

1.06 Judicial independence

In your country, to what extent is the judiciary independent from influences of members of government, citizens, or firms? [1 = heavily influenced; 7 = entirely independent]
| 2013–14 weighted average

| RANK | COUNTRY/ECONOMY | VALUE | 1 | MEAN 3.9 | 7 | RANK | COUNTRY/ECONOMY | VALUE | 1 | MEAN 3.9 | 7 |
|------|----------------------|-------|---|----------|---|------|--------------------|-------|---|----------|---|
| 1 | New Zealand | 6.7 | | | | 73 | El Salvador | 3.6 | | | |
| 2 | Finland | 6.6 | | | | 74 | Tajikistan | 3.6 | | | |
| 3 | Denmark | 6.5 | | | | 75 | Tunisia | 3.6 | | | |
| 4 | Norway | 6.3 | | | | 76 | Brazil | 3.6 | | | |
| 5 | Hong Kong SAR | 6.3 | | | | 77 | Philippines | 3.6 | | | |
| 6 | Ireland | 6.3 | | | | 78 | Italy | 3.5 | | | |
| 7 | United Kingdom | 6.2 | | | | 79 | Macedonia, FYR | 3.5 | | | |
| 8 | Japan | 6.2 | | | | 80 | Senegal | 3.5 | | | |
| 9 | Canada | 6.2 | | | | 81 | Morocco | 3.5 | | | |
| 10 | Netherlands | 6.1 | | | | 82 | Korea, Rep. | 3.5 | | | |
| 11 | Switzerland | 6.1 | | | | 83 | Swaziland | 3.5 | | | |
| 12 | Luxembourg | 6.0 | | | | 84 | Romania | 3.5 | | | |
| 13 | Qatar | 6.0 | | | | 85 | Algeria | 3.5 | | | |
| 14 | Australia | 5.9 | | | | 86 | Kazakhstan | 3.4 | | | |
| 15 | Germany | 5.9 | | | | 87 | Guyana | 3.4 | | | |
| 16 | Israel | 5.8 | | | | 88 | Vietnam | 3.4 | | | |
| 17 | Sweden | 5.7 | | | | 89 | Iran, Islamic Rep. | 3.4 | | | |
| 18 | Belgium | 5.7 | | | | 90 | Montenegro | 3.4 | | | |
| 19 | Estonia | 5.7 | | | | 91 | Slovenia | 3.4 | | | |
| 20 | Singapore | 5.7 | | | | 92 | Nepal | 3.3 | | | |
| 21 | Uruguay | 5.6 | | | | 93 | Timor-Leste | 3.3 | | | |
| 22 | United Arab Emirates | 5.6 | | | | 94 | Bolivia | 3.3 | | | |
| 23 | Iceland | 5.5 | | | | 95 | Côte d'Ivoire | 3.2 | | | |
| 24 | South Africa | 5.4 | | | | 96 | Tanzania | 3.2 | | | |
| 25 | Barbados | 5.3 | | | | 97 | Spain | 3.2 | | | |
| 26 | Saudi Arabia | 5.2 | | | | 98 | Mexico | 3.2 | | | |
| 27 | Chile | 5.2 | | | | 99 | Azerbaijan | 3.2 | | | |
| 28 | Austria | 5.2 | | | | 100 | Croatia | 3.2 | | | |
| 29 | Oman | 5.1 | | | | 101 | Turkey | 3.1 | | | |
| 30 | United States | 5.1 | | | | 102 | Nigeria | 3.1 | | | |
| 31 | Mauritius | 5.1 | | | | 103 | Mali | 3.1 | | | |
| 32 | Costa Rica | 5.0 | | | | 104 | Libya | 3.0 | | | |
| 33 | France | 5.0 | | | | 105 | Guatemala | 3.0 | | | |
| 34 | Rwanda | 4.9 | | | | 106 | Uganda | 3.0 | | | |
| 35 | Botswana | 4.9 | | | | 107 | Armenia | 2.9 | | | |
| 36 | Malaysia | 4.9 | | | | 108 | Mongolia | 2.9 | | | |
| 37 | Kuwait | 4.9 | | | | 109 | Russian Federation | 2.9 | | | |
| 38 | Bhutan | 4.8 | | | | 110 | Ethiopia | 2.9 | | | |
| 39 | Namibia | 4.7 | | | | 111 | Gabon | 2.9 | | | |
| 40 | Malta | 4.6 | | | | 112 | Colombia | 2.8 | | | |
| 41 | Trinidad and Tobago | 4.6 | | | | 113 | Cameroon | 2.8 | | | |
| 42 | Jamaica | 4.5 | | | | 114 | Honduras | 2.8 | | | |
| 43 | Puerto Rico | 4.5 | | | | 115 | Sierra Leone | 2.8 | | | |
| 44 | Portugal | 4.5 | | | | 116 | Panama | 2.7 | | | |
| 45 | Cyprus | 4.5 | | | | 117 | Myanmar | 2.6 | | | |
| 46 | Jordan | 4.5 | | | | 118 | Serbia | 2.6 | | | |
| 47 | Bahrain | 4.4 | | | | 119 | Kyrgyz Republic | 2.5 | | | |
| 48 | Ghana | 4.4 | | | | 120 | Zimbabwe | 2.5 | | | |
| 49 | Taiwan, China | 4.2 | | | | 121 | Dominican Republic | 2.5 | | | |
| 50 | India | 4.2 | | | | 122 | Albania | 2.5 | | | |
| 51 | Cape Verde | 4.2 | | | | 123 | Mozambique | 2.5 | | | |
| 52 | Kenya | 4.1 | | | | 124 | Peru | 2.5 | | | |
| 53 | Seychelles | 4.1 | | | | 125 | Mauritania | 2.3 | | | |
| 54 | Poland | 4.1 | | | | 126 | Bulgaria | 2.3 | | | |
| 55 | Lesotho | 4.1 | | | | 127 | Argentina | 2.3 | | | |
| 56 | Hungary | 4.0 | | | | 128 | Yemen | 2.3 | | | |
| 57 | Egypt | 4.0 | | | | 129 | Cambodia | 2.3 | | | |
| 58 | Latvia | 4.0 | | | | 130 | Slovak Republic | 2.3 | | | |
| 59 | Malawi | 4.0 | | | | 131 | Nicaragua | 2.3 | | | |
| 60 | China | 4.0 | | | | 132 | Bangladesh | 2.2 | | | |
| 61 | Lao PDR | 3.9 | | | | 133 | Chad | 2.2 | | | |
| 62 | Czech Republic | 3.9 | | | | 134 | Madagascar | 2.2 | | | |
| 63 | Indonesia | 3.9 | | | | 135 | Haiti | 2.1 | | | |
| 64 | Suriname | 3.8 | | | | 136 | Burkina Faso | 2.1 | | | |
| 65 | Georgia | 3.8 | | | | 137 | Angola | 2.1 | | | |
| 66 | Gambia, The | 3.8 | | | | 138 | Lebanon | 2.1 | | | |
| 67 | Pakistan | 3.8 | | | | 139 | Guinea | 2.0 | | | |
| 68 | Thailand | 3.8 | | | | 140 | Ukraine | 2.0 | | | |
| 69 | Zambia | 3.7 | | | | 141 | Moldova | 2.0 | | | |
| 70 | Greece | 3.7 | | | | 142 | Paraguay | 1.6 | | | |
| 71 | Lithuania | 3.6 | | | | 143 | Burundi | 1.6 | | | |
| 72 | Sri Lanka | 3.6 | | | | 144 | Venezuela | 1.1 | | | |

SOURCE: World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey. For more details, refer to Chapter 1.3 of this Report.

1.07 Favoritism in decisions of government officials

In your country, to what extent do government officials show favoritism to well-connected firms and individuals when deciding upon policies and contracts? [1 = always show favoritism; 7 = never show favoritism] | 2013–14 weighted average

| RANK | COUNTRY/ECONOMY | VALUE | 1 | MEAN 3.2 | 7 | RANK | COUNTRY/ECONOMY | VALUE | 1 | MEAN 3.2 | 7 |
|------|----------------------|-------|---|----------|---|------|---------------------|-------|---|----------|---|
| 1 | Qatar | 5.6 | | | | 73 | Mauritius | 3.0 | | | |
| 2 | New Zealand | 5.5 | | | | 74 | Vietnam | 3.0 | | | |
| 3 | Singapore | 5.4 | | | | 75 | Kenya | 3.0 | | | |
| 4 | Finland | 5.3 | | | | 76 | Ghana | 3.0 | | | |
| 5 | United Arab Emirates | 5.3 | | | | 77 | Algeria | 3.0 | | | |
| 6 | Netherlands | 5.1 | | | | 78 | Spain | 3.0 | | | |
| 7 | Japan | 5.1 | | | | 79 | Israel | 2.9 | | | |
| 8 | Norway | 5.1 | | | | 80 | El Salvador | 2.9 | | | |
| 9 | Sweden | 5.0 | | | | 81 | Kuwait | 2.9 | | | |
| 10 | Switzerland | 4.8 | | | | 82 | Korea, Rep. | 2.9 | | | |
| 11 | Luxembourg | 4.7 | | | | 83 | Puerto Rico | 2.9 | | | |
| 12 | Germany | 4.7 | | | | 84 | Namibia | 2.9 | | | |
| 13 | Denmark | 4.6 | | | | 85 | Burkina Faso | 2.8 | | | |
| 14 | Malaysia | 4.5 | | | | 86 | Ethiopia | 2.8 | | | |
| 15 | Ireland | 4.5 | | | | 87 | Russian Federation | 2.8 | | | |
| 16 | Rwanda | 4.5 | | | | 88 | Thailand | 2.8 | | | |
| 17 | United Kingdom | 4.5 | | | | 89 | Panama | 2.8 | | | |
| 18 | Canada | 4.4 | | | | 90 | Honduras | 2.8 | | | |
| 19 | Hong Kong SAR | 4.3 | | | | 91 | Nepal | 2.8 | | | |
| 20 | Oman | 4.2 | | | | 92 | Cameroon | 2.8 | | | |
| 21 | Taiwan, China | 4.1 | | | | 93 | Guyana | 2.8 | | | |
| 22 | China | 4.1 | | | | 94 | Jamaica | 2.8 | | | |
| 23 | Estonia | 4.1 | | | | 95 | Mali | 2.7 | | | |
| 24 | Belgium | 4.1 | | | | 96 | Madagascar | 2.7 | | | |
| 25 | Saudi Arabia | 4.1 | | | | 97 | Malawi | 2.7 | | | |
| 26 | Bahrain | 4.0 | | | | 98 | Sri Lanka | 2.7 | | | |
| 27 | Chile | 4.0 | | | | 99 | Mexico | 2.7 | | | |
| 28 | Austria | 4.0 | | | | 100 | Peru | 2.7 | | | |
| 29 | Australia | 3.9 | | | | 101 | Pakistan | 2.6 | | | |
| 30 | France | 3.9 | | | | 102 | Cambodia | 2.6 | | | |
| 31 | Uruguay | 3.9 | | | | 103 | Uganda | 2.6 | | | |
| 32 | Gambia, The | 3.9 | | | | 104 | South Africa | 2.6 | | | |
| 33 | Indonesia | 3.9 | | | | 105 | Nicaragua | 2.6 | | | |
| 34 | Jordan | 3.8 | | | | 106 | Czech Republic | 2.6 | | | |
| 35 | Iceland | 3.7 | | | | 107 | Colombia | 2.6 | | | |
| 36 | Egypt | 3.7 | | | | 108 | Brazil | 2.6 | | | |
| 37 | Bhutan | 3.7 | | | | 109 | Greece | 2.6 | | | |
| 38 | Lao PDR | 3.7 | | | | 110 | Guatemala | 2.6 | | | |
| 39 | Lesotho | 3.7 | | | | 111 | Slovenia | 2.6 | | | |
| 40 | Bolivia | 3.6 | | | | 112 | Timor-Leste | 2.5 | | | |
| 41 | Macedonia, FYR | 3.6 | | | | 113 | Haiti | 2.5 | | | |
| 42 | Botswana | 3.5 | | | | 114 | Romania | 2.5 | | | |
| 43 | Tajikistan | 3.5 | | | | 115 | Mozambique | 2.5 | | | |
| 44 | Morocco | 3.5 | | | | 116 | Ukraine | 2.5 | | | |
| 45 | Costa Rica | 3.5 | | | | 117 | Zimbabwe | 2.5 | | | |
| 46 | Montenegro | 3.5 | | | | 118 | Sierra Leone | 2.5 | | | |
| 47 | United States | 3.5 | | | | 119 | Croatia | 2.5 | | | |
| 48 | Georgia | 3.4 | | | | 120 | Serbia | 2.4 | | | |
| 49 | India | 3.4 | | | | 121 | Burundi | 2.4 | | | |
| 50 | Cape Verde | 3.4 | | | | 122 | Hungary | 2.4 | | | |
| 51 | Zambia | 3.4 | | | | 123 | Kyrgyz Republic | 2.3 | | | |
| 52 | Barbados | 3.3 | | | | 124 | Libya | 2.3 | | | |
| 53 | Kazakhstan | 3.3 | | | | 125 | Mongolia | 2.3 | | | |
| 54 | Portugal | 3.3 | | | | 126 | Nigeria | 2.3 | | | |
| 55 | Azerbaijan | 3.3 | | | | 127 | Myanmar | 2.3 | | | |
| 56 | Côte d'Ivoire | 3.2 | | | | 128 | Mauritania | 2.3 | | | |
| 57 | Seychelles | 3.2 | | | | 129 | Suriname | 2.3 | | | |
| 58 | Senegal | 3.2 | | | | 130 | Moldova | 2.3 | | | |
| 59 | Turkey | 3.2 | | | | 131 | Bangladesh | 2.2 | | | |
| 60 | Tunisia | 3.2 | | | | 132 | Dominican Republic | 2.2 | | | |
| 61 | Tanzania | 3.2 | | | | 133 | Chad | 2.1 | | | |
| 62 | Lithuania | 3.2 | | | | 134 | Bulgaria | 2.1 | | | |
| 63 | Cyprus | 3.2 | | | | 135 | Italy | 2.1 | | | |
| 64 | Swaziland | 3.2 | | | | 136 | Yemen | 2.1 | | | |
| 65 | Gabon | 3.1 | | | | 137 | Trinidad and Tobago | 2.1 | | | |
| 66 | Philippines | 3.1 | | | | 138 | Guinea | 2.0 | | | |
| 67 | Poland | 3.1 | | | | 139 | Paraguay | 2.0 | | | |
| 68 | Iran, Islamic Rep. | 3.1 | | | | 140 | Angola | 2.0 | | | |
| 69 | Albania | 3.1 | | | | 141 | Slovak Republic | 1.9 | | | |
| 70 | Latvia | 3.1 | | | | 142 | Lebanon | 1.7 | | | |
| 71 | Armenia | 3.1 | | | | 143 | Argentina | 1.7 | | | |
| 72 | Malta | 3.0 | | | | 144 | Venezuela | 1.5 | | | |

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