Asia and Pacific

The East Asia and Pacific region displays a heterogeneous picture. Wealthier countries such as Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and

South Korea, and the jurisdiction of Hong Kong SAR, score high in most dimensions. In contrast, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand generally rank significantly lower than the wealthier countries in the region; however, they perform relatively well in comparison to countries from other regions of the world with similar income levels.

**New Zealand** stands out as the best performer in the region. The country ranks first in absence of corruption and is positioned in the top five in the world in seven of the eight categories of the Index. Government agencies and courts in the country are efficient, transparent, and free of corruption. Fundamental rights are strongly protected. The judicial system is accessible, independent, free of corruption and effective. However, it is also perceived to be slow relative to other high income countries, ranking 18<sup>th</sup> in this area.

**Australia** ranks among the top ten globally in six of the eight categories measured by the Index. The civil courts are efficient and independent, although access to translators and affordable legal counsel remains limited, particularly for disadvantaged groups. In this area, Australia scores lower than almost all high-income countries. Another area of concern is discrimination. While the country ranks among the best in the world in protecting most fundamental rights, it lags behind in guaranteeing equal treatment and non-discrimination, especially for immigrants and ethnic minorities. In this area, Australia ranks last among all high-income countries and ranks 40<sup>th</sup> globally.

**Japan** is one of the highest-ranking countries in the East Asia and Pacific region. The country's institutions and courts rank among the best in the world. Japan places 2<sup>nd</sup> in the region and 4<sup>th</sup> globally for the effectiveness and transparency of its regulatory agencies. Security is high (ranking 4<sup>th</sup> in the world) and the criminal justice system is effective (ranking 12<sup>th</sup>), although concerns remain regarding due process violations. Japan's lowest score is in the area of accessibility and affordability of civil procedures, mainly because of high litigation costs. The high costs imposed by courts and lawyers, for instance, place Japan 44<sup>th</sup> out of 66 countries in terms of accessibility and affordability of civil

procedures.

**South Korea** shows a strong and fairly even picture across most of the areas measured by the Index. Administrative agencies are transparent, free of corruption, and relatively effective. Nonetheless, the country exhibits weaknesses in the area of government accountability—ranking second to last among high-income countries and 30<sup>th</sup> out of the 66 countries indexed. This low mark partly reflects political interference within the legislature and the judiciary, as well as deficient checks on the government’s power. While fundamental rights are strongly protected, South Korea also lags behind other advanced countries in guaranteeing freedom of association and freedom of expression, ranking 25<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> respectively.

**Singapore** features prominently among the indexed countries in providing security to its citizens (ranking 2<sup>nd</sup>), and places in the top 10 in two other categories. The public administration of the country is effective and corruption is minimal (ranking 4<sup>th</sup>). The criminal justice system is among the most effective in the world (ranking 5<sup>th</sup>). Notwithstanding the country’s outstanding performance in most categories, there are substantial limitations on freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, with Singapore in 49<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> place, respectively, out of all 66 countries.

**Hong Kong SAR, China** features in the top five in three categories. The country places 1<sup>st</sup> in guaranteeing order and security and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the effectiveness of its criminal justice system. Administrative agencies and courts are efficient and free of corruption, although not entirely free of government interference. In spite of these features,

the country still lags behind others in the region in guaranteeing fundamental rights and freedoms to its people (ranking 21<sup>st</sup>).

**China** does well among lower-middle income countries in most categories, and is the second-best performer among the BRIC economies. China has seen major improvements in the quality, effectiveness, and accountability of its legal institutions. Security is high (ranking 25<sup>th</sup>), and the criminal justice system ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> among its income peers. Enforcement of regulations is relatively ineffective (ranking 43<sup>rd</sup> globally and 8<sup>th</sup> among lower-middle income countries). The civil court system is relatively accessible and speedy, but judicial independence remains an area where more progress is needed. Indicators of fundamental rights are weak, including labor rights (ranking 61<sup>st</sup> out of 66), freedom of assembly (ranking 66<sup>th</sup>), and freedom of speech (ranking 66<sup>th</sup>).

**Indonesia** is in the top half of the rankings among lower-middle income countries in most dimensions. Compared with other countries in the region, the country’s main strengths are in the areas of freedom of opinion (ranking 23<sup>rd</sup> globally), and open government (ranking 29<sup>th</sup> in the world and 3<sup>rd</sup> among income-group peers). Indonesians experience barriers to access official information, yet they enjoy higher degrees of participation in the administration of the laws than individuals in other East Asia and Pacific region countries. Indonesia faces challenges in the functioning of government agencies and courts. Corruption in Indonesia is pervasive, ranking second to last in the region and 47<sup>th</sup> globally. The courts are perceived to be independent of government control, but affected by powerful private interests and corruption. The civil

**Table 3: Rule of law in Brazil, China, India, and Russia**

Country	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	Factor 3: Order and Security	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	Factor 5: Open Government	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice
Brazil	26	24	51	25	30	26	24	44
China	37	31	25	64	26	43	44	25
India	24	51	65	36	25	56	48	35
Russia	55	40	45	47	52	49	40	23

*Source: WJP Rule of Law Index 2011 database*

justice system remains underdeveloped (ranking 41<sup>st</sup>), attributable in part to the lack of affordable legal services, deficient enforcement mechanisms, and the lengthy duration of cases. Police abuses and harsh conditions in correctional facilities are also significant problems.

Compared with other lower middle-income countries, **Thailand** performs relatively well, obtaining high marks on absence of crime (ranking 20<sup>th</sup> globally), and effectiveness of the criminal justice system (ranking 24<sup>th</sup>). However, some areas require further attention. Civil conflict and political violence remain significant problems (ranking 62<sup>nd</sup>). Corruption is a challenge, particularly within the police. The Thai civil justice system is characterized by government influence and lengthy duration of cases. Access to official information is limited (ranking 62<sup>nd</sup>).

As with many other countries in the region, **Malaysia** presents a contrasting view. Compared with other upper-middle income countries, Malaysia's government is relatively accountable, although corruption, political interference, and impunity still exist. The efficiency and transparency of government agencies can still improve, and efforts should also be made in the area of access to justice (ranking 47<sup>th</sup> globally, and 15<sup>th</sup> in the upper-middle income group). The country is safe, ranking 1<sup>st</sup> among 19 income peers and on a par with countries such as France and Belgium. However, abuses by the police still occur. Of particular concern is the situation posed by violations of fundamental rights, where Malaysia ranks 59<sup>th</sup> out of 66 countries.

The **Philippines** performs well relative to lower-middle income countries on most dimensions, although it still requires further efforts in many areas. The country stands out for having reasonably effective checks and balances on the government's power (ranking 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 16 income-group peers), including a vibrant civil society, a free media, and an independent judiciary. The Philippines also outperforms most lower-middle income countries in the area of effective regulatory enforcement, ranking 5<sup>th</sup> out of 16 countries. Nonetheless, civil conflict and political violence remain significant challenges (ranking 53<sup>rd</sup>). Of particular concern are shortcomings in the field of fundamental rights

(ranking 40<sup>th</sup>), particularly in regard to violations against the right to life and security of the person (ranking 57<sup>th</sup>); police abuses; due process violations; and harsh conditions in correctional facilities; as well as deficiencies in the electoral process. The civil court system also obtains poor scores (ranking 12<sup>th</sup> out of 13 in the region and 56<sup>th</sup> globally), attributable to deficient enforcement mechanisms, corruption among judges and law enforcement officers, and the lengthy duration of cases. These factors may explain why few people use the court system to solve disputes. According to a general population poll of 1,000 people in Manila, Davao, and Cebu, only 5 percent of the people who had a debt collection dispute went to court. Out of those people, nobody had the conflict resolved in less than a year.

**Vietnam** also presents a mixed picture, falling in the middle of the rankings on most categories. Vietnam's order and security levels are high by regional and income group standards (ranking 22<sup>nd</sup> globally). Despite ongoing reforms, regulatory agencies and courts are not efficient, and corruption exists. Other areas where particular attention should be focused include judicial independence, and protection of fundamental rights - particularly regarding freedom of speech - an area where the country ranks 62<sup>nd</sup>. Vietnam also receives low marks in the effective enforcement of civil justice and access to public information.

**Cambodia** is ranked much lower than most other countries in the region on all dimensions. The overall legal and institutional environment remains quite weak, which is highlighted by the low scores in key areas, including effective limits on government powers (ranking 65<sup>th</sup> out of 66); regulatory enforcement; access to civil justice; and absence of corruption, where the country ranks last in the world. Property rights are very weak (ranking 66<sup>th</sup>), and police abuses remain a significant problem. On the positive side, Cambodia displays lower crime rates than most countries in the low income group.



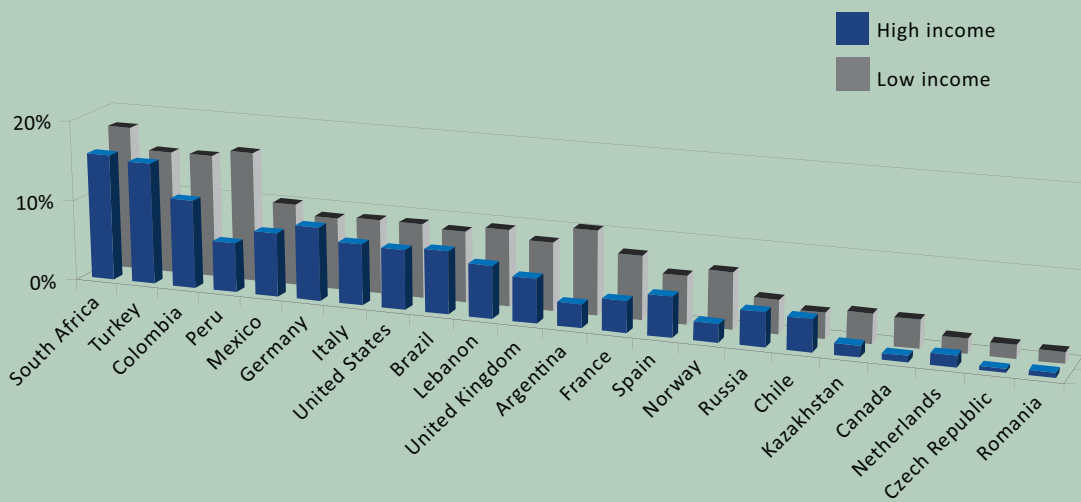
**Box 6: Equal protection of the law**

According to Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, “everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.” In a rule of law society, laws shall be applied equally to all people – rich or poor, men or women. If laws do not apply equally to all, vulnerable groups are subject to abuses by government officials and powerful groups.

The uneven enforcement of the law across segments of society is one of the most important phenomena captured by the WJP Rule of Law Index. Variations among respondents to the General Population Poll in several countries support the notion that different groups receive different treatment by the authorities. As revealed by the figures below, in most countries the poor are more exposed to extortion and abuse at the hands of police and other officials.

**Figure 5: Differences in police abuse**

% of respondents in selected countries who were unfairly physically abused by the police in the last three years, grouped by household income level



Source: The WJP Rule of Law Index 2011 database

**South Asia**

The WJP Rule of Law Index covers only three countries in this region in 2011: Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan.

**India** enjoys strong protections of free speech (ranking 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 66), an independent judiciary (ranking 18<sup>th</sup>), a functioning system of checks and balances, and a relatively open government (ranking 1<sup>st</sup> among 16 lower-middle income countries and 25<sup>th</sup> globally). However, the unsatisfactory performance of public administrative bodies has a negative impact on the rule of law. The civil court system ranks poorly (48<sup>th</sup> out of 66) mainly because of deficiencies in access to justice, particularly in the areas of court congestion, enforcement, and delays in processing cases, where the country ranks third to last. Corruption remains significant (ranking

51<sup>st</sup>), and police discrimination and abuses are not unusual. Order and security - including crime, civil conflict, and political violence - is also a source of concern.

**Bangladesh** faces multiple challenges to strengthening the rule of law. Government accountability remains low (ranking 48<sup>th</sup> globally, and 3<sup>rd</sup> among low-income countries), and administrative agencies and courts are extremely inefficient and corrupt. The civil justice system shares many of the same problems as other countries in the region, particularly with regard to the lengthy duration of cases and corruptive practices in lower level courts —where it ranks 62<sup>nd</sup> overall, and third to last among low-income countries. Human rights violations and police abuses are also a significant problem; however, unlike other countries in the region, Bangladesh is perceived as relatively safe

from crime (ranking 13<sup>th</sup> globally), although mob justice is a persistent problem. Another relative strength is the protection of labor rights, an area in which Bangladesh ranks first among low-income countries, although it still lags behind in comparison with more developed nations.

**Pakistan** shows weaknesses in most areas when compared to its regional and income group peers. Low levels of government accountability are compounded by the prevalence of corruption, a weak justice system, and a poor security situation, particularly related to terrorism and crime. Relatively strong areas include the courts' independence from improper government influence, and respect for due process in administrative proceedings.

## Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Country performances across the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region are highly uneven. While some countries outperform high-income countries on a number of indicators, other nations in the region find themselves ranking at the bottom of the sample. Estonia, Poland, and the Czech Republic, all of whom recently joined the European Union, are the strongest performers in the region.

**Estonia** leads the region in all but one category, owing to its well-functioning and open institutions. Administrative agencies and courts are accountable, effective, and free of corruption; and fundamental rights are strongly protected. However, crime rates in Estonia are higher than in other nations with similar levels of development included in the Index (ranking 32<sup>nd</sup> out of 66 countries). Judicial delays are also another area in need of attention (ranking 27<sup>th</sup> globally).

Poland and the Czech Republic stand out amongst the former centrally planned economies with good performances across all categories. **Poland's** public institutions rank 21<sup>st</sup> in absence of corruption, and 22<sup>nd</sup> in effectiveness of regulatory enforcement. The country has a good record in observing fundamental rights, though discrimination against disadvantaged groups remains an issue. Poland's lowest score comes in the area of access to civil justice (ranking 30<sup>th</sup>

globally) mainly because of the lengthy resolution of cases (ranking 50<sup>th</sup>), and difficulties enforcing court decisions (ranking 53<sup>rd</sup>).

**Czech Republic** trails closely behind Poland in most dimensions. The country has a relatively strong system of checks and balances (ranking 21<sup>st</sup>) and its administrative agencies are relatively effective (ranking 25<sup>th</sup>). Courts are independent, but very slow (ranking 58<sup>th</sup>). Other areas in need of attention are corruption among administrative officers (ranking 33<sup>rd</sup>), and lack of effective sanctions for misconduct (ranking 34<sup>th</sup>). Crime rates are also high compared to other high-income countries.

Croatia and Romania fall in the middle of the rankings in most categories. Despite recent progress, **Croatia's** institutions still lag behind those of other high-income countries. Its public administrative bodies, for example, are inefficient, and the judicial system, while generally accessible, is still slow and subject to political influence and corruption. The country is safe from crime (ranking 6<sup>th</sup>), but further work is needed in terms of openness (ranking 33<sup>rd</sup>) and equal treatment of ethnic minorities.

**Romania** shows a mixed performance across the eight dimensions, with high marks in the areas of security and respect for fundamental rights (ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> among 19 upper-middle income countries in both areas), and in criminal justice (ranking 3<sup>rd</sup> among income peers and 28<sup>th</sup> globally). However, the country scores low in terms of the functioning of administrative bodies and efficiency of the judiciary. Effective enforcement of regulations is very weak (ranking 59<sup>th</sup>), accountability for misconduct of government officers is deficient (ranking 53<sup>rd</sup>), and corruption persists. Harsh treatment of prisoners and detainees is an area of concern.

**Bulgaria** places in the bottom half of the upper-middle income countries, partly because of the weak enforcement of laws and regulations. Corruption is high and government accountability low—ranking 50<sup>th</sup> out of the 66 countries indexed—reflecting the poor performance of government agencies in investigating allegations of misconduct. The criminal justice system displays serious flaws, and discrimination against minorities is problematic. On the positive side, Bulgaria outperforms most

upper-middle income countries in protecting the security of its citizens from crime, and in respecting the freedoms of speech, religion, and assembly. The right to petition the government and citizen participation are also significant strengths (ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> in the region and 26<sup>th</sup> globally).

**Albania** is safe from crime, but its institutions have serious flaws that challenge advancements in other areas. The political mechanisms to hold the executive accountable are weak, and corruption among government officials is pervasive, placing the country last among upper-middle income nations. Rules and regulations are difficult to enforce, and the judiciary is plagued by corruption and political interference. Police abuses and harsh conditions in correctional facilities are also significant problems.

**Turkey** ranks in the middle in comparison to the other Eastern Europe and Central Asia nations. The country shows institutional strengths, particularly within the public administration bodies, and the civil justice system, where it ranks 27<sup>th</sup>. Nonetheless, Turkey receives low marks in the areas of government accountability (ranking 52<sup>nd</sup> out of 66 countries) and fundamental rights (ranking 58<sup>th</sup>), mainly because of deficiencies in the functioning of auditing mechanisms, political interference within the legislature and the judiciary, a poor record on freedom of expression, and arbitrary interference with privacy.

**Russia** shows serious deficiencies in checks and balances among the different branches of government (ranking 55<sup>th</sup>), leading to an institutional environment characterized by corruption, impunity, and political interference. Regulations are not always enforced (ranking 49<sup>th</sup>), and civil courts, although accessible, are corrupt and inefficient. Crime rates in Russia are not as high as those in other middle-income countries (ranking 8<sup>th</sup> out of 19), and the criminal justice system is relatively effective (23<sup>rd</sup>). Violations against some fundamental rights, such as freedom of opinion, freedom of association, and arbitrary interference with privacy are areas of concern.

**Kazakhstan's** regulatory agencies are relatively effective (ranking 4<sup>th</sup> in the region and 31<sup>st</sup> globally) and civil courts are fairly accessible and

relatively efficient, although still subject to undue influence. The country is safe from crime and violence (ranking 27<sup>th</sup>). In spite of these strengths, the country still faces serious challenges in terms of accountability and constraints on the executive branch, where it ranks 59<sup>th</sup>. The situation in regard to the independence of the legislative and the judiciary, as well as the fairness of elections, remains a source of concern.

Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan rank in the bottom half of middle-income countries on most categories. Despite recent reforms, both countries still face many challenges to strengthening the rule of law. **Ukraine** ranks third to last in government accountability, with political interference, impunity, and corruption leading to manipulation in the application of the law. Regulatory agencies are ineffective and opaque (ranking 64<sup>th</sup>), and the courts are inefficient and corrupt. On the positive side, the country obtains relatively high marks in protecting basic liberties, such as freedom of religion, and it is relatively safe from violent crime (ranking 38<sup>th</sup>). Property rights are weak.

**Kyrgyzstan** ranks 57<sup>th</sup> in establishing effective limits on government power and 61<sup>st</sup> in corruption. Despite the implementation of some reform measures, the performance of courts is still poor (ranking 4<sup>th</sup> out of the eight low-income countries). In addition, following the political turmoil, the repressiveness of the state stands out as an important source of concern. The country ranks second to last in the region in protection of fundamental rights, with poor scores in the areas of due process, arbitrary interference of privacy, and discrimination. Property rights are weak.

## Middle East and North Africa

This report covers five countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region: Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). In most areas, the countries in this region display average scores. However, as confirmed by the political turmoil at the beginning of 2011 in other MENA region countries, these countries have serious weaknesses in the areas of accountability, checks and balances on the executive branch,



### Box 7. Regulatory compliance around the world

Public enforcement of government regulations is pervasive in modern societies as an instrument to induce behavior with the goal of guaranteeing that the public interest is not subordinated to those of regulated entities. Around the world, regulations vary widely due to differences in policies, institutional environments, and political choices. Whatever those choices may be, regulations are futile if they are not properly enforced by authorities. Ensuring compliance with the regulatory framework is thus a key feature of the rule of law. Besides enforcement, accountability is vital when it comes to regulating an activity. In addition, accountability, independence, and transparency of regulatory agencies are fundamental to ensure that regulatory institutions act within the limits authorized by law, as public enforcement may increase opportunities for rent-seeking, negligence, and abuse by officials pursuing their own interest.

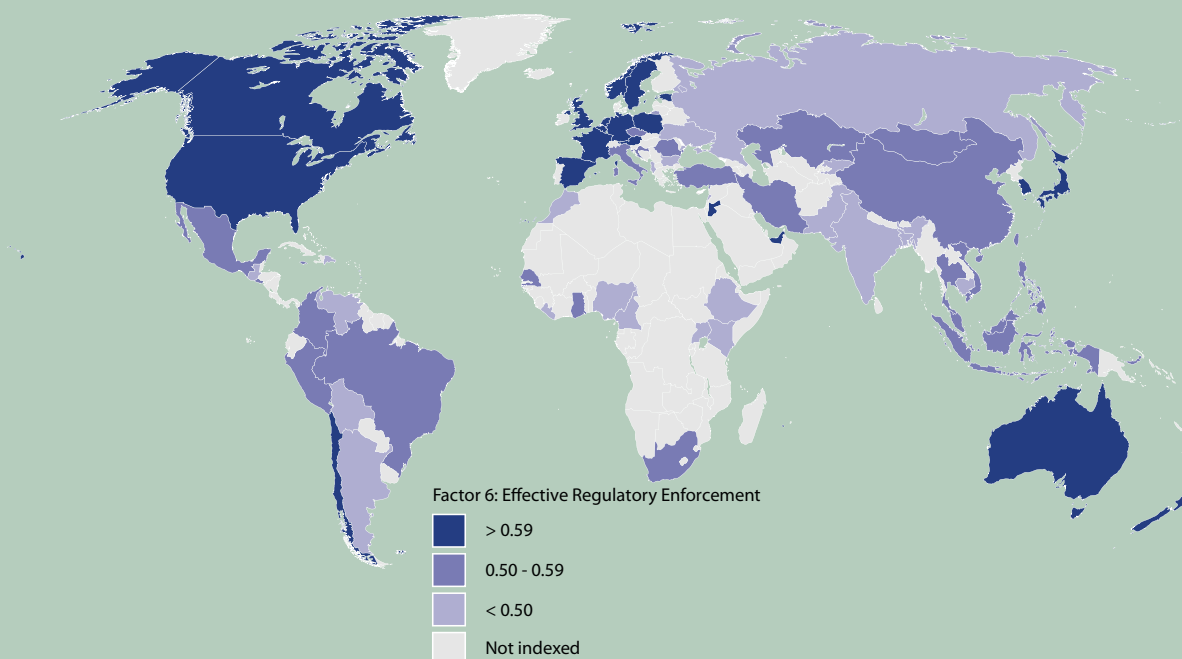
The WJP Rule of Law Index addresses regulatory enforcement in factor 6. This factor does not look at the level of regulation of activities; instead, it assesses the effectiveness of regulatory enforcement in practice; the absence of improper influence by public officials or private interests; the adherence to due process of law in administrative procedures; and the absence of government expropriation of private property without adequate compensation. Rather than analyzing specific statutes, the Index uses simple scenarios to explore the outcomes associated with activities that are regulated

in all jurisdictions, such as environmental regulations, public health requirements, workplace safety conditions, and permits and licenses, under the assumption that the performance of government agencies in those cases is a good proxy for their functioning in other more complex areas.

Shaped by their income, institutional environment and history, regulatory compliance varies greatly across countries (see figure 6). On a scale between 0 and 1, where 1 signifies higher adherence to the rule of law, the index of regulatory enforcement has an average value of 0.72 in high-income countries, 0.51 in upper-middle income countries, 0.49 in lower-middle income countries, and 0.38 in low-income countries. In general, as economies develop, they find more effective ways to implement existing regulations within the limits imposed by law, but this is not always the case. As countries engage in regulatory reforms, special efforts should be made to improve the mechanisms that are used to guarantee that such laws are implemented and enforced in an efficient, effective, and accountable manner.

**Figure 6: Regulatory enforcement around the world**

Countries grouped in terciles according to their factor 6 score



Source: The WJP Rule of Law Index 2011 database

openness, and respect for fundamental rights, especially discrimination, freedom of opinion, and freedom of belief and religion.

The **United Arab Emirates** has the highest scores of those countries in the region that were included in the sample in most dimensions. Public institutions in the country are relatively well developed and corruption-free (ranking 13<sup>th</sup> out of 66 countries), and government officers are held accountable for misconduct. Similarly, the civil court system is very efficient and relatively independent, although it remains inaccessible for many people. In spite of these strengths, the formal system of checks and balances remains weak, and fundamental rights are curtailed (ranking 51<sup>st</sup>), including labor rights, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, freedom from arbitrary interference with privacy, and freedom of opinion and expression.

**Jordan** is positioned in second place within the countries included in the MENA region. The country's efficient public institutions, along with a high level of security, remain its main areas of strength. It also obtains relatively high marks in the areas of civil and criminal justice, absence of corruption, and effective regulatory enforcement. Property rights are also well protected. In spite of these achievements, Jordan's record in the area of fundamental rights remains one of the worst in the world, particularly with regard to discrimination (ranking 55<sup>th</sup> out of 66 countries), and labor rights (ranking 63<sup>rd</sup>).

**Iran's** law enforcement is relatively strong, but often used as an instrument to perpetrate abuses. Government accountability is weak (ranking 58<sup>th</sup> globally and last within the region), and corruption is prevalent. Courts, although fairly efficient, are subject to corruption and political interference. Another area of serious concern is the situation of fundamental rights, where the country ranks last in the world.

**Lebanon** stands out in the region due to its efforts to guarantee civil rights and freedoms amongst its people (ranking 1<sup>st</sup> in the region and 27<sup>th</sup> globally). The country is relatively safe from crime, but public institutions are inefficient and corrupt. Of particular concern is the case of the administration

of justice, mainly because of corruption and political interference within the civil courts, delays, discrimination against marginalized groups, and absence of guarantees of due process of law in criminal cases.

**Morocco** obtains medium marks on most dimensions, but generally underperforms its regional peers. While Morocco performs well in the area of order and security, it lags behind in all other categories. Despite recent reform efforts, some weaknesses remain in the areas of government accountability, corruption, and regulatory enforcement. The assessment of the civil justice system remains average - ranking 45<sup>th</sup> overall, and 7<sup>th</sup> out of 16 lower-middle income group countries - and the criminal justice system displays flaws with regard to the due process of law. Other areas of concern are open government, where the country ranks 49<sup>th</sup> out of 66, and freedom of opinion and expression.

## Sub-Saharan Africa

The *WJP Rule of Law Index* 2011 report covers eight countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. The region exhibits a range of performance levels, with South Africa and Ghana as the regional leaders, and the rest of the countries positioned at the bottom of the global ranking.

**South Africa** has the best rule of law outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa. The country ranks well in most dimensions, including government accountability, effective regulatory enforcement, and access to justice, particularly when compared with countries at similar stages of economic development. Judicial independence and fundamental rights are strong. The lack of security and the prevalence of crime, however, continue to be extremely worrisome (ranking 61<sup>st</sup> overall). According to the general population poll of 1,000 people in Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban, six percent of respondents reported a murder in their household in the past five years, and 25 percent reported having experienced a burglary in the past three years. These rates are among the highest in the world. Other areas of concern in South Africa are the high rate of vigilante justice, the relatively ineffective criminal justice system, and

### Box 8: Open government around the world

Open government is an essential aspect of the rule of law. It allows for a broader level of access, participation, and collaboration between the government and its citizens, and plays a crucial role in the promotion of accountability. Requesting information from public authorities is an important tool to empower citizens by giving them a way to voice their concerns and make their governments accountable.

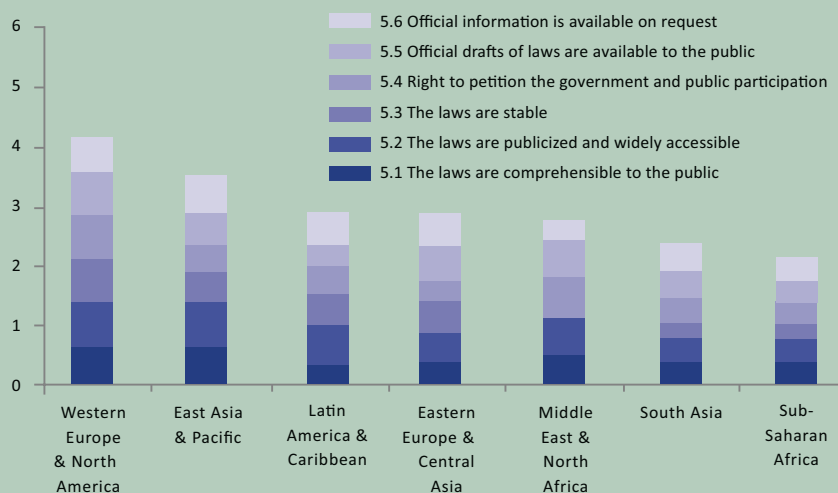
The WJP Rule of Law Index addresses open government in factor 5 and considers four basic elements: clear, publicized, and stable laws; right to petition and administrative proceedings that are open for public participation; official drafts of laws and regulations that are available to the public; and the availability of official

information. One way the Index documents government openness is by looking at common situations and hypothetical scenarios, such as public participation in the context of public works projects (for example, the construction of a train station in a residential neighborhood). In such a setting, the questionnaires probe whether residents can petition the government to make changes in the plan, or present objections prior to the initiation of construction.

Index results suggest that some governments are more open than others. Moreover, government openness seems to vary strongly across regions. The figure below highlights regional scores for factor 5, Open Government, by sub-factor.

**Figure 7: Open government around the world**

Regional factor 5 scores, where higher marks signify higher adherence to the rule of law



Source: The WJP Rule of Law Index 2011 database

the poor condition of correctional facilities.

**Ghana** follows South Africa as the second-best performer in the region, and is the best performer among low-income countries. The country enjoys a good system of checks and balances (ranking 19<sup>th</sup> overall and first within the region). Public administration bodies are relatively effective and corruption levels are lower than in most other countries in the region. The civil justice system is relatively independent, but still inaccessible to most people. Security from crime (ranking 43<sup>rd</sup>), vigilante justice, and deficiencies in the criminal investigation and adjudication systems, are areas that require attention.

Within its income group, **Senegal** is in the middle

of the rankings in most dimensions. Although government accountability is weak, with particular concerns regarding the proper functioning of checks and balances on the executive branch (ranking 51<sup>st</sup> overall and 11<sup>th</sup> out of 16 lower-middle income countries). Another area where efforts are required is open government, where the country ranks 62<sup>nd</sup>. The country has a moderate record in protecting fundamental rights (ranking 38<sup>th</sup> overall and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Sub-Saharan Africa), although police abuses and harsh treatment of prisoners remain a source of concern.

**Cameroon** lags behind its regional and income peers in most categories. The country faces multiple challenges in terms of accountability and the functioning of public institutions. Effective checks

and balances are poor (ranking 62<sup>nd</sup> overall and second to last within the region), and corruption remains widespread (ranking 64<sup>th</sup>). The civil court system is slow and subject to political influence, and fundamental rights are not always respected in practice. Restrictions to the freedoms of assembly, opinion, and expression, as well as violations of fundamental labor rights, are sources of concern. While Cameroon's most significant strength in comparison to other countries in the region is the low incidence of crime, police abuses, high incidence of mob and vigilante justice, and harsh conditions in correctional facilities, remain areas in need of attention.

**Nigeria** is among the bottom half of the lower-middle countries in most dimensions. Checks and balances on the executive branch function relatively better than in other Sub-Saharan African countries, although corruption is prevalent. The country is affected by civil conflict and political violence (ranking 58<sup>th</sup>). Crime and vigilante justice remain serious problems (ranking 50<sup>th</sup>), which is in part explained by the shortcomings within the criminal justice system (ranking 53<sup>rd</sup> and third to last in the region).

**Ethiopia**, in comparison with other low-income nations, is in the middle of the rankings when it comes to incorporating principles of the rule of law. Accountability is very weak by regional standards (ranking 63<sup>rd</sup> globally and second to last among low-income nations) and corruption remains. Property rights are weak (ranking 64<sup>th</sup>). The performance of regulatory agencies and courts is poor, but comparable to other countries in the region. The country has a very poor record in the area of fundamental rights, ranking 65<sup>th</sup> globally and last in the region. Of greatest concern are restrictions limiting fundamental freedoms, such as the freedom of assembly and the freedom of speech, as well as illegal detentions and due process violations.

In **Uganda** government accountability is low (ranking 54<sup>th</sup> globally and 4<sup>th</sup> among low-income countries), and administrative agencies are inefficient and corrupt. Protection of fundamental rights is weak (ranking 61<sup>st</sup> out of 66 countries), and civil conflict and political violence remain significant challenges. Courts, although relatively

independent, are under-resourced and inaccessible to most people.

**Kenya** occupies the 61<sup>st</sup> place in government accountability, which is partly attributable to the inability of the legislature and the judiciary to act as a check on the executive branch. Corruption remains widespread and regulatory enforcement is ineffective (ranking second to last in the region). Civil conflict and political violence remain significant challenges (ranking 58<sup>th</sup>). Open government and lack of respect of fundamental rights are also other areas of concern.

**Liberia's** scores reflect the recent advances towards a functioning system of checks and balances on the executive branch. The country ranks relatively well in the area of government accountability (ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> among low-income countries), however, the lack of sanctions to punish misconduct raises concerns. Liberia outperforms its regional peers in protecting some basic liberties. However, the quality of public administrative bodies and the judiciary - positioned at the bottom of the rankings - are hampered by a lack of resources and pervasive corruption.

# Country Profiles

## 2 Section 2— Disaggregated Scores

This section presents profiles for the 65 countries and one additional jurisdiction included in the 2011 administration of the Index.

### How to Read the Country Profiles

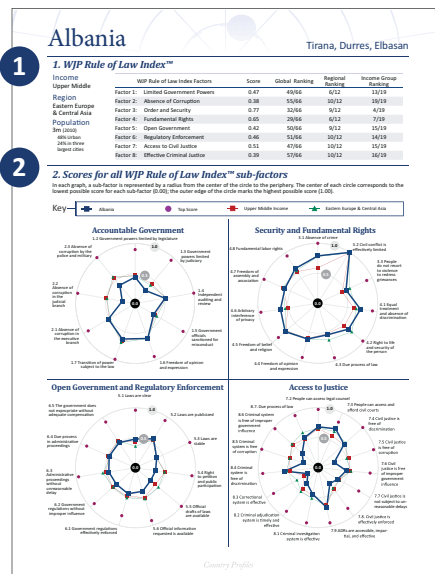
Each country profile presents the featured country's scores for each of the WJP Rule of Law Index's factors and sub-factors, and draws comparisons between the scores of the featured country and the scores of other indexed countries that share regional and income level similarities. All variables used to score each of the eight independent factors are coded and rescaled to range between 0 and 1, where 1 signifies the highest score and 0 signifies the lowest score. The average scores of the rescaled variables are later normalized using the Min-Max method. Individual variables tapping the same concept are averaged and then aggregated into factors and sub-factors using arithmetic averages. These scores are the basis for the final rankings.

### 1 Section 1— Scores for the Rule of Law Factors

The table in Section 1 displays the featured country's aggregate scores by factor and the country's rankings within its regional and income level groups. The table is organized as follows: the first column lists the first eight factors that make up the Index. The second column displays the country's aggregate score for each of the eight factors. The third column displays the country's global ranking for each factor. The fourth column shows the country's ranking within its region, and finally, the fifth column shows the country's ranking among countries with comparable per capita income levels.

Section 2 displays four graphs that show the country's disaggregated scores for each of the sub-factors that compose the WJP Rule of Law Index. Each graph shows a circle that corresponds to one concept measured by the Index. Each sub-factor is represented by a radius running from the center of the circle to the periphery. The center of each circle corresponds to the lowest possible score for each sub-factor (0.00) and the outer edge of the circle marks the highest possible score for each sub-factor (1.00). Higher scores signify a higher adherence to the rule of law.

The country scores are shown in blue. The graphs also show the average scores of all countries indexed within the region (in green) and all countries indexed with comparable per capita income levels (in red). As a point of reference, the graphs also show the score achieved for each sub-factor by the top performer amongst all 66 countries indexed (in violet).



above sub-factors will be included in the *WJP Rule of Law Index* 2012 report.

Results for sub-factor 3.2 “Civil conflict is effectively limited” have been revised from the June 2011 edition of the report. In the current edition, intervals are defined for the continuous variables that make up sub-factor 3.2. Additional details of the construction of this sub-factor can be found in Botero and Ponce (2011).



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

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Upper Middle

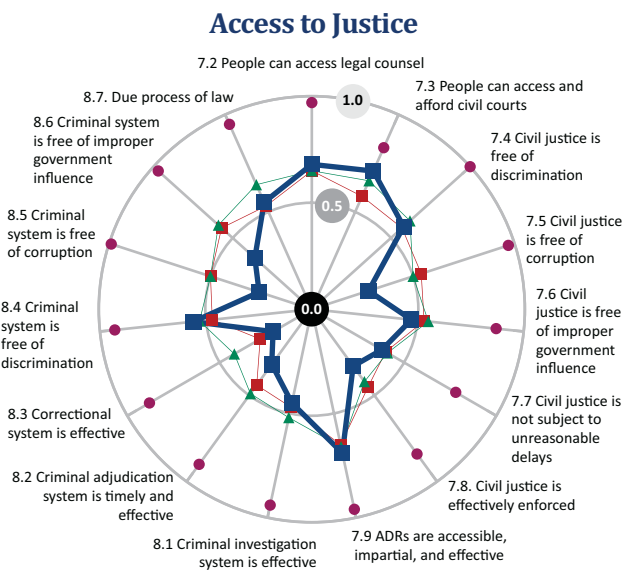
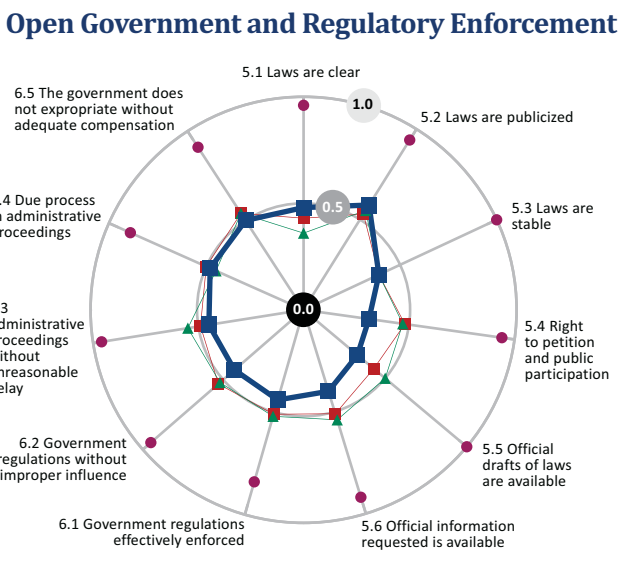
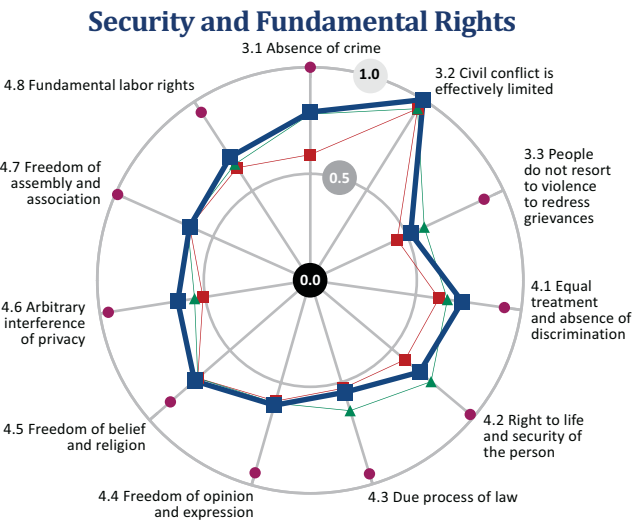
Region  
Eastern Europe  
& Central Asia

Population  
3m (2010)  
48% Urban  
24% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.47	49/66	6/12	13/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.38	55/66	10/12	19/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.77	31/66	9/12	4/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.65	28/66	6/12	6/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.42	50/66	9/12	15/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.46	51/66	11/12	15/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.52	46/66	10/12	14/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.39	57/66	10/12	16/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

In each graph, a sub-factor is represented by a radius from the center of the circle to the periphery. The center of each circle corresponds to the lowest possible score for each sub-factor (0.00); the outer edge of the circle marks the highest possible score (1.00).



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

Region  
Latin America  
& Caribbean

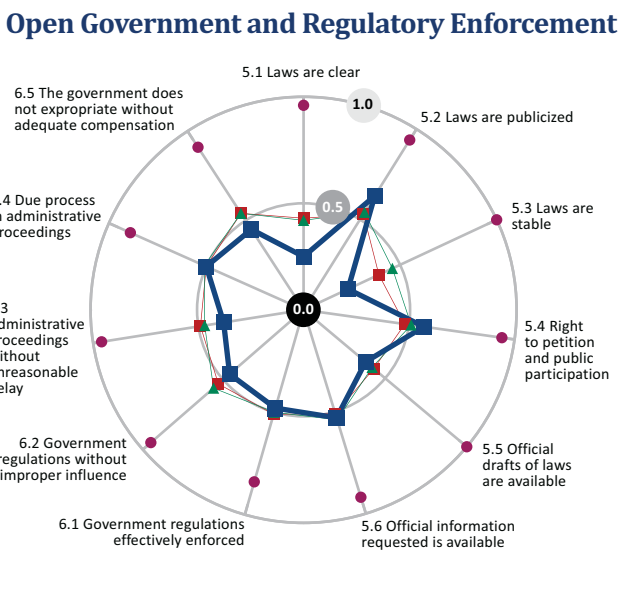
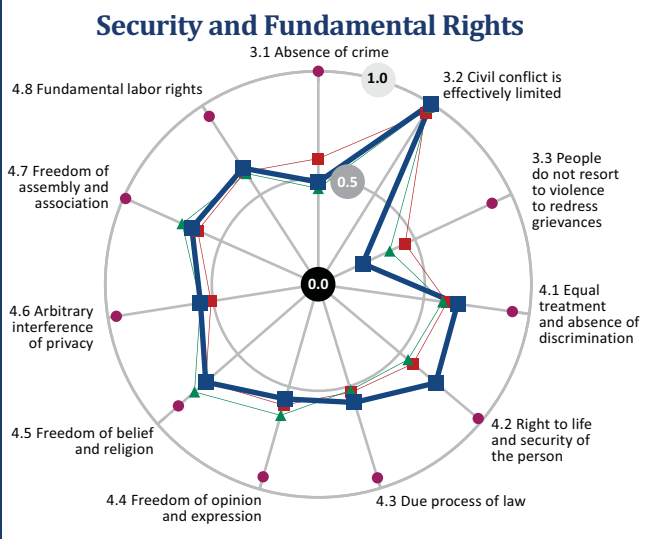
Population  
41m (2010)  
92% Urban  
39% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.48	47/66	9/12	12/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.47	46/66	8/12	13/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.57	56/66	9/12	15/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.63	33/66	5/12	9/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.43	44/66	9/12	13/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.45	54/66	10/12	17/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.58	31/66	4/12	8/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.39	56/66	9/12	15/19

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Key —  Argentina  Top Score  Upper Middle Income  Latin America & Caribbean



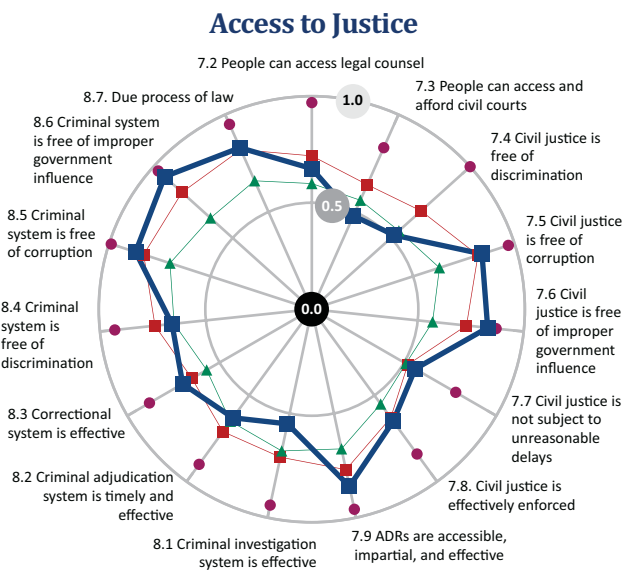
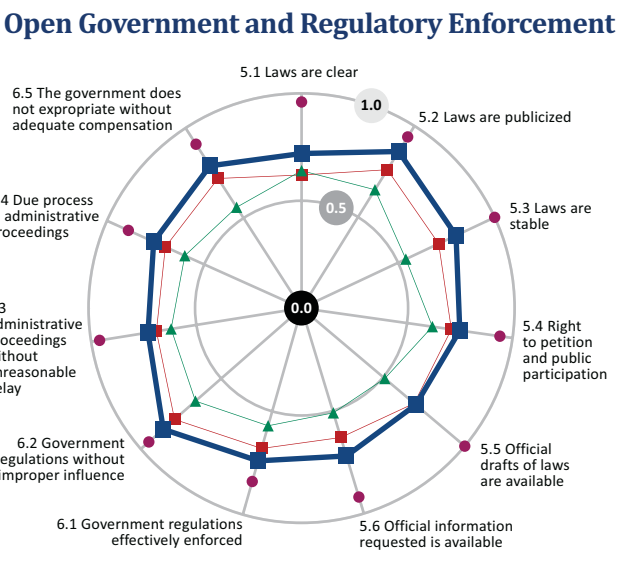
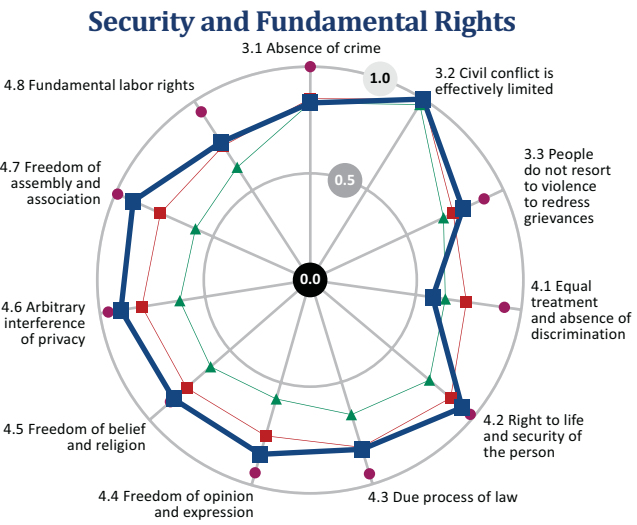
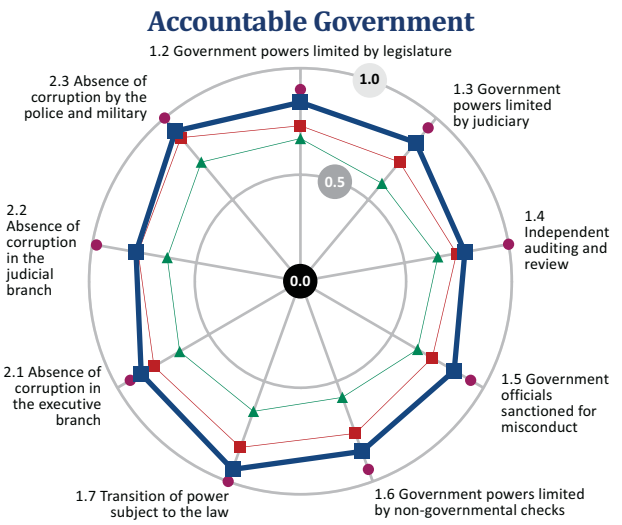
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

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High	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.85	4/66	2/13	4/23
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.86	9/66	5/13	9/23
East Asia & Pacific	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.87	10/66	4/13	10/23
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.83	7/66	2/13	7/23
22m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.76	8/66	4/13	8/23
89% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.78	7/66	3/13	7/23
46% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.67	13/66	4/13	13/23
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.74	15/66	5/13	15/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Australia  Top Score  High Income  East Asia & Pacific





## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
High

Region  
Western Europe  
& North America

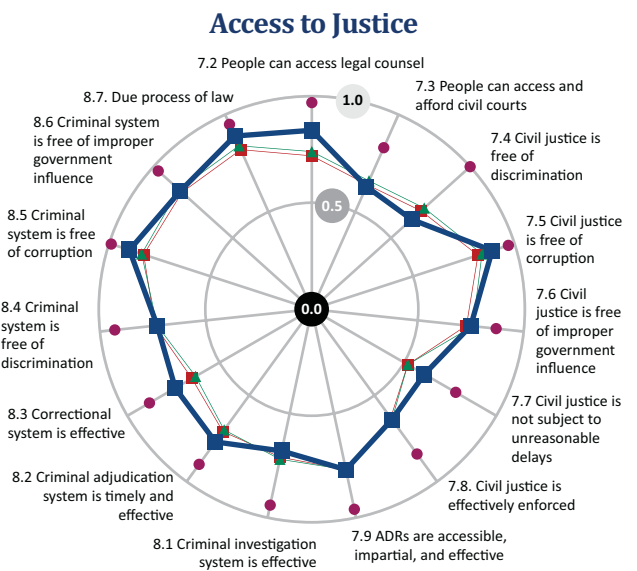
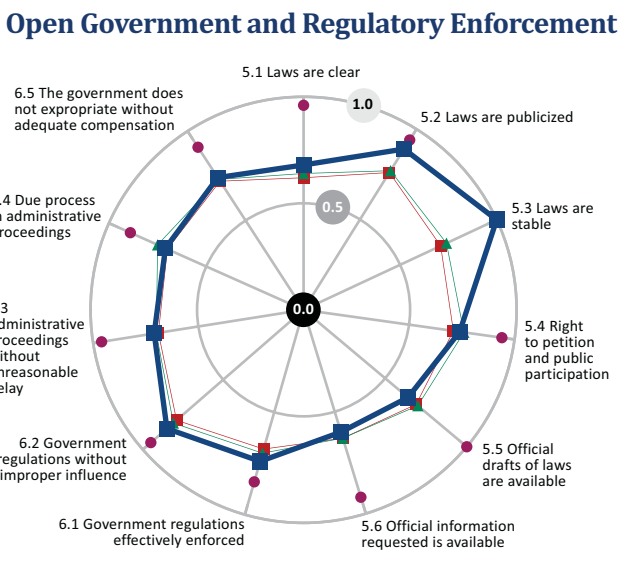
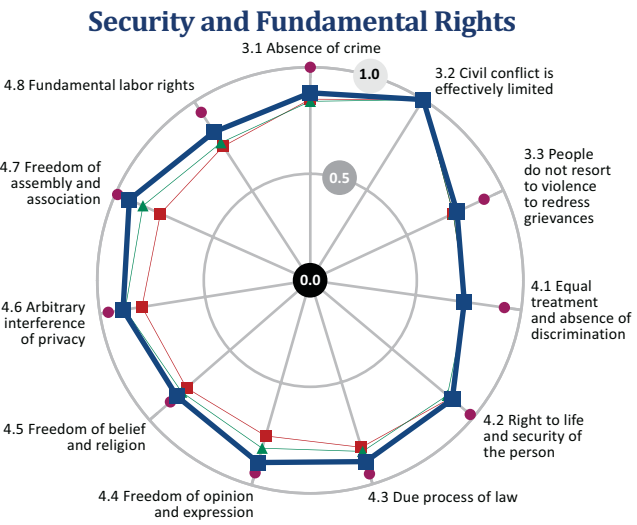
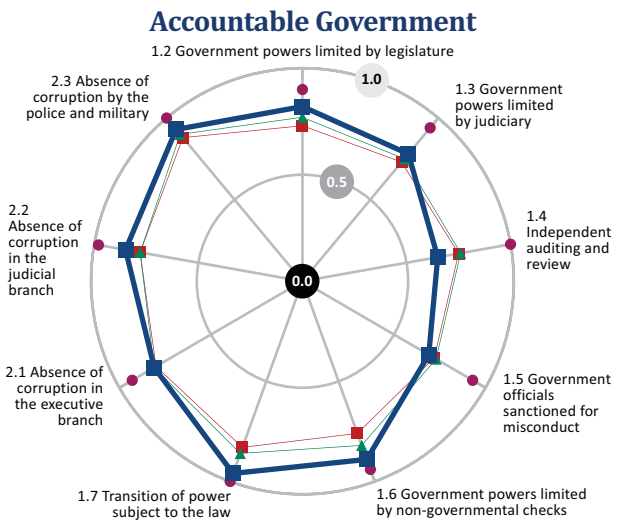
Population  
8m (2010)  
68% Urban  
36% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.80	8/66	6/12	8/23
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.87	8/66	4/12	8/23
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.88	8/66	4/12	8/23
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.85	5/66	4/12	5/23
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.76	9/66	5/12	9/23
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.75	9/66	6/12	9/23
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.72	8/66	5/12	8/23
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.79	8/66	4/12	8/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Austria  Top Score  High Income  Western Europe & North America



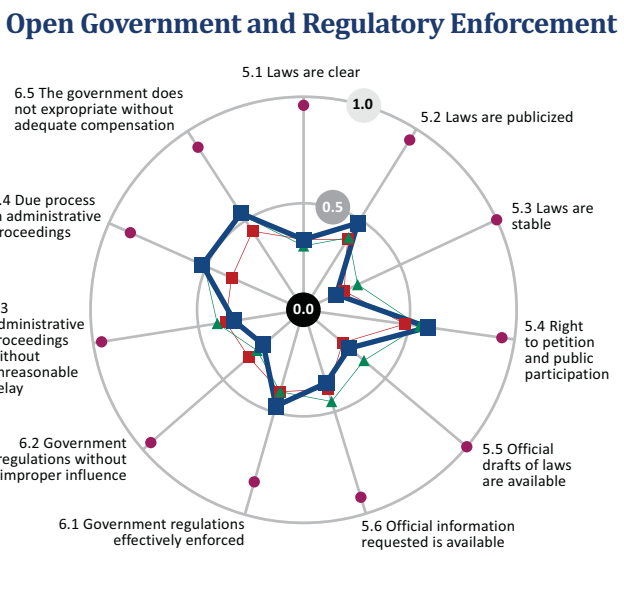
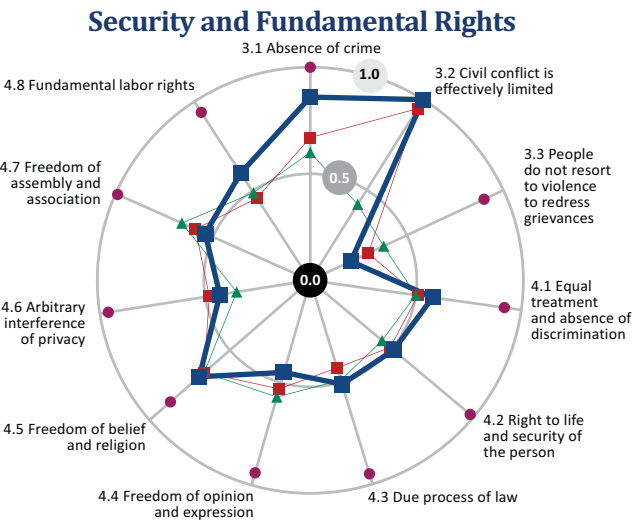
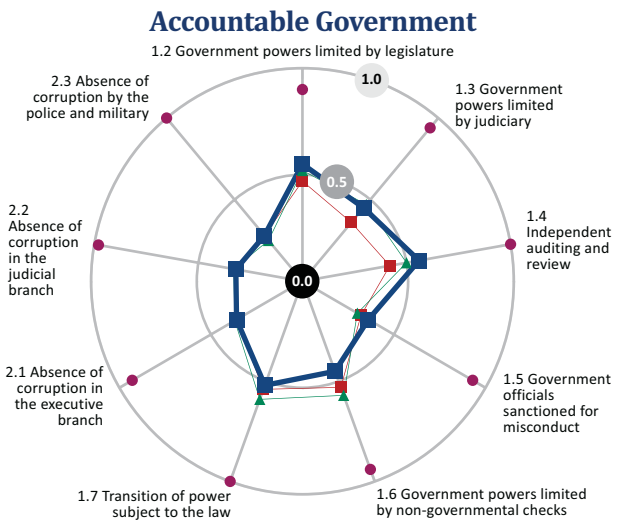
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

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Low	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.48	48/66	2/3	3/8
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.32	58/66	2/3	4/8
South Asia	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.69	42/66	1/3	3/8
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.54	48/66	2/3	3/8
164m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.37	54/66	2/3	3/8
28% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.42	58/66	2/3	4/8
13% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.41	62/66	2/3	6/8
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.49	40/66	2/3	2/8

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Bangladesh  Top Score  Low Income  South Asia



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
High

Region  
Western Europe  
& North America

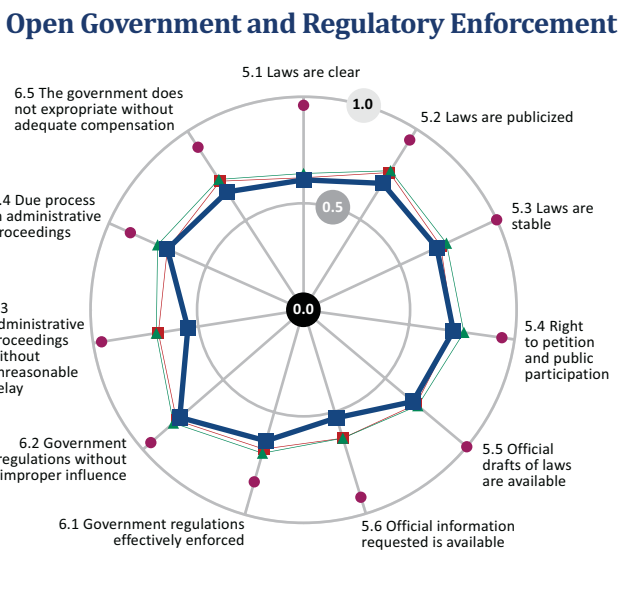
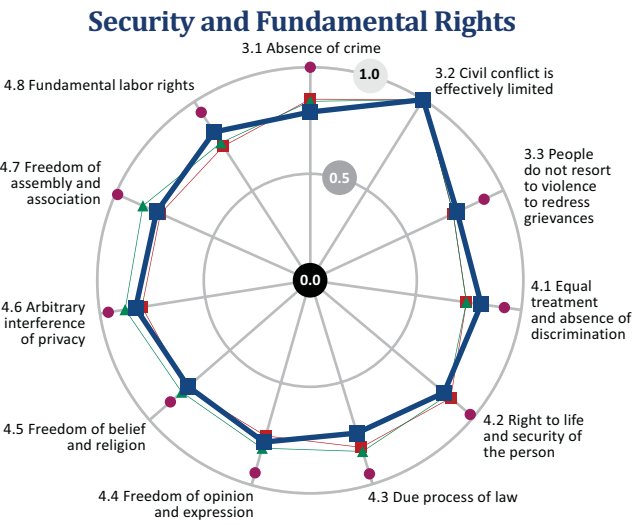
Population  
11m (2010)  
97% Urban  
28% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.77	12/66	8/12	12/23
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.82	15/66	8/12	15/23
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.85	15/66	8/12	14/23
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.80	11/66	6/12	11/23
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.65	15/66	9/12	15/23
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.67	17/66	10/12	17/23
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.71	9/66	6/12	9/23
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.71	18/66	9/12	18/23

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Key —  Belgium  Top Score  High Income  Western Europe & North America



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Lower Middle

Region  
Latin America  
& Caribbean

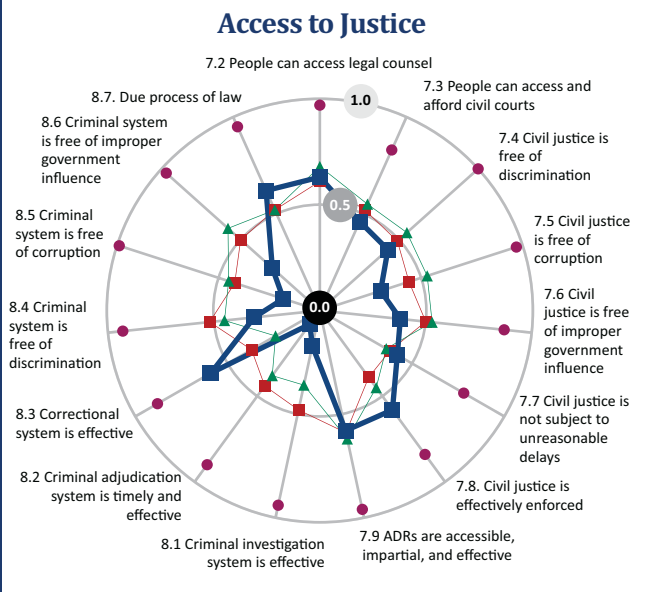
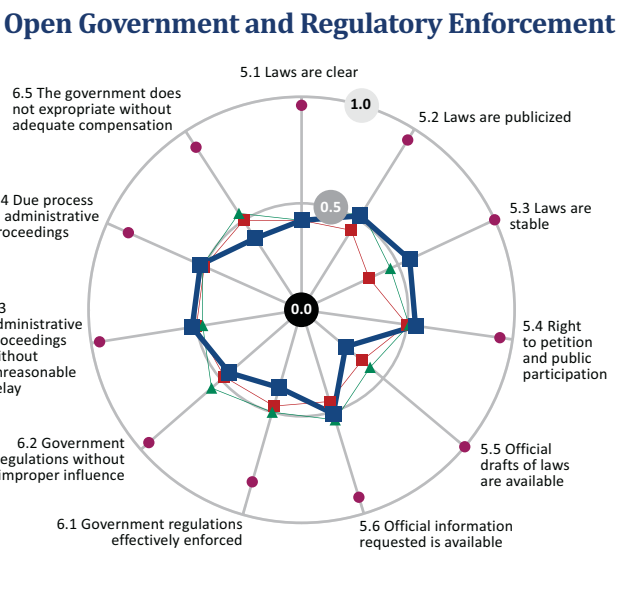
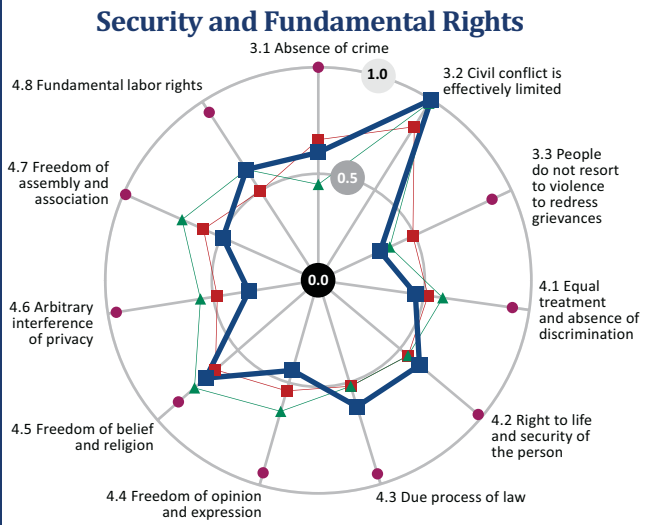
Population  
10m (2010)  
67% Urban  
41% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.40	56/66	11/12	13/16
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.29	60/66	12/12	14/16
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.64	49/66	3/12	12/16
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.54	49/66	11/12	9/16
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.47	34/66	6/12	5/16
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.45	55/66	11/12	12/16
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.47	54/66	10/12	12/16
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.32	62/66	10/12	16/16

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Bolivia  Top Score  Lower Middle Income  Latin America & Caribbean



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

Region  
Latin America  
& Caribbean

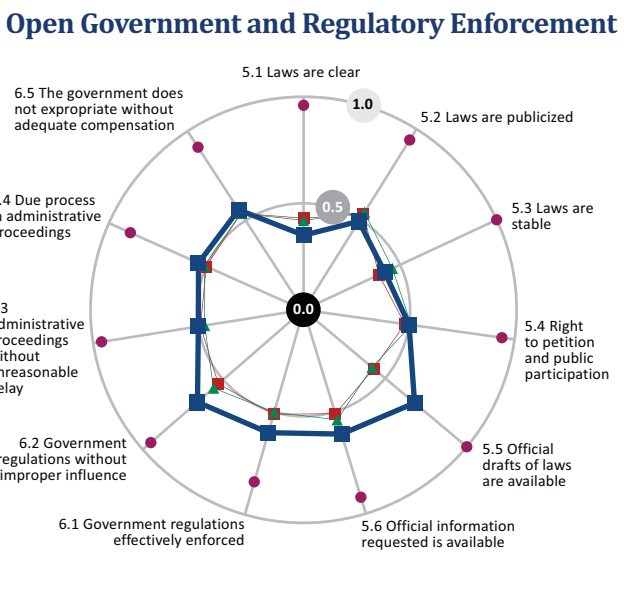
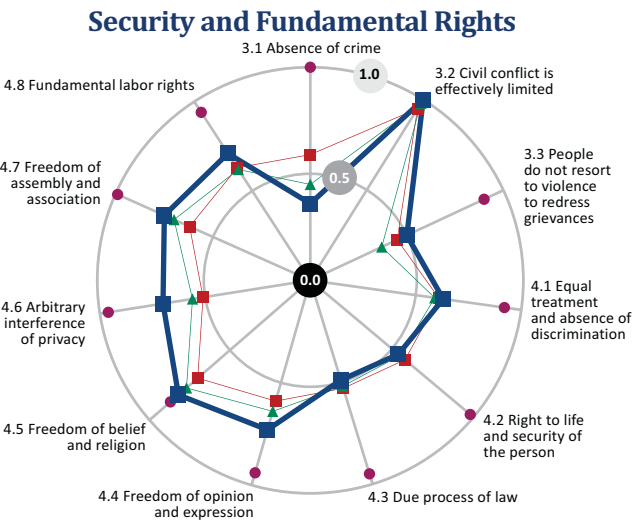
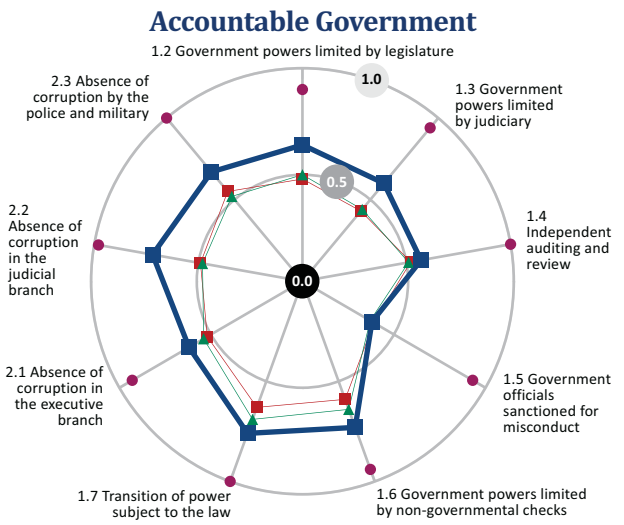
Population  
193m (2010)  
87% Urban  
20% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.61	26/66	3/12	4/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.67	24/66	2/12	2/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.62	51/66	5/12	12/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.67	25/66	3/12	4/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.51	30/66	5/12	6/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.57	26/66	3/12	3/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.59	24/66	2/12	3/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.48	44/66	5/12	11/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Brazil  Top Score  Upper Middle Income  Latin America & Caribbean





## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

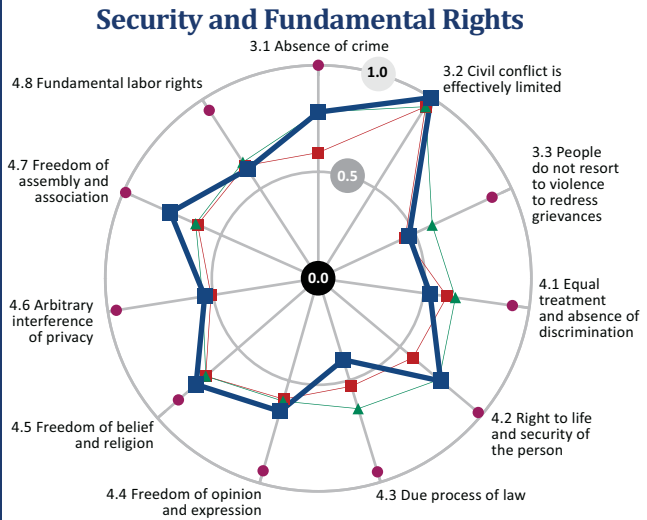
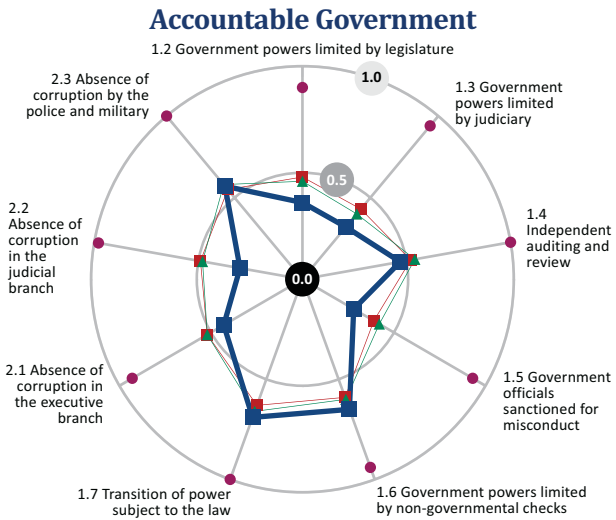
Region  
Eastern Europe  
& Central Asia

Population  
8m (2010)  
72% Urban  
25% in three  
largest cities

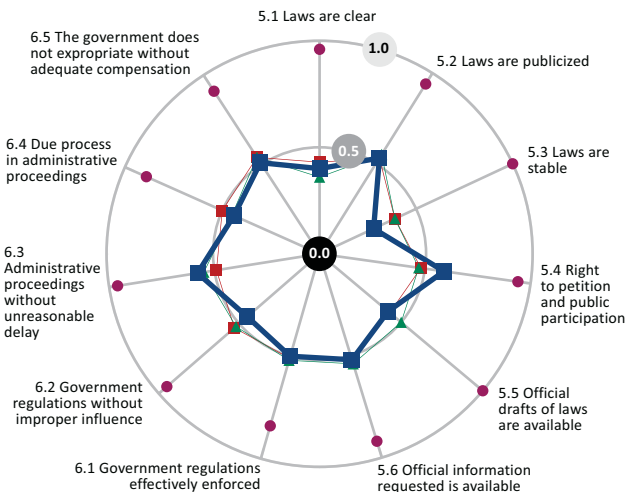
WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.46	50/66	7/12	14/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.43	50/66	9/12	16/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.75	32/66	10/12	5/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.63	37/66	7/12	11/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.46	37/66	6/12	8/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.50	45/66	8/12	13/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.55	38/66	8/12	11/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.30	64/66	12/12	18/19

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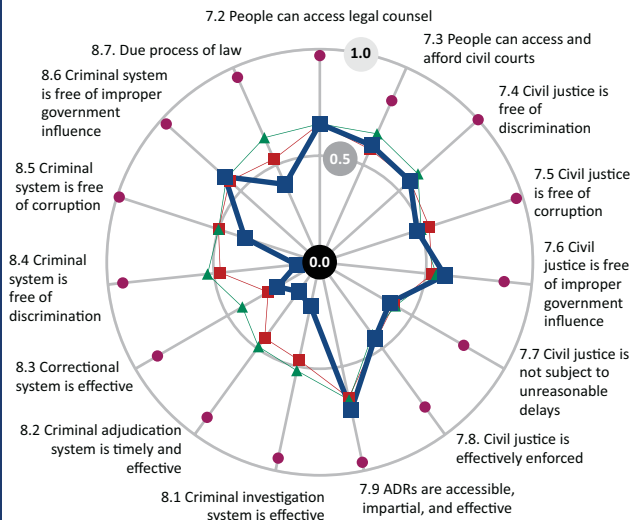
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### Open Government and Regulatory Enforcement



### Access to Justice





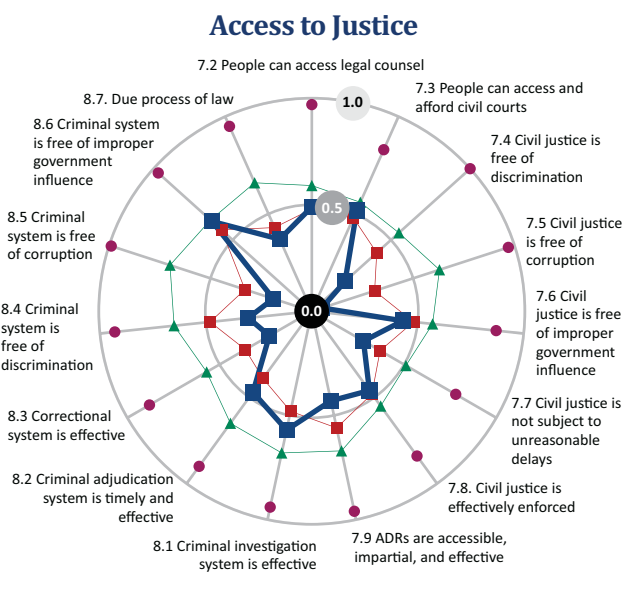
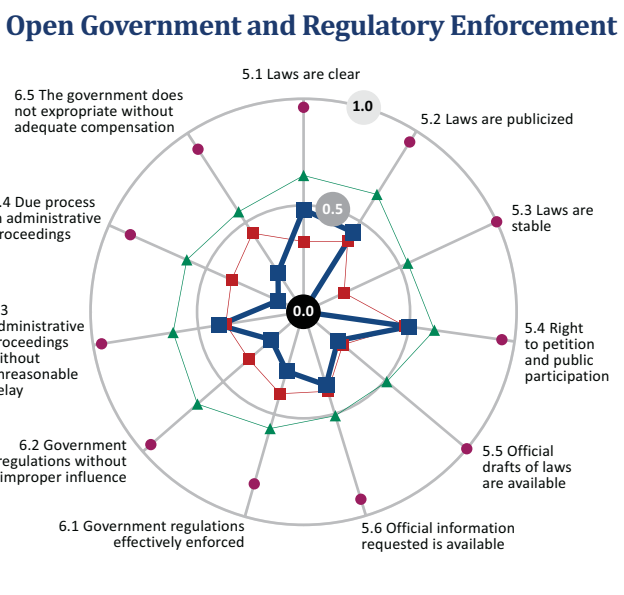
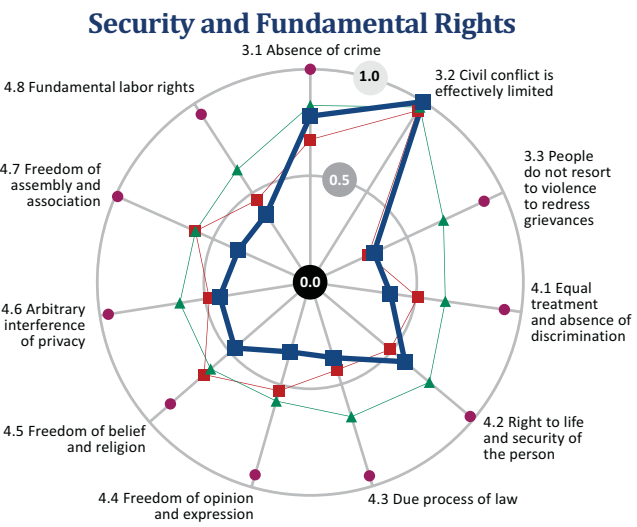
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Low	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.31	65/66	13/13	8/8
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.16	66/66	13/13	8/8
East Asia & Pacific	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.70	41/66	13/13	2/8
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.41	62/66	12/13	7/8
14m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.33	61/66	13/13	6/8
23% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.25	65/66	13/13	7/8
13% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.36	64/66	13/13	7/8
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.39	55/66	13/13	6/8

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Cambodia  Top Score  Low Income  East Asia & Pacific



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Lower Middle

Region  
Sub-Saharan  
Africa

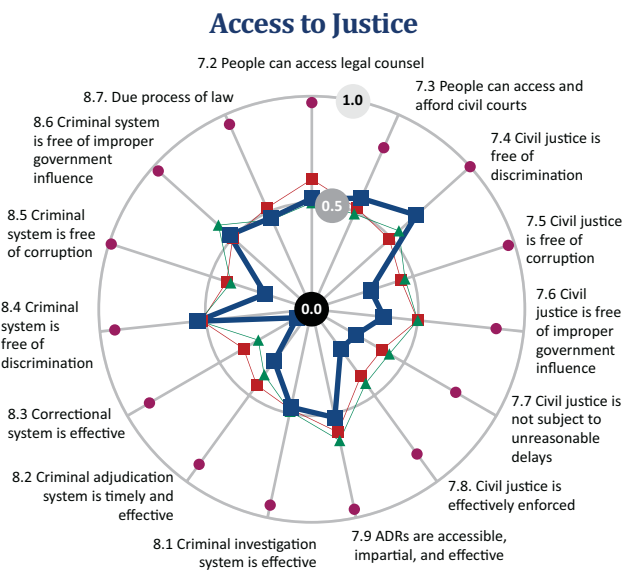
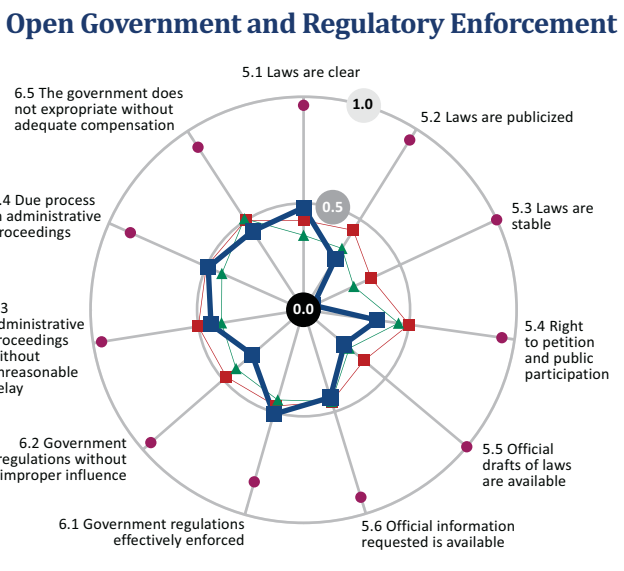
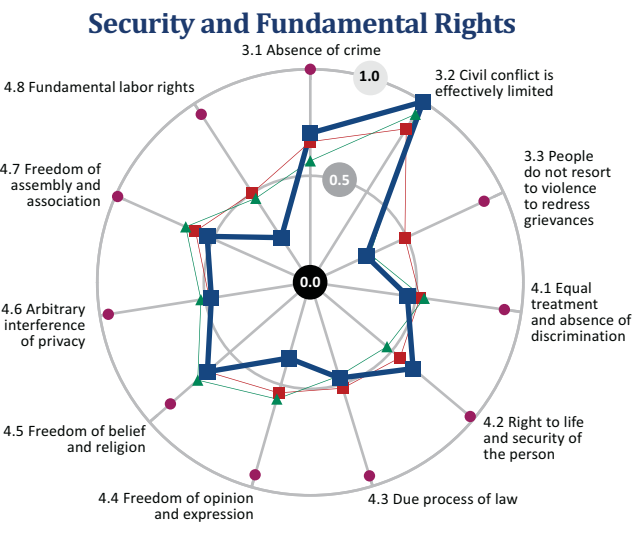
Population  
20m (2010)  
58% Urban  
20% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.36	62/66	8/9	15/16
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.24	64/66	9/9	15/16
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.66	46/66	2/9	10/16
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.48	57/66	7/9	13/16
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.31	63/66	7/9	15/16
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.44	57/66	6/9	14/16
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.42	61/66	8/9	14/16
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.37	58/66	8/9	13/16

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Key —  Cameroon  Top Score  Lower Middle Income  Sub-Saharan Africa



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
High

Region  
Western Europe  
& North America

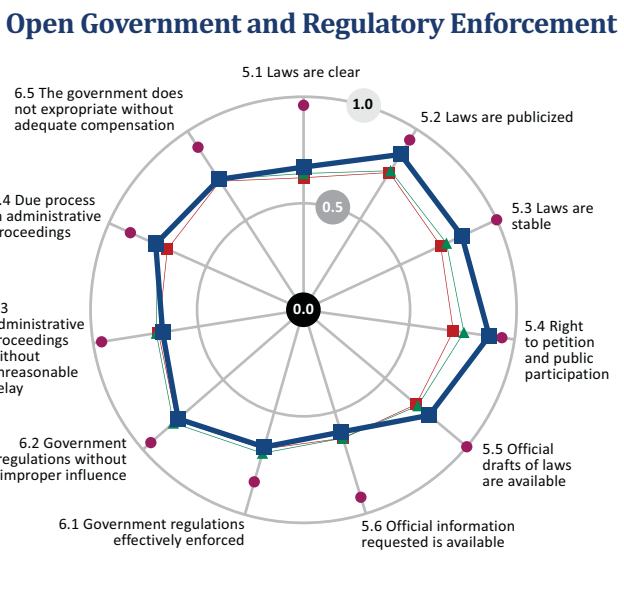
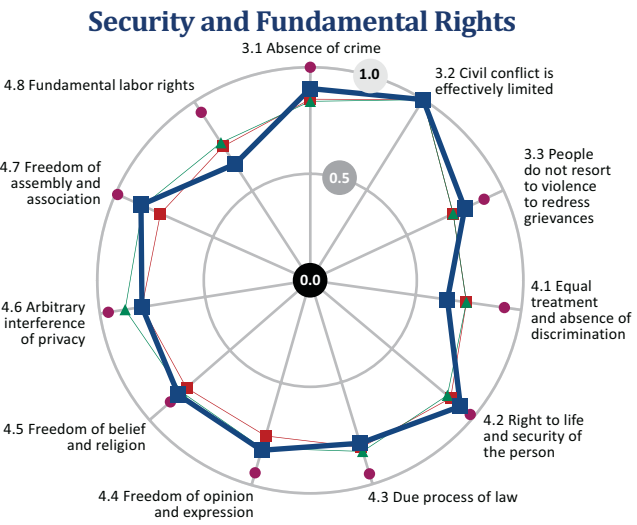
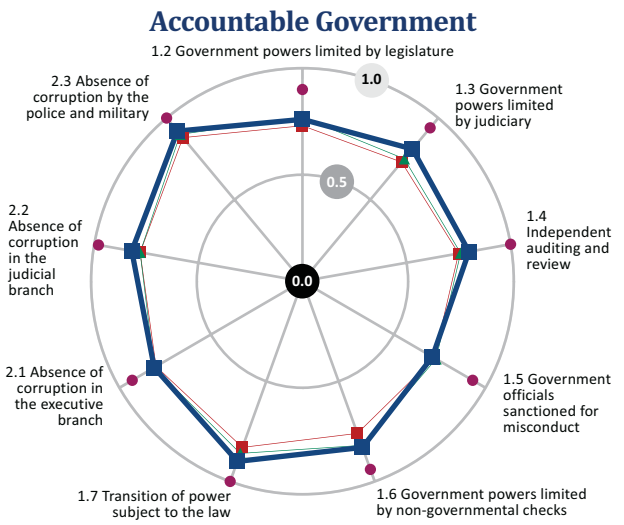
Population  
34m (2010)  
81% Urban  
34% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.80	7/66	5/12	7/23
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.85	11/66	5/12	11/23
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.90	7/66	3/12	7/23
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.79	14/66	9/12	14/23
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.77	6/66	4/12	6/23
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.72	13/66	7/12	13/23
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.66	16/66	9/12	16/23
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.76	10/66	6/12	10/23

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Key —  Canada  Top Score  High Income  Western Europe & North America



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

Region  
Latin America  
& Caribbean

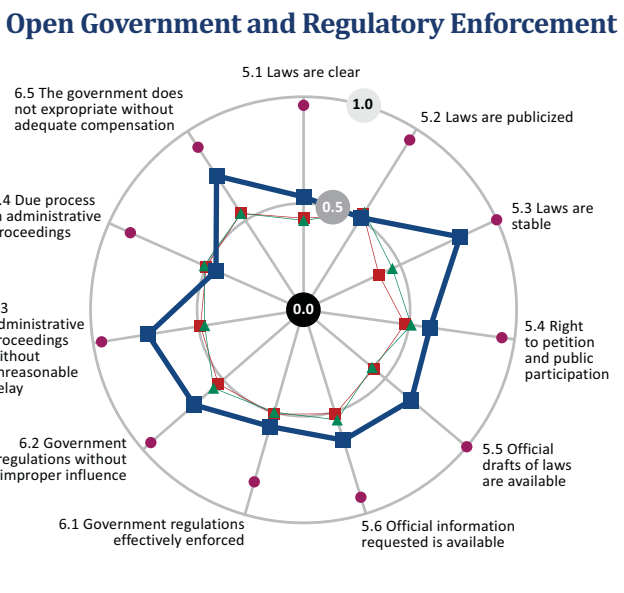
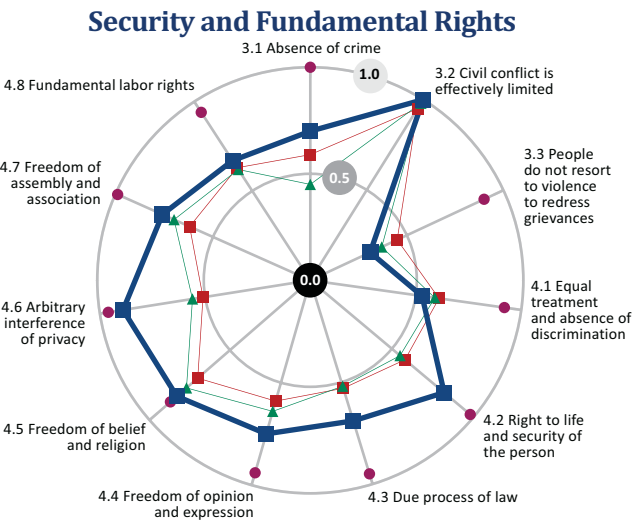
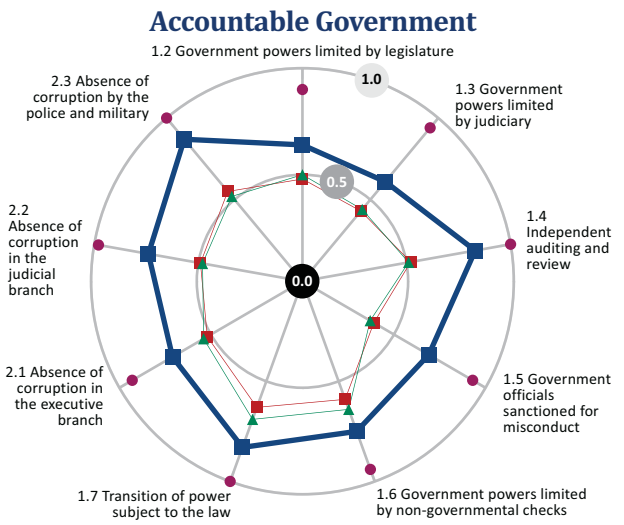
Population  
17m (2010)  
89% Urban  
43% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.73	17/66	1/12	1/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.77	18/66	1/12	1/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.67	44/66	1/12	9/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.74	18/66	1/12	1/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.63	16/66	1/12	1/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.64	20/66	1/12	1/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.65	18/66	1/12	1/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.59	27/66	1/12	2/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Chile  Top Score  Upper Middle Income  Latin America & Caribbean



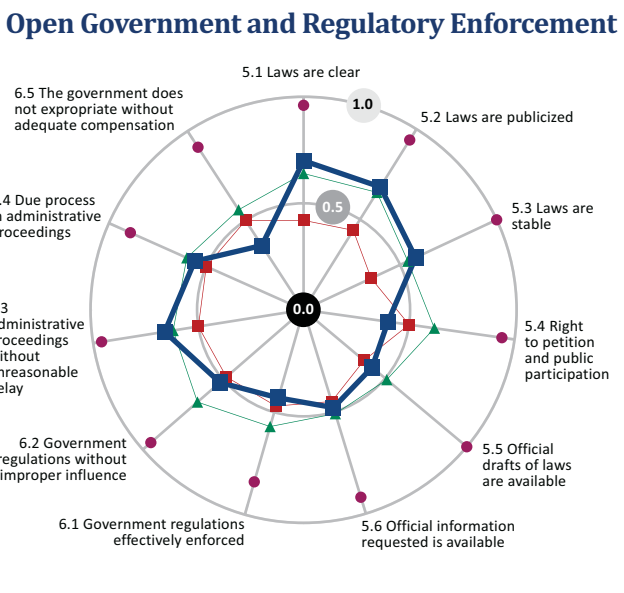
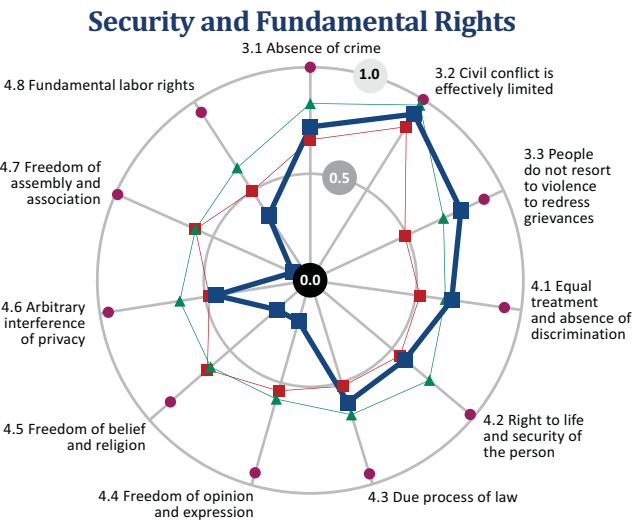
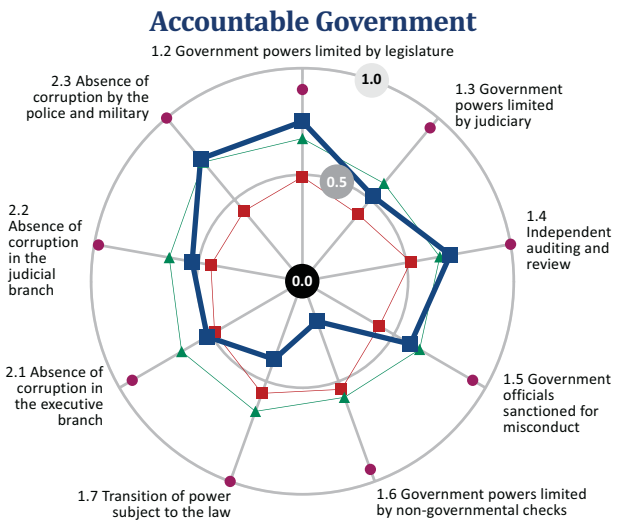
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Lower Middle	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.53	37/66	11/13	7/16
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.60	31/66	9/13	3/16
East Asia & Pacific	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.81	25/66	9/13	2/16
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.40	64/66	13/13	16/16
1,341m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.54	26/66	7/13	2/16
45% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.50	43/66	12/13	8/16
3% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.52	44/66	8/13	6/16
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.61	25/66	8/13	2/16

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Key — China Top Score Lower Middle Income East Asia & Pacific





## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

Region  
Latin America  
& Caribbean

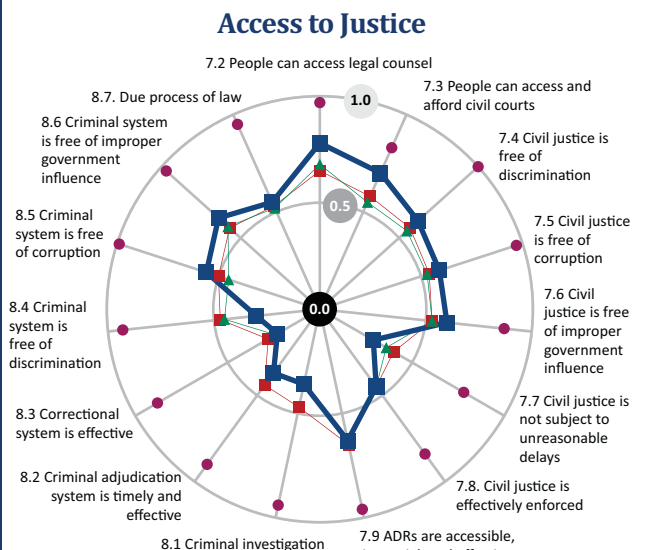
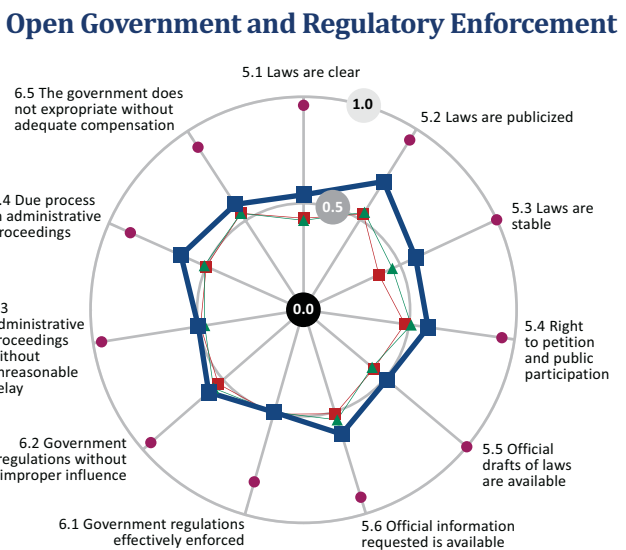
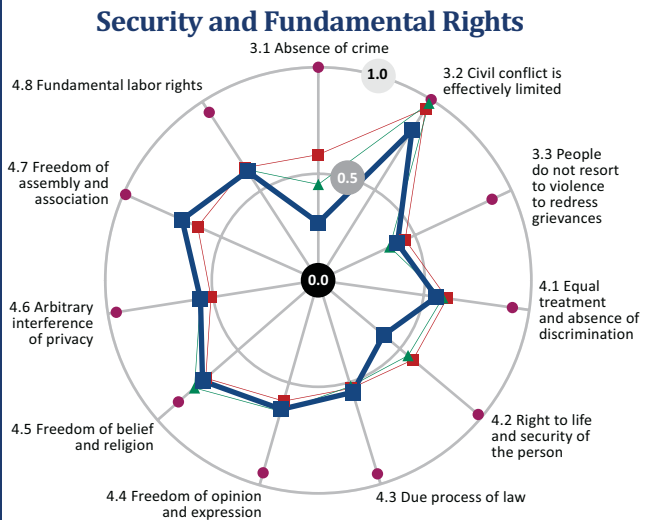
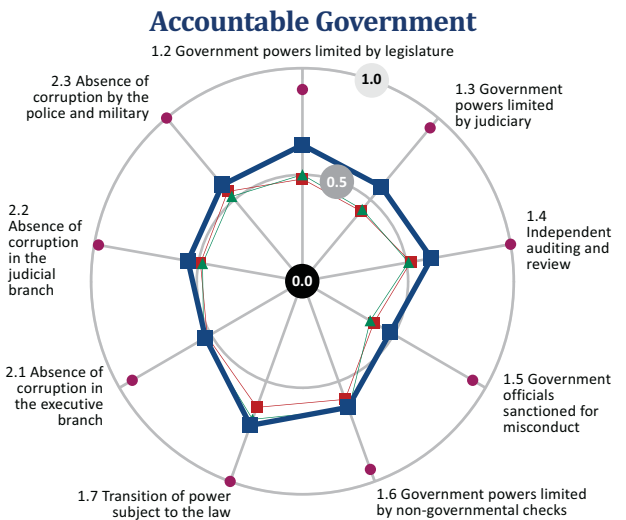
Population  
46m (2010)  
75% Urban  
31% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.61	27/66	4/12	5/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.56	34/66	5/12	7/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.50	64/66	12/12	19/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.59	42/66	8/12	12/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.59	18/66	2/12	2/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.56	27/66	4/12	4/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.58	29/66	3/12	7/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.43	49/66	6/12	14/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Colombia     Top Score     Upper Middle Income     Latin America & Caribbean



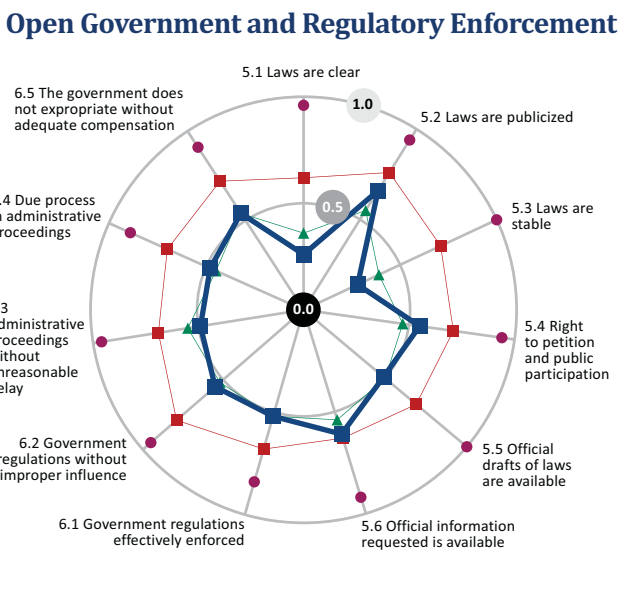
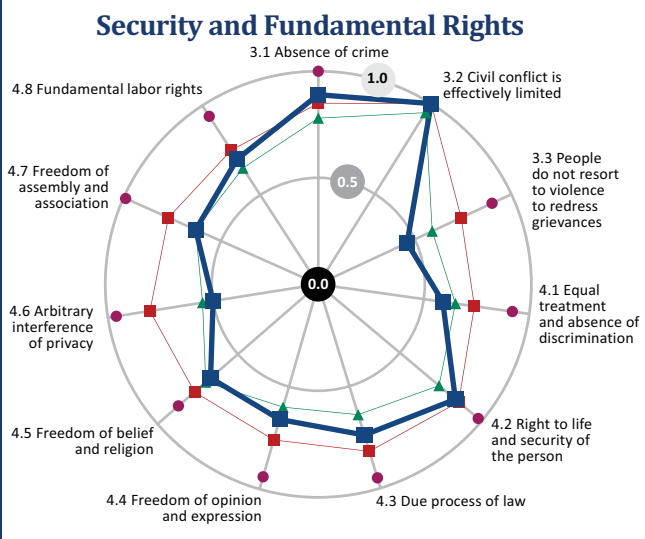


## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
High	Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.55	33/66	4/12	23/23
Region	Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.54	35/66	5/12	23/23
Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.78	29/66	7/12	22/23
Population	Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.67	26/66	5/12	21/23
4m (2010)	Factor 5:	Open Government	0.47	33/66	4/12	22/23
58% Urban	Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.52	37/66	6/12	23/23
23% in three largest cities	Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.57	32/66	6/12	22/23
	Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.50	37/66	6/12	23/23

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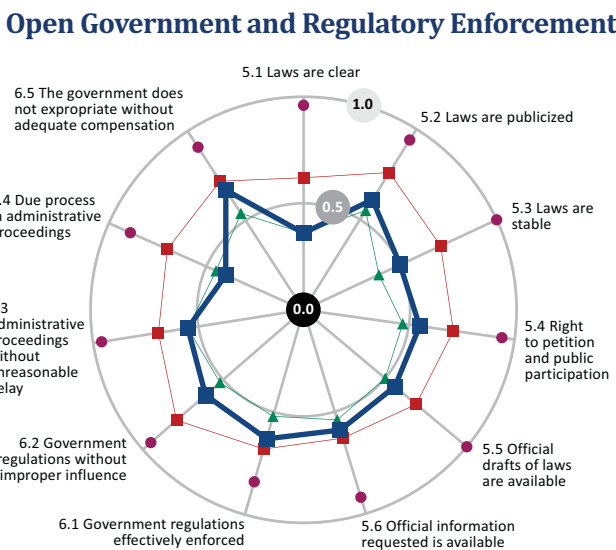
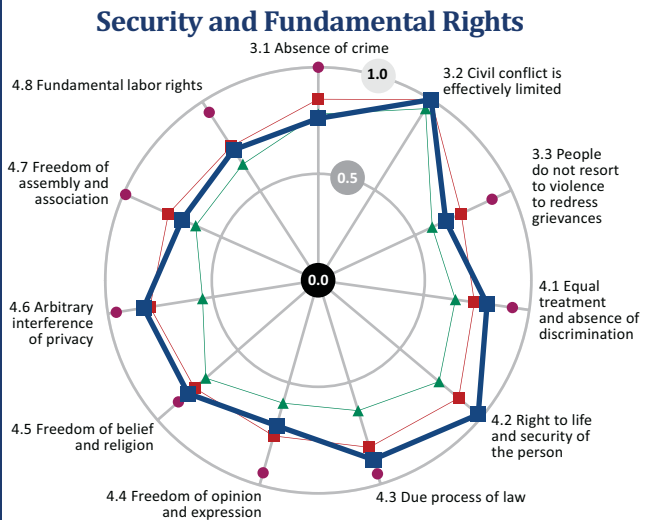
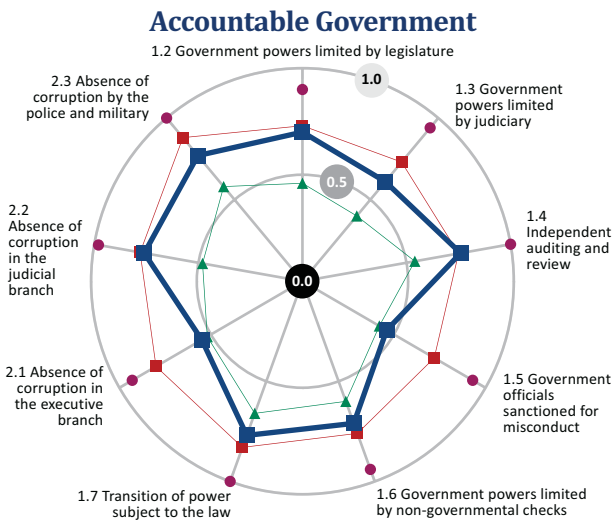


## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
High	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.67	21/66	3/12	19/23
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.69	23/66	3/12	22/23
Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.81	23/66	4/12	20/23
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.81	9/66	2/12	9/23
11m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.53	28/66	3/12	21/23
74% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.57	25/66	3/12	21/23
17% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.64	20/66	2/12	19/23
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.76	11/66	1/12	11/23

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## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

Region  
Latin America & Caribbean

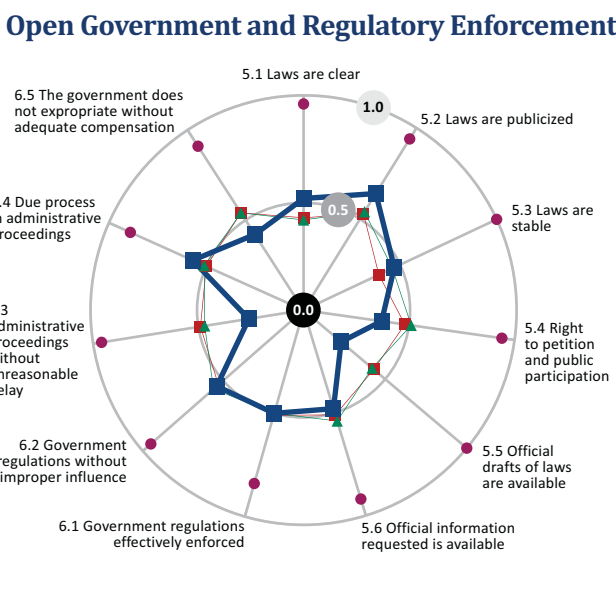
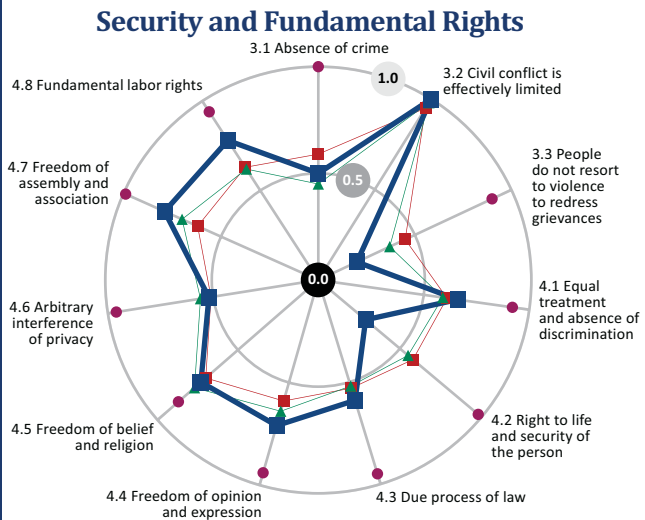
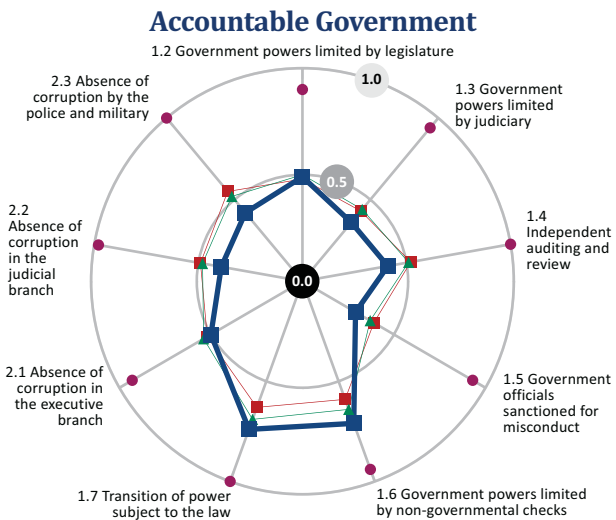
Population  
10m (2010)  
71% Urban  
31% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.50	46/66	8/12	11/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.44	49/66	9/12	15/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.57	57/66	10/12	16/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.63	35/66	7/12	10/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.45	39/66	8/12	9/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.46	52/66	9/12	16/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.54	39/66	7/12	12/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.48	43/66	4/12	10/19

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Key —  Dominican Republic  Top Score  Upper Middle Income  Latin America & Caribbean



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Lower Middle

Region  
Latin America & Caribbean

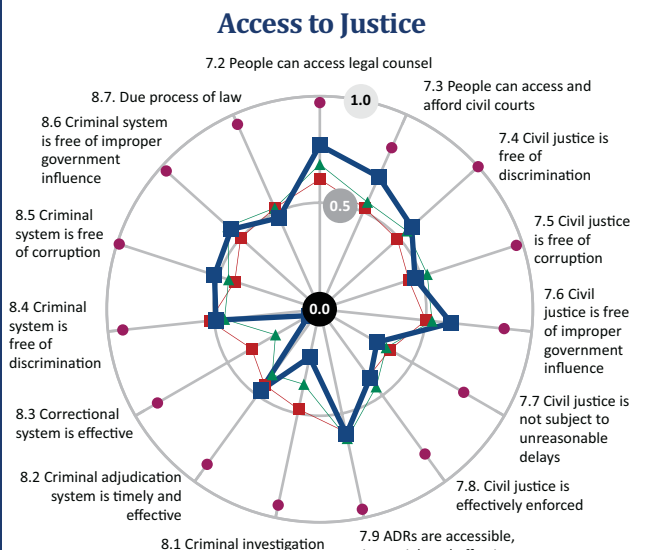
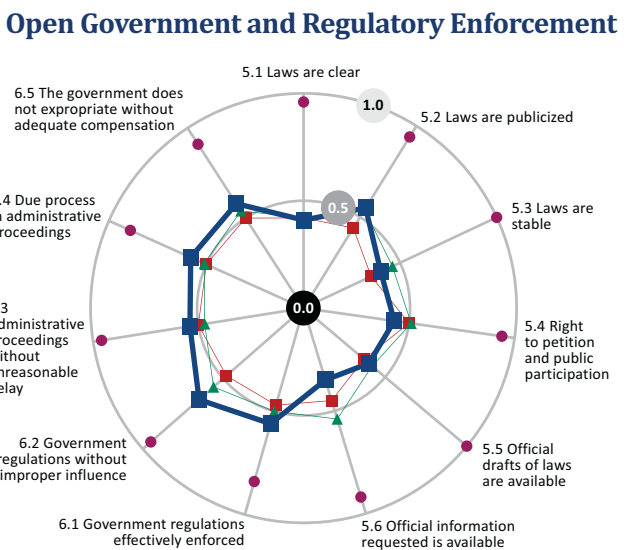
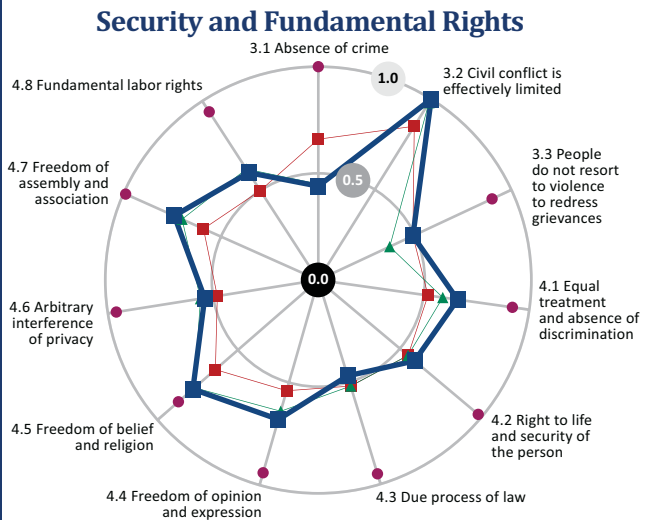
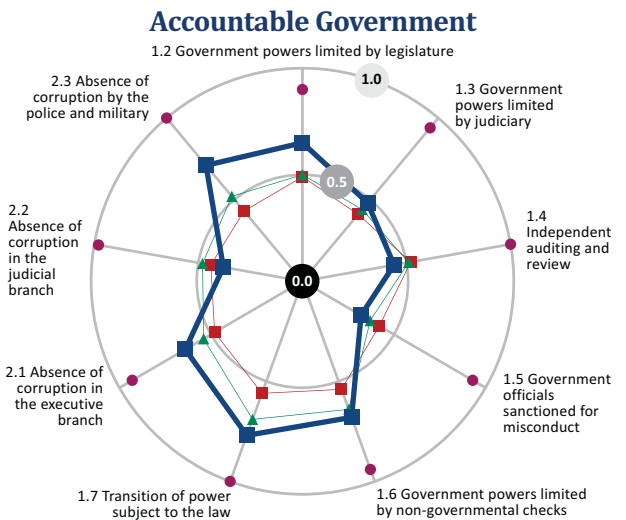
Population  
6m (2010)  
61% Urban  
34% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.56	32/66	5/12	4/16
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.58	32/66	4/12	4/16
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.64	48/66	2/12	11/16
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.63	34/66	6/12	3/16
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.43	47/66	10/12	10/16
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.58	24/66	2/12	2/16
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.55	37/66	6/12	3/16
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.40	54/66	8/12	12/16

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — ■ El Salvador ● Top Score ■ Lower Middle Income ▲ Latin America & Caribbean



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
High

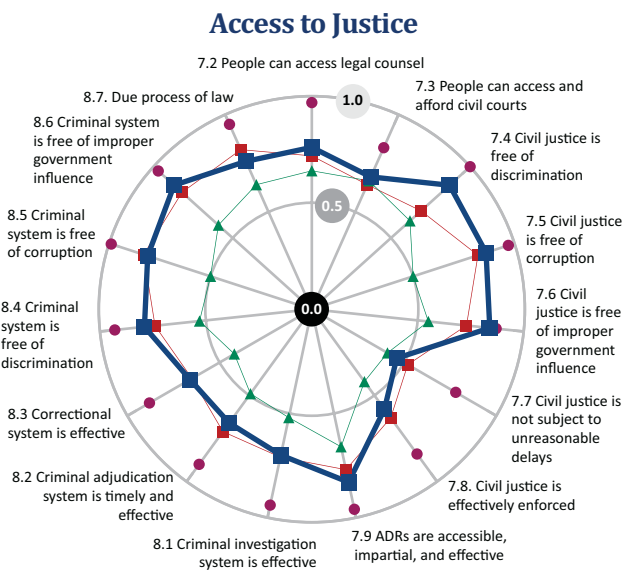
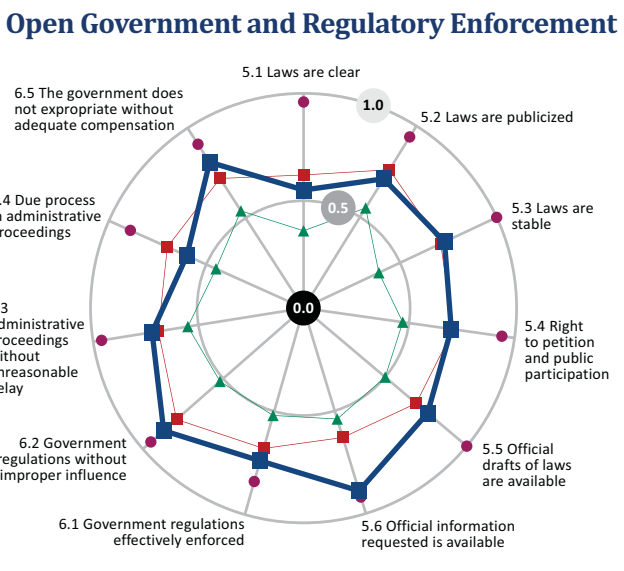
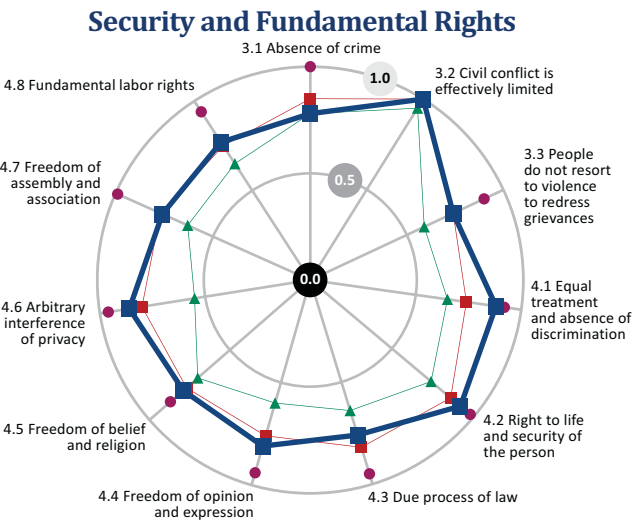
Region  
Eastern Europe  
& Central Asia

Population  
1m (2010)  
70% Urban  
43% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.79	10/66	1/12	10/23
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.86	10/66	1/12	10/23
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.84	17/66	1/12	16/23
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.82	8/66	1/12	8/23
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.72	13/66	1/12	13/23
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.75	10/66	1/12	10/23
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.73	6/66	1/12	6/23
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.75	14/66	2/12	14/23

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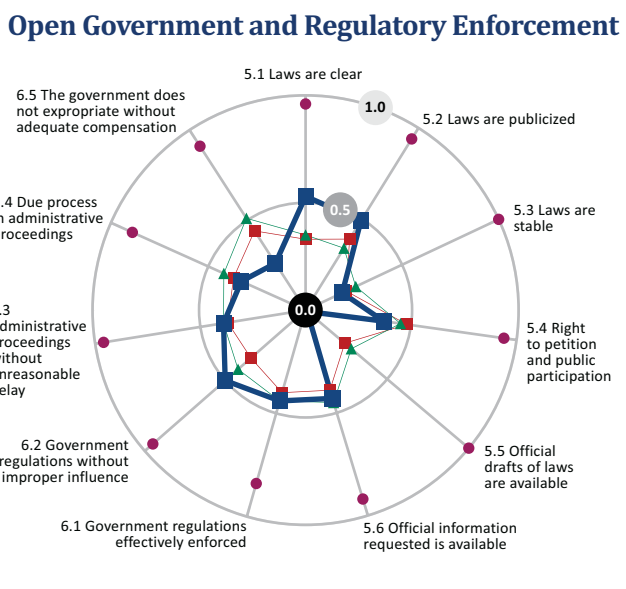
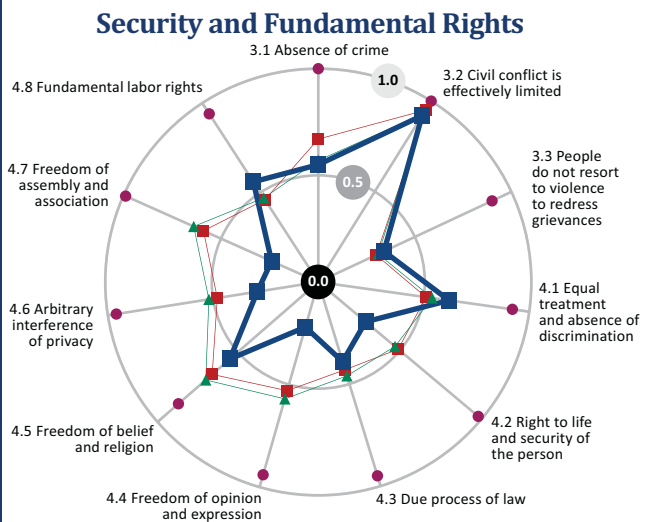
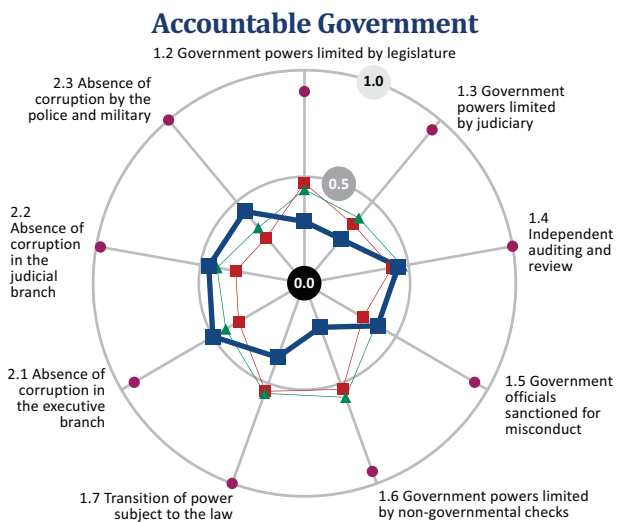
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Low	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.33	63/66	9/9	7/8
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.47	44/66	4/9	2/8
Sub-Saharan Africa	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.60	54/66	4/9	5/8
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.39	65/66	9/9	8/8
85m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.34	60/66	5/9	5/8
18% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.38	62/66	7/9	5/8
5% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.52	42/66	4/9	2/8
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.42	50/66	6/9	5/8

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Key —  Ethiopia     Top Score     Low Income     Sub-Saharan Africa



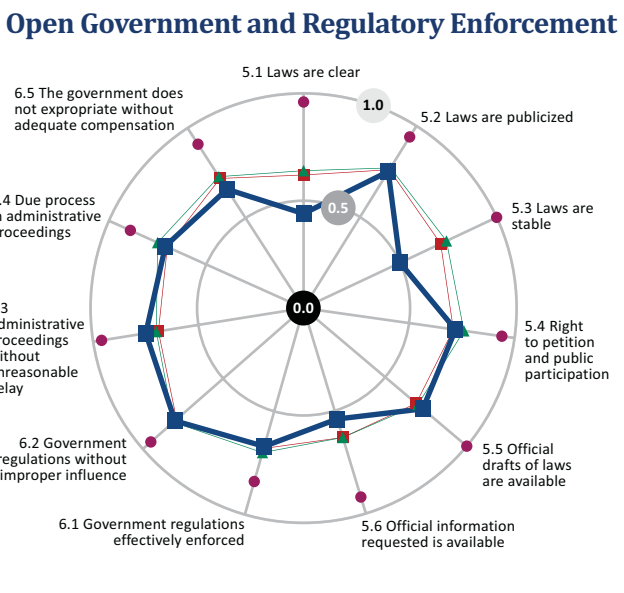
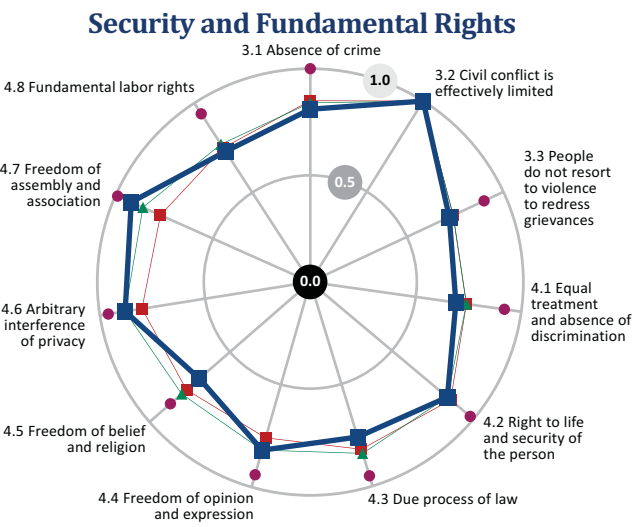
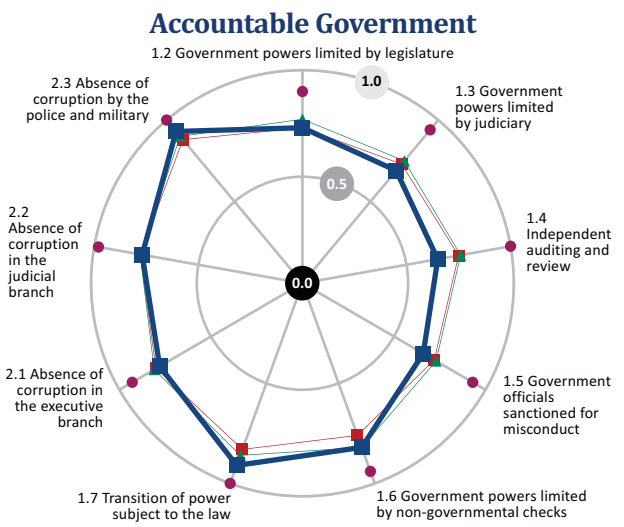


## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
High	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.74	15/66	9/12	15/23
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.83	14/66	7/12	14/23
Western Europe & North America	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.84	16/66	9/12	15/23
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.79	15/66	10/12	15/23
63m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.61	17/66	10/12	16/23
78% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.72	14/66	8/12	14/23
20% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.67	14/66	8/12	14/23
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.68	22/66	12/12	22/23

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## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
High

Region  
Western Europe  
& North America

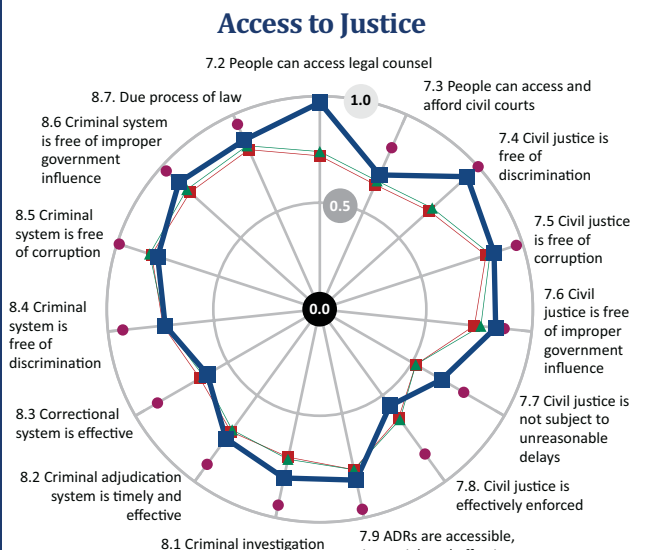
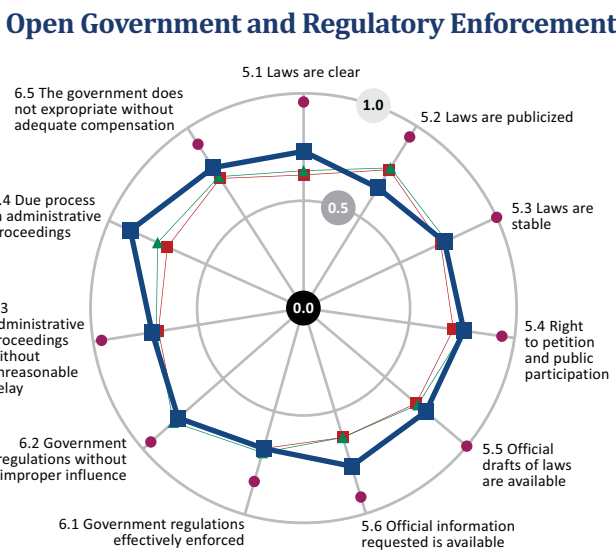
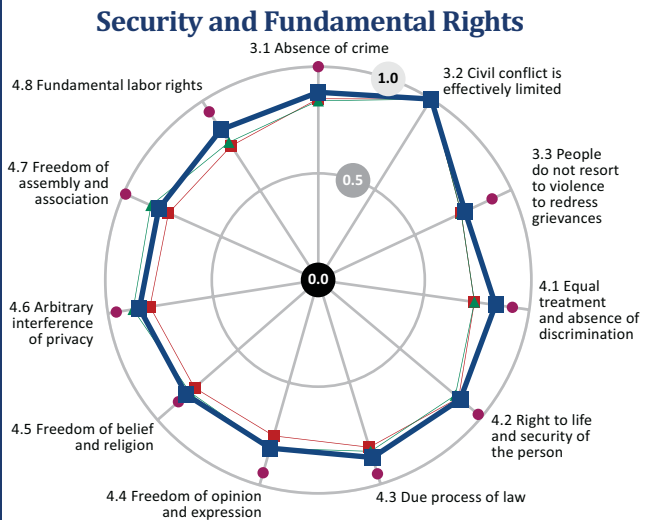
Population  
82m (2010)  
74% Urban  
8% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.81	6/66	4/12	6/23
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.83	12/66	6/12	12/23
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.88	9/66	5/12	9/23
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.84	6/66	5/12	6/23
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.73	11/66	7/12	11/23
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.77	8/66	5/12	8/23
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.79	2/66	2/12	2/23
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.78	9/66	5/12	9/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — Germany Top Score High Income Western Europe & North America



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Low

Region  
Sub-Saharan  
Africa

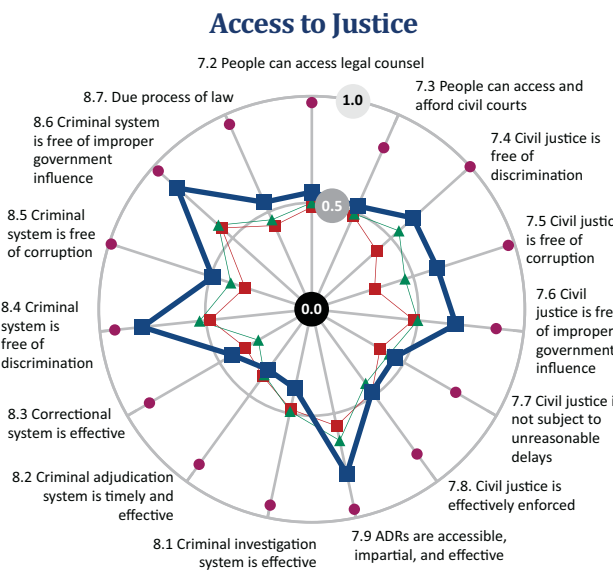
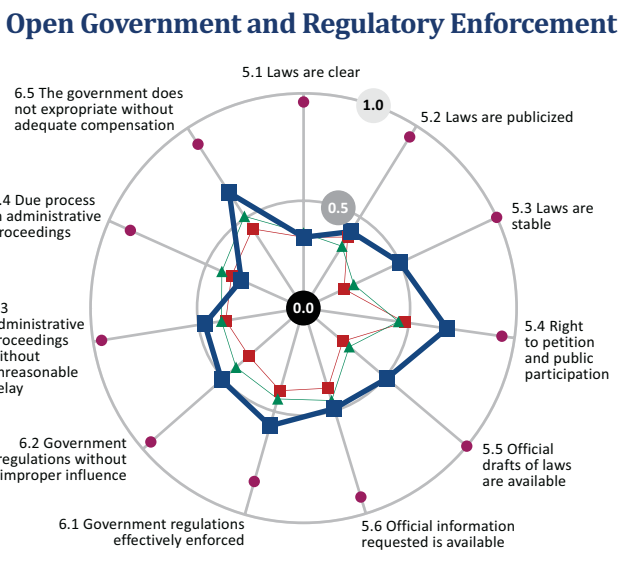
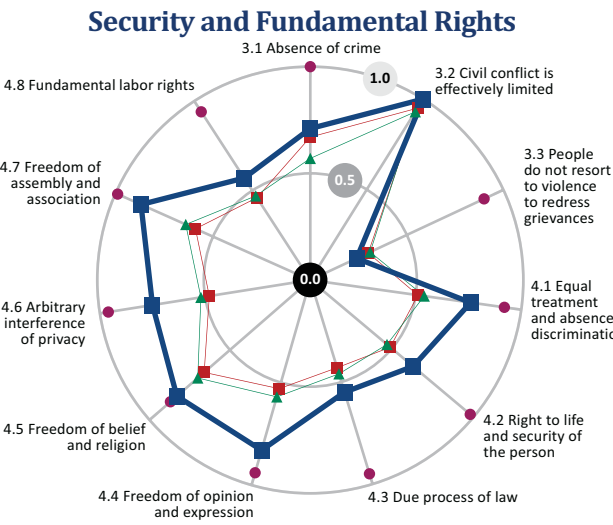
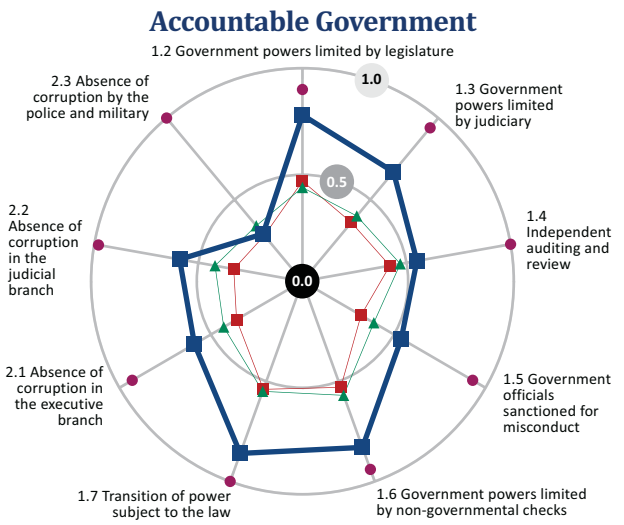
Population  
24m (2010)  
52% Urban  
18% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.70	19/66	1/9	1/8
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.49	41/66	3/9	1/8
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.65	47/66	3/9	4/8
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.72	22/66	1/9	1/8
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.49	31/66	2/9	1/8
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.50	44/66	3/9	1/8
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.59	26/66	2/9	1/8
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.55	31/66	2/9	1/8

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Ghana  Top Score  Low Income  Sub-Saharan Africa



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Lower Middle

Region  
Latin America & Caribbean

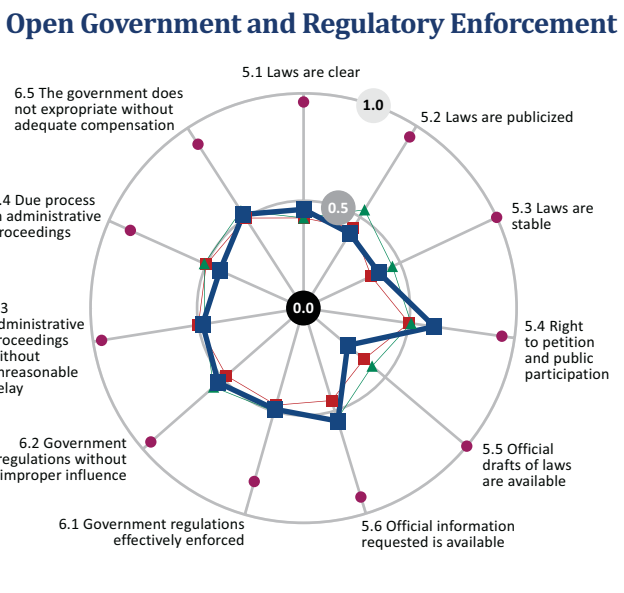
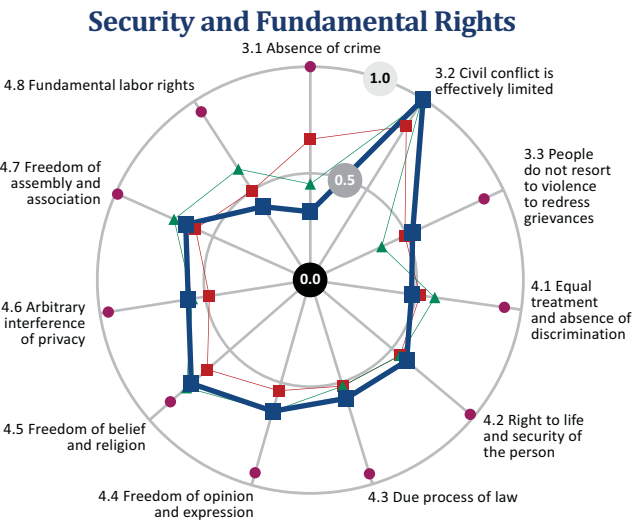
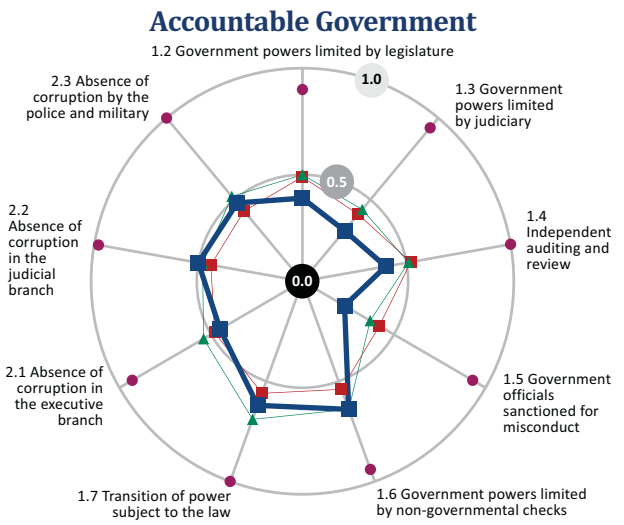
Population  
14m (2010)  
50% Urban  
12% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.43	53/66	10/12	12/16
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.48	42/66	6/12	8/16
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.62	52/66	6/12	13/16
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.58	43/66	9/12	7/16
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.45	38/66	7/12	6/16
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.49	46/66	8/12	9/16
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.48	51/66	9/12	10/16
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.42	51/66	7/12	9/16

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — Guatemala Top Score Lower Middle Income Latin America & Caribbean



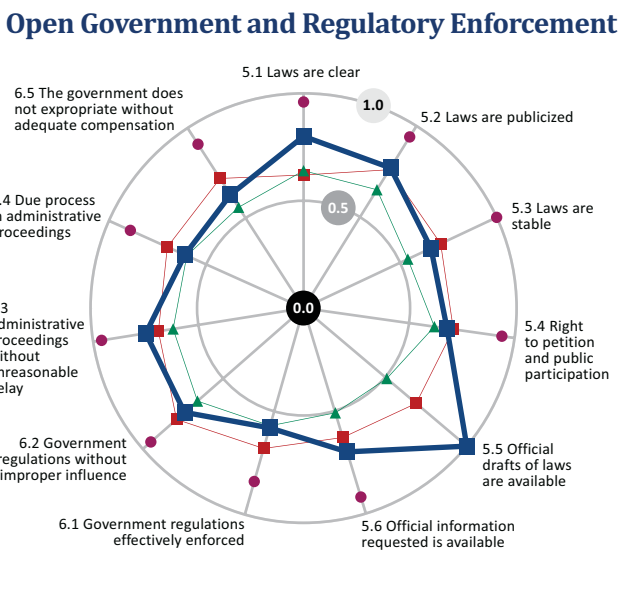
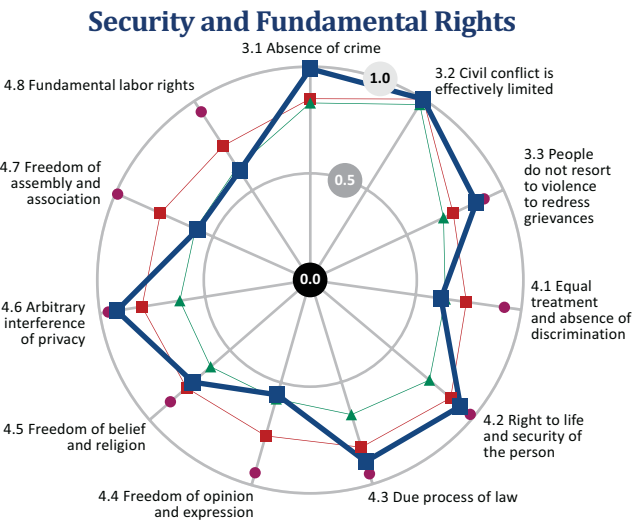
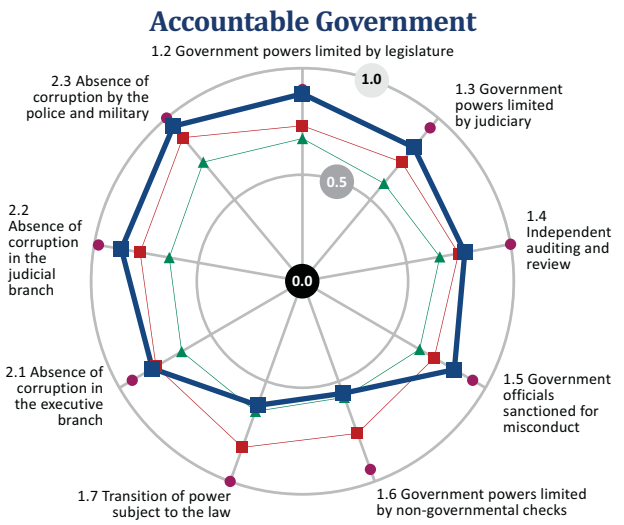
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
High	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.75	14/66	4/13	14/23
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.88	6/66	4/13	6/23
East Asia & Pacific	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.95	1/66	1/13	1/23
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.73	21/66	5/13	20/23
7m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.77	5/66	2/13	5/23
100% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.66	18/66	6/13	18/23
100% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.68	12/66	3/13	12/23
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.85	2/66	1/13	2/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — ■ Hong Kong SAR, China ● Top Score ■ High Income ▲ East Asia & Pacific





## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Lower Middle

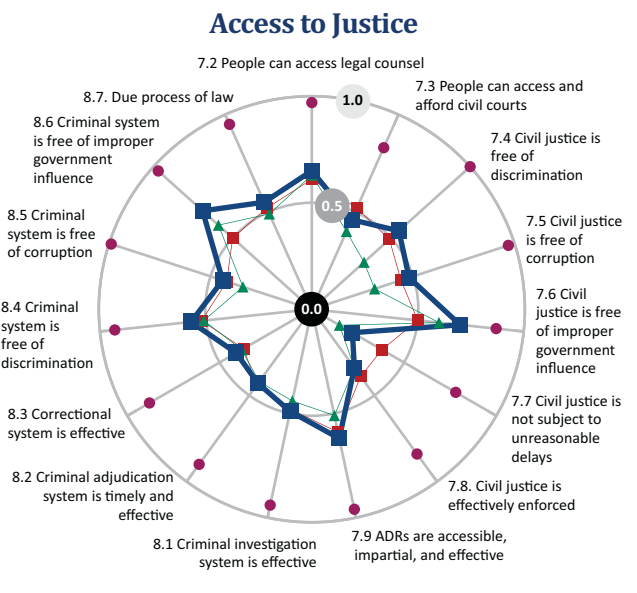
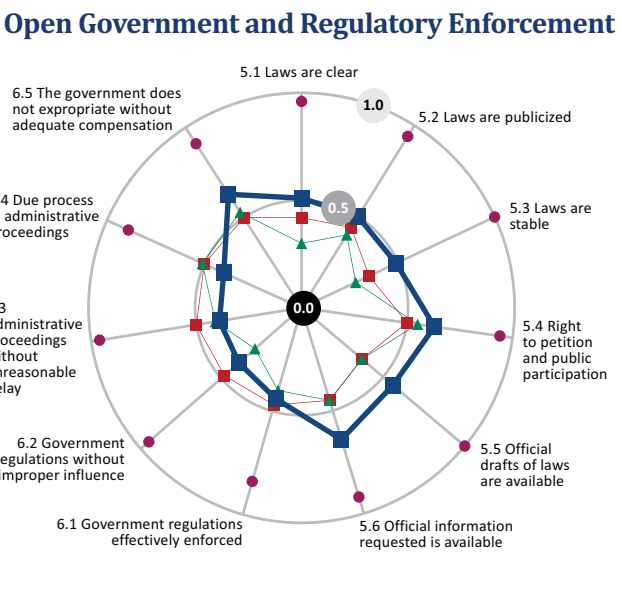
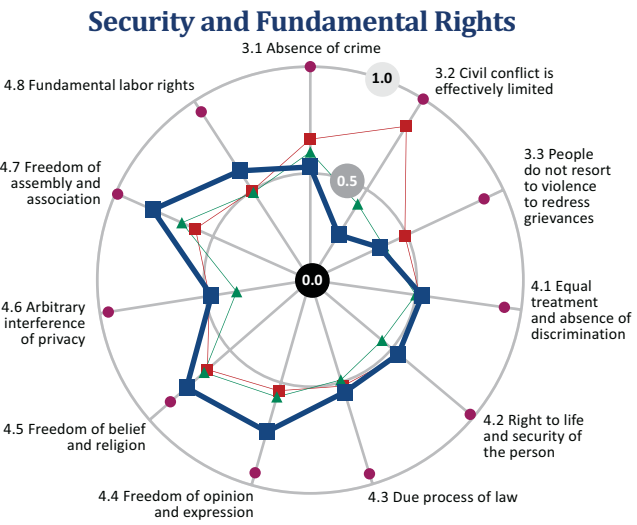
Region  
South Asia

Population  
1,216m (2010)  
30% Urban  
4% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.63	24/66	1/3	2/16
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.42	51/66	1/3	10/16
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.38	65/66	2/3	15/16
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.63	36/66	1/3	4/16
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.55	25/66	1/3	1/16
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.45	56/66	1/3	13/16
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.50	48/66	1/3	8/16
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.51	35/66	1/3	6/16

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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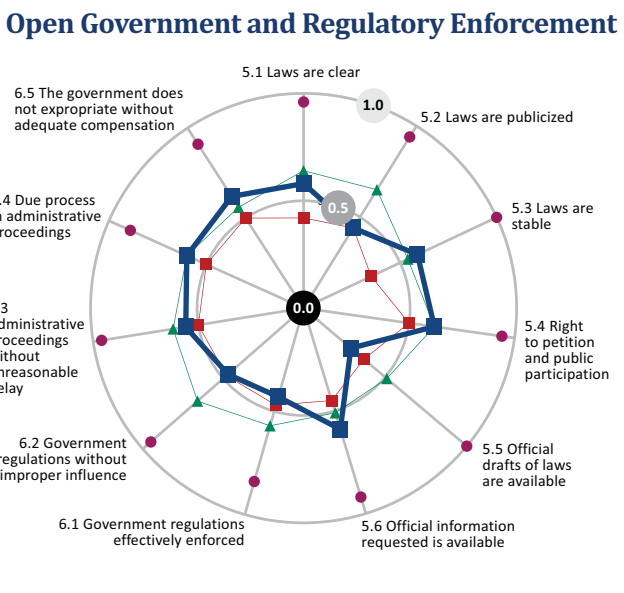
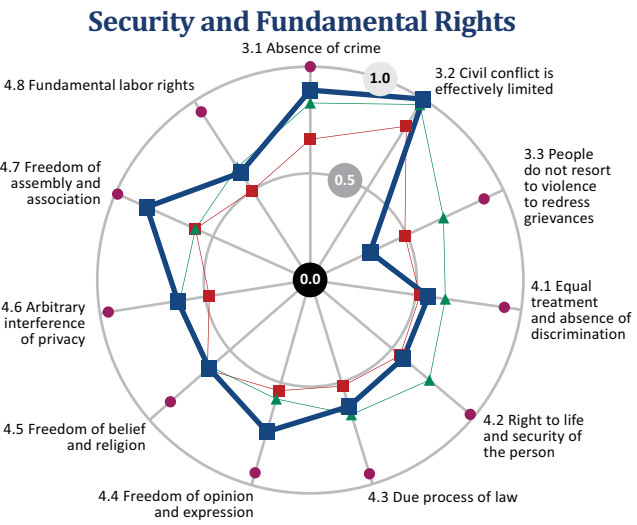
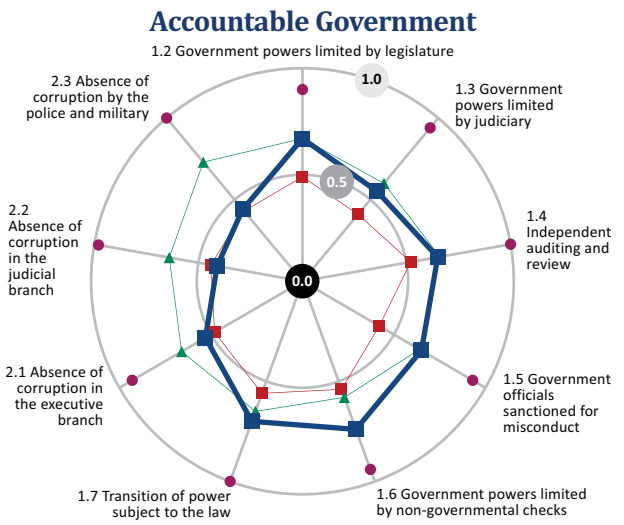


## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Lower Middle	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.66	22/66	6/13	1/16
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.46	47/66	12/13	9/16
East Asia & Pacific	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.73	37/66	10/13	7/16
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.65	29/66	6/13	1/16
234m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.52	29/66	8/13	3/16
54% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.54	32/66	7/13	3/16
7% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.54	41/66	7/13	4/16
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.60	26/66	9/13	3/16

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## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

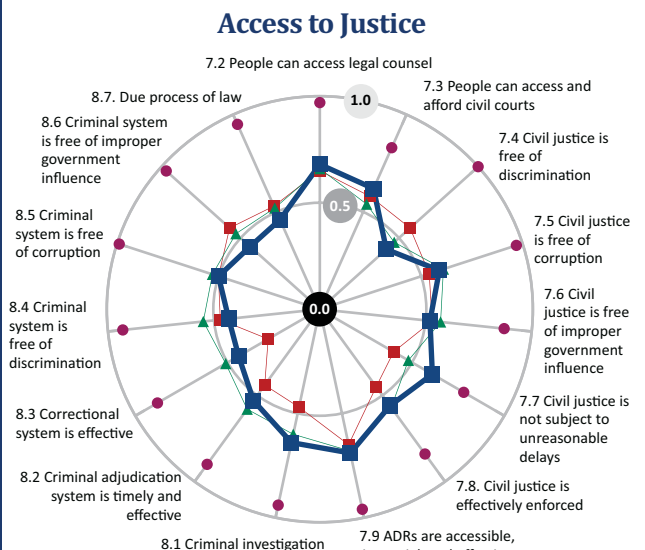
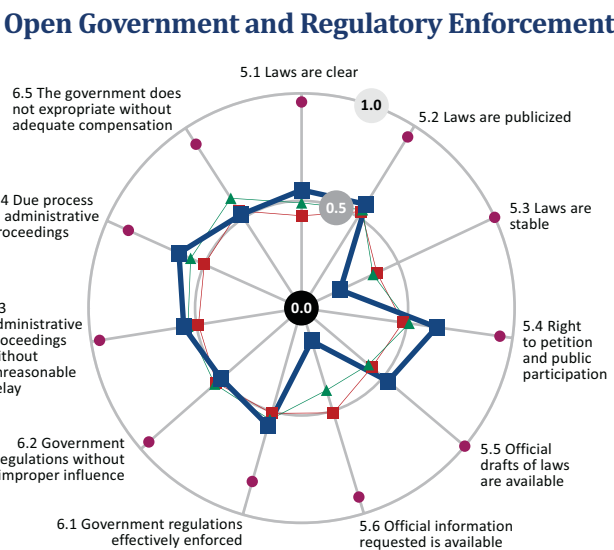
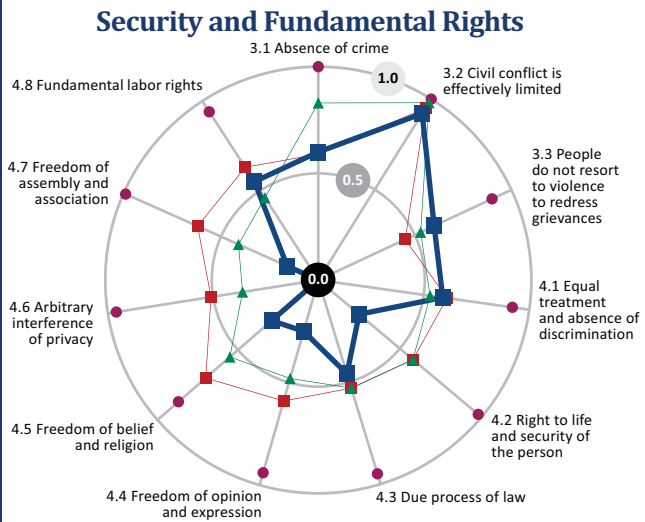
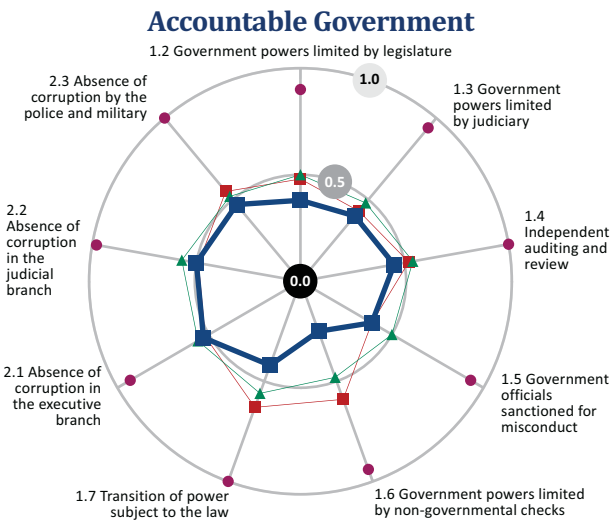
Region  
Middle East & North Africa

Population  
75m (2010)  
70% Urban  
17% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.38	58/66	5/5	17/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.50	38/66	3/5	8/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.71	40/66	5/5	7/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.32	66/66	5/5	19/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.44	41/66	3/5	10/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.56	29/66	3/5	6/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.59	28/66	3/5	6/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.49	39/66	3/5	9/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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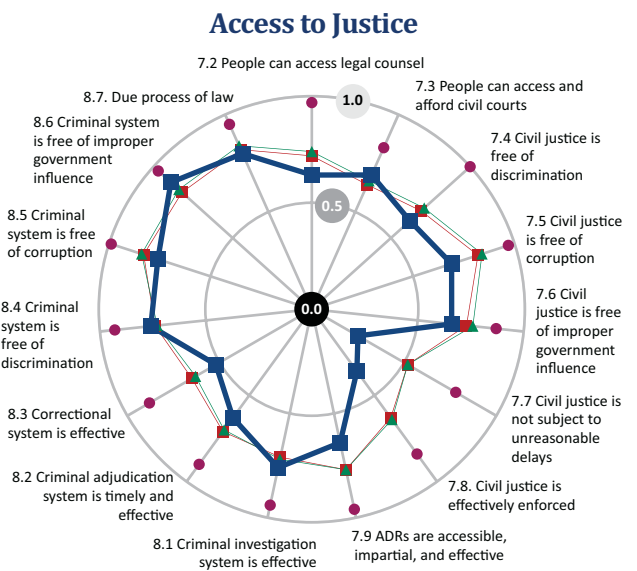
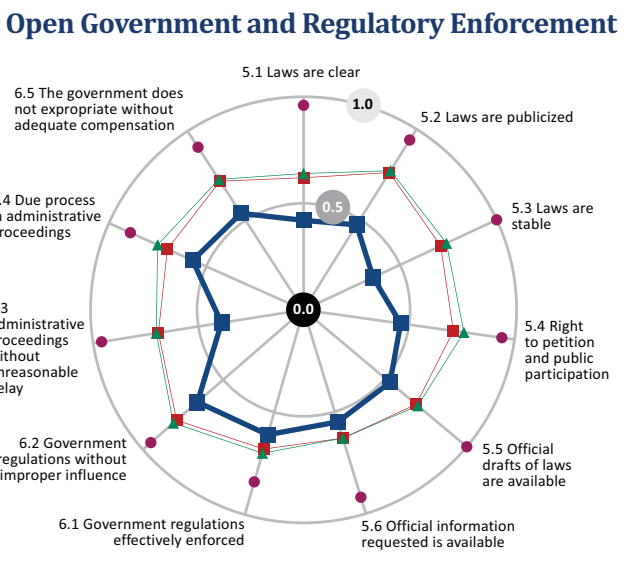
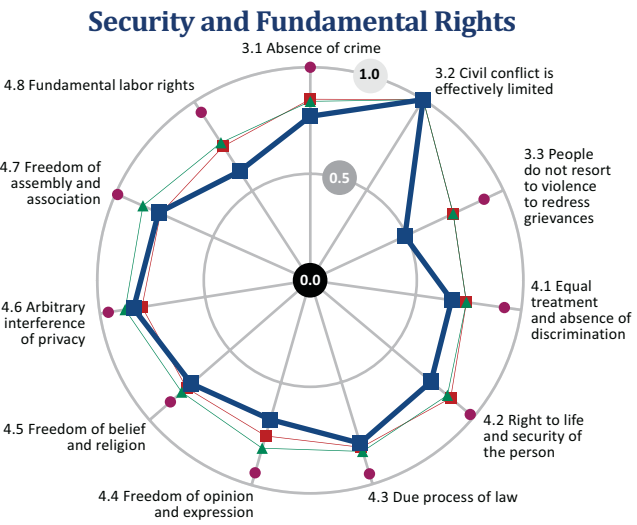
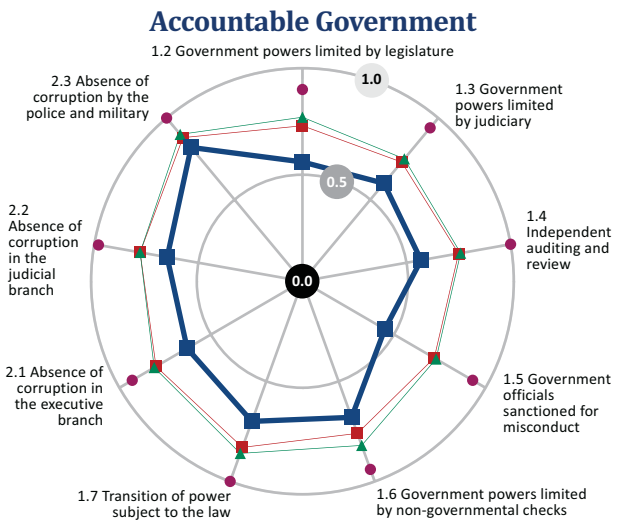
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
High	Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.59	29/66	12/12	21/23
Region	Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.70	22/66	12/12	21/23
Western Europe & North America	Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.75	33/66	12/12	23/23
Population	Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.73	20/66	12/12	19/23
60m (2010)	Factor 5:	Open Government	0.47	35/66	12/12	23/23
68% Urban	Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.55	30/66	12/12	22/23
14% in three largest cities	Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.57	33/66	12/12	23/23
	Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.73	16/66	8/12	16/23

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Key — ■ Italy ● Top Score ■ High Income ▲ Western Europe & North America



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

Region  
Latin America & Caribbean

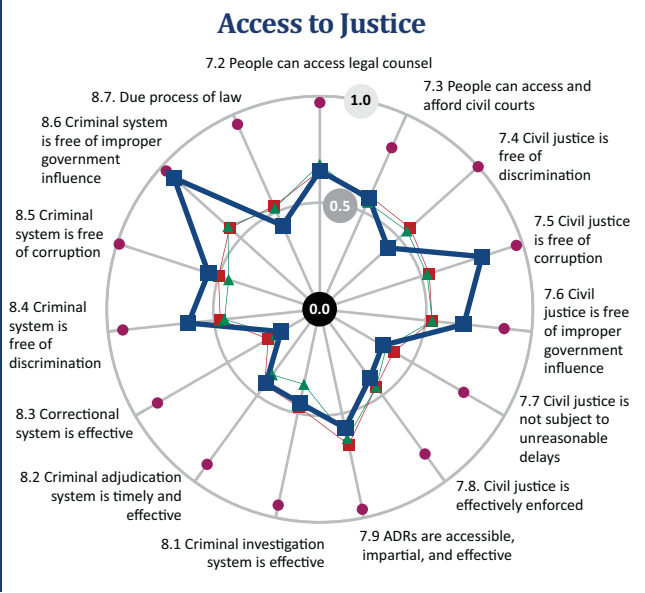
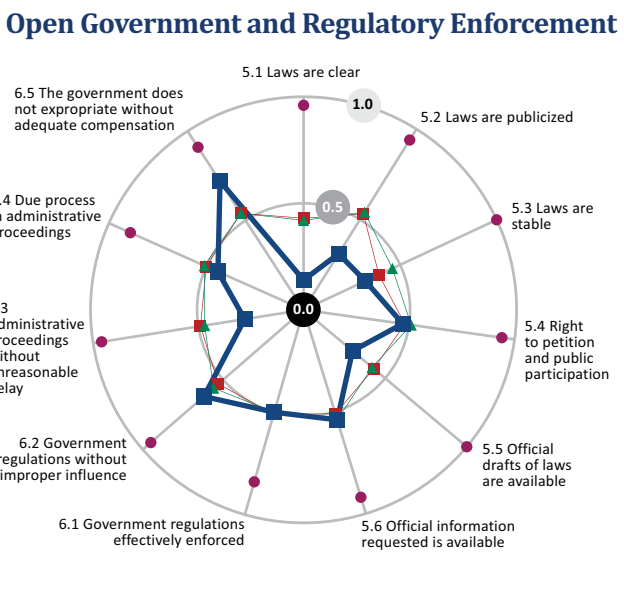
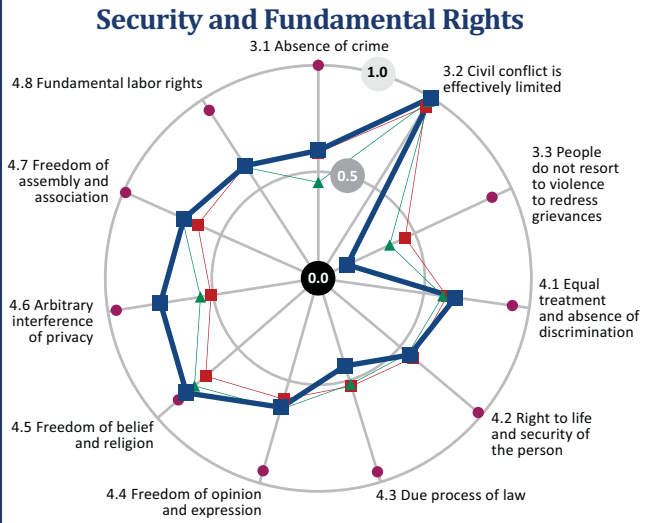
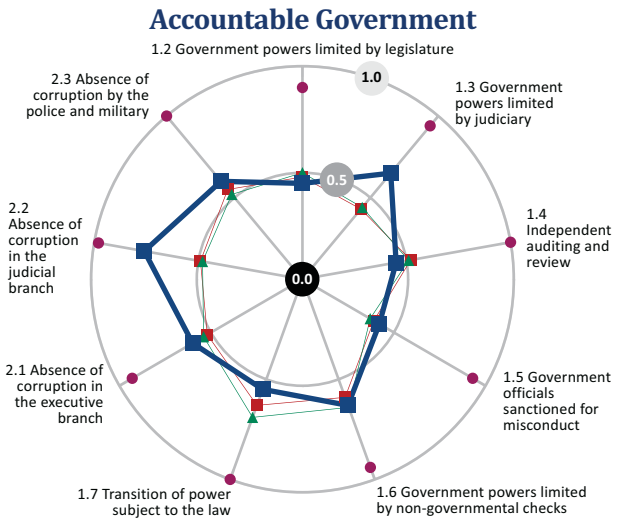
Population  
3m (2010)  
54% Urban  
32% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.52	38/66	6/12	7/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.65	25/66	3/12	3/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.58	55/66	8/12	14/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.65	31/66	4/12	8/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.35	58/66	12/12	19/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.51	41/66	7/12	12/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.55	36/66	5/12	10/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.52	34/66	2/12	6/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — ■ Jamaica ● Top Score ■ Upper Middle Income ▲ Latin America & Caribbean



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
High

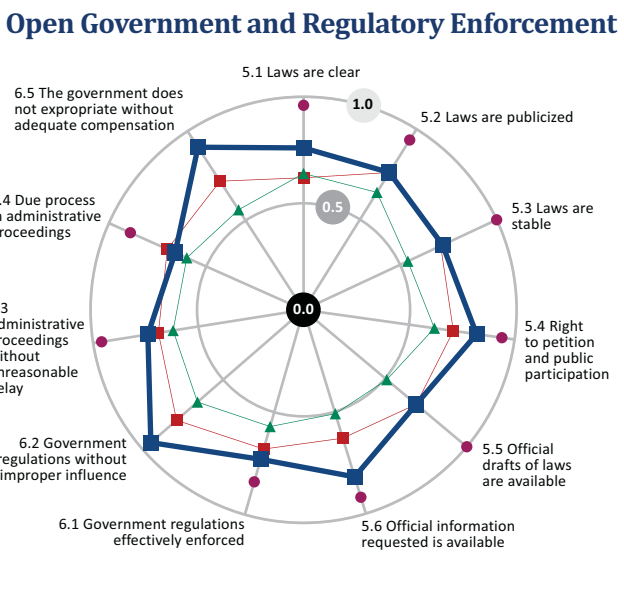
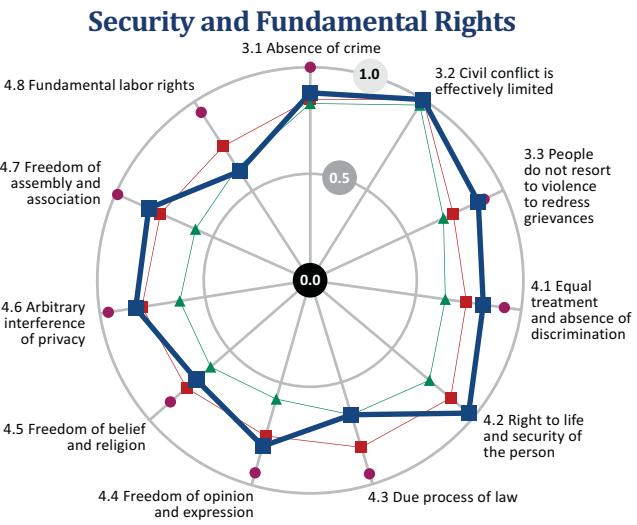
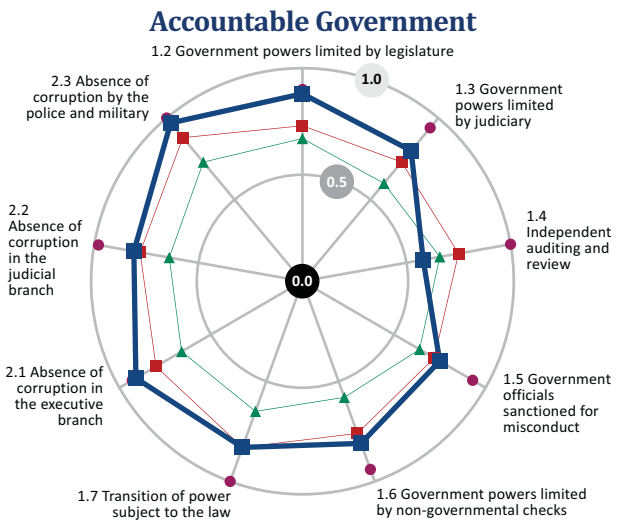
Region  
East Asia & Pacific

Population  
127m (2010)  
67% Urban  
40% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.78	11/66	3/13	11/23
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.90	5/66	3/13	5/23
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.92	4/66	3/13	4/23
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.78	16/66	3/13	16/23
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.76	7/66	3/13	7/23
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.80	4/66	2/13	4/23
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.73	7/66	2/13	7/23
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.76	12/66	4/13	12/23

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## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Lower Middle

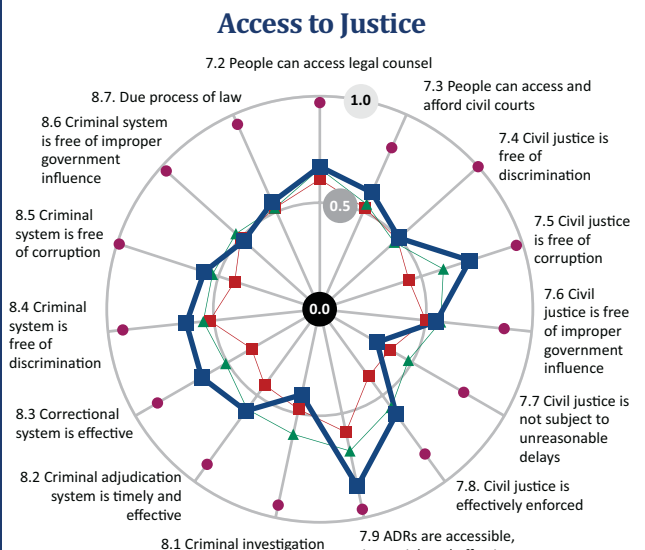
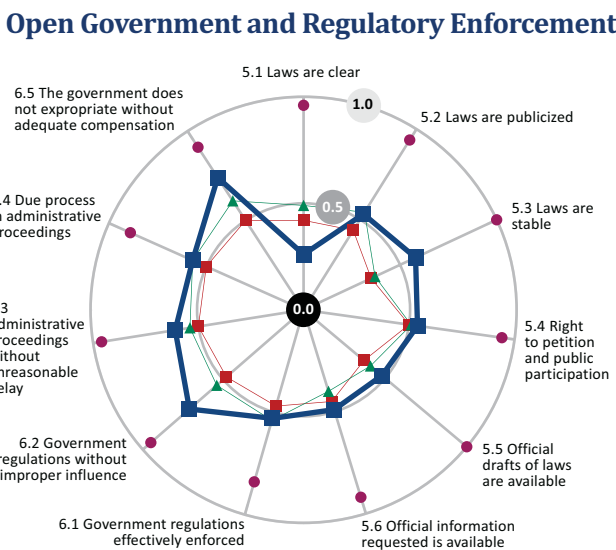
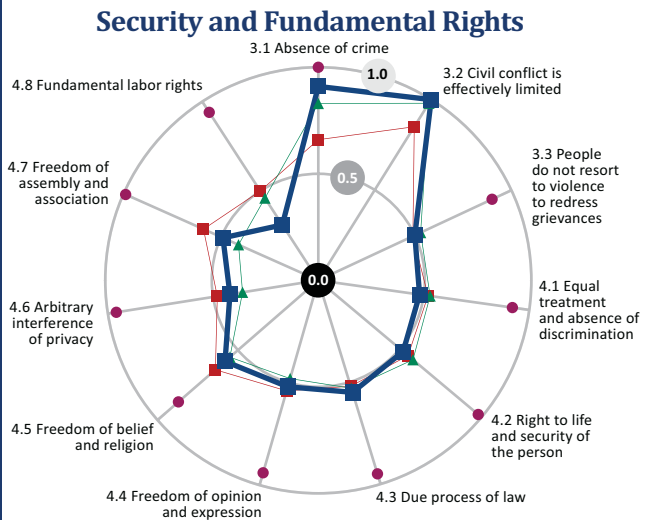
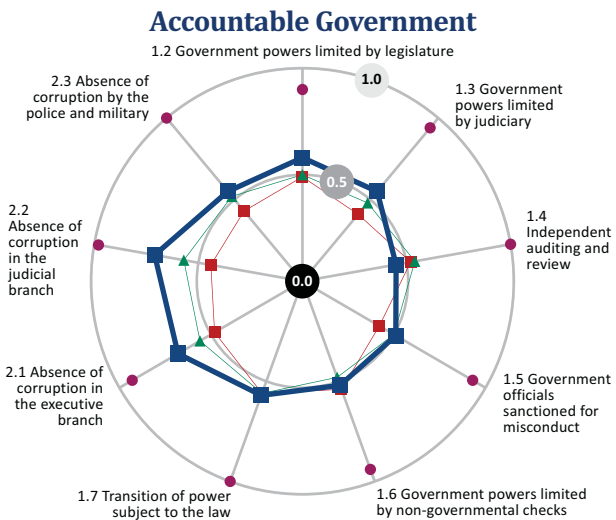
Region  
Middle East & North Africa

Population  
6m (2010)  
79% Urban  
29% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.53	36/66	2/5	6/16
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.65	27/66	2/5	1/16
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.80	26/66	2/5	3/16
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.48	56/66	3/5	12/16
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.48	32/66	2/5	4/16
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.63	21/66	2/5	1/16
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.60	22/66	2/5	1/16
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.55	30/66	2/5	4/16

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

Region  
Eastern Europe  
& Central Asia

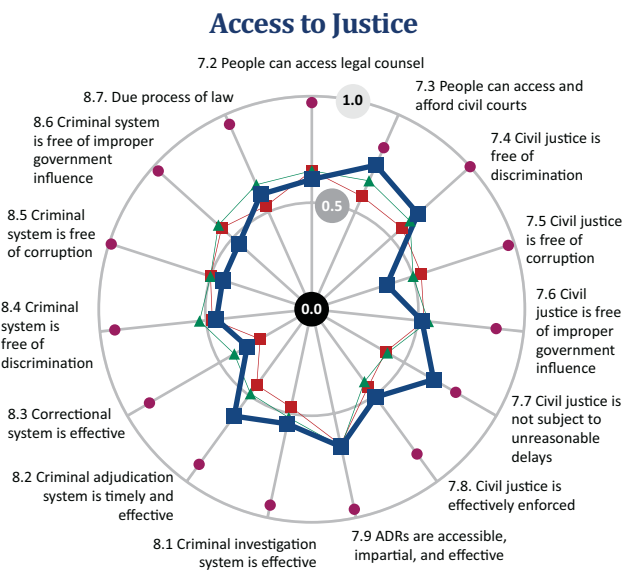
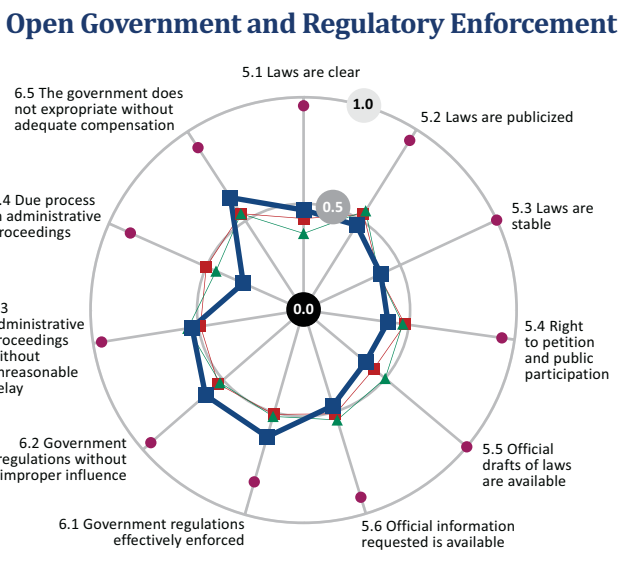
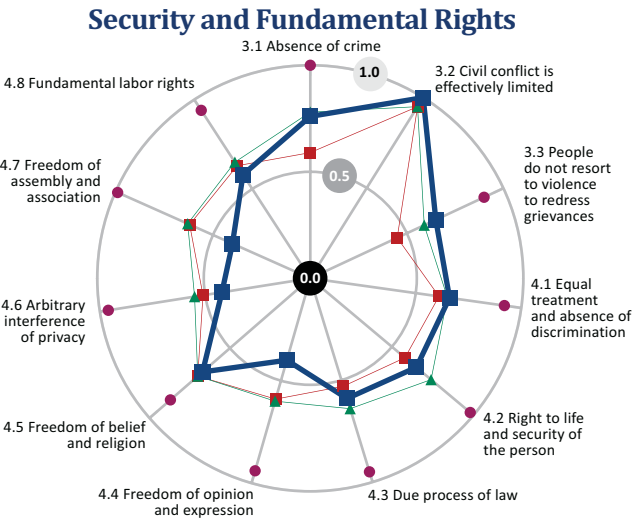
Population  
16m (2010)  
59% Urban  
16% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.38	59/66	11/12	18/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.47	43/66	8/12	11/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.80	27/66	5/12	3/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.55	46/66	9/12	14/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.43	43/66	7/12	12/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.54	31/66	4/12	7/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.59	25/66	3/12	4/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.49	38/66	7/12	8/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — ■ Kazakhstan ● Top Score ■ Upper Middle Income ▲ Eastern Europe & Central Asia



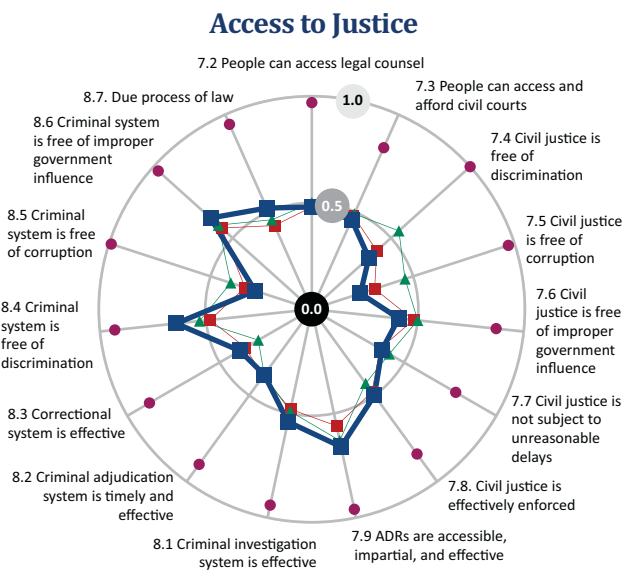
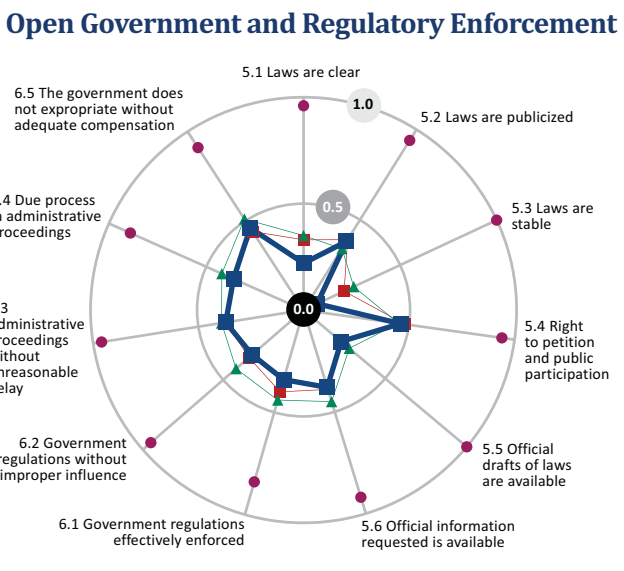
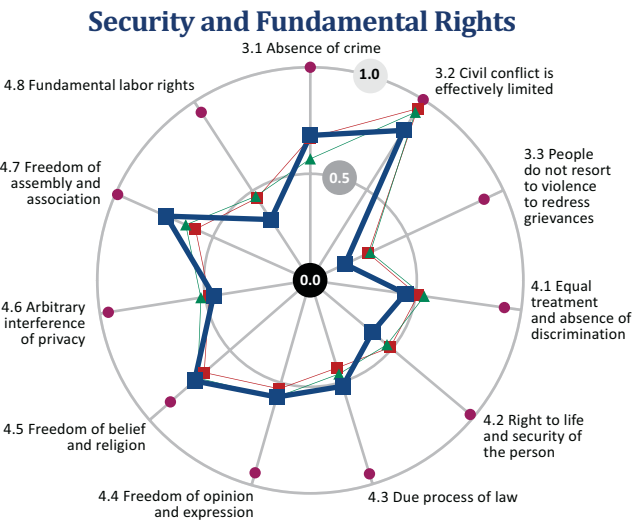
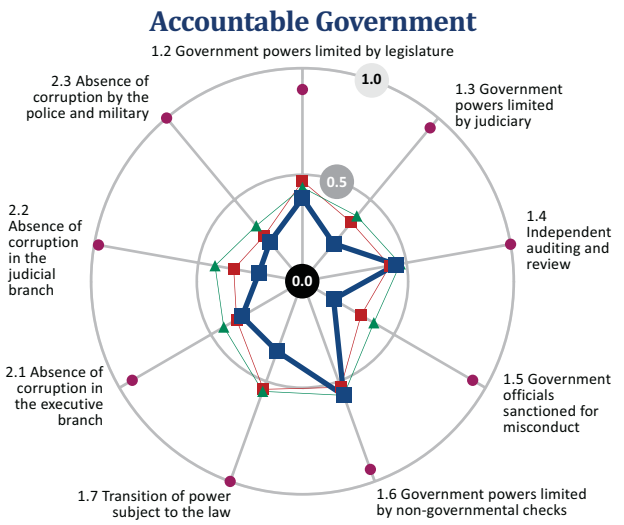
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Low	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.36	61/66	7/9	6/8
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.26	63/66	8/9	7/8
Sub-Saharan Africa	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.56	58/66	5/9	6/8
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.52	52/66	5/9	5/8
40m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.29	64/66	8/9	7/8
22% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.37	63/66	8/9	6/8
11% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.44	59/66	7/9	5/8
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.49	41/66	3/9	3/8

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Kenya  Top Score  Low Income  Sub-Saharan Africa

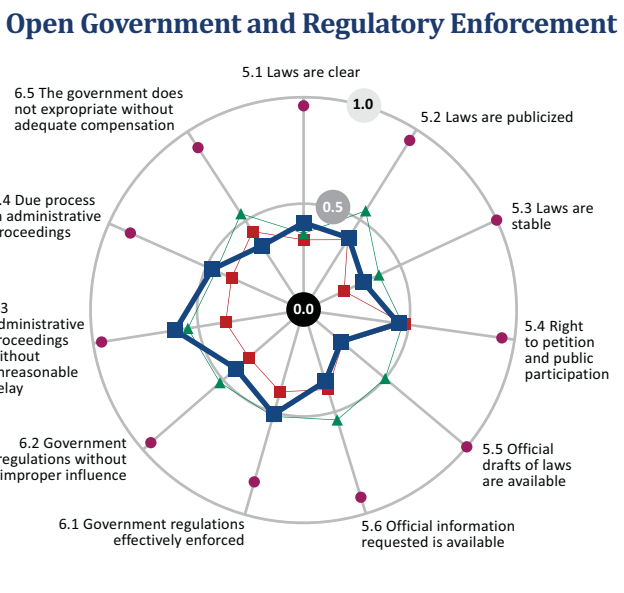
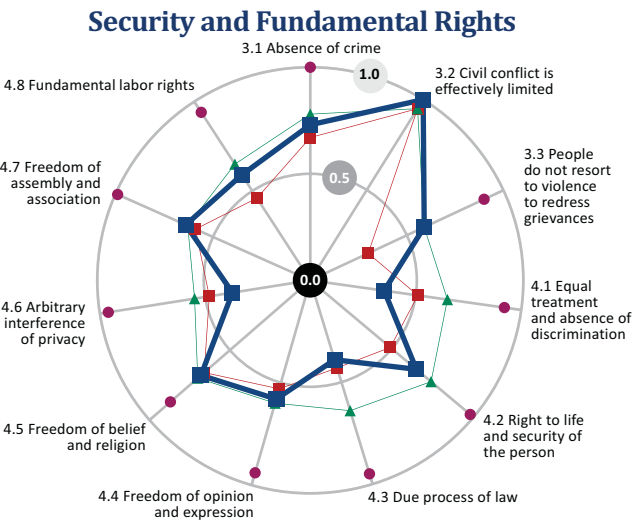
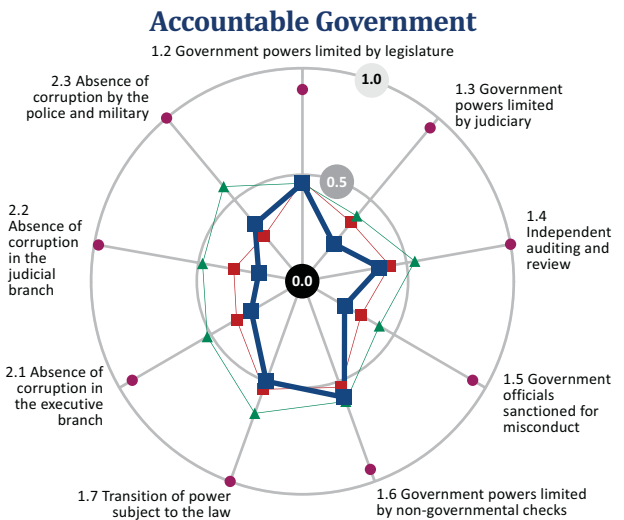


## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Low	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.39	57/66	10/12	5/8
Region Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.28	61/66	12/12	5/8
Population 5m (2010)	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.77	30/66	8/12	1/8
37% Urban	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.53	50/66	11/12	4/8
22% in three largest cities	Factor 5: Open Government	0.36	56/66	12/12	4/8
	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.47	48/66	9/12	2/8
	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.44	58/66	11/12	4/8
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.36	60/66	11/12	7/8

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## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

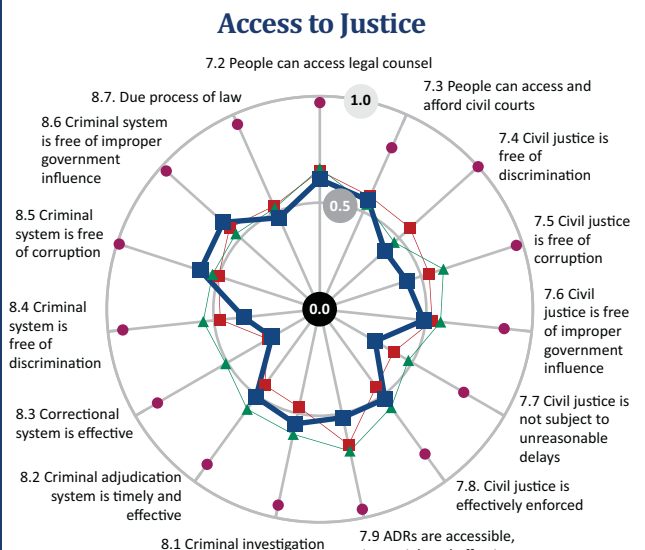
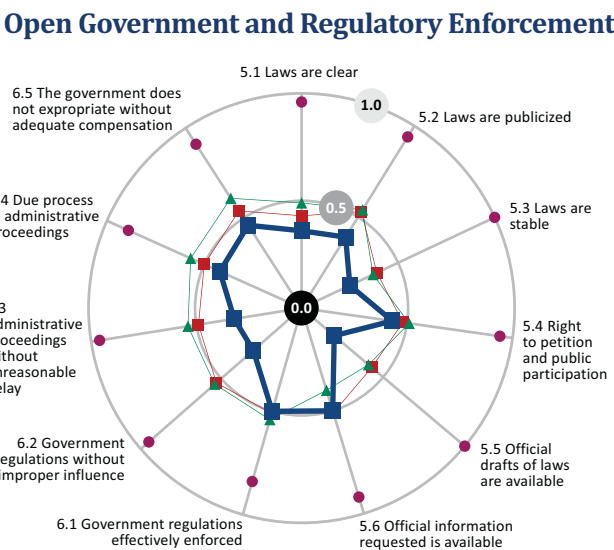
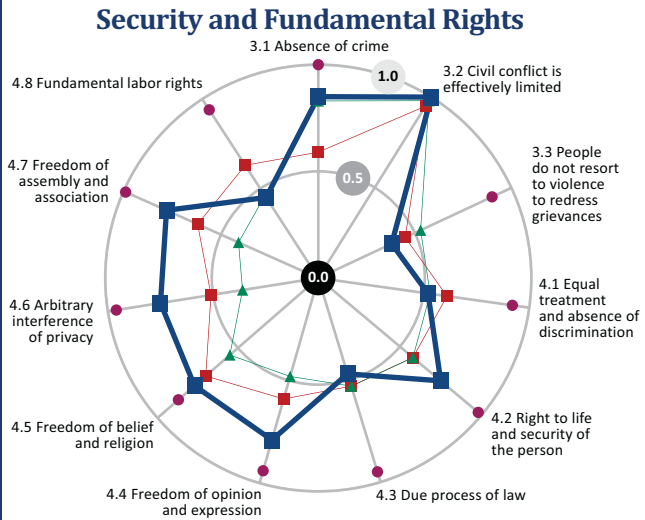
Region  
Middle East & North Africa

Population  
4m (2010)  
87% Urban  
67% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.52	39/66	3/5	8/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.45	48/66	4/5	14/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.74	34/66	3/5	6/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.66	27/66	1/5	5/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.35	57/66	5/5	18/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.40	61/66	5/5	19/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.48	52/66	5/5	17/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.48	45/66	4/5	12/19

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## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Low

Region  
Sub-Saharan  
Africa

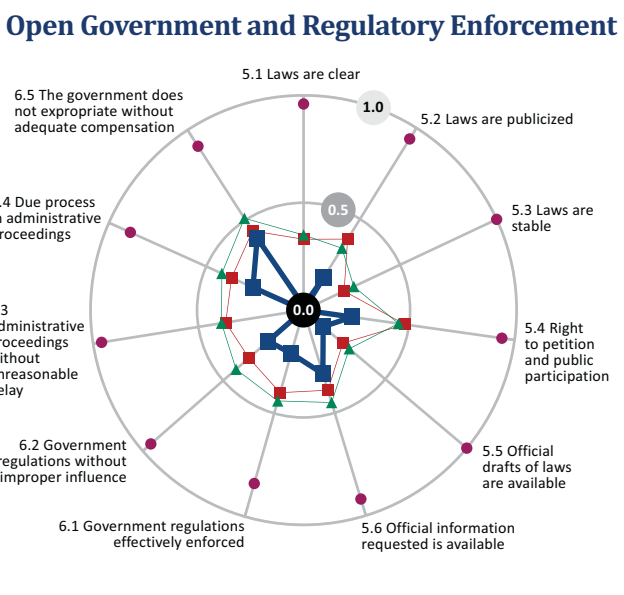
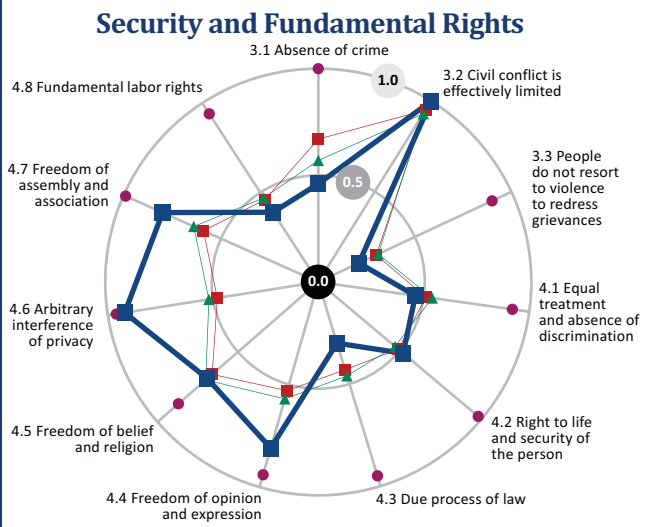
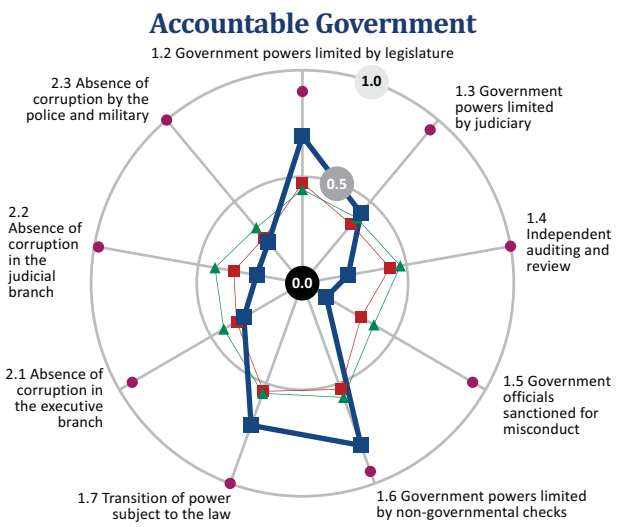
Population  
4m (2010)  
62% Urban  
27% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.50	45/66	4/9	2/8
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.27	62/66	7/9	6/8
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.56	60/66	7/9	8/8
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.61	41/66	4/9	2/8
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.14	66/66	9/9	8/8
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.22	66/66	9/9	8/8
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.35	65/66	9/9	8/8
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.30	65/66	9/9	8/8

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — ■ Liberia ● Top Score ■ Low Income ▲ Sub-Saharan Africa





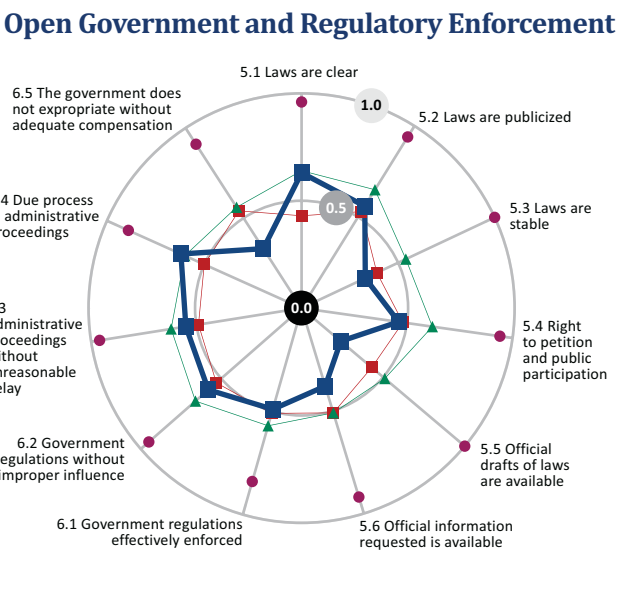
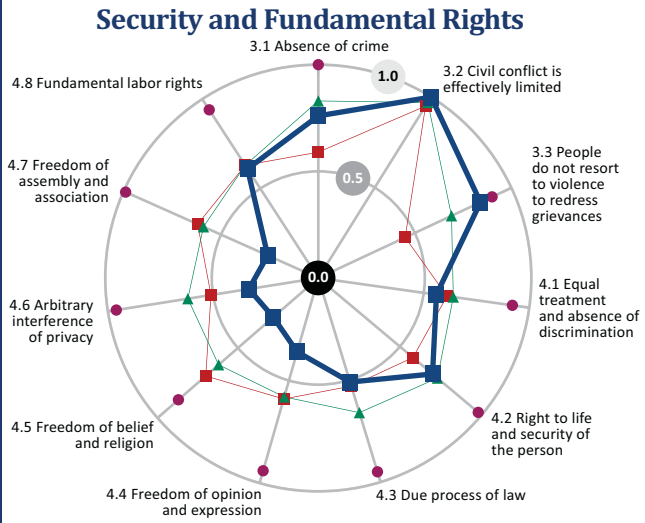
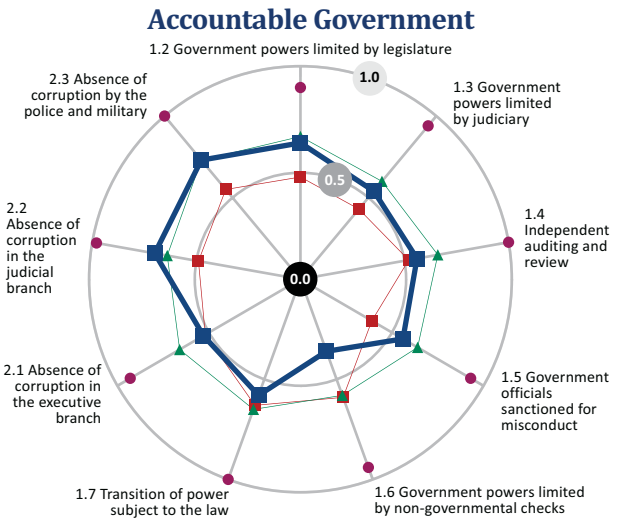
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Upper Middle	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.54	34/66	9/13	6/19
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.65	26/66	7/13	4/19
East Asia & Pacific	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.87	12/66	6/13	1/19
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.45	59/66	11/13	18/19
28m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.43	42/66	10/13	11/19
72% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.51	40/66	10/13	11/19
13% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.52	47/66	9/13	15/19
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.52	33/66	11/13	5/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — ■ Malaysia ● Top Score ■ Upper Middle Income ▲ East Asia & Pacific





## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

Region  
Latin America & Caribbean

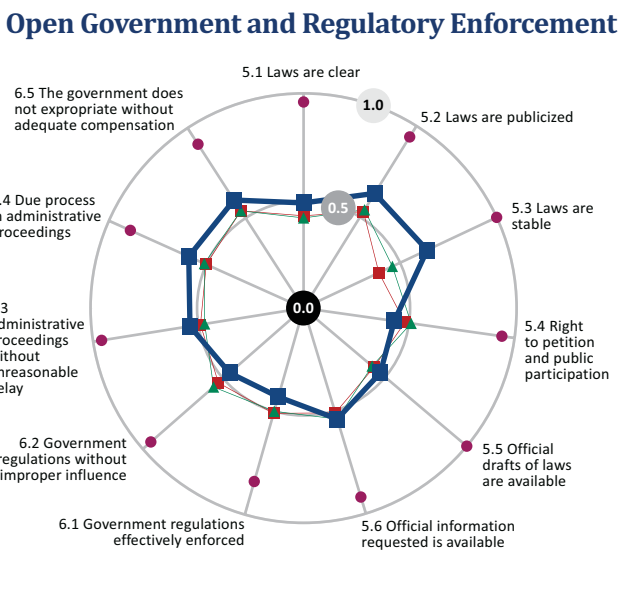
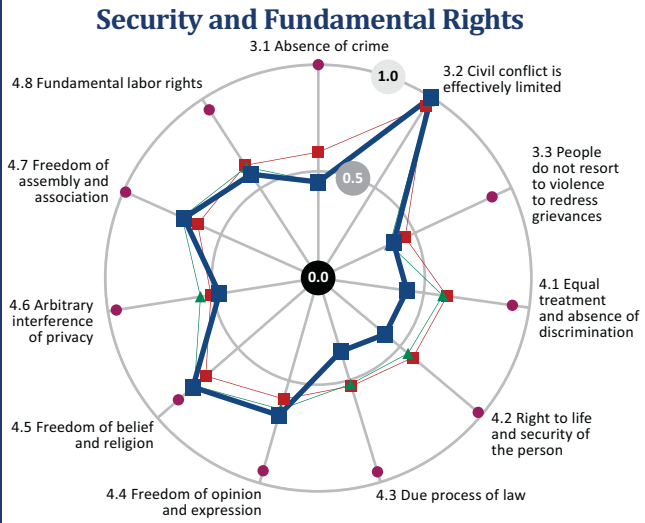
Population  
109m (2010)  
78% Urban  
26% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.52	40/66	7/12	9/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.41	53/66	10/12	17/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.61	53/66	7/12	13/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.55	45/66	10/12	13/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.53	27/66	4/12	5/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.53	35/66	6/12	8/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.46	57/66	11/12	18/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.30	63/66	11/12	17/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — ■ Mexico ● Top Score ■ Upper Middle Income ▲ Latin America & Caribbean



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income

Lower Middle

Region

Middle East & North Africa

Population

32m (2010)

57% Urban

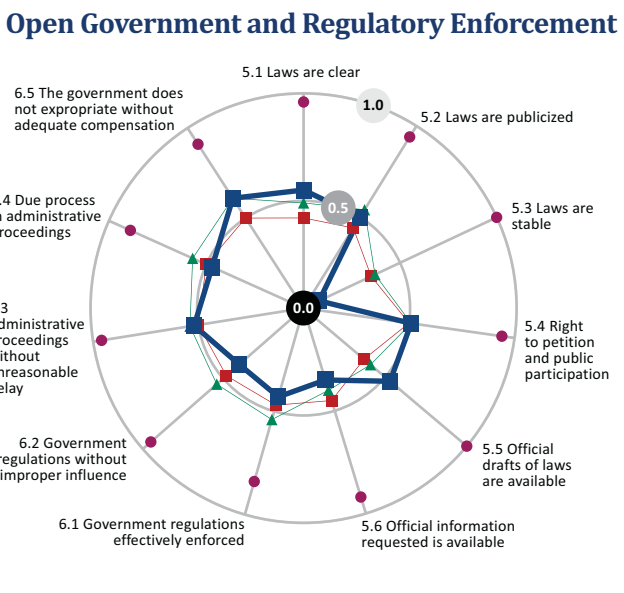
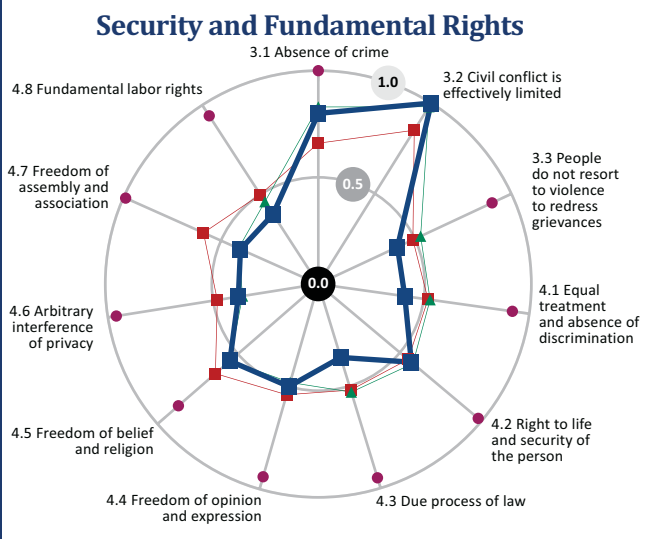
19% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.51	41/66	4/5	8/16
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.32	59/66	5/5	13/16
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.74	35/66	4/5	5/16
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.44	60/66	4/5	14/16
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.42	49/66	4/5	11/16
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.49	47/66	4/5	10/16
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.52	45/66	4/5	7/16
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.37	59/66	5/5	14/16

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — ■ Morocco ● Top Score ■ Lower Middle Income ▲ Middle East & North Africa



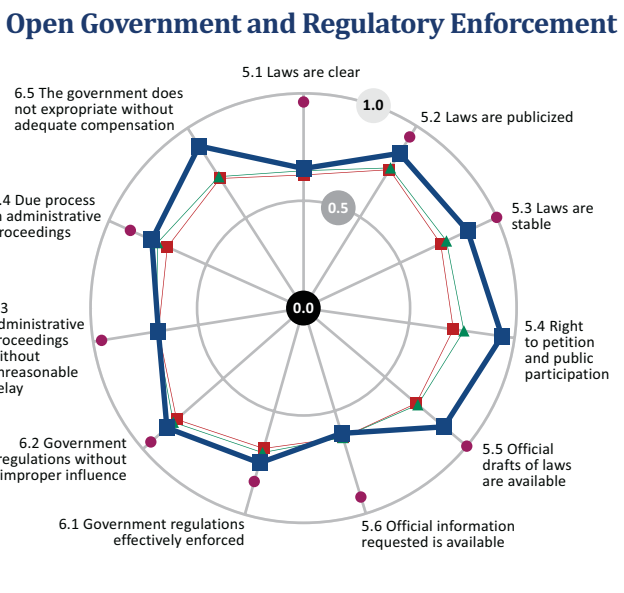
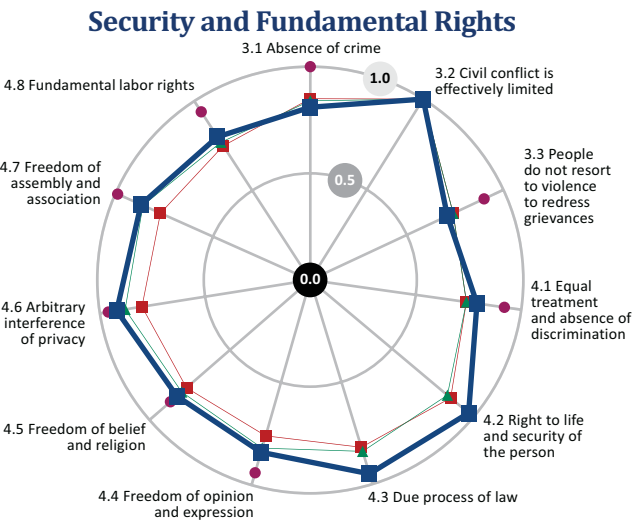
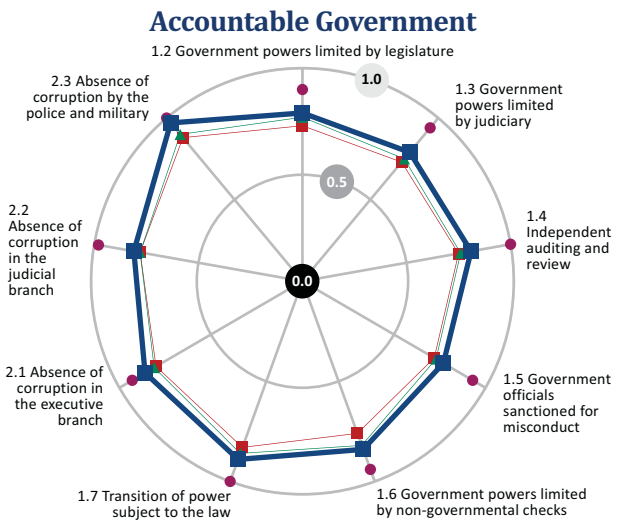
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
High	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.81	5/66	3/12	5/23
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.88	7/66	3/12	7/23
Western Europe & North America	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.84	18/66	10/12	17/23
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.87	3/66	3/12	3/23
17m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.79	3/66	2/12	3/23
83% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.79	5/66	3/12	5/23
16% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.79	3/66	3/12	3/23
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.81	6/66	2/12	6/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Netherlands  Top Score  High Income  Western Europe & North America



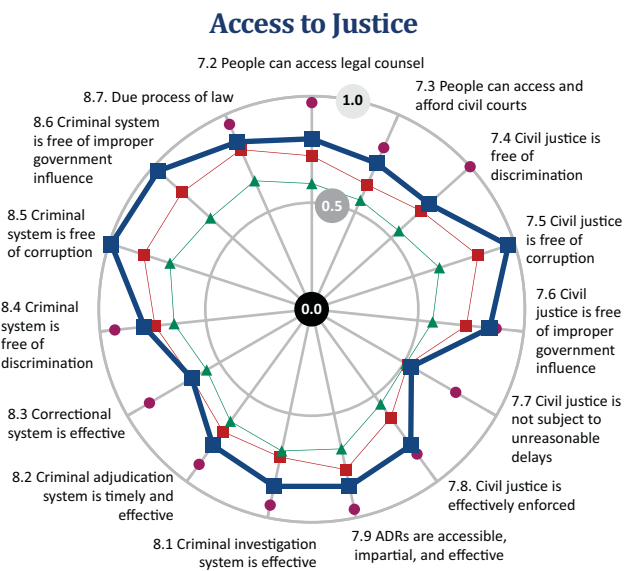
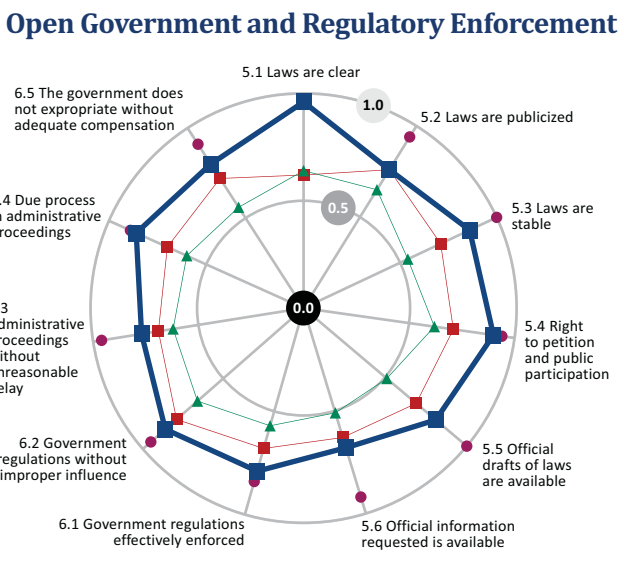
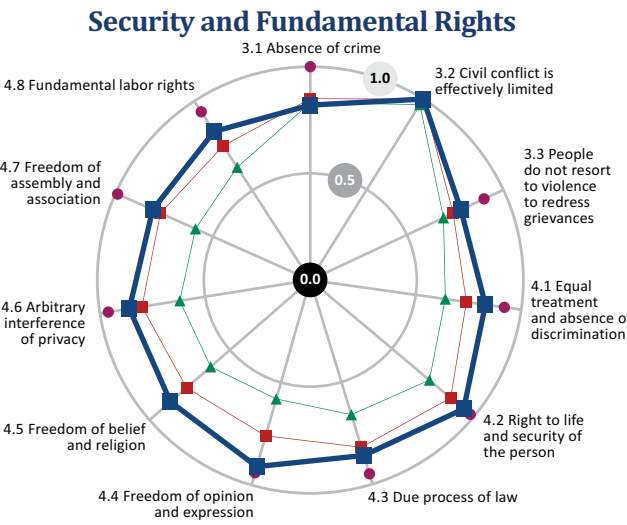
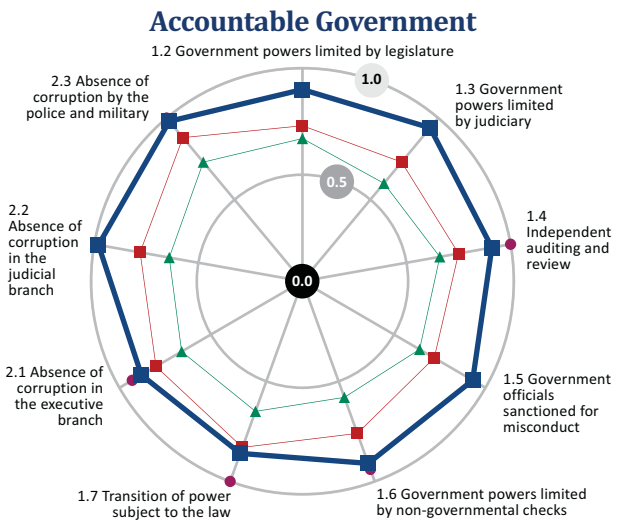
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
High	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.91	2/66	1/13	2/23
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.95	1/66	1/13	1/23
East Asia & Pacific	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.87	11/66	5/13	11/23
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.86	4/66	1/13	4/23
4m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.83	2/66	1/13	2/23
87% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.82	3/66	1/13	3/23
48% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.78	4/66	1/13	4/23
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.84	3/66	2/13	3/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — ■ New Zealand ● Top Score ■ High Income ▲ East Asia & Pacific



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Lower Middle

Region  
Sub-Saharan Africa

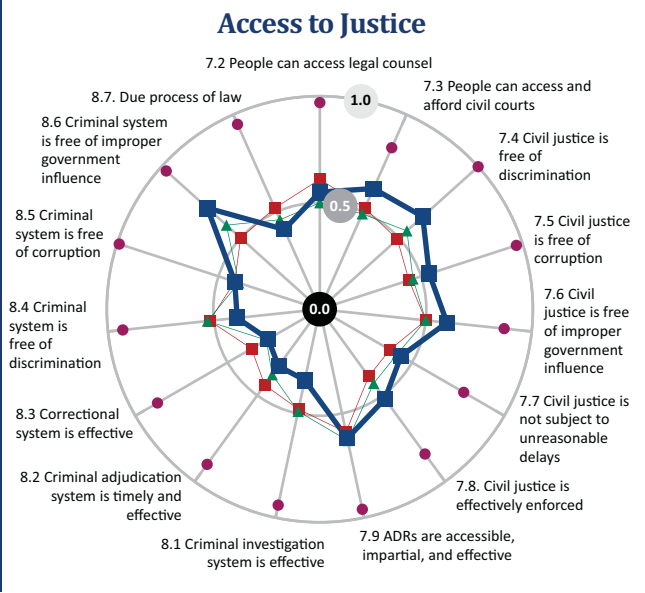
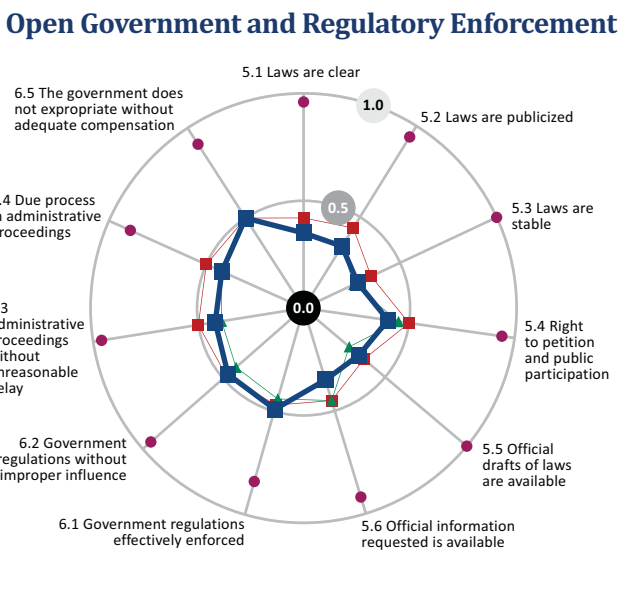
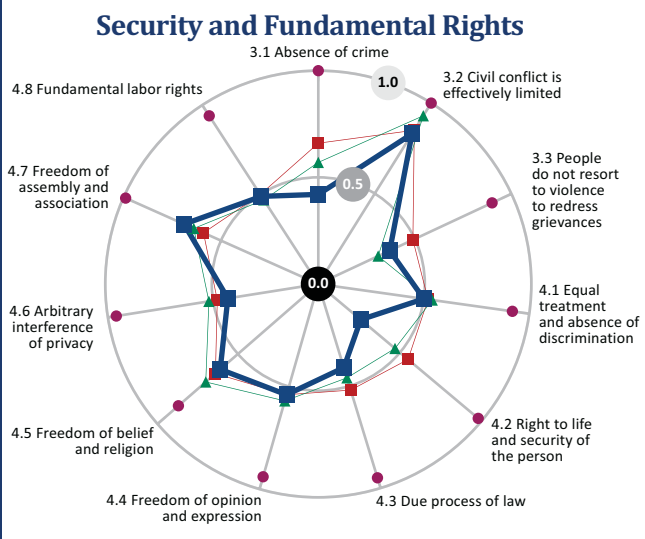
Population  
156m (2010)  
50% Urban  
11% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.50	44/66	3/9	10/16
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.41	52/66	5/9	11/16
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.54	63/66	9/9	14/16
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.49	55/66	6/9	11/16
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.34	59/66	4/9	13/16
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.46	50/66	4/9	11/16
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.57	34/66	3/9	2/16
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.41	53/66	7/9	11/16

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — Nigeria Top Score Lower Middle Income Sub-Saharan Africa





## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
High

Region  
Western Europe  
& North America

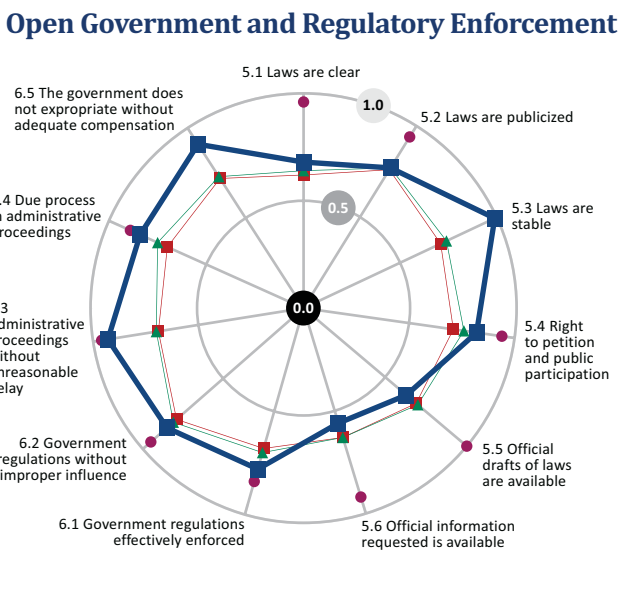
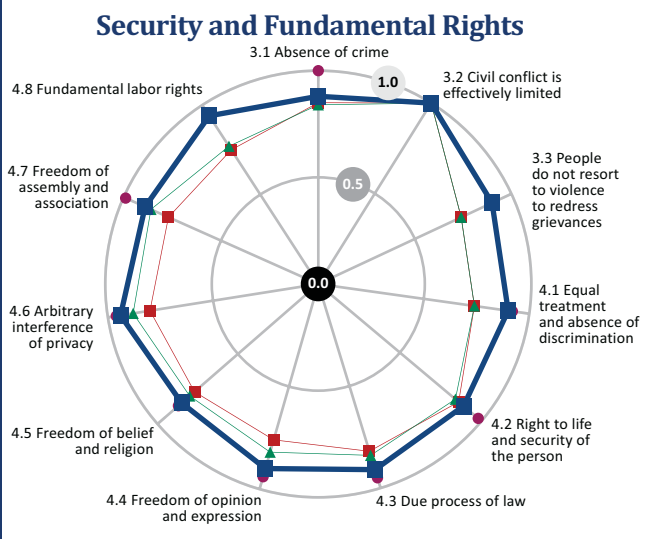
Population  
5m (2010)  
78% Urban  
25% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.91	1/66	1/12	1/23
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.91	3/66	2/12	3/23
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.93	3/66	1/12	3/23
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.90	2/66	2/12	2/23
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.74	10/66	6/12	10/23
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.86	2/66	2/12	2/23
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.81	1/66	1/12	1/23
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.86	1/66	1/12	1/23

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Key —  Norway  Top Score  High Income  Western Europe & North America





## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Lower Middle

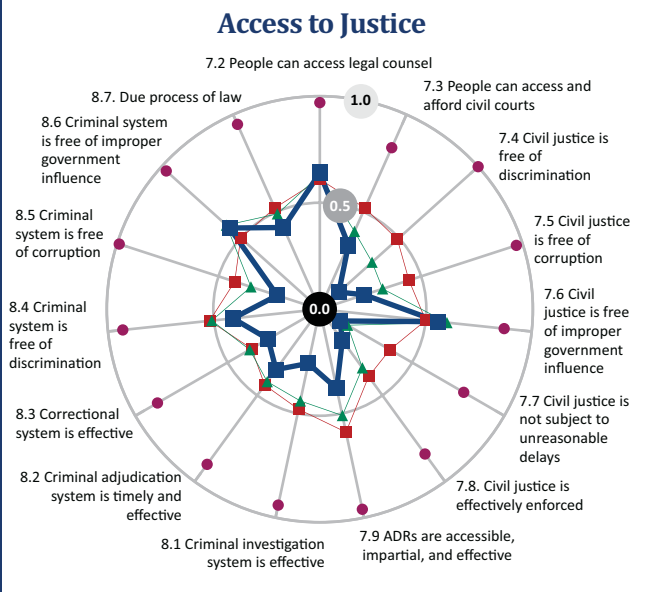
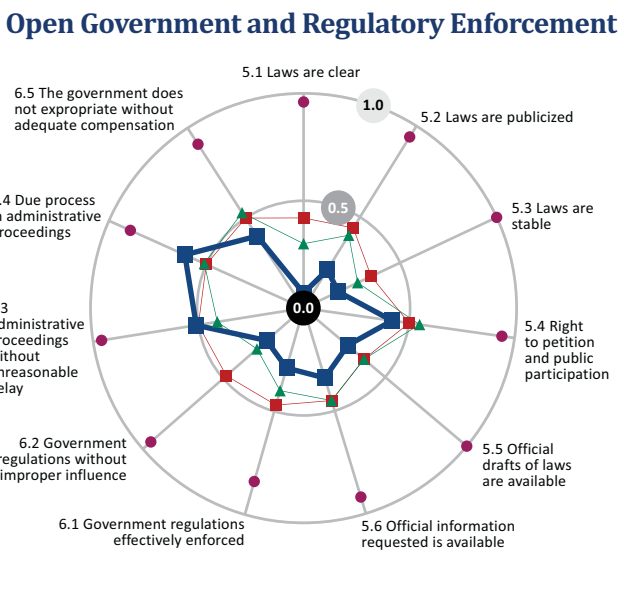
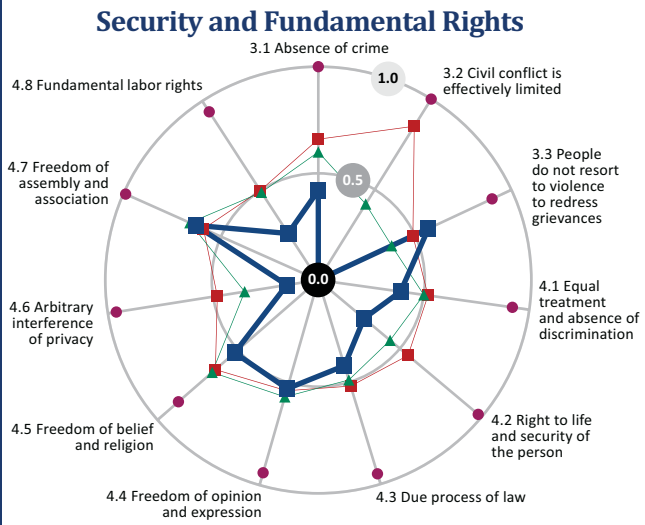
Region  
South Asia

Population  
167m (2010)  
37% Urban  
14% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.37	60/66	3/3	14/16
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.21	65/66	3/3	16/16
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.33	66/66	3/3	16/16
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.40	63/66	3/3	15/16
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.25	65/66	3/3	16/16
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.41	59/66	3/3	15/16
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.32	66/66	3/3	16/16
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.36	61/66	3/3	15/16

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

Region  
Latin America  
& Caribbean

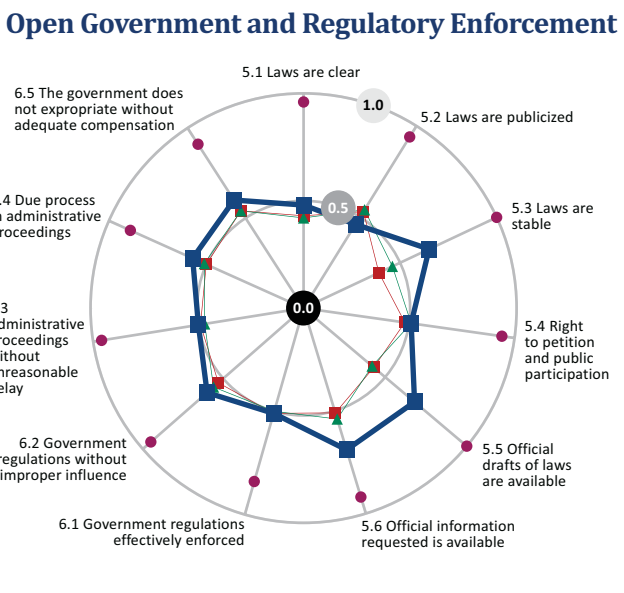
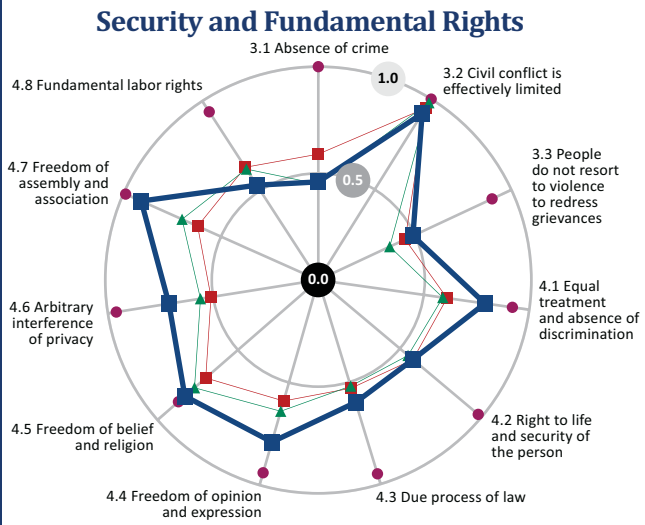
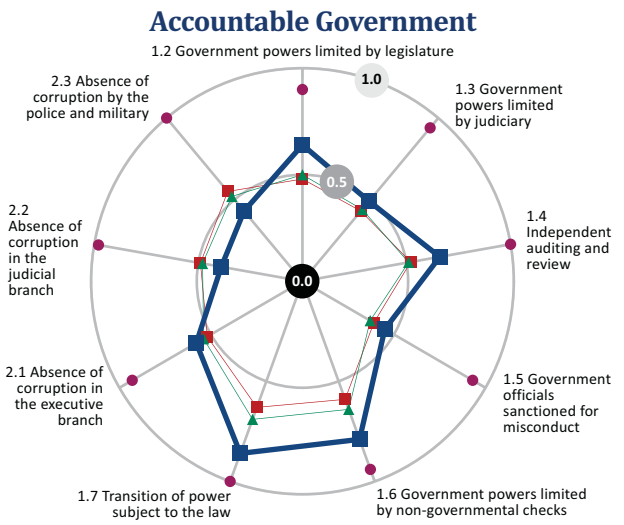
Population  
30m (2010)  
72% Urban  
34% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.65	23/66	2/12	2/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.47	45/66	7/12	12/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.62	50/66	4/12	11/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.72	24/66	2/12	3/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.58	20/66	3/12	3/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.56	28/66	5/12	5/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.49	49/66	8/12	16/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.50	36/66	3/12	7/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Peru  Top Score  Upper Middle Income  Latin America & Caribbean



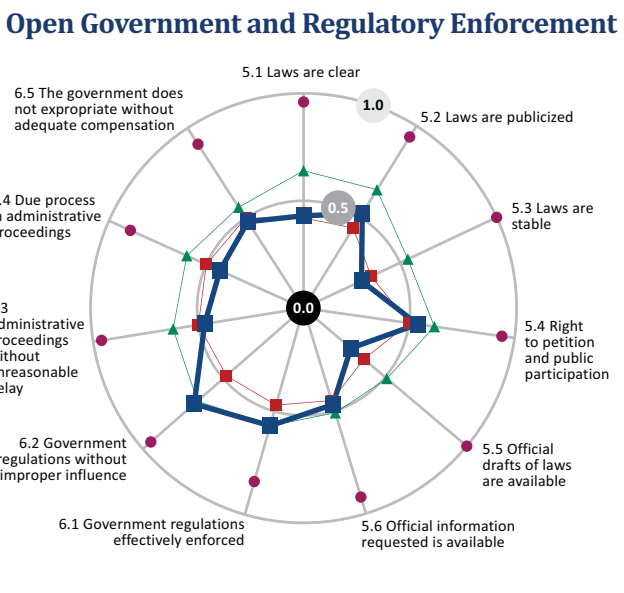
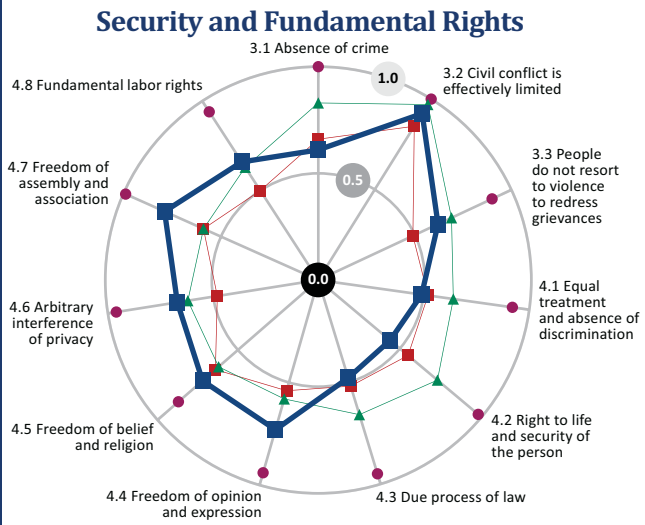
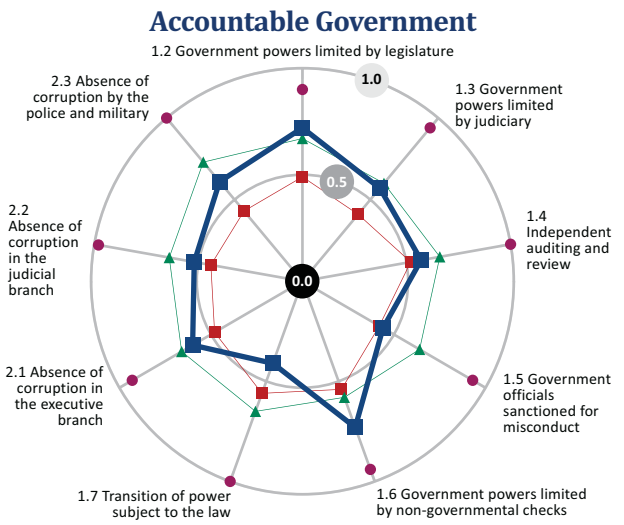
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Lower Middle	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.57	31/66	8/13	3/16
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.58	33/66	10/13	5/16
East Asia & Pacific	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.72	39/66	12/13	9/16
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.62	40/66	9/13	6/16
94m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.43	46/66	12/13	9/16
66% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.53	34/66	9/13	5/16
15% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.46	56/66	12/13	13/16
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.45	47/66	12/13	8/16

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Philippines  Top Score  Lower Middle Income  East Asia & Pacific



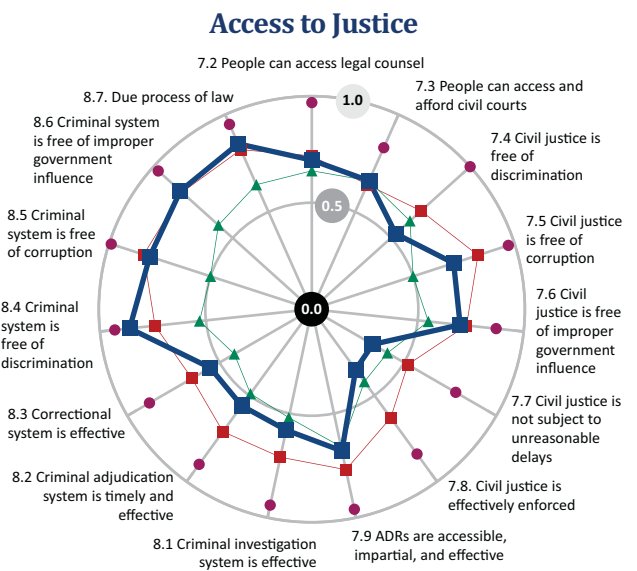
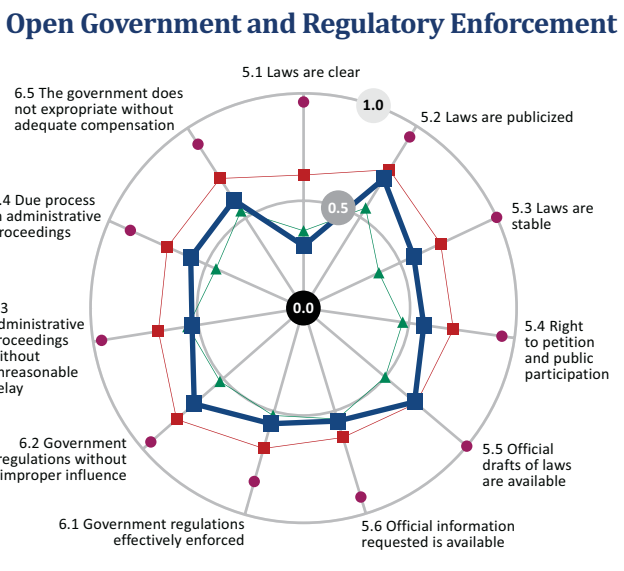
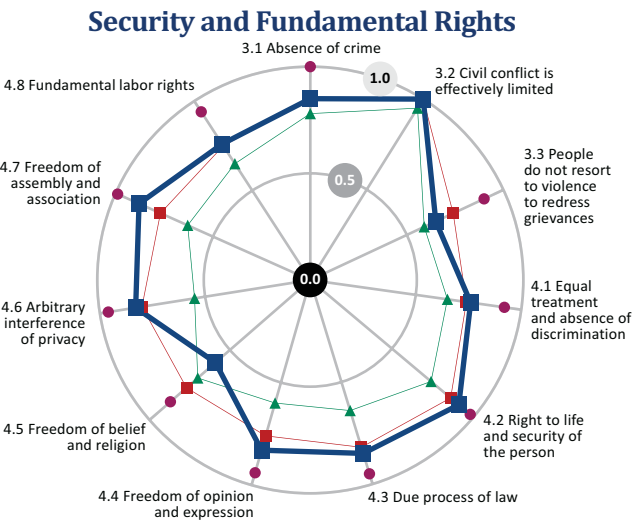
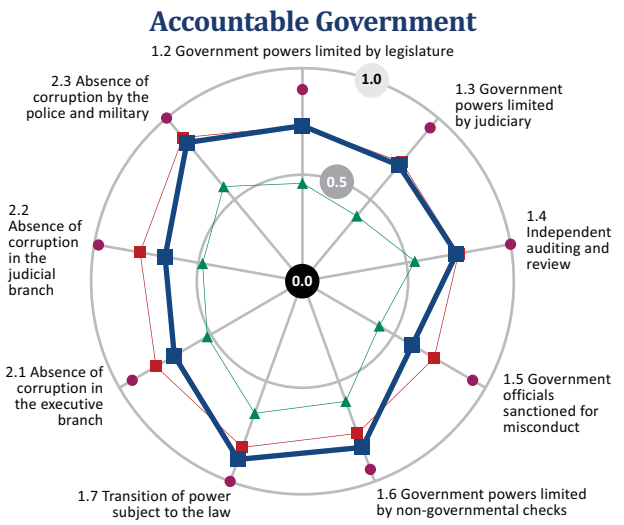
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
High	Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.75	13/66	2/12	13/23
Region	Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.74	21/66	2/12	20/23
Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.83	19/66	2/12	18/23
Population	Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.80	10/66	3/12	10/23
38m (2010)	Factor 5:	Open Government	0.56	23/66	2/12	20/23
61% Urban	Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.59	22/66	2/12	20/23
8% in three largest cities	Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.58	30/66	5/12	21/23
	Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.72	17/66	3/12	17/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — ■ Poland ● Top Score ■ High Income ▲ Eastern Europe & Central Asia



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

Region  
Eastern Europe  
& Central Asia

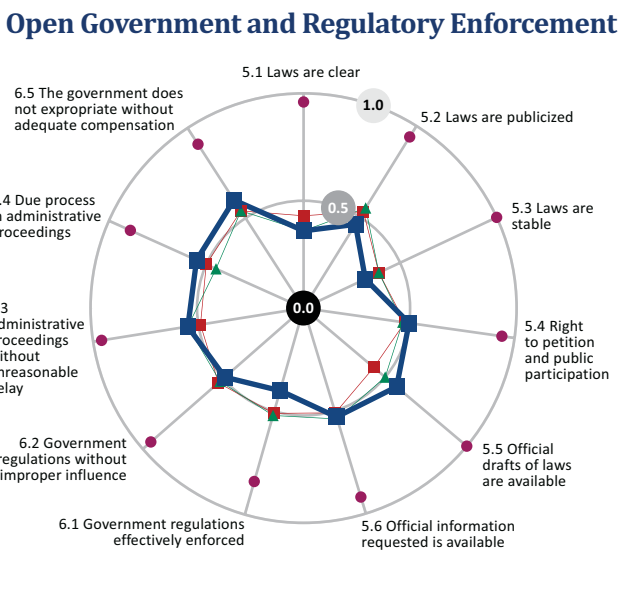
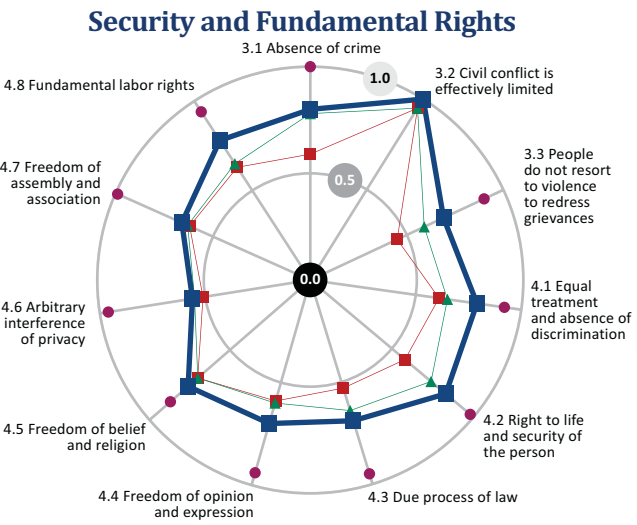
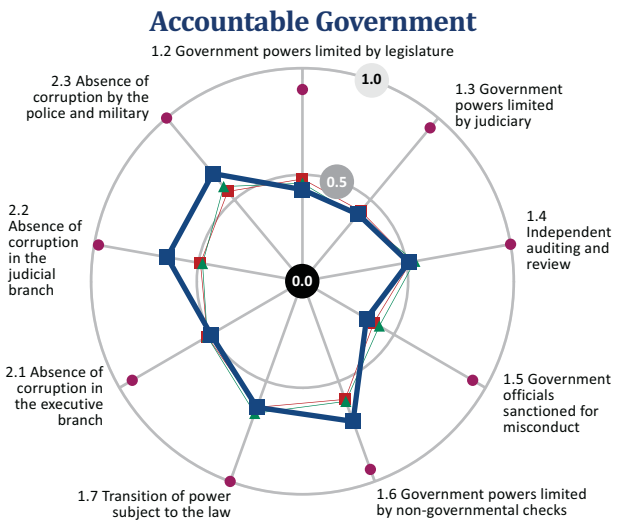
Population  
21m (2010)  
55% Urban  
12% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.51	43/66	5/12	10/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.60	30/66	4/12	6/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.83	20/66	3/12	2/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.72	23/66	4/12	2/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.46	36/66	5/12	7/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.52	38/66	7/12	10/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.56	35/66	7/12	9/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.57	28/66	5/12	3/19

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Key — ■ Romania ● Top Score ■ Upper Middle Income ▲ Eastern Europe & Central Asia





## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

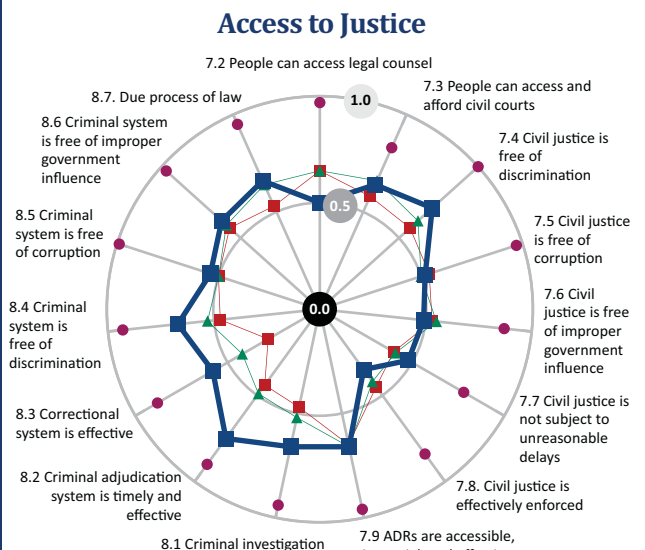
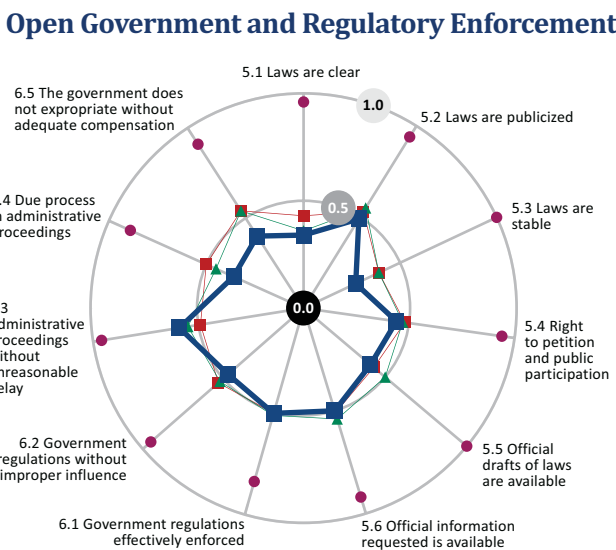
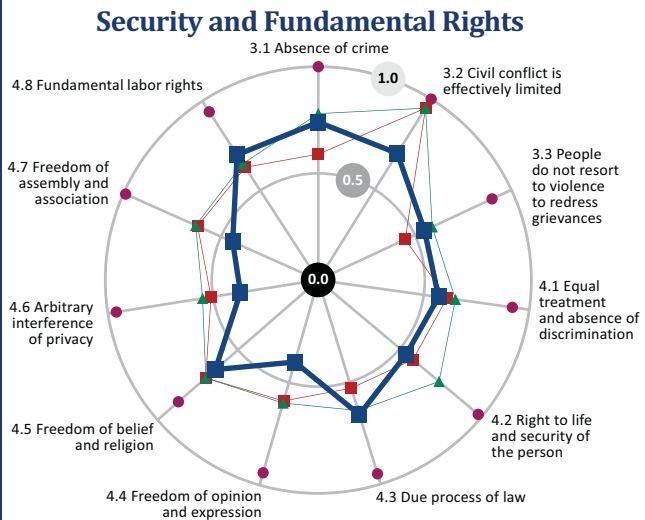
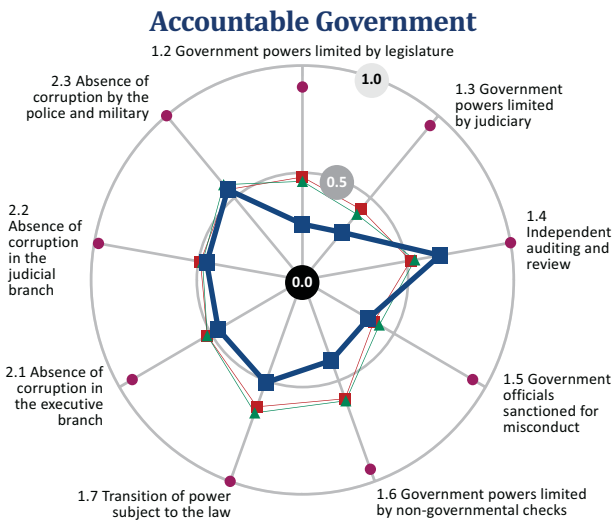
Region  
Eastern Europe  
& Central Asia

Population  
140m (2010)  
73% Urban  
12% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.41	55/66	9/12	16/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.49	40/66	7/12	10/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.67	45/66	12/12	10/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.54	47/66	10/12	15/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.41	52/66	10/12	16/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.47	49/66	10/12	14/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.54	40/66	9/12	13/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.64	23/66	4/12	1/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Lower Middle

Region  
Sub-Saharan Africa

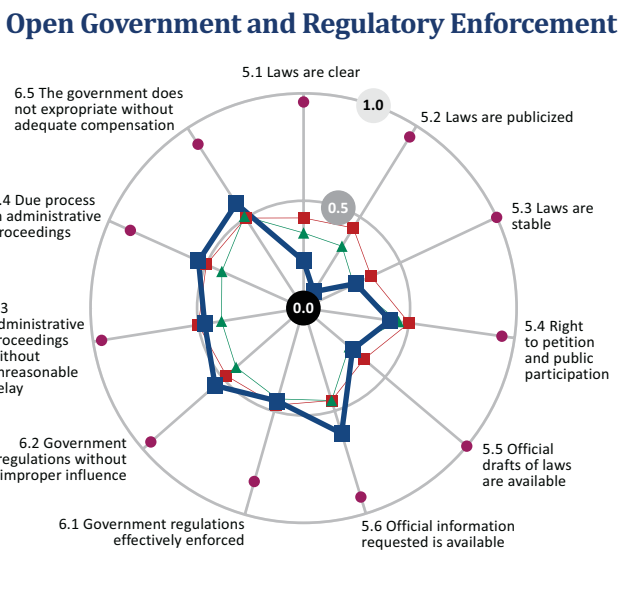
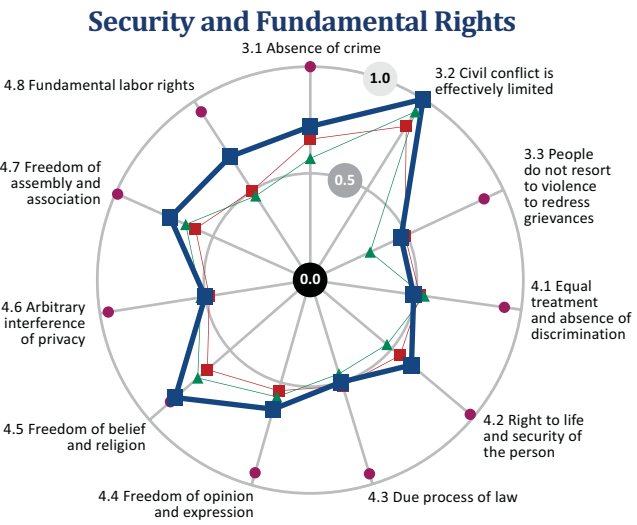
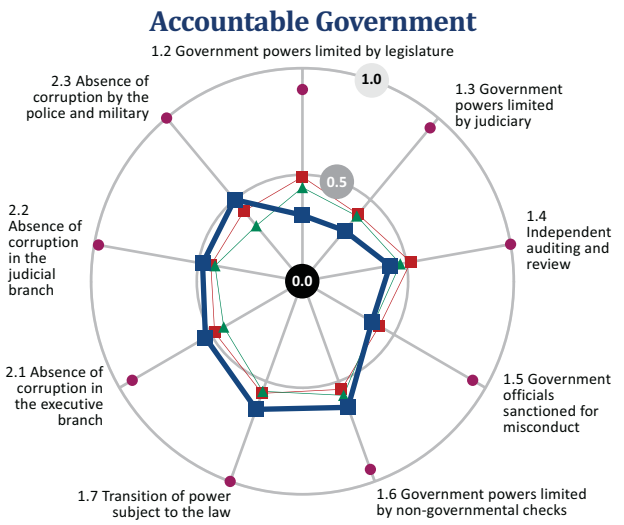
Population  
13m (2010)  
43% Urban  
25% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.45	51/66	5/9	11/16
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.50	37/66	2/9	7/16
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.73	36/66	1/9	6/16
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.62	38/66	3/9	5/16
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.31	62/66	6/9	14/16
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.52	39/66	2/9	6/16
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.52	43/66	5/9	5/16
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.46	46/66	5/9	7/16

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — Senegal Top Score Lower Middle Income Sub-Saharan Africa



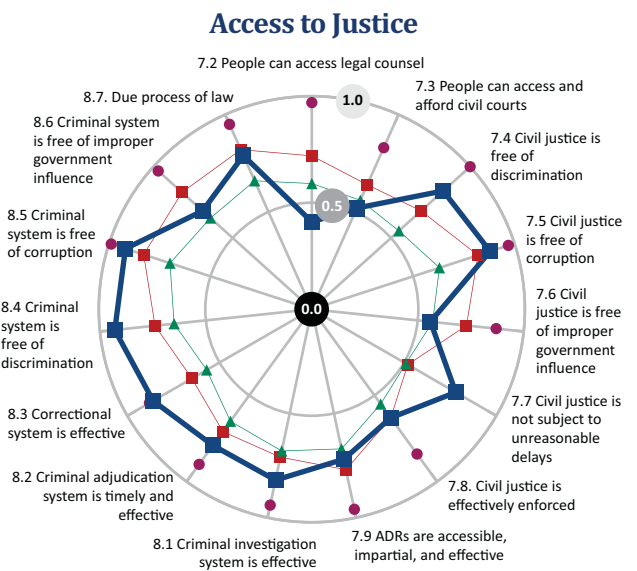
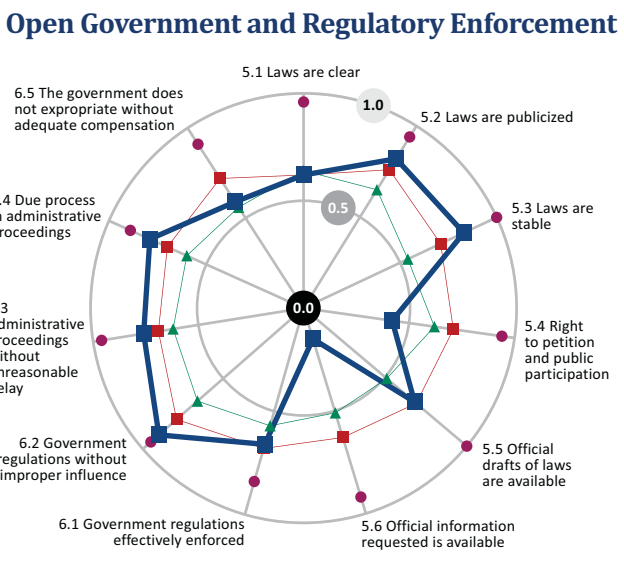
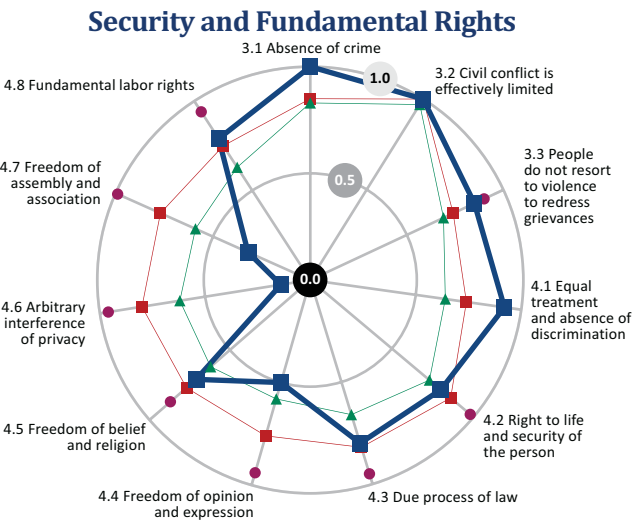
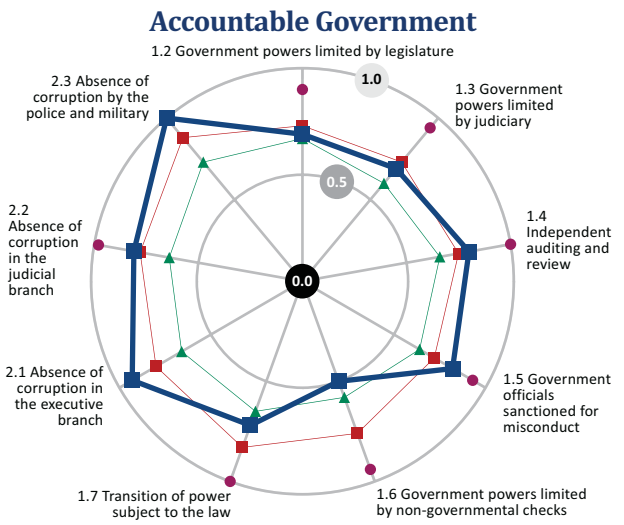
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
High	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.70	20/66	5/13	18/23
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.91	4/66	2/13	4/23
East Asia & Pacific	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.95	2/66	2/13	2/23
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.62	39/66	8/13	22/23
5m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.59	19/66	6/13	17/23
100% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.74	11/66	4/13	11/23
89% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.67	15/66	5/13	15/23
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.83	5/66	3/13	5/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

In each graph, a sub-factor is represented by a radius from the center of the circle to the periphery. The center of each circle corresponds to the lowest possible score for each sub-factor (0.00); the outer edge of the circle marks the highest possible score (1.00).

Key — Singapore Top Score High Income East Asia & Pacific



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

Region  
Sub-Saharan Africa

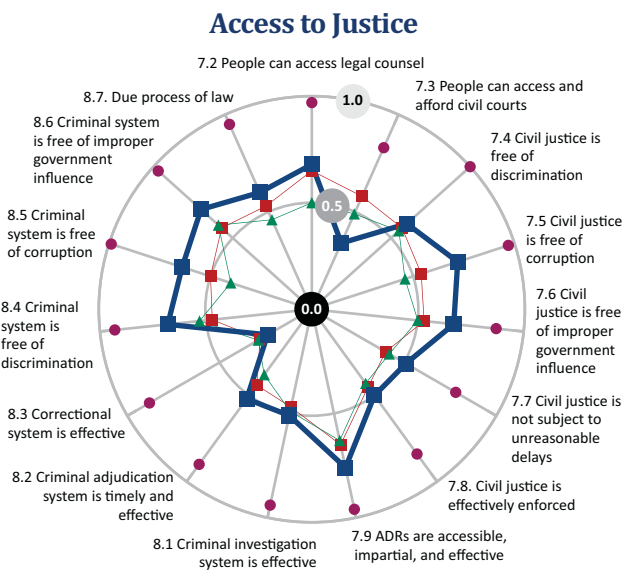
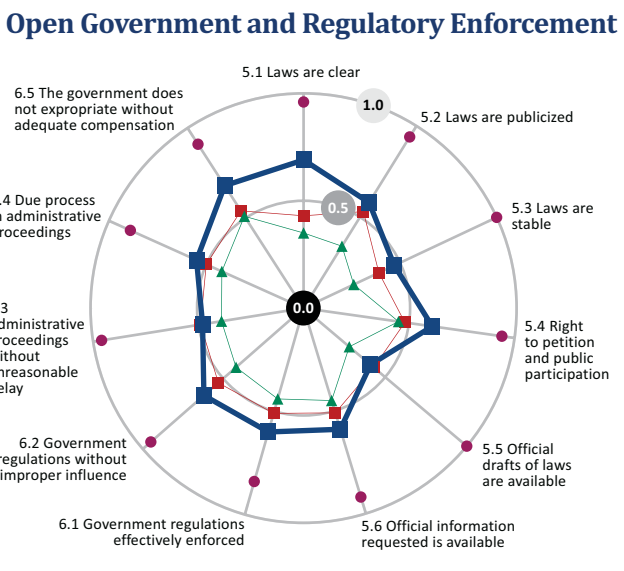
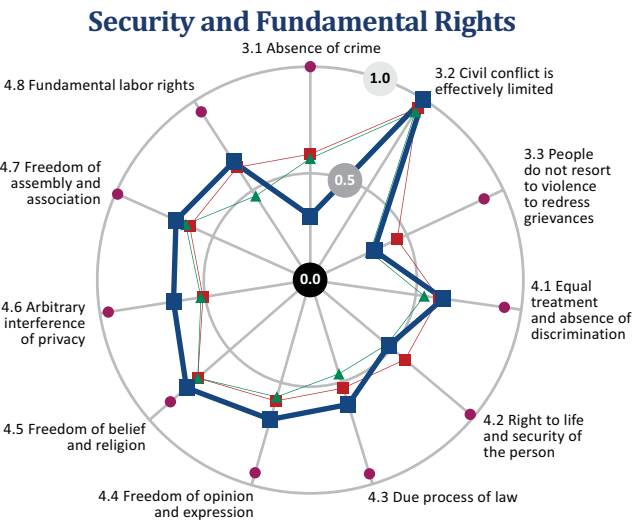
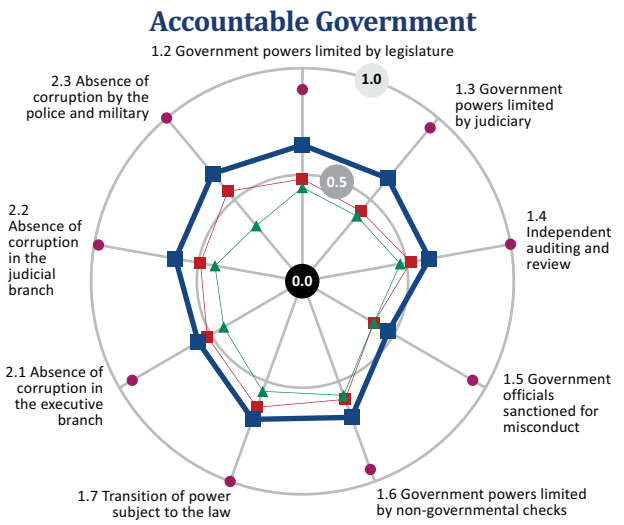
Population  
50m (2010)  
62% Urban  
20% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.62	25/66	2/9	3/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.61	29/66	1/9	5/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.55	61/66	8/9	17/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.65	30/66	2/9	7/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.56	24/66	1/9	4/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.59	23/66	1/9	2/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.60	23/66	1/9	2/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.56	29/66	1/9	4/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — South Africa Top Score Upper Middle Income Sub-Saharan Africa



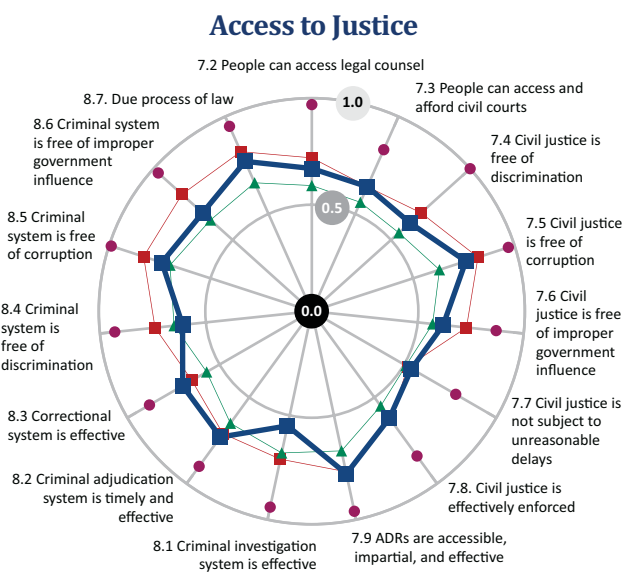
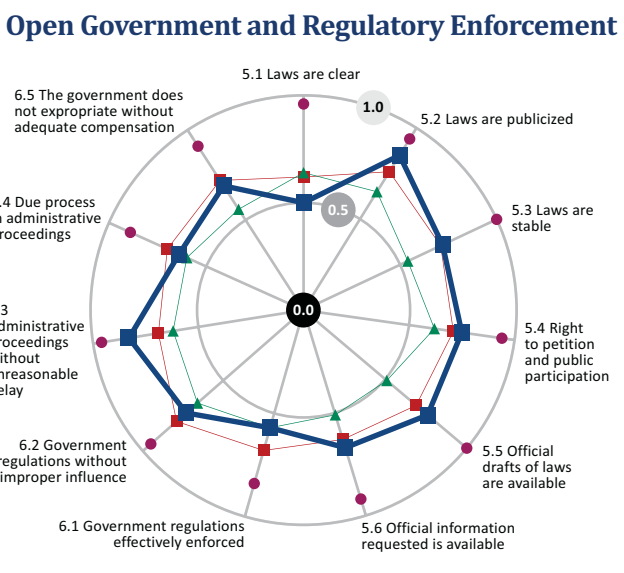
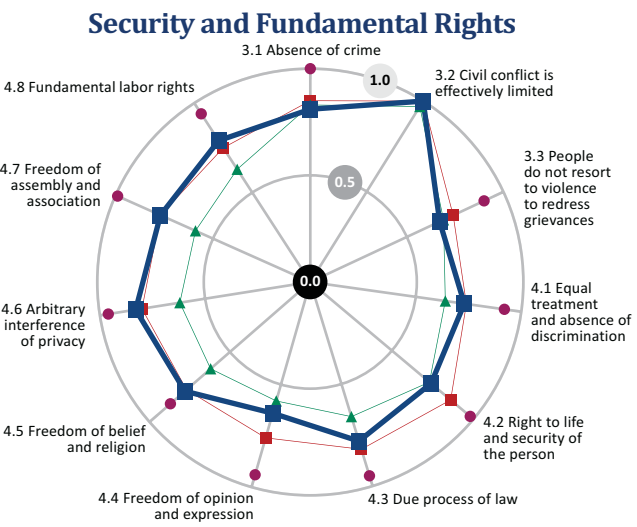
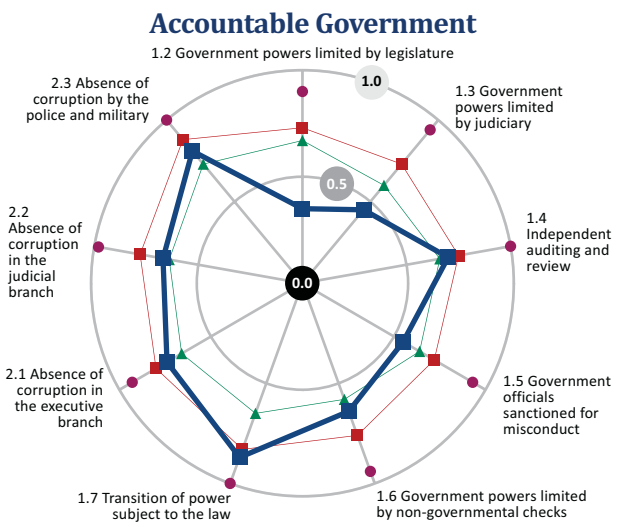
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
High	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.59	30/66	7/13	22/23
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.74	20/66	6/13	19/23
East Asia & Pacific	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.83	21/66	7/13	19/23
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.76	17/66	4/13	17/23
49m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.71	14/66	5/13	14/23
82% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.69	16/66	5/13	16/23
32% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.66	17/66	6/13	17/23
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.68	21/66	6/13	21/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — ■ South Korea ● Top Score ■ High Income ▲ East Asia & Pacific



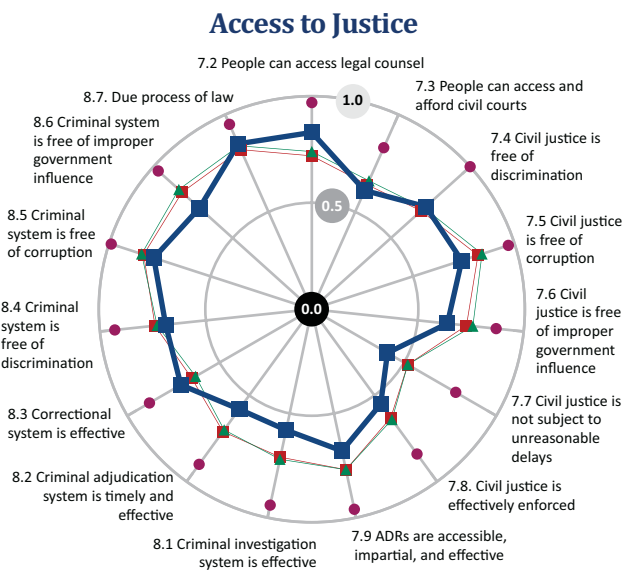
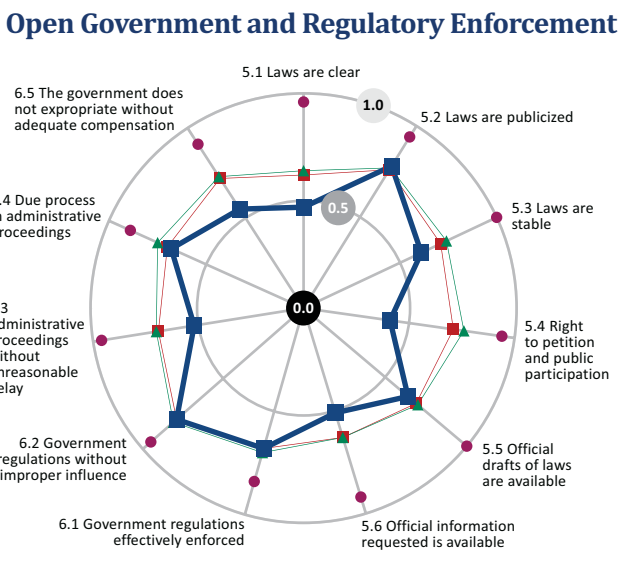
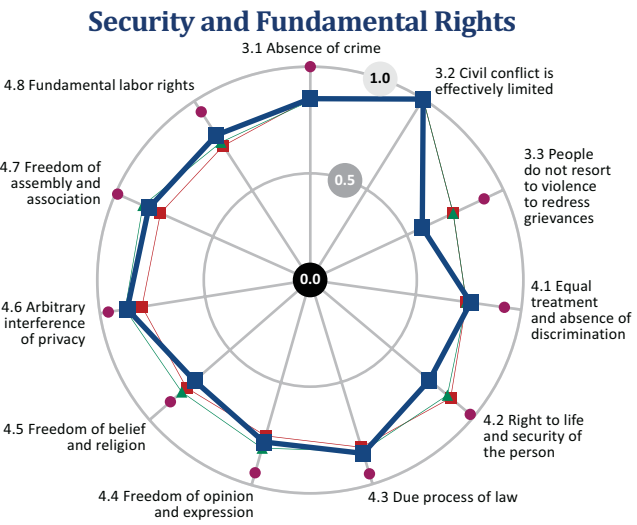
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
High	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.72	18/66	11/12	17/23
Region Western Europe & North America	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.77	19/66	11/12	18/23
Population 46m (2010) 77% Urban 25% in three largest cities	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.81	24/66	11/12	21/23
	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.80	12/66	7/12	12/23
	Factor 5: Open Government	0.57	22/66	11/12	19/23
	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.64	19/66	11/12	19/23
	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.65	19/66	10/12	18/23
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.70	19/66	10/12	19/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Spain  Top Score  High Income  Western Europe & North America





## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
High

Region  
Western Europe  
& North America

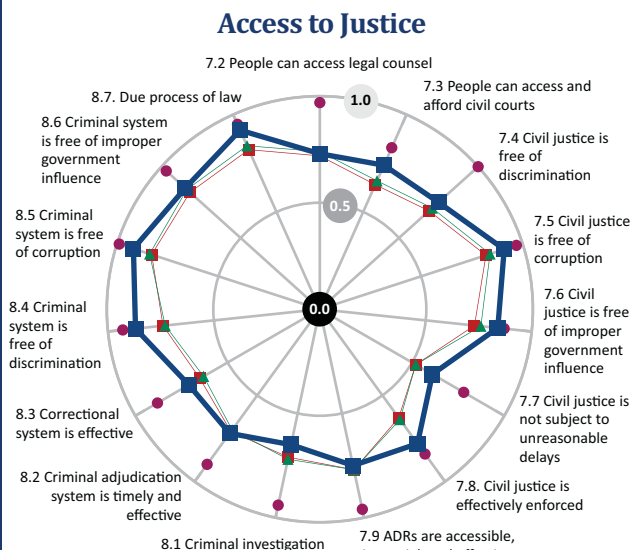
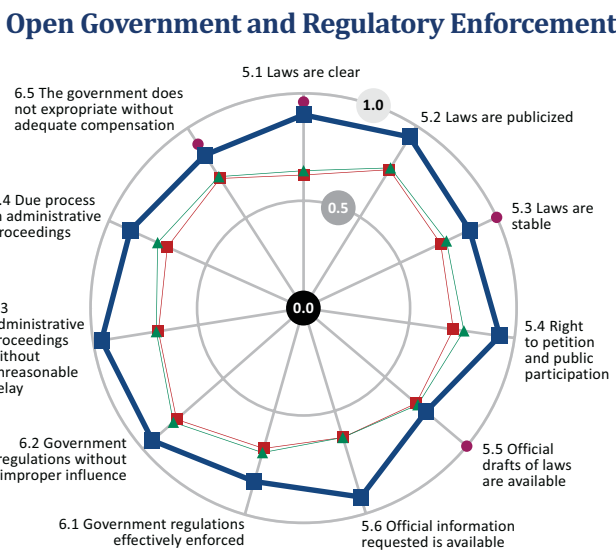
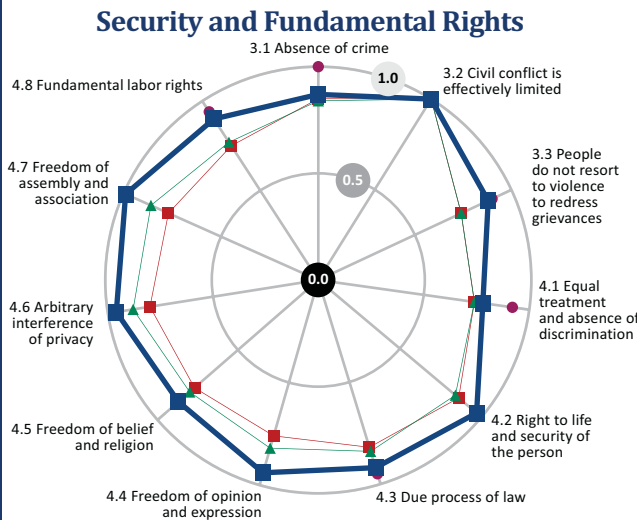
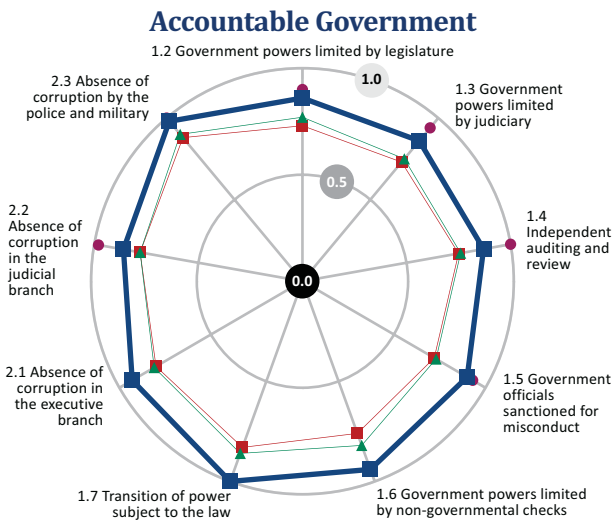
Population  
9m (2010)  
85% Urban  
22% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.90	3/66	2/12	3/23
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.92	2/66	1/12	2/23
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.92	5/66	2/12	5/23
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.92	1/66	1/12	1/23
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.88	1/66	1/12	1/23
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.90	1/66	1/12	1/23
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.76	5/66	4/12	5/23
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.80	7/66	3/12	7/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — Sweden Top Score High Income Western Europe & North America



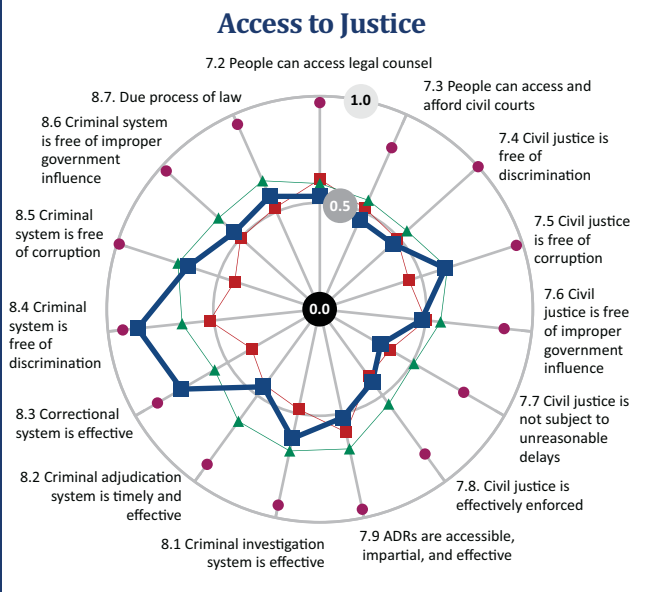
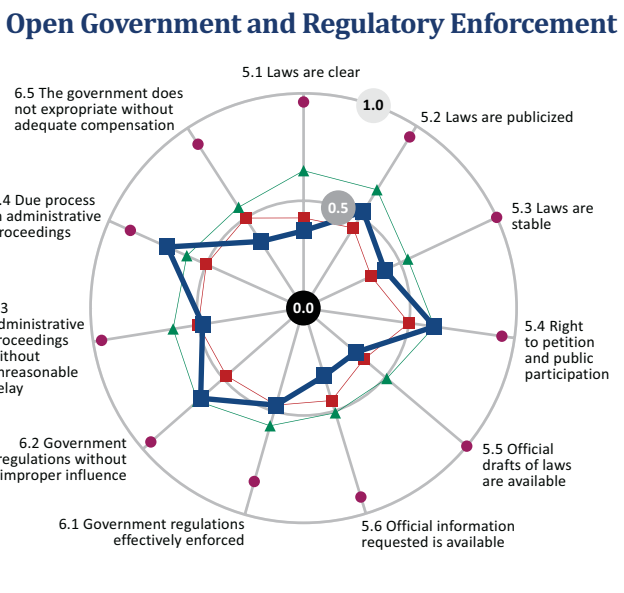
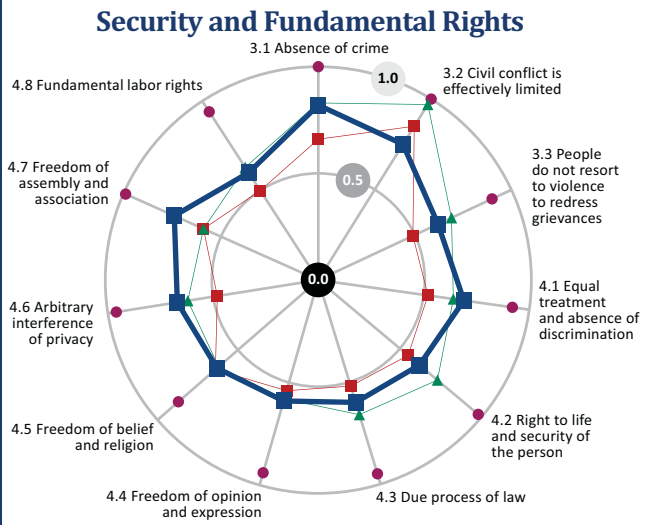
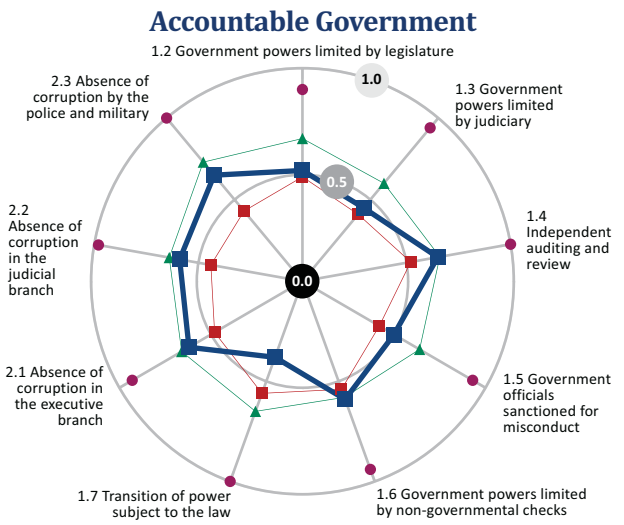


## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Lower Middle	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.51	42/66	12/13	9/16
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.62	28/66	8/13	2/16
East Asia & Pacific	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.73	38/66	11/13	8/16
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.64	32/66	7/13	2/16
64m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.43	45/66	11/13	8/16
34% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.53	33/66	8/13	4/16
12% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.48	53/66	11/13	11/16
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.64	24/66	7/13	1/16

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

Region  
Eastern Europe  
& Central Asia

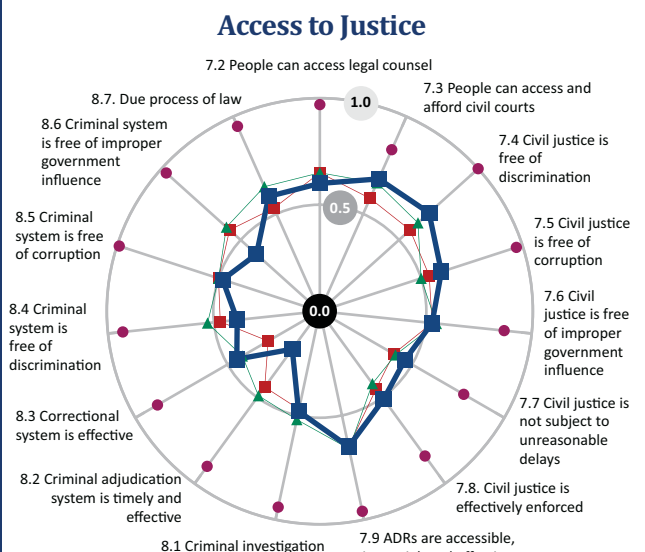
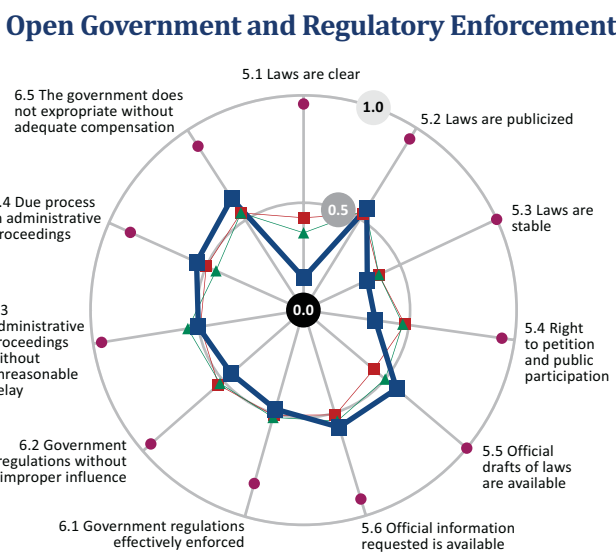
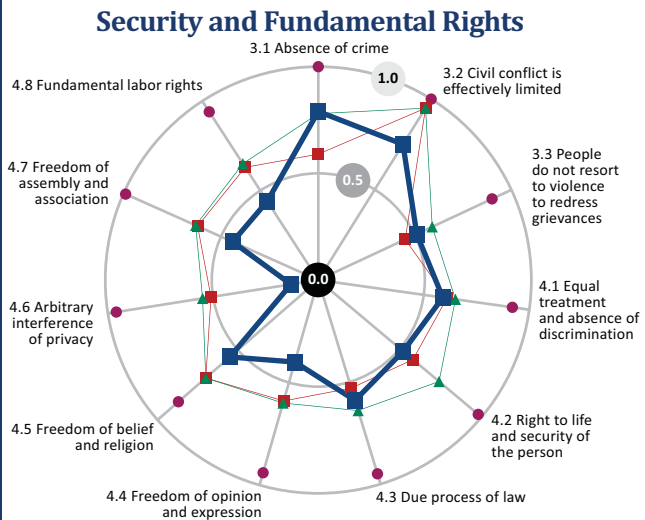
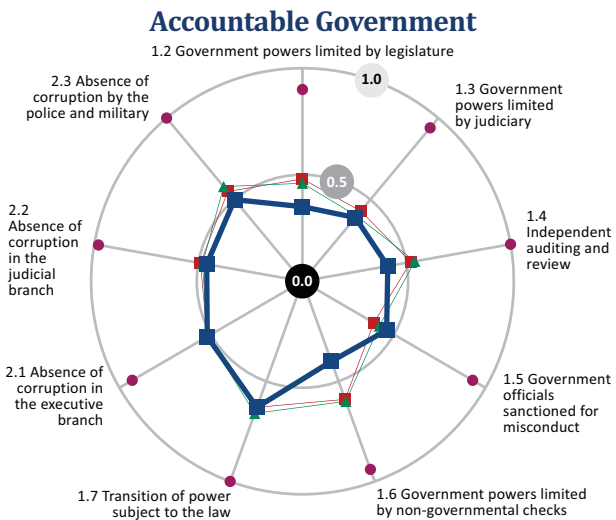
Population  
71m (2010)  
70% Urban  
24% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.44	52/66	8/12	15/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.49	39/66	6/12	9/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.68	43/66	11/12	8/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.46	58/66	12/12	17/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.42	48/66	8/12	14/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.52	36/66	5/12	9/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.59	27/66	4/12	5/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.43	48/66	8/12	13/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Turkey  Top Score  Upper Middle Income  Eastern Europe & Central Asia



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income

Low

Region

Sub-Saharan Africa

Population

34m (2010)

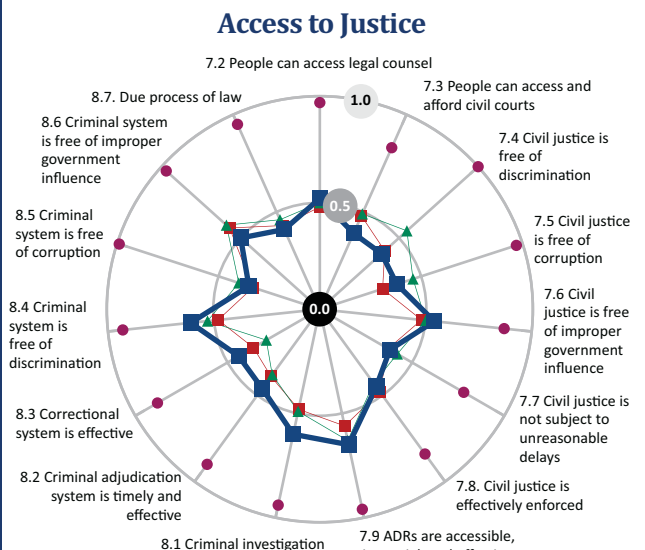
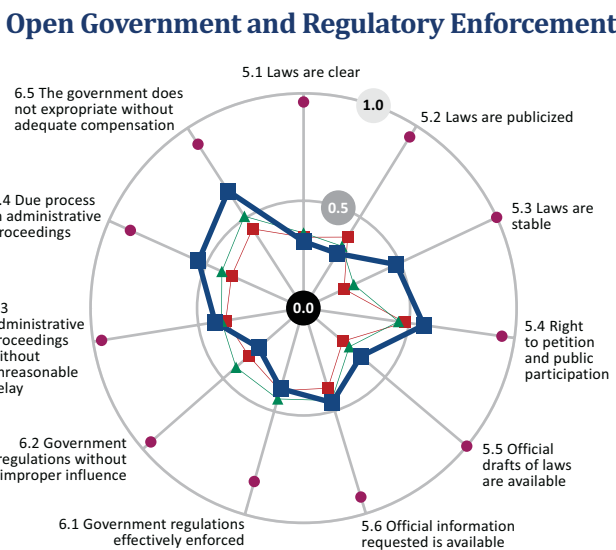
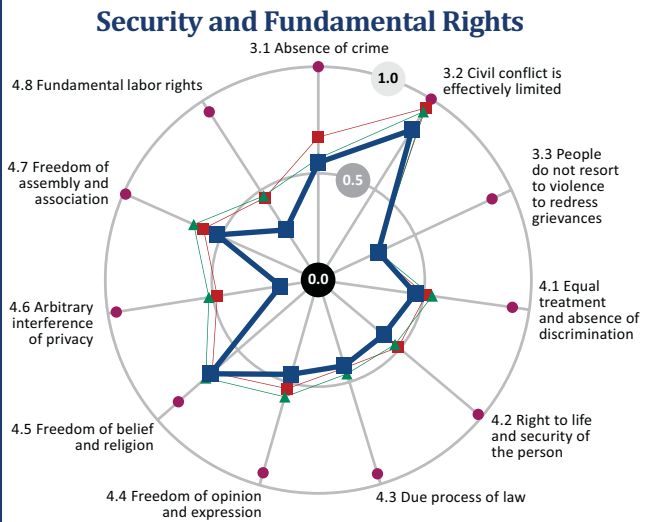
13% Urban  
5% in three largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.41	54/66	6/9	4/8
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.33	56/66	6/9	3/8
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.56	59/66	6/9	7/8
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.42	61/66	8/9	6/8
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.41	51/66	3/9	2/8
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.46	53/66	5/9	3/8
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.46	55/66	6/9	3/8
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.48	42/66	4/9	4/8

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Uganda  Top Score  Low Income  Sub-Saharan Africa

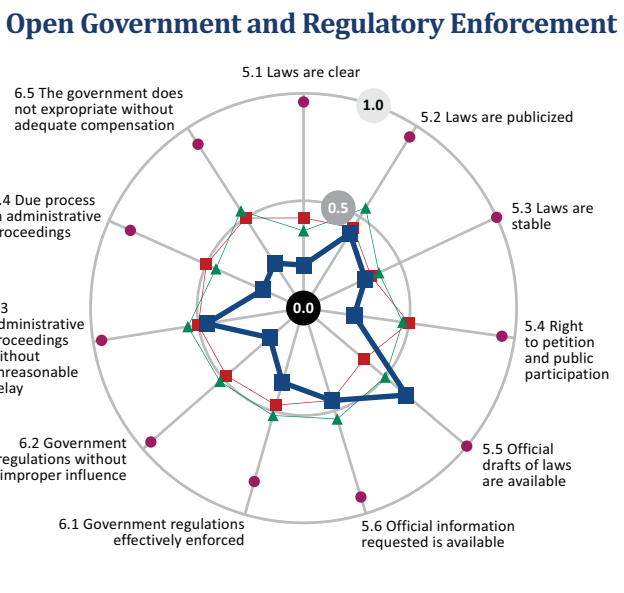
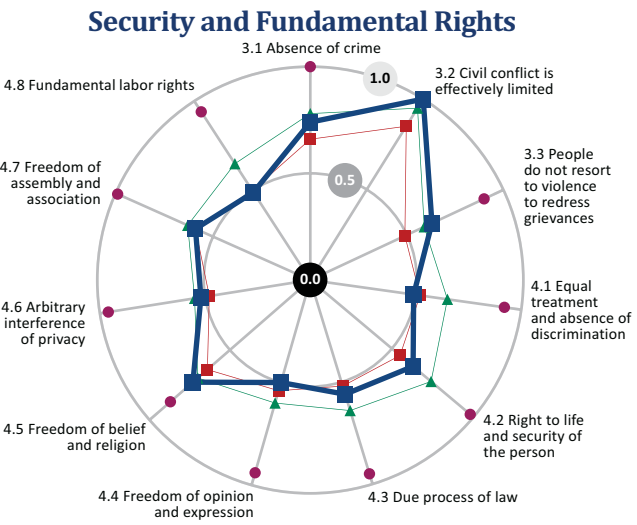
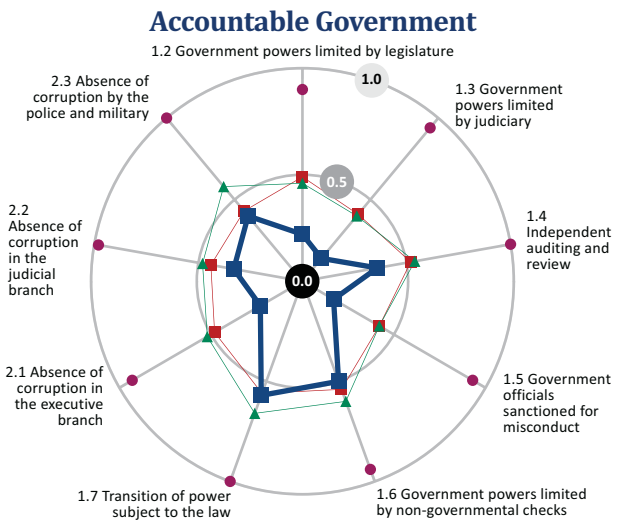


## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Lower Middle	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.33	64/66	12/12	16/16
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.32	57/66	11/12	12/16
Eastern Europe & Central Asia	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.79	28/66	6/12	4/16
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.56	44/66	8/12	8/16
45m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.37	53/66	11/12	12/16
68% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.30	64/66	12/12	16/16
12% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.40	63/66	12/12	15/16
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.42	52/66	9/12	10/16

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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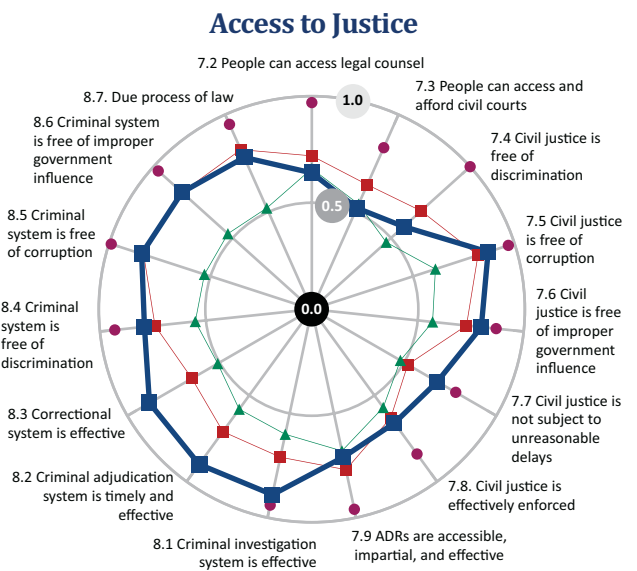
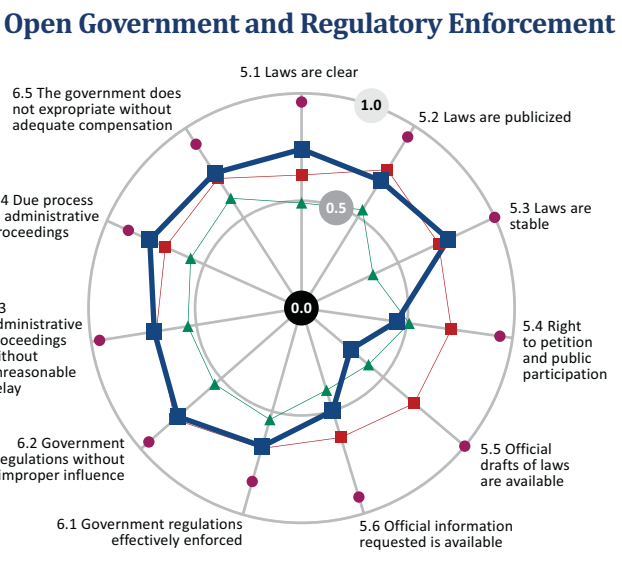
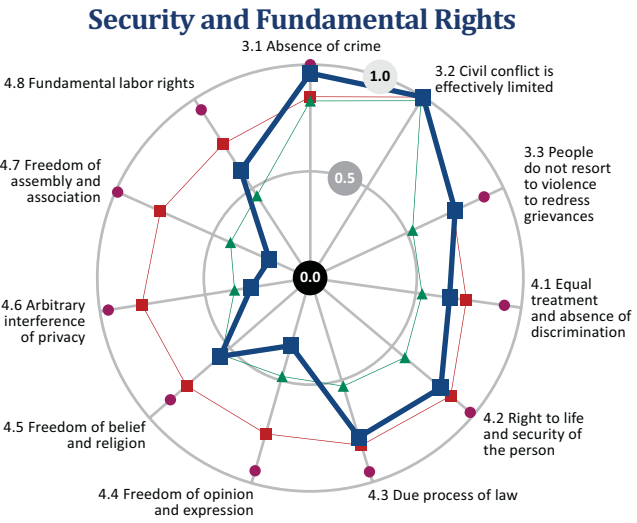
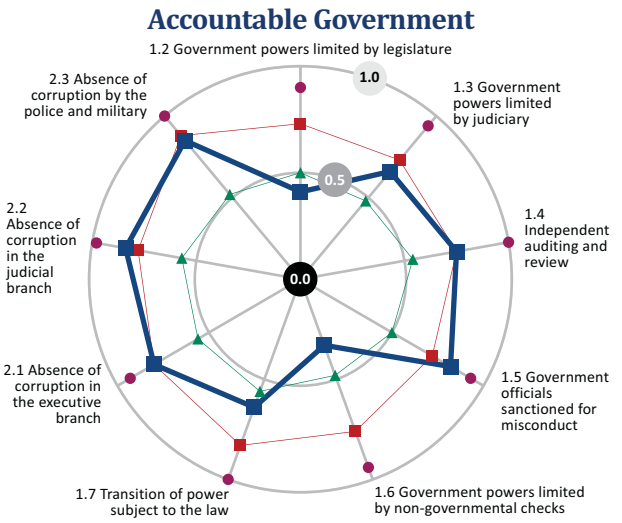
## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
High	Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.60	28/66	1/5	20/23
Region	Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.83	13/66	1/5	13/23
Middle East & North Africa	Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.90	6/66	1/5	6/23
Population	Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.53	51/66	2/5	23/23
5m (2010)	Factor 5:	Open Government	0.57	21/66	1/5	18/23
78% Urban	Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.73	12/66	1/5	12/23
56% in three largest cities	Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.68	11/66	1/5	11/23
	Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.84	4/66	1/5	4/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — ■ United Arab Emirates ● Top Score ■ High Income ▲ Middle East & North Africa





# United Kingdom

London, Birmingham, Glasgow

## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
High

Region  
Western Europe  
& North America

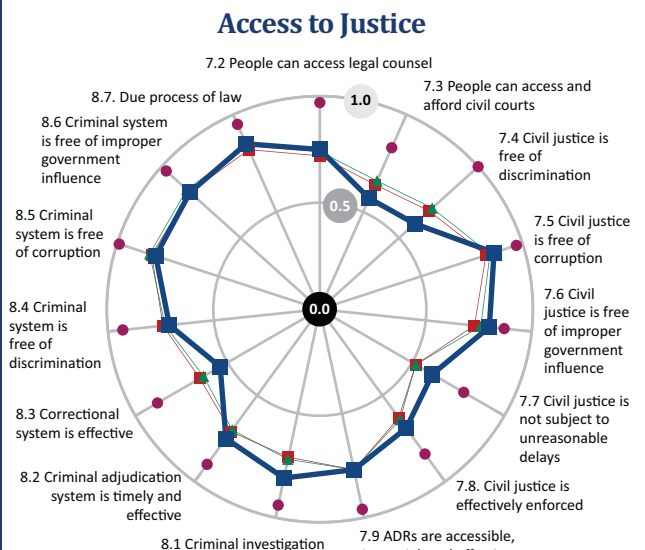
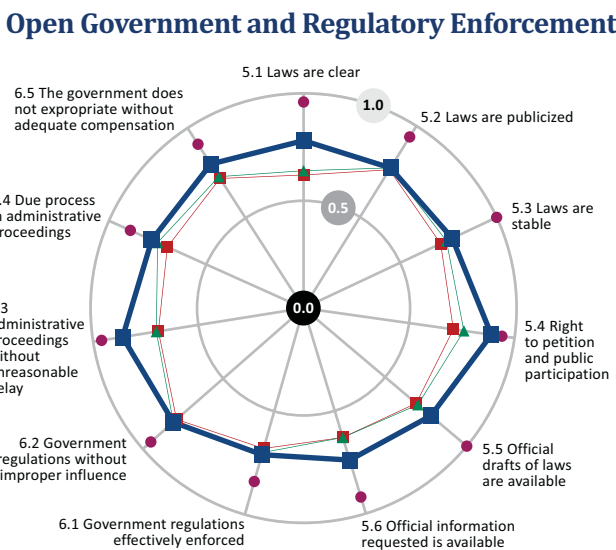
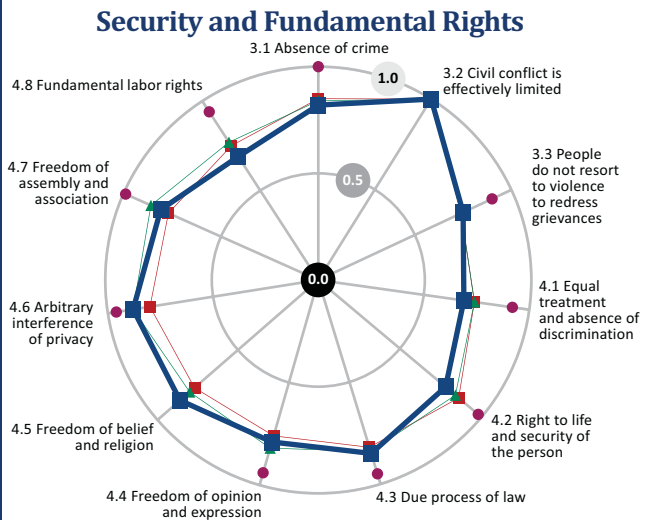
Population  
62m (2010)  
90% Urban  
19% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.80	9/66	7/12	9/23
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.80	16/66	9/12	16/23
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.86	14/66	7/12	13/23
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.79	13/66	8/12	13/23
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.79	4/66	3/12	4/23
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.79	6/66	4/12	6/23
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.71	10/66	7/12	10/23
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.75	13/66	7/12	13/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — United Kingdom Top Score High Income Western Europe & North America



# United States

New York, Los Angeles, Chicago

## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
High

Region  
Western Europe  
& North America

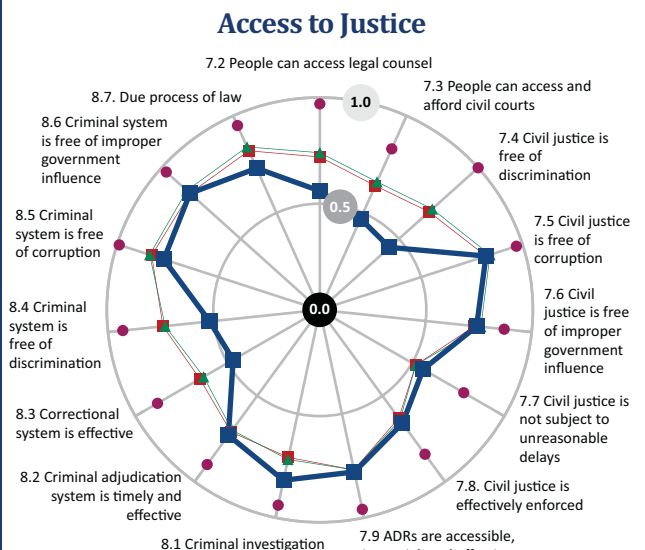
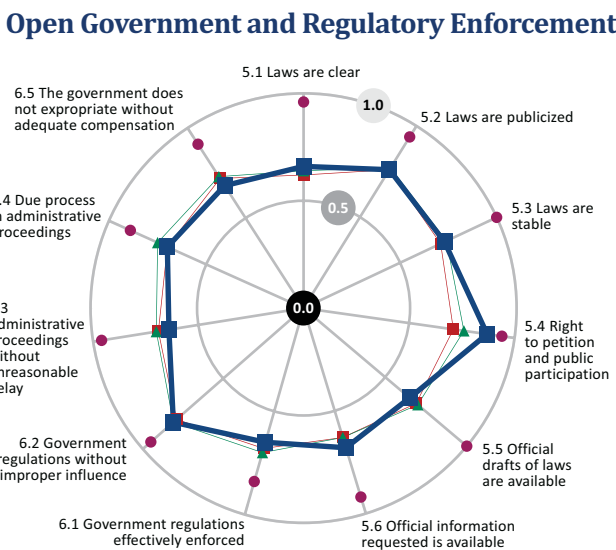
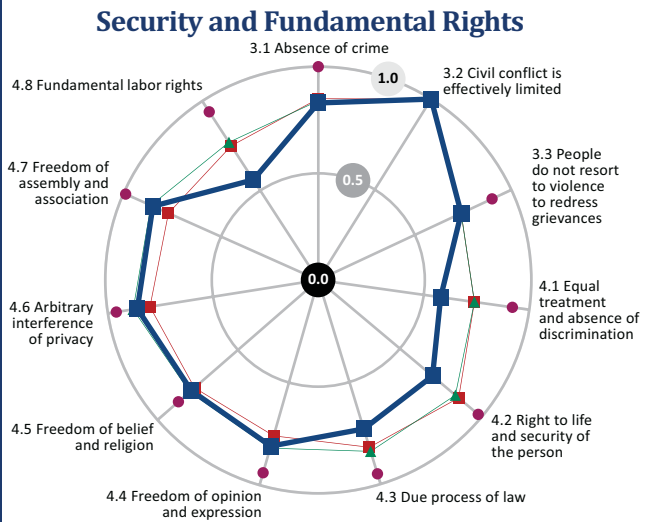
Population  
310m (2010)  
82% Urban  
13% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.73	16/66	10/12	16/23
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.78	17/66	10/12	17/23
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.86	13/66	6/12	12/23
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.73	19/66	11/12	18/23
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.72	12/66	8/12	12/23
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.70	15/66	9/12	15/23
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.63	21/66	11/12	20/23
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.69	20/66	11/12	20/23

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key — United States Top Score High Income Western Europe & North America



## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income  
Upper Middle

Region  
Latin America  
& Caribbean

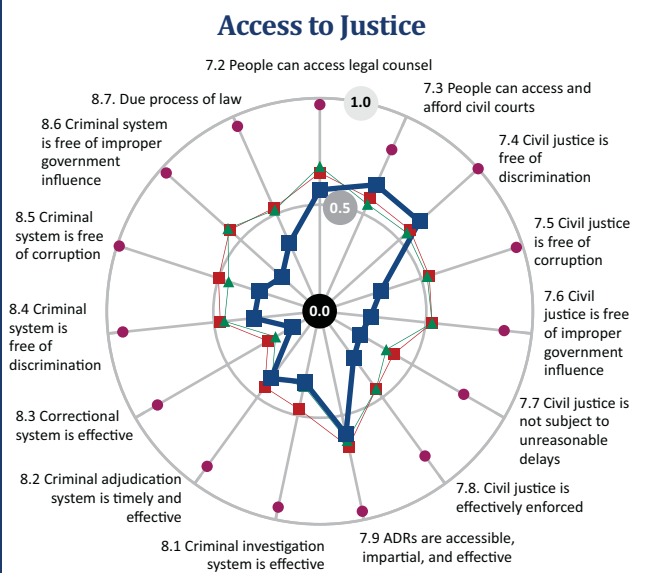
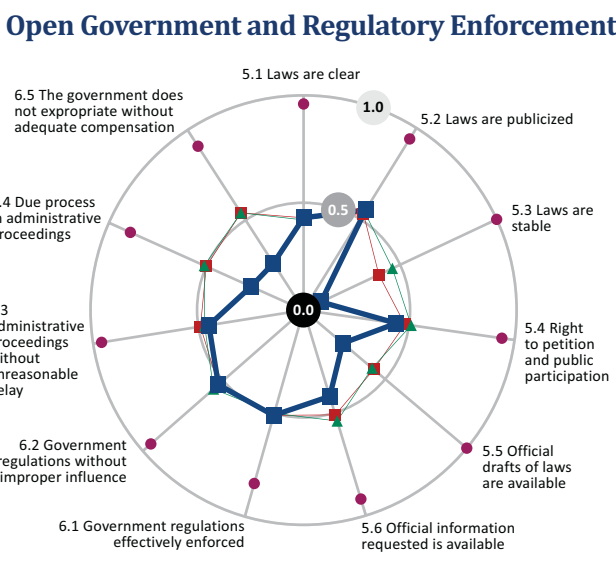
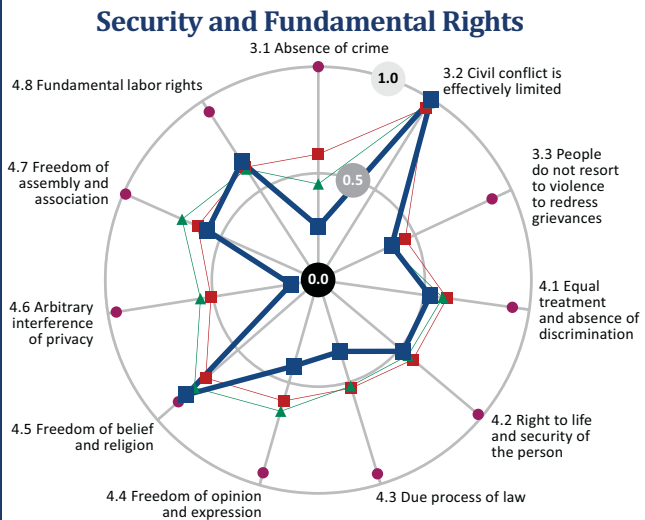
Population  
29m (2010)  
94% Urban  
22% in three  
largest cities

WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.27	66/66	12/12	19/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.40	54/66	11/12	18/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.54	62/66	11/12	18/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.50	53/66	12/12	16/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.36	55/66	11/12	17/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.40	60/66	12/12	18/19
Factor 7:	Access to Civil Justice	0.43	60/66	12/12	19/19
Factor 8:	Effective Criminal Justice	0.30	66/66	12/12	19/19

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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Key —  Venezuela  Top Score  Upper Middle Income  Latin America & Caribbean

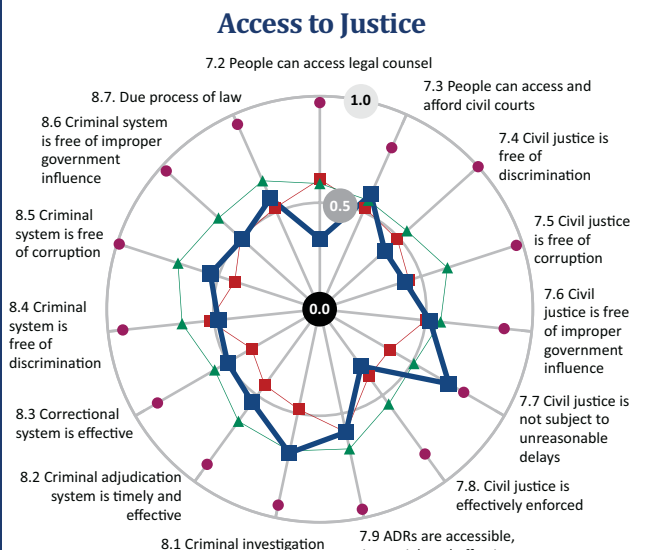
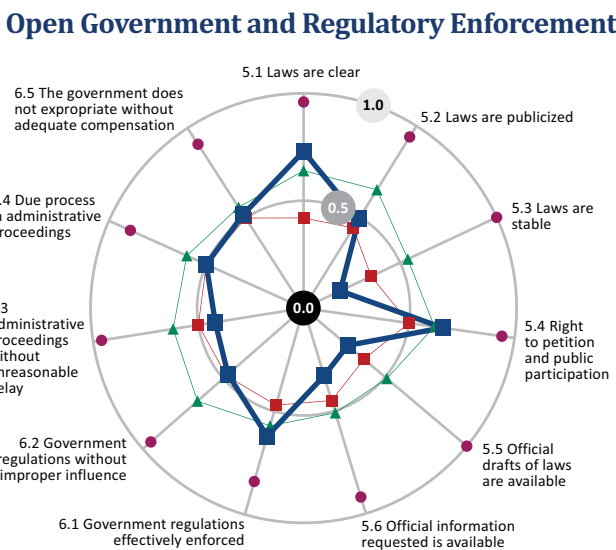
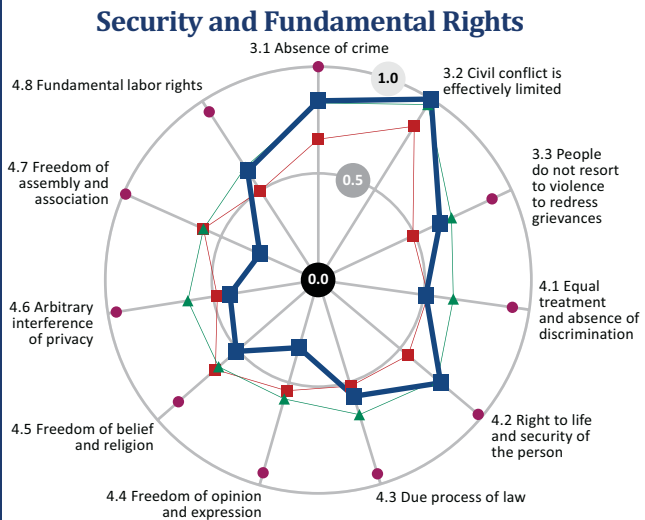
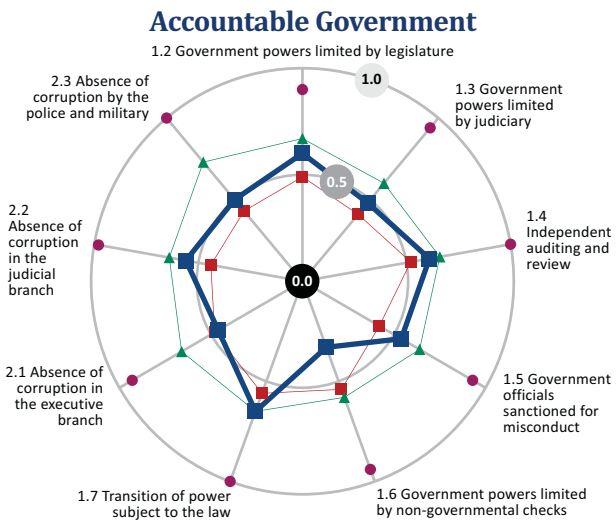


## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index

Income	WJP Rule of Law Index Factors	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Lower Middle	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	0.54	35/66	10/13	5/16
Region	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	0.51	36/66	11/13	6/16
East Asia & Pacific	Factor 3: Order and Security	0.82	22/66	8/13	1/16
Population	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	0.50	54/66	10/13	10/16
88m (2010)	Factor 5: Open Government	0.44	40/66	9/13	7/16
29% Urban	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	0.51	42/66	11/13	7/16
14% in three largest cities	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	0.48	50/66	10/13	9/16
	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice	0.54	32/66	10/13	5/16

## 2. Scores for all WJP Rule of Law Index sub-factors

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# Data Tables

This section presents data tables for the eight factors of the WJP Rule of Law Index included in this report. The first group of tables presents scores, global rankings, regional rankings, and income group rankings for all countries, organized by factor. The second group of tables presents countries' rankings organized by region. The final group of tables presents countries' rankings by income group. All country classifications can be found in the Data Notes section of this report and in Botero, J and Ponce, A. (2011) "Measuring the Rule of Law", available online at [www.worldjusticeproject.org](http://www.worldjusticeproject.org).



## Factor 1: Limited Government Powers

Country	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Albania	0.47	49/66	6/12	13/19
Argentina	0.48	47/66	9/12	12/19
Australia	0.85	4/66	2/13	4/23
Austria	0.80	8/66	6/12	8/23
Bangladesh	0.48	48/66	2/3	3/8
Belgium	0.77	12/66	8/12	12/23
Bolivia	0.40	56/66	11/12	13/16
Brazil	0.61	26/66	3/12	4/19
Bulgaria	0.46	50/66	7/12	14/19
Cambodia	0.31	65/66	13/13	8/8
Cameroon	0.36	62/66	8/9	15/16
Canada	0.80	7/66	5/12	7/23
Chile	0.73	17/66	1/12	1/19
China	0.53	37/66	11/13	7/16
Colombia	0.61	27/66	4/12	5/19
Croatia	0.55	33/66	4/12	23/23
Czech Republic	0.67	21/66	3/12	19/23
Dominican Republic	0.50	46/66	8/12	11/19
El Salvador	0.56	32/66	5/12	4/16
Estonia	0.79	10/66	1/12	10/23
Ethiopia	0.33	63/66	9/9	7/8
France	0.74	15/66	9/12	15/23
Germany	0.81	6/66	4/12	6/23
Ghana	0.70	19/66	1/9	1/8
Guatemala	0.43	53/66	10/12	12/16
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.75	14/66	4/13	14/23
India	0.63	24/66	1/3	2/16
Indonesia	0.66	22/66	6/13	1/16
Iran	0.38	58/66	5/5	17/19
Italy	0.59	29/66	12/12	21/23
Jamaica	0.52	38/66	6/12	7/19
Japan	0.78	11/66	3/13	11/23
Jordan	0.53	36/66	2/5	6/16
Kazakhstan	0.38	59/66	11/12	18/19
Kenya	0.36	61/66	7/9	6/8
Kyrgyzstan	0.39	57/66	10/12	5/8
Lebanon	0.52	39/66	3/5	8/19
Liberia	0.50	45/66	4/9	2/8
Malaysia	0.54	34/66	9/13	6/19
Mexico	0.52	40/66	7/12	9/19
Morocco	0.51	41/66	4/5	8/16
Netherlands	0.81	5/66	3/12	5/23
New Zealand	0.91	2/66	1/13	2/23
Nigeria	0.50	44/66	3/9	10/16
Norway	0.91	1/66	1/12	1/23
Pakistan	0.37	60/66	3/3	14/16
Peru	0.65	23/66	2/12	2/19
Philippines	0.57	31/66	8/13	3/16
Poland	0.75	13/66	2/12	13/23
Romania	0.51	43/66	5/12	10/19
Russia	0.41	55/66	9/12	16/19
Senegal	0.45	51/66	5/9	11/16
Singapore	0.70	20/66	5/13	18/23
South Africa	0.62	25/66	2/9	3/19
South Korea	0.59	30/66	7/13	22/23
Spain	0.72	18/66	11/12	17/23
Sweden	0.90	3/66	2/12	3/23
Thailand	0.51	42/66	12/13	9/16
Turkey	0.44	52/66	8/12	15/19
Uganda	0.41	54/66	6/9	4/8
Ukraine	0.33	64/66	12/12	16/16
United Arab Emirates	0.60	28/66	1/5	20/23
United Kingdom	0.80	9/66	7/12	9/23
United States	0.73	16/66	10/12	16/23
Venezuela	0.27	66/66	12/12	19/19
Vietnam	0.54	35/66	10/13	5/16

## Factor 2: Absence of Corruption

Country	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Albania	0.38	55/66	10/12	19/19
Argentina	0.47	46/66	8/12	13/19
Australia	0.86	9/66	5/13	9/23
Austria	0.87	8/66	4/12	8/23
Bangladesh	0.32	58/66	2/3	4/8
Belgium	0.82	15/66	8/12	15/23
Bolivia	0.29	60/66	12/12	14/16
Brazil	0.67	24/66	2/12	2/19
Bulgaria	0.43	50/66	9/12	16/19
Cambodia	0.16	66/66	13/13	8/8
Cameroon	0.24	64/66	9/9	15/16
Canada	0.85	11/66	5/12	11/23
Chile	0.77	18/66	1/12	1/19
China	0.60	31/66	9/13	3/16
Colombia	0.56	34/66	5/12	7/19
Croatia	0.54	35/66	5/12	23/23
Czech Republic	0.69	23/66	3/12	22/23
Dominican Republic	0.44	49/66	9/12	15/19
El Salvador	0.58	32/66	4/12	4/16
Estonia	0.86	10/66	1/12	10/23
Ethiopia	0.47	44/66	4/9	2/8
France	0.83	14/66	7/12	14/23
Germany	0.83	12/66	6/12	12/23
Ghana	0.49	41/66	3/9	1/8
Guatemala	0.48	42/66	6/12	8/16
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.88	6/66	4/13	6/23
India	0.42	51/66	1/3	10/16
Indonesia	0.46	47/66	12/13	9/16
Iran	0.50	38/66	3/5	8/19
Italy	0.70	22/66	12/12	21/23
Jamaica	0.65	25/66	3/12	3/19
Japan	0.90	5/66	3/13	5/23
Jordan	0.65	27/66	2/5	1/16
Kazakhstan	0.47	43/66	8/12	11/19
Kenya	0.26	63/66	8/9	7/8
Kyrgyzstan	0.28	61/66	12/12	5/8
Lebanon	0.45	48/66	4/5	14/19
Liberia	0.27	62/66	7/9	6/8
Malaysia	0.65	26/66	7/13	4/19
Mexico	0.41	53/66	10/12	17/19
Morocco	0.32	59/66	5/5	13/16
Netherlands	0.88	7/66	3/12	7/23
New Zealand	0.95	1/66	1/13	1/23
Nigeria	0.41	52/66	5/9	11/16
Norway	0.91	3/66	2/12	3/23
Pakistan	0.21	65/66	3/3	16/16
Peru	0.47	45/66	7/12	12/19
Philippines	0.58	33/66	10/13	5/16
Poland	0.74	21/66	2/12	20/23
Romania	0.60	30/66	4/12	6/19
Russia	0.49	40/66	7/12	10/19
Senegal	0.50	37/66	2/9	7/16
Singapore	0.91	4/66	2/13	4/23
South Africa	0.61	29/66	1/9	5/19
South Korea	0.74	20/66	6/13	19/23
Spain	0.77	19/66	11/12	18/23
Sweden	0.92	2/66	1/12	2/23
Thailand	0.62	28/66	8/13	2/16
Turkey	0.49	39/66	6/12	9/19
Uganda	0.33	56/66	6/9	3/8
Ukraine	0.32	57/66	11/12	12/16
United Arab Emirates	0.83	13/66	1/5	13/23
United Kingdom	0.80	16/66	9/12	16/23
United States	0.78	17/66	10/12	17/23
Venezuela	0.40	54/66	11/12	18/19
Vietnam	0.51	36/66	11/13	6/16

## Factor 3: Order and Security

	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Albania	0.77	31/66	9/12	4/19
Argentina	0.57	56/66	9/12	15/19
Australia	0.87	10/66	4/13	10/23
Austria	0.88	8/66	4/12	8/23
Bangladesh	0.69	42/66	1/3	3/8
Belgium	0.85	15/66	8/12	14/23
Bolivia	0.64	49/66	3/12	12/16
Brazil	0.62	51/66	5/12	12/19
Bulgaria	0.75	32/66	10/12	5/19
Cambodia	0.70	41/66	13/13	2/8
Cameroon	0.66	46/66	2/9	10/16
Canada	0.90	7/66	3/12	7/23
Chile	0.67	44/66	1/12	9/19
China	0.81	25/66	9/13	2/16
Colombia	0.50	64/66	12/12	19/19
Croatia	0.78	29/66	7/12	22/23
Czech Republic	0.81	23/66	4/12	20/23
Dominican Republic	0.57	57/66	10/12	16/19
El Salvador	0.64	48/66	2/12	11/16
Estonia	0.84	17/66	1/12	16/23
Ethiopia	0.60	54/66	4/9	5/8
France	0.84	16/66	9/12	15/23
Germany	0.88	9/66	5/12	9/23
Ghana	0.65	47/66	3/9	4/8
Guatemala	0.62	52/66	6/12	13/16
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.95	1/66	1/13	1/23
India	0.38	65/66	2/3	15/16
Indonesia	0.73	37/66	10/13	7/16
Iran	0.71	40/66	5/5	7/19
Italy	0.75	33/66	12/12	23/23
Jamaica	0.58	55/66	8/12	14/19
Japan	0.92	4/66	3/13	4/23
Jordan	0.80	26/66	2/5	3/16
Kazakhstan	0.80	27/66	5/12	3/19
Kenya	0.56	58/66	5/9	6/8
Kyrgyzstan	0.77	30/66	8/12	1/8
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Liberia	0.56	60/66	7/9	8/8
Malaysia	0.87	12/66	6/13	1/19
Mexico	0.61	53/66	7/12	13/19
Morocco	0.74	35/66	4/5	5/16
Netherlands	0.84	18/66	10/12	17/23
New Zealand	0.87	11/66	5/13	11/23
Nigeria	0.54	63/66	9/9	14/16
Norway	0.93	3/66	1/12	3/23
Pakistan	0.33	66/66	3/3	16/16
Peru	0.62	50/66	4/12	11/19
Philippines	0.72	39/66	12/13	9/16
Poland	0.83	19/66	2/12	18/23
Romania	0.83	20/66	3/12	2/19
Russia	0.67	45/66	12/12	10/19
Senegal	0.73	36/66	1/9	6/16
Singapore	0.95	2/66	2/13	2/23
South Africa	0.55	61/66	8/9	17/19
South Korea	0.83	21/66	7/13	19/23
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Thailand	0.73	38/66	11/13	8/16
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Ukraine	0.79	28/66	6/12	4/16
United Arab Emirates	0.90	6/66	1/5	6/23
United Kingdom	0.86	14/66	7/12	13/23
United States	0.86	13/66	6/12	12/23
Venezuela	0.54	62/66	11/12	18/19
Vietnam	0.82	22/66	8/13	1/16

## Factor 4: Fundamental Rights

	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Albania	0.65	28/66	6/12	6/19
Argentina	0.63	33/66	5/12	9/19
Australia	0.83	7/66	2/13	7/23
Austria	0.85	5/66	4/12	5/23
Bangladesh	0.54	48/66	2/3	3/8
Belgium	0.80	11/66	6/12	11/23
Bolivia	0.54	49/66	11/12	9/16
Brazil	0.67	25/66	3/12	4/19
Bulgaria	0.63	37/66	7/12	11/19
Cambodia	0.41	62/66	12/13	7/8
Cameroon	0.48	57/66	7/9	13/16
Canada	0.79	14/66	9/12	14/23
Chile	0.74	18/66	1/12	1/19
China	0.40	64/66	13/13	16/16
Colombia	0.59	42/66	8/12	12/19
Croatia	0.67	26/66	5/12	21/23
Czech Republic	0.81	9/66	2/12	9/23
Dominican Republic	0.63	35/66	7/12	10/19
El Salvador	0.63	34/66	6/12	3/16
Estonia	0.82	8/66	1/12	8/23
Ethiopia	0.39	65/66	9/9	8/8
France	0.79	15/66	10/12	15/23
Germany	0.84	6/66	5/12	6/23
Ghana	0.72	22/66	1/9	1/8
Guatemala	0.58	43/66	9/12	7/16
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.73	21/66	5/13	20/23
India	0.63	36/66	1/3	4/16
Indonesia	0.65	29/66	6/13	1/16
Iran	0.32	66/66	5/5	19/19
Italy	0.73	20/66	12/12	19/23
Jamaica	0.65	31/66	4/12	8/19
Japan	0.78	16/66	3/13	16/23
Jordan	0.48	56/66	3/5	12/16
Kazakhstan	0.55	46/66	9/12	14/19
Kenya	0.52	52/66	5/9	5/8
Kyrgyzstan	0.53	50/66	11/12	4/8
Lebanon	0.66	27/66	1/5	5/19
Liberia	0.61	41/66	4/9	2/8
Malaysia	0.45	59/66	11/13	18/19
Mexico	0.55	45/66	10/12	13/19
Morocco	0.44	60/66	4/5	14/16
Netherlands	0.87	3/66	3/12	3/23
New Zealand	0.86	4/66	1/13	4/23
Nigeria	0.49	55/66	6/9	11/16
Norway	0.90	2/66	2/12	2/23
Pakistan	0.40	63/66	3/3	15/16
Peru	0.72	24/66	2/12	3/19
Philippines	0.62	40/66	9/13	6/16
Poland	0.80	10/66	3/12	10/23
Romania	0.72	23/66	4/12	2/19
Russia	0.54	47/66	10/12	15/19
Senegal	0.62	38/66	3/9	5/16
Singapore	0.62	39/66	8/13	22/23
South Africa	0.65	30/66	2/9	7/19
South Korea	0.76	17/66	4/13	17/23
Spain	0.80	12/66	7/12	12/23
Sweden	0.92	1/66	1/12	1/23
Thailand	0.64	32/66	7/13	2/16
Turkey	0.46	58/66	12/12	17/19
Uganda	0.42	61/66	8/9	6/8
Ukraine	0.56	44/66	8/12	8/16
United Arab Emirates	0.53	51/66	2/5	23/23
United Kingdom	0.79	13/66	8/12	13/23
United States	0.73	19/66	11/12	18/23
Venezuela	0.50	53/66	12/12	16/19
Vietnam	0.50	54/66	10/13	10/16

## Factor 5: Open Government

	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Albania	0.42	50/66	9/12	15/19
Argentina	0.43	44/66	9/12	13/19
Australia	0.76	8/66	4/13	8/23
Austria	0.76	9/66	5/12	9/23
Bangladesh	0.37	54/66	2/3	3/8
Belgium	0.65	15/66	9/12	15/23
Bolivia	0.47	34/66	6/12	5/16
Brazil	0.51	30/66	5/12	6/19
Bulgaria	0.46	37/66	6/12	8/19
Cambodia	0.33	61/66	13/13	6/8
Cameroon	0.31	63/66	7/9	15/16
Canada	0.77	6/66	4/12	6/23
Chile	0.63	16/66	1/12	1/19
China	0.54	26/66	7/13	2/16
Colombia	0.59	18/66	2/12	2/19
Croatia	0.47	33/66	4/12	22/23
Czech Republic	0.53	28/66	3/12	21/23
Dominican Republic	0.45	39/66	8/12	9/19
El Salvador	0.43	47/66	10/12	10/16
Estonia	0.72	13/66	1/12	13/23
Ethiopia	0.34	60/66	5/9	5/8
France	0.61	17/66	10/12	16/23
Germany	0.73	11/66	7/12	11/23
Ghana	0.49	31/66	2/9	1/8
Guatemala	0.45	38/66	7/12	6/16
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.77	5/66	2/13	5/23
India	0.55	25/66	1/3	1/16
Indonesia	0.52	29/66	8/13	3/16
Iran	0.44	41/66	3/5	10/19
Italy	0.47	35/66	12/12	23/23
Jamaica	0.35	58/66	12/12	19/19
Japan	0.76	7/66	3/13	7/23
Jordan	0.48	32/66	2/5	4/16
Kazakhstan	0.43	43/66	7/12	12/19
Kenya	0.29	64/66	8/9	7/8
Kyrgyzstan	0.36	56/66	12/12	4/8
Lebanon	0.35	57/66	5/5	18/19
Liberia	0.14	66/66	9/9	8/8
Malaysia	0.43	42/66	10/13	11/19
Mexico	0.53	27/66	4/12	5/19
Morocco	0.42	49/66	4/5	11/16
Netherlands	0.79	3/66	2/12	3/23
New Zealand	0.83	2/66	1/13	2/23
Nigeria	0.34	59/66	4/9	13/16
Norway	0.74	10/66	6/12	10/23
Pakistan	0.25	65/66	3/3	16/16
Peru	0.58	20/66	3/12	3/19
Philippines	0.43	46/66	12/13	9/16
Poland	0.56	23/66	2/12	20/23
Romania	0.46	36/66	5/12	7/19
Russia	0.41	52/66	10/12	16/19
Senegal	0.31	62/66	6/9	14/16
Singapore	0.59	19/66	6/13	17/23
South Africa	0.56	24/66	1/9	4/19
South Korea	0.71	14/66	5/13	14/23
Spain	0.57	22/66	11/12	19/23
Sweden	0.88	1/66	1/12	1/23
Thailand	0.43	45/66	11/13	8/16
Turkey	0.42	48/66	8/12	14/19
Uganda	0.41	51/66	3/9	2/8
Ukraine	0.37	53/66	11/12	12/16
United Arab Emirates	0.57	21/66	1/5	18/23
United Kingdom	0.79	4/66	3/12	4/23
United States	0.72	12/66	8/12	12/23
Venezuela	0.36	55/66	11/12	17/19
Vietnam	0.44	40/66	9/13	7/16

## Factor 6: Effective Regulatory Enforcement

	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Albania	0.46	51/66	11/12	15/19
Argentina	0.45	54/66	10/12	17/19
Australia	0.78	7/66	3/13	7/23
Austria	0.75	9/66	6/12	9/23
Bangladesh	0.42	58/66	2/3	4/8
Belgium	0.67	17/66	10/12	17/23
Bolivia	0.45	55/66	11/12	12/16
Brazil	0.57	26/66	3/12	3/19
Bulgaria	0.50	45/66	8/12	13/19
Cambodia	0.25	65/66	13/13	7/8
Cameroon	0.44	57/66	6/9	14/16
Canada	0.72	13/66	7/12	13/23
Chile	0.64	20/66	1/12	1/19
China	0.50	43/66	12/13	8/16
Colombia	0.56	27/66	4/12	4/19
Croatia	0.52	37/66	6/12	23/23
Czech Republic	0.57	25/66	3/12	21/23
Dominican Republic	0.46	52/66	9/12	16/19
El Salvador	0.58	24/66	2/12	2/16
Estonia	0.75	10/66	1/12	10/23
Ethiopia	0.38	62/66	7/9	5/8
France	0.72	14/66	8/12	14/23
Germany	0.77	8/66	5/12	8/23
Ghana	0.50	44/66	3/9	1/8
Guatemala	0.49	46/66	8/12	9/16
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.66	18/66	6/13	18/23
India	0.45	56/66	1/3	13/16
Indonesia	0.54	32/66	7/13	3/16
Iran	0.56	29/66	3/5	6/19
Italy	0.55	30/66	12/12	22/23
Jamaica	0.51	41/66	7/12	12/19
Japan	0.80	4/66	2/13	4/23
Jordan	0.63	21/66	2/5	1/16
Kazakhstan	0.54	31/66	4/12	7/19
Kenya	0.37	63/66	8/9	6/8
Kyrgyzstan	0.47	48/66	9/12	2/8
Lebanon	0.40	61/66	5/5	19/19
Liberia	0.22	66/66	9/9	8/8
Malaysia	0.51	40/66	10/13	11/19
Mexico	0.53	35/66	6/12	8/19
Morocco	0.49	47/66	4/5	10/16
Netherlands	0.79	5/66	3/12	5/23
New Zealand	0.82	3/66	1/13	3/23
Nigeria	0.46	50/66	4/9	11/16
Norway	0.86	2/66	2/12	2/23
Pakistan	0.41	59/66	3/3	15/16
Peru	0.56	28/66	5/12	5/19
Philippines	0.53	34/66	9/13	5/16
Poland	0.59	22/66	2/12	20/23
Romania	0.52	38/66	7/12	10/19
Russia	0.47	49/66	10/12	14/19
Senegal	0.52	39/66	2/9	6/16
Singapore	0.74	11/66	4/13	11/23
South Africa	0.59	23/66	1/9	2/19
South Korea	0.69	16/66	5/13	16/23
Spain	0.64	19/66	11/12	19/23
Sweden	0.90	1/66	1/12	1/23
Thailand	0.53	33/66	8/13	4/16
Turkey	0.52	36/66	5/12	9/19
Uganda	0.46	53/66	5/9	3/8
Ukraine	0.30	64/66	12/12	16/16
United Arab Emirates	0.73	12/66	1/5	12/23
United Kingdom	0.79	6/66	4/12	6/23
United States	0.70	15/66	9/12	15/23
Venezuela	0.40	60/66	12/12	18/19
Vietnam	0.51	42/66	11/13	7/16

## Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice

	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Albania	0.52	46/66	10/12	14/19
Argentina	0.58	31/66	4/12	8/19
Australia	0.67	13/66	4/13	13/23
Austria	0.72	8/66	5/12	8/23
Bangladesh	0.41	62/66	2/3	6/8
Belgium	0.71	9/66	6/12	9/23
Bolivia	0.47	54/66	10/12	12/16
Brazil	0.59	24/66	2/12	3/19
Bulgaria	0.55	38/66	8/12	11/19
Cambodia	0.36	64/66	13/13	7/8
Cameroon	0.42	61/66	8/9	14/16
Canada	0.66	16/66	9/12	16/23
Chile	0.65	18/66	1/12	1/19
China	0.52	44/66	8/13	6/16
Colombia	0.58	29/66	3/12	7/19
Croatia	0.57	32/66	6/12	22/23
Czech Republic	0.64	20/66	2/12	19/23
Dominican Republic	0.54	39/66	7/12	12/19
El Salvador	0.55	37/66	6/12	3/16
Estonia	0.73	6/66	1/12	6/23
Ethiopia	0.52	42/66	4/9	2/8
France	0.67	14/66	8/12	14/23
Germany	0.79	2/66	2/12	2/23
Ghana	0.59	26/66	2/9	1/8
Guatemala	0.48	51/66	9/12	10/16
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.68	12/66	3/13	12/23
India	0.50	48/66	1/3	8/16
Indonesia	0.54	41/66	7/13	4/16
Iran	0.59	28/66	3/5	6/19
Italy	0.57	33/66	12/12	23/23
Jamaica	0.55	36/66	5/12	10/19
Japan	0.73	7/66	2/13	7/23
Jordan	0.60	22/66	2/5	1/16
Kazakhstan	0.59	25/66	3/12	4/19
Kenya	0.44	59/66	7/9	5/8
Kyrgyzstan	0.44	58/66	11/12	4/8
Lebanon	0.48	52/66	5/5	17/19
Liberia	0.35	65/66	9/9	8/8
Malaysia	0.52	47/66	9/13	15/19
Mexico	0.46	57/66	11/12	18/19
Morocco	0.52	45/66	4/5	7/16
Netherlands	0.79	3/66	3/12	3/23
New Zealand	0.78	4/66	1/13	4/23
Nigeria	0.57	34/66	3/9	2/16
Norway	0.81	1/66	1/12	1/23
Pakistan	0.32	66/66	3/3	16/16
Peru	0.49	49/66	8/12	16/19
Philippines	0.46	56/66	12/13	13/16
Poland	0.58	30/66	5/12	21/23
Romania	0.56	35/66	7/12	9/19
Russia	0.54	40/66	9/12	13/19
Senegal	0.52	43/66	5/9	5/16
Singapore	0.67	15/66	5/13	15/23
South Africa	0.60	23/66	1/9	2/19
South Korea	0.66	17/66	6/13	17/23
Spain	0.65	19/66	10/12	18/23
Sweden	0.76	5/66	4/12	5/23
Thailand	0.48	53/66	11/13	11/16
Turkey	0.59	27/66	4/12	5/19
Uganda	0.46	55/66	6/9	3/8
Ukraine	0.40	63/66	12/12	15/16
United Arab Emirates	0.68	11/66	1/5	11/23
United Kingdom	0.71	10/66	7/12	10/23
United States	0.63	21/66	11/12	20/23
Venezuela	0.43	60/66	12/12	19/19
Vietnam	0.48	50/66	10/13	9/16

## Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice

	Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Albania	0.39	57/66	10/12	16/19
Argentina	0.39	56/66	9/12	15/19
Australia	0.74	15/66	5/13	15/23
Austria	0.79	8/66	4/12	8/23
Bangladesh	0.49	40/66	2/3	2/8
Belgium	0.71	18/66	9/12	18/23
Bolivia	0.32	62/66	10/12	16/16
Brazil	0.48	44/66	5/12	11/19
Bulgaria	0.30	64/66	12/12	18/19
Cambodia	0.39	55/66	13/13	6/8
Cameroon	0.37	58/66	8/9	13/16
Canada	0.76	10/66	6/12	10/23
Chile	0.59	27/66	1/12	2/19
China	0.61	25/66	8/13	2/16
Colombia	0.43	49/66	6/12	14/19
Croatia	0.50	37/66	6/12	23/23
Czech Republic	0.76	11/66	1/12	11/23
Dominican Republic	0.48	43/66	4/12	10/19
El Salvador	0.40	54/66	8/12	12/16
Estonia	0.75	14/66	2/12	14/23
Ethiopia	0.42	50/66	6/9	5/8
France	0.68	22/66	12/12	22/23
Germany	0.78	9/66	5/12	9/23
Ghana	0.55	31/66	2/9	1/8
Guatemala	0.42	51/66	7/12	9/16
Hong Kong SAR, China	0.85	2/66	1/13	2/23
India	0.51	35/66	1/3	6/16
Indonesia	0.60	26/66	9/13	3/16
Iran	0.49	39/66	3/5	9/19
Italy	0.73	16/66	8/12	16/23
Jamaica	0.52	34/66	2/12	6/19
Japan	0.76	12/66	4/13	12/23
Jordan	0.55	30/66	2/5	4/16
Kazakhstan	0.49	38/66	7/12	8/19
Kenya	0.49	41/66	3/9	3/8
Kyrgyzstan	0.36	60/66	11/12	7/8
Lebanon	0.48	45/66	4/5	12/19
Liberia	0.30	65/66	9/9	8/8
Malaysia	0.52	33/66	11/13	5/19
Mexico	0.30	63/66	11/12	17/19
Morocco	0.37	59/66	5/5	14/16
Netherlands	0.81	6/66	2/12	6/23
New Zealand	0.84	3/66	2/13	3/23
Nigeria	0.41	53/66	7/9	11/16
Norway	0.86	1/66	1/12	1/23
Pakistan	0.36	61/66	3/3	15/16
Peru	0.50	36/66	3/12	7/19
Philippines	0.45	47/66	12/13	8/16
Poland	0.72	17/66	3/12	17/23
Romania	0.57	28/66	5/12	3/19
Russia	0.64	23/66	4/12	1/19
Senegal	0.46	46/66	5/9	7/16
Singapore	0.83	5/66	3/13	5/23
South Africa	0.56	29/66	1/9	4/19
South Korea	0.68	21/66	6/13	21/23
Spain	0.70	19/66	10/12	19/23
Sweden	0.80	7/66	3/12	7/23
Thailand	0.64	24/66	7/13	1/16
Turkey	0.43	48/66	8/12	13/19
Uganda	0.48	42/66	4/9	4/8
Ukraine	0.42	52/66	9/12	10/16
United Arab Emirates	0.84	4/66	1/5	4/23
United Kingdom	0.75	13/66	7/12	13/23
United States	0.69	20/66	11/12	20/23
Venezuela	0.30	66/66	12/12	19/19
Vietnam	0.54	32/66	10/13	5/16

## Groups by Regions

### East Asia and Pacific

Country	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	Factor 3: Order and Security	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	Factor 5: Open Government	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice
Australia	2/13	5/13	4/13	2/13	4/13	3/13	4/13	5/13
Cambodia	13/13	13/13	13/13	12/13	13/13	13/13	13/13	13/13
China	11/13	9/13	9/13	13/13	7/13	12/13	8/13	8/13
Hong Kong SAR, China	4/13	4/13	1/13	5/13	2/13	6/13	3/13	1/13
Indonesia	6/13	12/13	10/13	6/13	8/13	7/13	7/13	9/13
Japan	3/13	3/13	3/13	3/13	3/13	2/13	2/13	4/13
Malaysia	9/13	7/13	6/13	11/13	10/13	10/13	9/13	11/13
New Zealand	1/13	1/13	5/13	1/13	1/13	1/13	1/13	2/13
Philippines	8/13	10/13	12/13	9/13	12/13	9/13	12/13	12/13
Singapore	5/13	2/13	2/13	8/13	6/13	4/13	5/13	3/13
South Korea	7/13	6/13	7/13	4/13	5/13	5/13	6/13	6/13
Thailand	12/13	8/13	11/13	7/13	11/13	8/13	11/13	7/13
Vietnam	10/13	11/13	8/13	10/13	9/13	11/13	10/13	10/13

### Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Country	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	Factor 3: Order and Security	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	Factor 5: Open Government	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice
Albania	6/12	10/12	9/12	6/12	9/12	11/12	10/12	10/12
Bulgaria	7/12	9/12	10/12	7/12	6/12	8/12	8/12	12/12
Croatia	4/12	5/12	7/12	5/12	4/12	6/12	6/12	6/12
Czech Republic	3/12	3/12	4/12	2/12	3/12	3/12	2/12	1/12
Estonia	1/12	1/12	1/12	1/12	1/12	1/12	1/12	2/12
Kazakhstan	11/12	8/12	5/12	9/12	7/12	4/12	3/12	7/12
Kyrgyzstan	10/12	12/12	8/12	11/12	12/12	9/12	11/12	11/12
Poland	2/12	2/12	2/12	3/12	2/12	2/12	5/12	3/12
Romania	5/12	4/12	3/12	4/12	5/12	7/12	7/12	5/12
Russia	9/12	7/12	12/12	10/12	10/12	10/12	9/12	4/12
Turkey	8/12	6/12	11/12	12/12	8/12	5/12	4/12	8/12
Ukraine	12/12	11/12	6/12	8/12	11/12	12/12	12/12	9/12

### Latin America and Caribbean

Country	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	Factor 3: Order and Security	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	Factor 5: Open Government	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice
Argentina	9/12	8/12	9/12	5/12	9/12	10/12	4/12	9/12
Bolivia	11/12	12/12	3/12	11/12	6/12	11/12	10/12	10/12
Brazil	3/12	2/12	5/12	3/12	5/12	3/12	2/12	5/12
Chile	1/12	1/12	1/12	1/12	1/12	1/12	1/12	1/12
Colombia	4/12	5/12	12/12	8/12	2/12	4/12	3/12	6/12
Dominican Republic	8/12	9/12	10/12	7/12	8/12	9/12	7/12	4/12
El Salvador	5/12	4/12	2/12	6/12	10/12	2/12	6/12	8/12
Guatemala	10/12	6/12	6/12	9/12	7/12	8/12	9/12	7/12
Jamaica	6/12	3/12	8/12	4/12	12/12	7/12	5/12	2/12
Mexico	7/12	10/12	7/12	10/12	4/12	6/12	11/12	11/12
Peru	2/12	7/12	4/12	2/12	3/12	5/12	8/12	3/12
Venezuela	12/12	11/12	11/12	12/12	11/12	12/12	12/12	12/12



### Middle East and North Africa

Country	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	Factor 3: Order and Security	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	Factor 5: Open Government	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice
Iran	5/5	3/5	5/5	5/5	3/5	3/5	3/5	3/5
Jordan	2/5	2/5	2/5	3/5	2/5	2/5	2/5	2/5
Lebanon	3/5	4/5	3/5	1/5	5/5	5/5	5/5	4/5
Morocco	4/5	5/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	5/5
United Arab Emirates	1/5	1/5	1/5	2/5	1/5	1/5	1/5	1/5

### South Asia

Country	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	Factor 3: Order and Security	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	Factor 5: Open Government	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice
Bangladesh	2/3	2/3	1/3	2/3	2/3	2/3	2/3	2/3
India	1/3	1/3	2/3	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3
Pakistan	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3	3/3

### Sub-Saharan Africa

Country	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	Factor 3: Order and Security	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	Factor 5: Open Government	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice
Cameroon	8/9	9/9	2/9	7/9	7/9	6/9	8/9	8/9
Ethiopia	9/9	4/9	4/9	9/9	5/9	7/9	4/9	6/9
Ghana	1/9	3/9	3/9	1/9	2/9	3/9	2/9	2/9
Kenya	7/9	8/9	5/9	5/9	8/9	8/9	7/9	3/9
Liberia	4/9	7/9	7/9	4/9	9/9	9/9	9/9	9/9
Nigeria	3/9	5/9	9/9	6/9	4/9	4/9	3/9	7/9
Senegal	5/9	2/9	1/9	3/9	6/9	2/9	5/9	5/9
South Africa	2/9	1/9	8/9	2/9	1/9	1/9	1/9	1/9
Uganda	6/9	6/9	6/9	8/9	3/9	5/9	6/9	4/9

### Western Europe and North America

Country	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	Factor 3: Order and Security	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	Factor 5: Open Government	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice
Austria	6/12	4/12	4/12	4/12	5/12	6/12	5/12	4/12
Belgium	8/12	8/12	8/12	6/12	9/12	10/12	6/12	9/12
Canada	5/12	5/12	3/12	9/12	4/12	7/12	9/12	6/12
France	9/12	7/12	9/12	10/12	10/12	8/12	8/12	12/12
Germany	4/12	6/12	5/12	5/12	7/12	5/12	2/12	5/12
Italy	12/12	12/12	12/12	12/12	12/12	12/12	12/12	8/12
Netherlands	3/12	3/12	10/12	3/12	2/12	3/12	3/12	2/12
Norway	1/12	2/12	1/12	2/12	6/12	2/12	1/12	1/12
Spain	11/12	11/12	11/12	7/12	11/12	11/12	10/12	10/12
Sweden	2/12	1/12	2/12	1/12	1/12	1/12	4/12	3/12
United Kingdom	7/12	9/12	7/12	8/12	3/12	4/12	7/12	7/12
United States	10/12	10/12	6/12	11/12	8/12	9/12	11/12	11/12

## Groups by Income

### High Income

Country	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	Factor 3: Order and Security	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	Factor 5: Open Government	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice
Australia	4/23	9/23	10/23	7/23	8/23	7/23	13/23	15/23
Austria	8/23	8/23	8/23	5/23	9/23	9/23	8/23	8/23
Belgium	12/23	15/23	14/23	11/23	15/23	17/23	9/23	18/23
Canada	7/23	11/23	7/23	14/23	6/23	13/23	16/23	10/23
Croatia	23/23	23/23	22/23	21/23	22/23	23/23	22/23	23/23
Czech Republic	19/23	22/23	20/23	9/23	21/23	21/23	19/23	11/23
Estonia	10/23	10/23	16/23	8/23	13/23	10/23	6/23	14/23
France	15/23	14/23	15/23	15/23	16/23	14/23	14/23	22/23
Germany	6/23	12/23	9/23	6/23	11/23	8/23	2/23	9/23
Hong Kong SAR, China	14/23	6/23	1/23	20/23	5/23	18/23	12/23	2/23
Italy	21/23	21/23	23/23	19/23	23/23	22/23	23/23	16/23
Japan	11/23	5/23	4/23	16/23	7/23	4/23	7/23	12/23
Netherlands	5/23	7/23	17/23	3/23	3/23	5/23	3/23	6/23
New Zealand	2/23	1/23	11/23	4/23	2/23	3/23	4/23	3/23
Norway	1/23	3/23	3/23	2/23	10/23	2/23	1/23	1/23
Poland	13/23	20/23	18/23	10/23	20/23	20/23	21/23	17/23
Singapore	18/23	4/23	2/23	22/23	17/23	11/23	15/23	5/23
South Korea	22/23	19/23	19/23	17/23	14/23	16/23	17/23	21/23
Spain	17/23	18/23	21/23	12/23	19/23	19/23	18/23	19/23
Sweden	3/23	2/23	5/23	1/23	1/23	1/23	5/23	7/23
United Arab Emirates	20/23	13/23	6/23	23/23	18/23	12/23	11/23	4/23
United Kingdom	9/23	16/23	13/23	13/23	4/23	6/23	10/23	13/23
United States	16/23	17/23	12/23	18/23	12/23	15/23	20/23	20/23

### Upper Middle Income

Country	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	Factor 3: Order and Security	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	Factor 5: Open Government	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice
Albania	13/19	19/19	4/19	6/19	15/19	15/19	14/19	16/19
Argentina	12/19	13/19	15/19	9/19	13/19	17/19	8/19	15/19
Brazil	4/19	2/19	12/19	4/19	6/19	3/19	3/19	11/19
Bulgaria	14/19	16/19	5/19	11/19	8/19	13/19	11/19	18/19
Chile	1/19	1/19	9/19	1/19	1/19	1/19	1/19	2/19
Colombia	5/19	7/19	19/19	12/19	2/19	4/19	7/19	14/19
Dominican Republic	11/19	15/19	16/19	10/19	9/19	16/19	12/19	10/19
Iran	17/19	8/19	7/19	19/19	10/19	6/19	6/19	9/19
Jamaica	7/19	3/19	14/19	8/19	19/19	12/19	10/19	6/19
Kazakhstan	18/19	11/19	3/19	14/19	12/19	7/19	4/19	8/19
Lebanon	8/19	14/19	6/19	5/19	18/19	19/19	17/19	12/19
Malaysia	6/19	4/19	1/19	18/19	11/19	11/19	15/19	5/19
Mexico	9/19	17/19	13/19	13/19	5/19	8/19	18/19	17/19
Peru	2/19	12/19	11/19	3/19	3/19	5/19	16/19	7/19
Romania	10/19	6/19	2/19	2/19	7/19	10/19	9/19	3/19
Russia	16/19	10/19	10/19	15/19	16/19	14/19	13/19	1/19
South Africa	3/19	5/19	17/19	7/19	4/19	2/19	2/19	4/19
Turkey	15/19	9/19	8/19	17/19	14/19	9/19	5/19	13/19
Venezuela	19/19	18/19	18/19	16/19	17/19	18/19	19/19	19/19

## Lower Middle Income

Country	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	Factor 3: Order and Security	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	Factor 5: Open Government	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice
Bolivia	13/16	14/16	12/16	9/16	5/16	12/16	12/16	16/16
Cameroon	15/16	15/16	10/16	13/16	15/16	14/16	14/16	13/16
China	7/16	3/16	2/16	16/16	2/16	8/16	6/16	2/16
El Salvador	4/16	4/16	11/16	3/16	10/16	2/16	3/16	12/16
Guatemala	12/16	8/16	13/16	7/16	6/16	9/16	10/16	9/16
India	2/16	10/16	15/16	4/16	1/16	13/16	8/16	6/16
Indonesia	1/16	9/16	7/16	1/16	3/16	3/16	4/16	3/16
Jordan	6/16	1/16	3/16	12/16	4/16	1/16	1/16	4/16
Morocco	8/16	13/16	5/16	14/16	11/16	10/16	7/16	14/16
Nigeria	10/16	11/16	14/16	11/16	13/16	11/16	2/16	11/16
Pakistan	14/16	16/16	16/16	15/16	16/16	15/16	16/16	15/16
Philippines	3/16	5/16	9/16	6/16	9/16	5/16	13/16	8/16
Senegal	11/16	7/16	6/16	5/16	14/16	6/16	5/16	7/16
Thailand	9/16	2/16	8/16	2/16	8/16	4/16	11/16	1/16
Ukraine	16/16	12/16	4/16	8/16	12/16	16/16	15/16	10/16
Vietnam	5/16	6/16	1/16	10/16	7/16	7/16	9/16	5/16

## Low Income

Country	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers	Factor 2: Absence of Corruption	Factor 3: Order and Security	Factor 4: Fundamental Rights	Factor 5: Open Government	Factor 6: Regulatory Enforcement	Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice	Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice
Bangladesh	3/8	4/8	3/8	3/8	3/8	4/8	6/8	2/8
Cambodia	8/8	8/8	2/8	7/8	6/8	7/8	7/8	6/8
Ethiopia	7/8	2/8	5/8	8/8	5/8	5/8	2/8	5/8
Ghana	1/8	1/8	4/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8
Kenya	6/8	7/8	6/8	5/8	7/8	6/8	5/8	3/8
Kyrgyzstan	5/8	5/8	1/8	4/8	4/8	2/8	4/8	7/8
Liberia	2/8	6/8	8/8	2/8	8/8	8/8	8/8	8/8
Uganda	4/8	3/8	7/8	6/8	2/8	3/8	3/8	4/8

# Data Notes

The WJP Rule of Law Index provides new indicators on nine factors and 52 sub-factors. These factors and sub-factors correspond to goals or outcomes that rule of law societies seek to achieve and that policy makers might want to influence. The WJP Rule of Law Index is a first attempt to systematically and comprehensively quantify these outcomes by linking the conceptual definitions to concrete questions. These questions are then administered to a representative sample of the general public, and to local experts, and then are analyzed and cross-checked pursuant to a rigorous triangulation methodology. The outcome of this exercise is one of the world's most comprehensive data sets of the extent to which countries adhere to the rule of law in practice.

The 2011 *Rule of Law Index* builds on more than 400 variables drawn from the assessments of more than 66,000 people and 2,000 local experts in 66 countries.

## Outcomes vs. inputs

The *WJP Rule of Law Index 2011* measures outcomes rather than inputs. More specifically, our aim is to provide a picture of where countries stand with regard to a number of widely accepted outcomes that rule of law societies seek to achieve, as opposed to the institutional means, such as the legal and regulatory frameworks, to attain them. Some examples of outcomes measured by the Index include respect for fundamental rights, absence of corruption, and access to justice. Examples of inputs include a country's number of courts, number of police officers, and judicial budget.

Measuring outcomes improves accuracy while reducing the risk of misdiagnosing the causes of problems and bottlenecks. For instance, police resources are just one of the many inputs of effective policing (an outcome), and it may or may not be the

driving reason behind crime rates. Since the Index does not contain all the elements to diagnose the root causes of the country's rule of law weaknesses, we focus on outcomes which, in the end, are the goals policy makers want to address. Relevant inputs will continue to be captured by the methodology, as they are essential for policy analysis, and will be incorporated in the Index's spin-off products which will complement the Index framework and provide a solid basis for policy analysis and discussion.

## Law in practice vs. law on the books

In order to evaluate the rule of law in a given country, it is necessary to look not only at the laws as written (*de jure*), but also at how they are actually implemented in practice and experienced by those who are subject to them (*de facto*). Unlike other indices, the WJP Rule of Law Index methodology focuses entirely on adherence to the rule of law in practice.

## A new data set

The WJP's Rule of Law Index is based on the premise that it is necessary to use different but complementary data sources to best approximate the concept of the rule of law. Currently, there is no comparable data that fully covers all dimensions of the rule of law. The WJP Rule of Law Index addresses this gap by constructing a new set of indicators drawn from two novel data sources:

- » A general population poll (GPP) conducted by leading local polling companies using a probability sample of 1,000 respondents in the three largest cities of each country.
- » Qualified respondents' questionnaires (QRQ) completed by in-country experts in civil and commercial law, criminal justice, labor law, and public health.

The general population poll (GPP) is a key component of the Index as it provides information on how the rule of law is experienced by the people, including marginalized segments of the society. The GPP questionnaire was designed to provide information on the experiences and the

perceptions of ordinary people about their dealings with the government, the police, and the courts; the openness and accountability of the State; the extent of corruption; and the magnitude of common crimes to which the general public is exposed. The latest questionnaire includes 91 perception-based questions and 58 experience-based questions. In addition, socio-demographic information was also collected. In all countries, the questionnaire was translated into local languages and adapted to common expressions. The poll was carried out on a probability sample of 1,000 respondents drawn from the three largest cities in each country, and was conducted by leading local polling companies on behalf of the World Justice Project. Depending on the particular situation of each country, three different polling methodologies were used: CATI, Online, or F2F. The cities covered, the polling company, and the polling methodology employed in all 66 countries are presented in Table 4. For the first round of countries, data were gathered in September 2009. For the second round, they were collected in April 2011.

The Qualified Respondents' Questionnaire (QRQ) is designed to complement polling data with expert opinion on a variety of dimensions relevant to the rule of law. The expert questionnaires were tailored to four areas of expertise: civil and commercial law, criminal justice (due process); labor law, and public health. The questionnaires cover different aspects of the majority of factors, but are tailored to suit the knowledge and expertise of each type of respondent. The questionnaires include close-ended perception questions and several hypothetical scenarios with highly detailed factual assumptions aimed at ensuring comparability across countries. Qualified respondents are selected based solely on their professional expertise by using two methods. The first method involves a two-stage procedure. In the first stage, a large number of organizations are selected from a set of directories of law firms, universities/colleges, research organizations, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). In the second stage, a random sample of experts is drawn from within the selected organizations. Once a sufficient number of potential respondents are identified, questionnaires are sent to the selected individuals. The second method builds on the WJP network of practitioners and academics- people who

Table 4: City coverage and polling methodology in the 66 indexed countries

Country	Cities Covered	Polling Company	Methodology	Sample	Data Collection Year
Albania	Tirana, Durres, Elbasan	Strategic Puls Group	F2F	1096	2009
Argentina	Buenos Aires, Cordoba, Rosario	Navarro Mkt Research	CATI	1000	2009
Australia	Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane	IPSOS Public Affairs Pty Ltd.	ONLINE	1030	2009
Austria	Wien, Graz, Linz	Market Institut	ONLINE	1000	2009
Bangladesh	Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna	Org-Quest Research Limited	F2F	1000	2011
Belgium	Brussels, Antwerpen, Gent	Survey Sampling International, LLC	ONLINE	1000	2011
Bolivia	La Paz, Santa Cruz, Cochabamba	Encuestas y Estudios	F2F	1003	2009
Brazil	São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte	Fine Research	Mixed (CATI & F2F)	850	2011
Bulgaria	Sofia, Plovdiv, Varna	Alpha Research	F2F	1024	2009
Cambodia	Phnom Penh, Battambang, Kampong Cham	Indochina Research Ltd	F2F	1006	2011
Cameroon	Douala, Yaoundé, Bamenda	CIBLE	F2F	1000	2011
Canada	Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver	Leger Marketing	ONLINE	1047	2009
Chile	Santiago, Valparaiso, Concepcion	Fine Research	CATI	850	2011
China	Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou	WJP in collaboration with local partner	F2F	1006	2011
Colombia	Bogota, Medellin, Cali	Centro Nacional de Consultoria (CNC)	CATI	1009	2009
Croatia	Zagreb, Split, Rijeka	Puls - Marketing, Media and Public Opinion	CATI	1006	2009
Czech Republic	Prague, Brno, Ostrava	Survey Sampling International, LLC	ONLINE	1001	2011
Dominican Republic	Gran Santo Domingo, Santiago de los Caballeros, San Cristobal	Asisa Research Group Inc.	F2F	1000	2009
El Salvador	San Salvador, Soyapango, Santa Ana	Borge y Asociados	F2F	1020	2009
Estonia	Tallinn, Tartu, Narva	Survey Sampling International, LLC	ONLINE	1000	2011
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa, Dire Dawa, Mek'ele	Research Solutions Limited	F2F	1019	2011
France	Paris, Marseille, Lyon	Leger Marketing with local partner	ONLINE	1000	2009
Germany	Berlin, Hamburg, Munich	Survey Sampling International, LLC	ONLINE	1002	2011
Ghana	Accra, Kumasi, Tamale	The Steadman Group (Synovate)	F2F	1006	2009
Guatemala	Guatemala City, Mixco, Villa Nueva	TNS DATA, S.A.	F2F	1000	2011
Hong Kong SAR, China	Hong Kong	IBI Partners	F2F	1006	2011
India	Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata	Hinduston Thompson Associates (IMRB)	F2F	1004	2009
Indonesia	Jakarta, Surabaya, Bandung	Synovate Indonesia	F2F	1067	2009
Iran	Tehran, Mashad, Isfahan	FeedBack Market Research	F2F	1097	2011
Italy	Rome, Milan, Naples	Survey Sampling International, LLC	ONLINE	1000	2011
Jamaica	Kingston, Portmore, Spanish Town	StatMark Group, s.a.	F2F	1000	2011
Japan	Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka	IBI Partners	CATI	1000	2009
Jordan	Amman, Az Zarqa, Irbid	WJP in collaboration with local partner	F2F	1011	2009
Kazakhstan	Almaty, Astana, Shymkent	ROMIR Holding Research LTD	F2F	1000	2011
Kenya	Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru	Synovate Kenya	F2F	1012	2009
Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek, Osh, Djalalabd	ROMIR Holding Research LTD	F2F	1000	2011
Lebanon	Beirut, Tripoli, Saita	FeedBack Market Research	F2F	1001	2011
Liberia	Monrovia	WJP in collaboration with local partner	F2F	1000	2009
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh, Johor Bahru	IBI Partners	F2F	1006	2011
Mexico	Mexico City, Guadalajara, Monterrey	Brand Investigation, S.A. de C.V.	CATI	1057	2009
Morocco	Casablanca, Rabat, Fes	WJP in collaboration with local partner	F2F	1000	2009
Netherlands	Amsterdam, Rotterdam, s'Gravenhage	RenMMatrix	ONLINE	1004	2009
New Zealand	Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington	IBI Partners	CATI	1006	2011
Nigeria	Lagos, Kano, Ibadan	The Steadman Group (Synovate)	F2F	1001	2009
Norway	Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim	Survey Sampling International, LLC	ONLINE	1005	2011
Pakistan	Karachi, Lahore, Faisalabad	SB&B Marketing Research	F2F	1000	2009
Peru	Lima, Arequipa, Trujillo	IPSOS APOYO Opinion y Mercado S.A.	F2F	1009	2009
Philippines	Manila, Davao, Cebu	IBI Partners	F2F	1000	2009
Poland	Warsaw, Cracow, Lodz	Synovate Poland	F2F	1000	2009
Romania	Bucharest, Iasi, Cluj	Synovate SRL	F2F	1000	2011
Russia	Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Novosibirsk	ROMIR Holding Research LTD	F2F	1000	2011
Senegal	Dakar, Thies, Diourbel	TNS RMS Senegal	F2F	1024	2011
Singapore	Singapore	IBI Partners	CATI	1000	2009
South Africa	Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban	Quest Research Services	F2F	1000	2009
South Korea	Seoul, Busan, Incheon	Nice Research and Consulting, Inc.	ONLINE	1000	2009
Spain	Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia	Leger Marketing with local partner	ONLINE	1018	2009
Sweden	Stockholm, Goteborg, Malmo	NORSTAT	ONLINE	1003	2009
Thailand	Bangkok, Nonthaburi, Pak Kret	IBI Partners Thailand	F2F	1000	2009
Turkey	Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir	Yontem Research Consultancy Ltd.	F2F	1000	2009
Uganda	Kampala, Wakiso, Mukono	Synovate Limited	F2F	1000	2011
Ukraine	Kyiv, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk	Kiev International Institute of Sociology, Ltd	F2F	1010	2011
United Arab Emirates	Dubai, Sharjah, Abu-Dhabi	FeedBack Market Research	F2F	1011	2011
United Kingdom	London, Birmingham, Glasgow	Survey Sampling International, LLC	ONLINE	1001	2011
United States	New York, Los Angeles, Chicago	Survey Sampling International, LLC	ONLINE	1044	2011
Venezuela	Caracas, Maracaibo, Barquisimeto	WJP in collaboration with local partner	F2F	1000	2011
Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh City, Ha Noi, Hai Phong	Indochina Research Ltd	F2F	1000	2011



have provided significant input to the development of the Index. Data collection was conducted from March 2011 through May 2011.

The Index is thus based on data from experts and data from the general public. The intent in using these two data sources is twofold - the first is to complement the information provided by the experts' assessments (specialized knowledge of certain processes, actors, and circumstances) with that of the general public (different rule of law problems as experienced by the people). The underlying concept is that experts and lay people are knowledgeable about different rule of law situations. For instance, while experts are familiar with the duration of cases in courts, they might not comprehend factors such as crime in different neighborhoods, which is a problem experienced on a daily basis by the general public. The second goal is to validate our findings by providing different perspectives on the same issue (see Data validation and cross-checks section below). In this way, the Index anchors expert opinion on rigorous polling of the general public to ensure that the findings reflect the conditions experienced by the population, including marginalized sectors of society.

## Combining several questions to measure a complex concept

No single question can cover all of the dimensions of the concepts described by the different factors and sub-factors, therefore, the WJP's Rule of Law Index measures each of the concepts with several variables. By combining a series of questions, with each reflecting different aspects of a particular concept, it is possible to create composite indicators that better capture the reality of a complex concept, such as the rule of law. For instance, sub-factor 6.2 measures whether government regulations are applied and enforced without the exercise of bribery or improper influence. Given the large number of regulations emerging from different governmental bodies in each country, it is clear that no single question can adequately encompass this concept. The Index thus incorporates a series of 33 questions falling under different regulatory areas, such as labor, environment, public health, education, public registries, and procurement. With all this information, we create

a composite measure that conveys more precisely the extent of bribery and corruption in regulatory implementation. Overall, the Index combines more than 400 detailed questions to measure the concepts represented in the different sub-factors of the WJP's Rule of Law Index.

## Building indicators

All variables included in the Rule of Law Index were normalized using the Min-Max method, so that all variables are expressed in a scale from 0 (low rule of law) to 1 (high rule of law). Individual variables covering the same concept were averaged and then aggregated into sub-factors and factors using simple averages. These scores are the basis of the final rankings. In all cases, the base level of aggregation for each sub-factor is calculated with a weight of 50% for the QRQ variables, and 50% for the GPP variables<sup>1</sup>.

## Data validation and cross-checks

Another distinguishing feature of the WJP's Rule of Law Index is that it approaches the measurement of rule of law from various angles so as to improve the validity and reliability of the resultant scores - a method known as triangulation. The Rule of Law Index triangulates information across data sources and also across 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 one particular data collection method. In addition, the Index employs both a qualitative and quantitative methodology for cross-checking its findings in order to identify discrepancies between the Index and other data sources.

## Limitations

With the aforementioned methodological strengths come a number of limitations. First, the data will

<sup>1</sup> Composite indicators are subject to several sources of uncertainty, including sampling error, missing data, weighting, normalization, or aggregation rules, to mention just a few. To assess the impact of such uncertainties on our estimates, we asked the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission to perform a sensitivity analysis based a combination of Monte Carlo experiments, bootstrapping, and multi-modeling approaches [Saisana, M and Saltelli, A. (2010)]. Their analysis has demonstrated the robustness of our findings, i.e., that 90 percent of the countries show a shift of less than  $\pm 1$  position.

shed light on rule of law dimensions that appear comparatively strong or weak, but will not be specific enough to establish causation. Thus, it will be necessary to use the Index in combination with other analytical tools to provide a full picture of causes and possible solutions.

Second, the methodology has been applied only in three major urban areas in each of the indexed countries. As the project evolves, the WJP intends to extend the application of the methodology to other urban areas, and eventually to rural areas as well.

## Other methodological considerations

A detailed presentation of the methodology, including a description of the more than 400 variables used to construct the Index scores, are available in Botero, J and Ponce, A. (2011) “Measuring the Rule of Law”. WJP Working Paper No. 1, available online at [www.worldjusticeproject.org](http://www.worldjusticeproject.org)



# **Part III: Statistical Tests on the WJP Rule of Law Index**

# Statistical Tests on the WJP Rule of Law Index

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## Summary

The JRC analysis suggests that the conceptualized multi-level structure of the WJP Rule of Law Index is statistically coherent and no dimension is dominated by any of its underlying components. Country ranks across the eight dimensions are also fairly robust to methodological changes related to the estimation of missing data, weighting or aggregation rule (less than  $\pm 1$  position shift in 90% of the cases).

The assessment of conceptual and statistical coherence of the World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index and the estimation of the impact of modeling assumptions on a country's performance are useful steps: they add to the transparency and reliability of the Index and build confidence in the narratives supported by the measure. Modeling the cultural and subjective concepts underlying the rule of law at a national scale around the globe raises practical challenges related to the combination of these concepts into a single set of numbers.

The Econometrics and Applied Statistics Unit at the European Commission Joint Research Centre in Ispra, Italy has undertaken for a second consecutive year, and upon request of the WJP, a thorough statistical assessment of the Index.<sup>1</sup> The WJP Rule of Law Index was assessed along two main avenues: the conceptual and statistical coherence of its structure, and the impact of key modeling assumptions on its scores and ranks.

## Conceptual and statistical coherence in the WJP Rule of Law framework

Country data delivered to the JRC represented average scores of public or expert opinion on 479 variables. These variables are not affected by outliers or skewed distributions<sup>2</sup>, except for 16 variables spread across six factors in the WJP Rule of Law Index.<sup>3</sup> Given the high number of variables combined in building a factor, the skewed distributions of those variables do not bias the results. Some reservations on Civil conflict is effectively limited (sub-factor 3.2) are discussed later. The 2011 dataset is characterized by excellent data coverage (92% in a matrix of 479 variables × 66 countries). Data coverage per dimension and country is also very good or excellent. A further data quality issue relates to the treatment of missing values. The WJP, for reasons of transparency and replicability, calculated sub-factor scores using only available information for each country. This choice, which is common in relevant contexts, might discourage countries from reporting low data values. We tested the implications of ‘no imputation’ versus the hot-deck imputation method and discuss this in the second part of the assessment together with other modeling assumptions.

Principal component analysis (PCA) was used to assess to what extent the conceptual framework is

confirmed by statistical approaches and to identify eventual pitfalls. The analysis confirms the WJP Rule of Law Index structure, as within each of the eight dimensions the first latent factor captures between 55% up to 93% of the variance (best result for *Absence of Corruption* – Factor 2). A more detailed analysis of the correlation structure confirms the expectation that the sub-factors are more correlated to their own dimension than to any other dimension and all correlations are strong and positive. Hence, no-reallocation of sub-factors is needed. Finally, the eight factors share a single latent factor that captures 82% of the total variance. This latter result could be used as a statistical justification for aggregating further the eight dimensions into a single index by using a weighted arithmetic average. This is not currently done, as the WJP team aims to shed more light on the dimensions of the rule of law as opposed to an overall index.

Next, tests focused on identifying whether the eight dimensions of the WJP Rule of Law Index are statistically well-balanced in the underlying sub-factors. In the present context given that all dimensions are built as simple arithmetic averages (*i.e.* equal weights for the relative sub-factors), our analysis answers the question: ‘*are the sub-factors really equally important?*’ We used an ‘importance measure’ (henceforth  $S_i$ ), known as correlation ratio or first order sensitivity measure (Saltelli *et al.*, 2008). The  $S_i$  describes ‘the expected reduction in the variance of factor scores that would be

**Table 1. Importance measures (variance-based) for the eight factors of the WJP Rule of Law Index**

Sub-factor	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8
#.1		0.88 (0.05)	0.80 (0.08)	0.6 (0.11)	0.64 (0.1)	0.87 (0.07)		0.64 (0.10)
#.2	0.87 (0.08)	0.93 (0.06)	0.27 (0.18)*	0.64 (0.13)	0.70 (0.09)	0.87 (0.08)	0.35 (0.12)*	0.78 (0.08)
#.3	0.94 (0.04)	0.99 (0.04)	0.73 (0.11)	0.72 (0.11)	0.82 (0.09)	0.84 (0.09)	0.39 (0.12)*	0.73 (0.11)
#.4	0.74 (0.07)			0.88 (0.07)	0.68 (0.09)	0.83 (0.08)	0.61 (0.09)	0.64 (0.11)
#.5	0.83 (0.09)			0.57 (0.13)	0.82 (0.09)	0.75 (0.1)	0.88 (0.08)	0.87 (0.07)
#.6	0.73 (0.09)			0.88 (0.1)	0.70 (0.12)		0.71 (0.11)	0.64 (0.08)
#.7	0.70 (0.10)			0.69 (0.07)			0.39 (0.14)*	0.80 (0.07)
#.8				0.63 (0.09)			0.72 (0.11)	
#.9							0.73 (0.12)	

Source: European Commission Joint Research Centre; WJP Rule of Law Index 2011

Notes: (1) Numbers represent the kernel estimates of the Pearson correlation ratio ( $\eta^2$ ). (2) Bootstrap confidence intervals are given in parenthesis. (3) Sub-factors that have much lower contribution to the variance of the relevant Factor scores than the equal weighting expectation are marked with an asterisk. (4) F.1: Limited Government Powers, F.2: Absence of Corruption, F.3: Order and Security, F.4: Fundamental Rights, F.5: Open Government, F.6: Effective Regulatory Enforcement, F.7: Access to Civil Justice, F.8: Effective Criminal Justice

obtained if a given sub-factor could be fixed'. As discussed in Paruolo *et al.*, 2011, we can take this as a measure of importance; thus if sub-factors are supposed to be equally important their  $S_i$  values should not differ too much. Results are reassuring: all sub-factors are important in classifying countries within each factor, though some sub-factors are slightly more important than others (see Table 1). However, for the *Access to Civil Justice*, one could question the contribution of sub-factors 7.2, 7.3 and 7.7 compared to the remaining sub-factors on the basis of their lower effective weight. The issue is somewhat more serious for *Order and Security* where sub-factor 3.2 (*civil conflict is effectively limited*) is half as important as the other two. The reason is that 52 out of 66 countries do have civil conflict effectively limited and hence they all receive a score of 1.0 in this sub-factor. Consequently, sub-factor 3.2 has no discriminating power over those countries. Yet, sub-factor 3.2 becomes important and placed on equal footing with the other two sub-factors when it comes to the remaining 14 countries where civil conflicts exist. In order for sub-factor 3.2 to become as important as the other two for the entire set of countries, the original weights should be changed from 1,1,1, to 1, 2.5, 1 (in that case all  $S_i$  values will be between 0.60 and 0.70).

## Impact of modeling assumptions on the WJP Rule of Law Index results

Every dimension in the WJP Rule of Law Index is the outcome of choices: the framework (driven by theoretical models and expert opinion), the variables included, the estimation or not of missing values, the normalization of the variables, the weights assigned to the variables and sub-factors, and the aggregation method, among other elements. Some of these choices are based on expert opinion, or common practice, driven by statistical analysis or the need for ease of communication. The aim of the robustness analysis is to assess to what extent these choices might affect country classification. We have dealt with these uncertainties simultaneously in order to assess their joint influence and fully acknowledge their implications. Data are considered to be error-free since the WJP team already undertook a double-

check control of potential outliers and eventual errors and typos were corrected during this phase.

The robustness assessment of the WJP Rule of Law Index was based on a combination of a Monte Carlo experiment and a multi-modeling approach. This type of assessment aims to respond to eventual criticism that the country scores associated with aggregate measures are generally not calculated under conditions of certainty, even if they are frequently presented as such (Saisana *et al.*, 2005, 2011). The Monte Carlo simulation related to the weights and comprised 1,000 runs, each corresponding to a different set of weights of the sub-factors underlying each dimension, randomly sampled from uniform continuous distributions centered in the reference values. The choice of the range for the weights' variation was driven by two opposite needs: on the one hand, the need to ensure a wide enough interval to have meaningful robustness checks; on the other hand, the need to respect the rationale of the WJP that the sub-factors are equally important when calculating a dimension. Given these considerations, limit values of uncertainty intervals have been defined as shown in Table 2.

The multi-modeling approach involved combinations of the remaining two key assumptions on the 'no imputation' of missing data and the aggregation formula within a factor. The WJP calculated sub-factor scores using only available information for each country<sup>4</sup>. This choice (often termed as 'no imputation') was confronted with the application of the hot-deck imputation method<sup>5</sup>. Regarding the WJP assumption on the aggregation function (arithmetic average), and despite the fact that it received statistical support (see principal component analysis results in the previous section), decision-theory practitioners have challenged this type of aggregation because of inherent theoretical inconsistencies lined to their fully compensatory nature, in which a comparative advantage of a few variables can compensate a comparative disadvantage of many variables. Hence, we considered the geometric average instead, which is a partially compensatory approach.<sup>6</sup> Consequently, we tested four models based on the combination of no imputation versus hot-deck and arithmetic versus geometric average. Combined with the 1,000



**Table 2. Uncertainties simulated in the WJP Rule of Law Index**

I. Uncertainty in the imputed values			
	Reference method	Alternative method	
	no imputation	hot-deck	
II. Uncertainty in the weights			
WJP Rule of Law Index 2011	Reference value	Uncertainty range (± 25% of reference value)	
Factor 1: Limited Government Powers (6)	0.167	0.125	0.208
Factor 2: Absence of Corruption (3)	0.333	0.250	0.417
Factor 3: Order and Security (3)	0.333	0.250	0.417
Factor 4: Fundamental Rights (8)	0.125	0.094	0.156
Factor 5: Open Government (6)	0.167	0.125	0.208
Factor 6: Effective Regulatory Enforcement (5)	0.200	0.150	0.250
Factor 7: Access to Civil Justice (8)	0.125	0.094	0.156
Factor 8: Effective Criminal Justice (7)	0.143	0.107	0.179
III. Uncertainty in the aggregation formula			
	Reference method	Alternative method	
	arithmetic average	geometric average	

*Source: European Commission Joint Research Centre; WJP Rule of Law Index 2011*

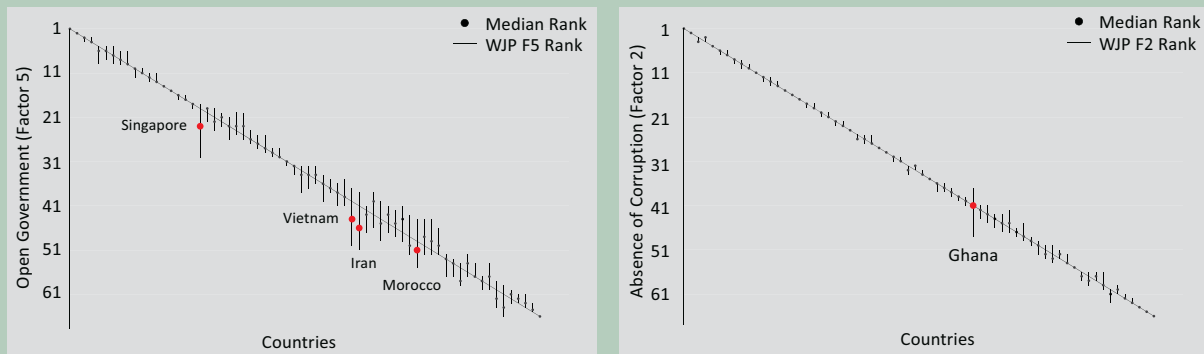
Notes: Number of sub-factors underlying each factor are given in parenthesis.

simulations per model to account for the uncertainty in the weights across the sub-factors, we carried out altogether 4,000 simulations.

The main results of the robustness analysis are provided in Figure 1, which shows median ranks and 90% intervals computed across the 4,000 Monte Carlo simulations for *Absence of Corruption* (F.2, one of the most robust dimensions) and for *Open Government* (F.5, one of the least robust dimensions). Countries are ordered from best to worst according to their reference rank in the WJP

(black line), the dot being the simulated median rank. Error bars represent, for each country, the 90% interval across all simulations. Ranks in all eight factors are very robust to the modeling assumptions: 90 percent of the countries shift with respect to the simulated median less than ± 1 position in *Limited Government Powers* (F.1), *Absence of Corruption* (F.2), *Fundamental Rights* (F.4) and *Effective Regulatory Enforcement* (F.6); less than ± 2 positions in *Access to Civil Justice* (F.7) and *Effective Criminal Justice* (F.8); less than ± 3 positions in *Order and Security* (F.3) and *Open Government* (F.5). The fact

**Figure 1: Robustness analysis (WJP factor ranks vs. median rank, 90% intervals)**



*Source: European Commission Joint Research Centre; WJP Rule of Law Index 2011*

Notes: Countries with wide intervals –more than 10 positions– across 4,000 simulations related to estimation of missing data, weighting and aggregation formula are flagged.

that *Absence of Corruption* (F.2) is one of the most robust dimensions in the WJP Rule of Law Index with respect to modeling assumptions and also very coherent (as discussed in the previous section) is all the more noteworthy given its potential inclusion in the Corruption Perception Index of Transparency International, to describe perception of corruption in the public sector and among politicians. Simulated 90% intervals across 4,000 Monte Carlo runs are narrow enough for most countries (less than 4 positions in 75% of the cases) to allow for meaningful inferences to be drawn. Exceptionally, few countries have relatively wide intervals (roughly 10–16 positions): China and Liberia on F.1, Ghana on F.2, Bangladesh on F.3, Singapore on F.4, Iran, Morocco, Singapore and Vietnam on F.5, Jamaica on F.6, and no country on F.7 or F.8. These relatively wide intervals are due to compensation of low performance on some sub-factors with a very good performance on other sub-factors in a given dimension (see country profiles in the main part of the report). Although these few cases are not a worrisome concern in the context of rule of law, they have been flagged herein as part of the sensitivity analysis in order to give more transparency in the entire process and to help appreciate the WJP Rule of Law Index results with respect to the assumptions made during the development phase.

Overall, the JRC analysis suggests that the conceptualized multi-level structure of the WJP Rule of Law Index is statistically coherent and none of the eight dimensions is dominated by any of its underlying sub-factors. Country ranks across the eight dimensions are also fairly robust to methodological changes related to the estimation of missing data, weighting or aggregation rule (less than  $\pm 1$  position shift in 90% of the cases).

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<sup>1</sup> The JRC analysis was based on the recommendations of the OECD (2008) Handbook on Composite Indicators, and on more recent research from the JRC. The JRC auditing studies of composite indicators are available at <http://composite-indicators.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>

<sup>2</sup> Groeneveld and Meeden (1984) set the criteria for absolute skewness above 1 and kurtosis above 3.5. The skewness criterion was relaxed to 'above 2' to account for the small sample (66 countries).

<sup>3</sup> In the WJP Rule of Law Index, 'factors' are equivalent to dimensions and 'sub-factors' to sub-dimensions.

<sup>4</sup> Note that here 'no imputation' is equivalent to replacing missing values with the average of the available data within each sub-factor.

<sup>5</sup> The 'hot-deck method' (also termed 'nearest neighbour method') involves substituting missing values for a given country with available data from 'similar' countries, similarity being measured by a certain distance (Little and Rubin, 2002). For the WJP factors, after cross-validation, we selected Manhattan distance and three nearest neighbours.

<sup>6</sup> In the geometric average, sub-factors are multiplied as opposed to summed in the arithmetic average. Sub-factor weights appear as exponents in the multiplication.



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Founded in 2006 as a presidential initiative of the American Bar Association (ABA) and the support of the leading global organizations and individuals listed below, the World Justice Project became an independent, non-profit organization in 2009.

## Goals and Program Areas

Advancing the rule of law around the world is the central goal of the World Justice Project. Establishing the rule of law is fundamental to achieving communities of opportunity and equity—communities that offer sustainable economic development, accountable government, and respect for fundamental rights. Without the rule of law, medicines do not reach health facilities due to corruption; women in rural areas remain unaware of their rights; people are killed in criminal violence; corrupt governments divert public resources needed for public works; and businesses' costs increase because of expropriation risk. The rule of law is the foundation to improving public health, safeguarding fundamental human rights, ensuring security, and fighting poverty.

The WJP's definition of the rule of law is organized

under four universal principles and is derived from established international standards and norms:

- » The government and its officials and agents are accountable under the law;
- » The laws are clear, publicized, stable and fair, and protect fundamental rights, including security of persons and property;
- » The process by which the laws are enacted, administered, and enforced is accessible, fair, and efficient; and
- » Access to justice is provided by competent, independent, and ethical adjudicators, attorneys or representatives and judicial officers who are of sufficient number, have adequate resources, and reflect the makeup of the communities they serve.

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