

Rule of Law

Rule of law captures perceptions of the extent to which agents have confidence in and abide by the rules of society, and in particular the quality of contract enforcement, property rights, the police, and the courts, as well as the likelihood of crime and violence. This table lists the individual variables from each data source used to construct this measure in the Worldwide Governance Indicators. Please note that the table refers to the questions in the most recently-used edition of each source in the WGI. Questions in some sources have changed over time and some sources have been discontinued from the WGI. For more details, please refer to the data files for each source available at www.govindicators.org.

Representative Sources

- EIU** Violent crime
Organized crime
Fairness of judicial process
Enforceability of contracts
Speediness of judicial process
Confiscation/expropriation
Intellectual property rights protection
Private property protection
- GCS** Business costs of crime and violence
Organized crime
Judicial independence
Efficiency of legal framework in challenging regulations
Intellectual property protection
Property rights
- GWP** Confidence in the police force
Confidence in judicial system
Have you had money property stolen from you or another household member?
Have you been assaulted or mugged?
- IPD** Degree of security of goods and persons
Violent activities by criminal organizations (drug trafficking, weapons, prostitution...)
Degree of judicial independence vis-à-vis the State
Degree of enforcement of court orders
Timeliness of judicial decisions
Equal treatment of foreigners before the law (compared to nationals)
Practical ability of the administration to limit tax evasion
Efficiency of the legal means to protect property rights in the event of conflict between private stakeholders?
Generally speaking, does the State exercise arbitrary pressure on private property (e.g. red tape...)?
Does the State pay compensation equal to the loss in cases of expropriation (by law or fact) when the expropriation concerns land ownership?
Does the State pay compensation equal to the loss in cases of expropriation (by law or fact) when the expropriation concerns production means?
Degree of observance of contractual terms between national private stakeholders
Degree of observance of contractual terms between national and foreign private stakeholders
In the past 3 years, has the State withdrawn from contracts without paying the corresponding compensation... vis-à-vis national stakeholders?
In the past 3 years, has the State withdrawn from contracts without paying the corresponding compensation... vis-à-vis foreign stakeholders?
Respect for intellectual property rights relating to... trade secrets and industrial patents
Respect for intellectual property rights relating to... industrial counterfeiting
Does the State recognize formally the diversity of land tenure system?
- PRS** Law and order
- TPR** Trafficking in people
- VDM** Liberal component index
- WMO** *Expropriation.* The risk that the state or other sovereign political authority will deprive, expropriate, nationalise, or confiscate the assets of private businesses, whether domestic or foreign.
State contract alteration. The risk that a government or state body alters the terms of, cancels outright, or frustrates (usually through delay) contracts it has with private parties without due process.
Contract enforcement. The risk that the judicial system will not enforce contractual agreements between private-sector entities, whether domestic or foreign, due to inefficiency, corruption, bias, or an inability to enforce rulings promptly and firmly.

Non-representative Sources

- ADB** Property rights and rule based governance
- AFR** How often feared crime in home
Trust courts of law
Trust police
- ASD** Property rights and rule based governance
- BPS** How often is following characteristic associated with the court system: Fair and honest?
How often is following characteristic associated with the court system: Enforceable?
How often is following characteristic associated with the court system: Quick?
How problematic is crime for the growth of your business?
How problematic is judiciary for the growth of your business?
- BTI** Rule of law (separation of powers, independent judiciary, civil rights, prosecution of office abuse)
- CCR** Rule of law
- EQI** Quality of Police Force
- FRH** Judicial framework and independence (NIT)
- GII** Rule of law
Public management
Gender
- IFD** Access to land
Access to water for agriculture

LBO Trust in judiciary
Trust in police
Have you been a victim of crime?

PIA Property rights and rule based governance

VAB Trust in supreme court
Trust in justice system
Trust in police
Have you been a victim of crime?

WCY Tax evasion is not a threat to your economy
Justice is fairly administered
Parallel (black-market, unrecorded) economy does not impair economic development
Intellectual property rights are adequately enforced

WJP Factor 5.1: Crime is effectively controlled (order and security)
Factor 7: Civil justice
Factor 8: Criminal justice

Code Data Source Name

ADB African Development Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments

AFR Afrobarometer

ASD Asian Development Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments

BPS Business Enterprise Environment Survey

BTI Bertelsmann Transformation Index

CCR Freedom House Countries at the Crossroads

EBR European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Transition Report

EIU Economist Intelligence Unit Riskwire & Democracy Index

EQI European Quality of Government Index (Underlying Survey Data)

FRH Freedom House

GCB Transparency International Global Corruption Barometer Survey

GCS World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report

GII Global Integrity Index

GWP Gallup World Poll

HER Heritage Foundation Index of Economic Freedom

HRM Human Rights Measurement Initiative

HUM Cingranelli Richards Human Rights Database and Political Terror Scale

IFD IFAD Rural Sector Performance Assessments

IJT iJET Country Security Risk Ratings

IPD Institutional Profiles Database

IRP African Electoral Index

LBO Latinobarometro

MSI International Research and Exchanges Board Vibrant Information Barometer

OBI International Budget Project Open Budget Index

PIA World Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments

PRC Political Economic Risk Consultancy Corruption in Asia Survey

PRS Political Risk Services International Country Risk Guide

RSF Reporters Without Borders Press Freedom Index

TPR US State Department Trafficking in People Report

VAB Vanderbilt University Americas Barometer

VDM Varieties of Democracy Project

WCY Institute for Management and Development World Competitiveness Yearbook

WJP World Justice Project Rule of Law Index

WMO IHS Markit World Economic Service