

From Awareness to Action: Mobilizing the Public to Act Against Corruption

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WJP Rule of Law Index

- Measures experiences and perceptions of the rule of law in 143 countries and jurisdictions.
- **214,000+** household surveys and **3,500+** expert questionnaires
- Period of data collection: February through June 2025



Conceptual Framework of the WJP Rule of Law Index

The conceptual framework of the WJP Rule of Law Index is comprised of eight factors further disaggregated into 44 sub-factors. These factors and sub-factors are presented as follows:

1 Constraints on Government Powers

- 1.1 Government powers are effectively limited by the legislature
- 1.2 Government powers are effectively limited by the judiciary
- 1.3 Government powers are effectively limited by independent auditing and review
- 1.4 Government officials are sanctioned for misconduct
- 1.5 Government powers are subject to non-governmental checks
- 1.6 Transition of power is subject to the law

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 legislative branch do not use public office for private gain

3 Open Government

- 3.1 Publicized laws and government data
- 3.2 Right to information
- 3.3 Civic participation
- 3.4 Complaint mechanisms

4 Fundamental Rights

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

5 Order and Security

- 5.1 Crime is effectively controlled
- 5.2 Civil conflict is effectively limited
- 5.3 People do not resort to violence to redress personal grievances

6 Regulatory Enforcement

- 6.1 Government regulations are effectively enforced
- 6.2 Government regulations are applied and enforced without improper influence
- 6.3 Administrative proceedings are conducted without unreasonable delay
- 6.4 Due process is respected in administrative proceedings
- 6.5 The government does not expropriate without lawful process and adequate compensation

7 Civil Justice

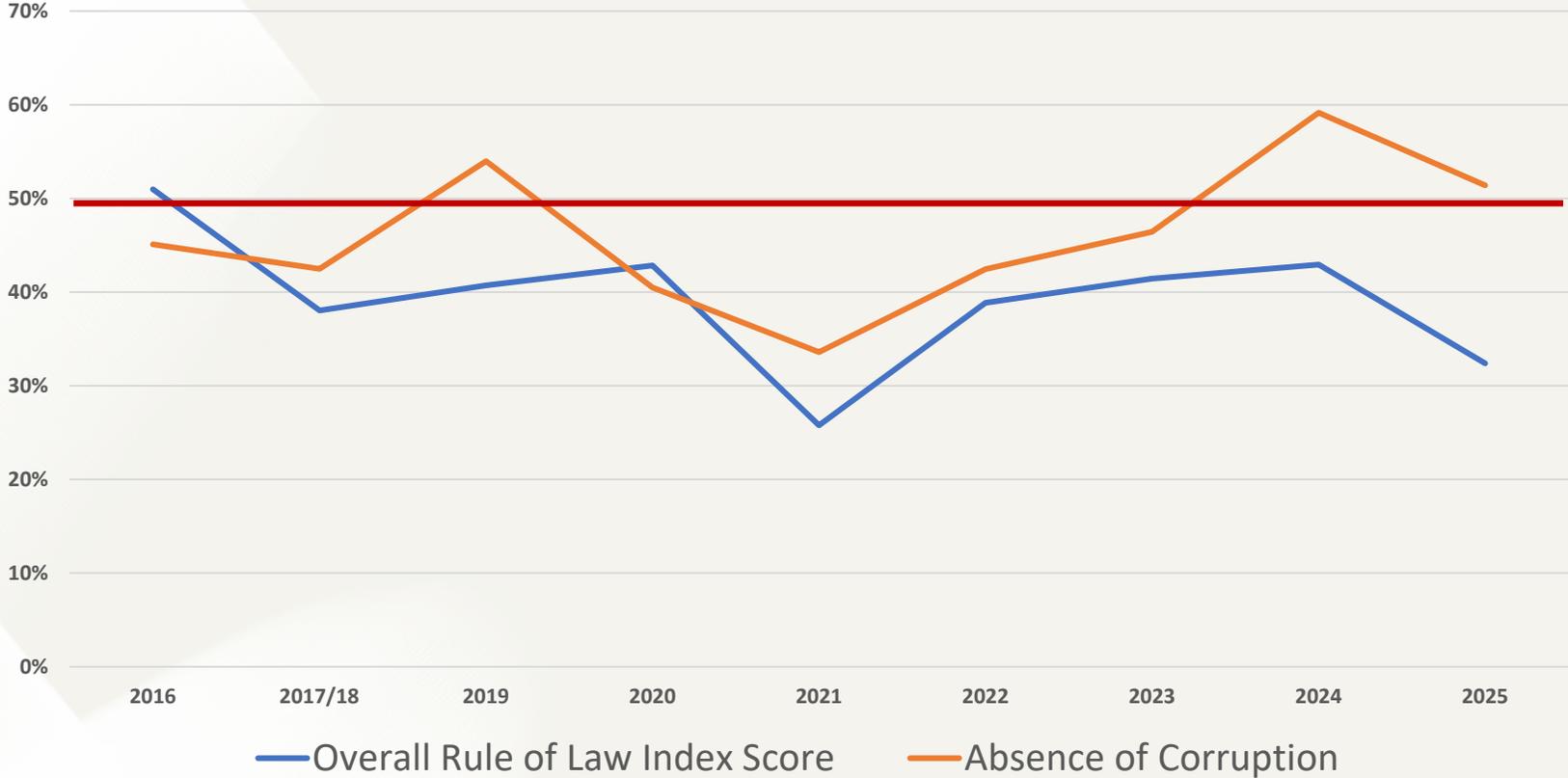
- 7.1 People can access and afford civil justice
- 7.2 Civil justice is free of discrimination
- 7.3 Civil justice is free of corruption
- 7.4 Civil justice is free of improper government influence
- 7.5 Civil justice is not subject to unreasonable delay
- 7.6 Civil justice is effectively enforced
- 7.7 Alternative dispute resolution mechanisms are accessible, impartial, and effective

8 Criminal Justice

- 8.1 Criminal investigation system is effective
- 8.2 Criminal adjudication system is timely and effective
- 8.3 Correctional system is effective in reducing criminal behavior
- 8.4 Criminal system is impartial
- 8.5 Criminal system is free of corruption
- 8.6 Criminal system is free of improper government influence
- 8.7 Due process of the law and rights of the accused

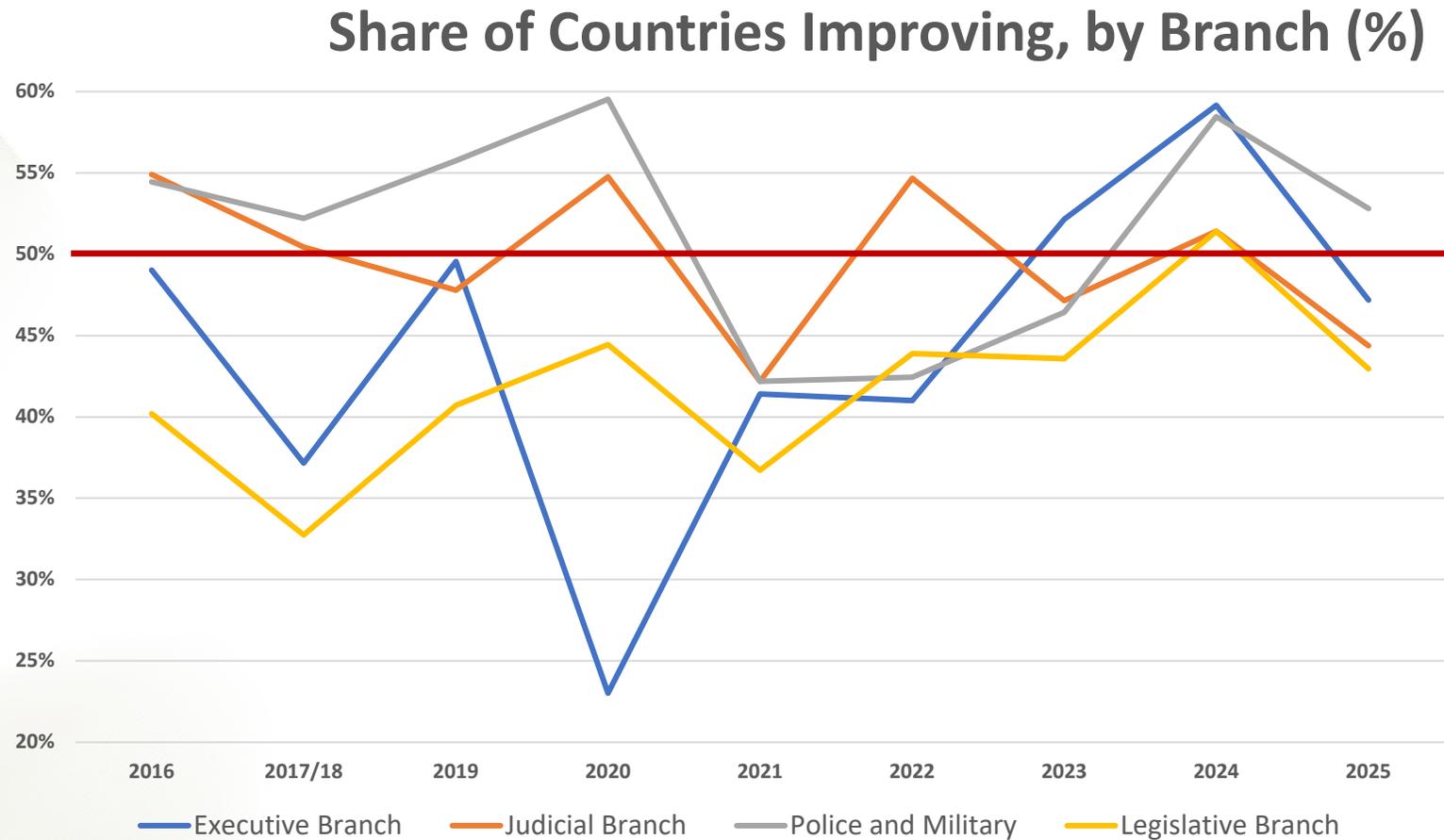
Encouraging Anti-Corruption Trends, not so for the Rule of Law

Share of Countries Improving (%)



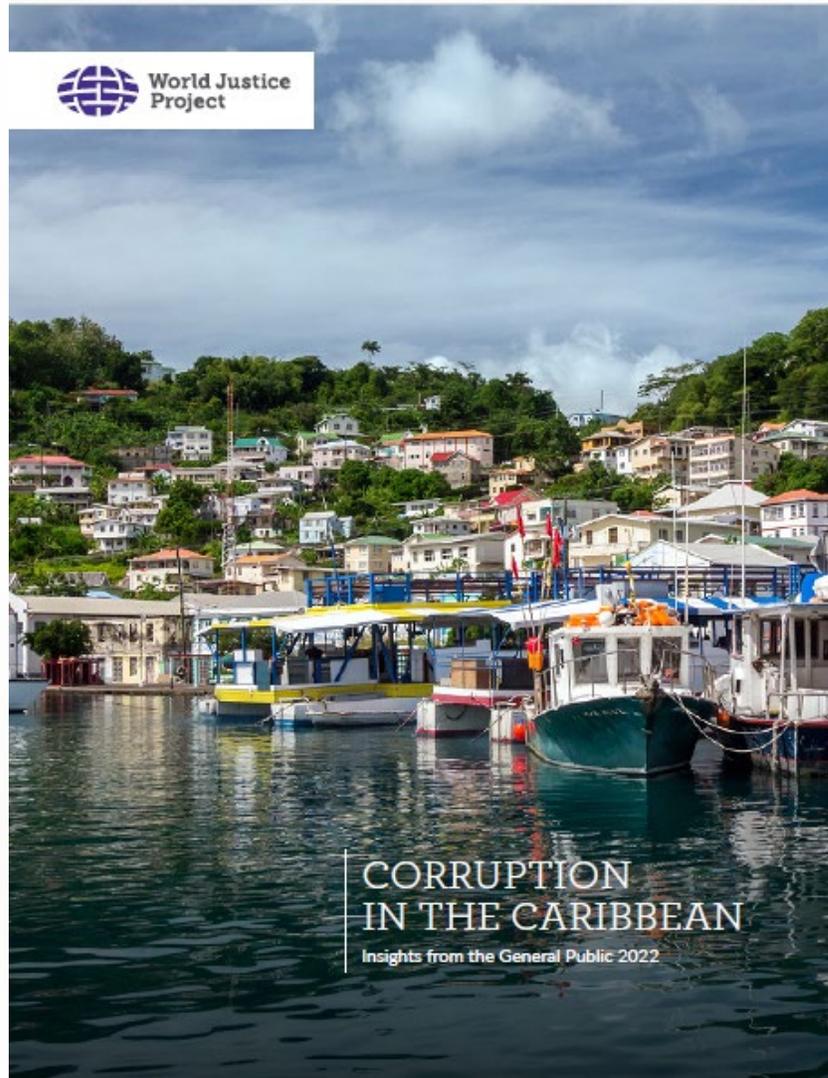
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How Does Corruption Vary by Branch of Government?



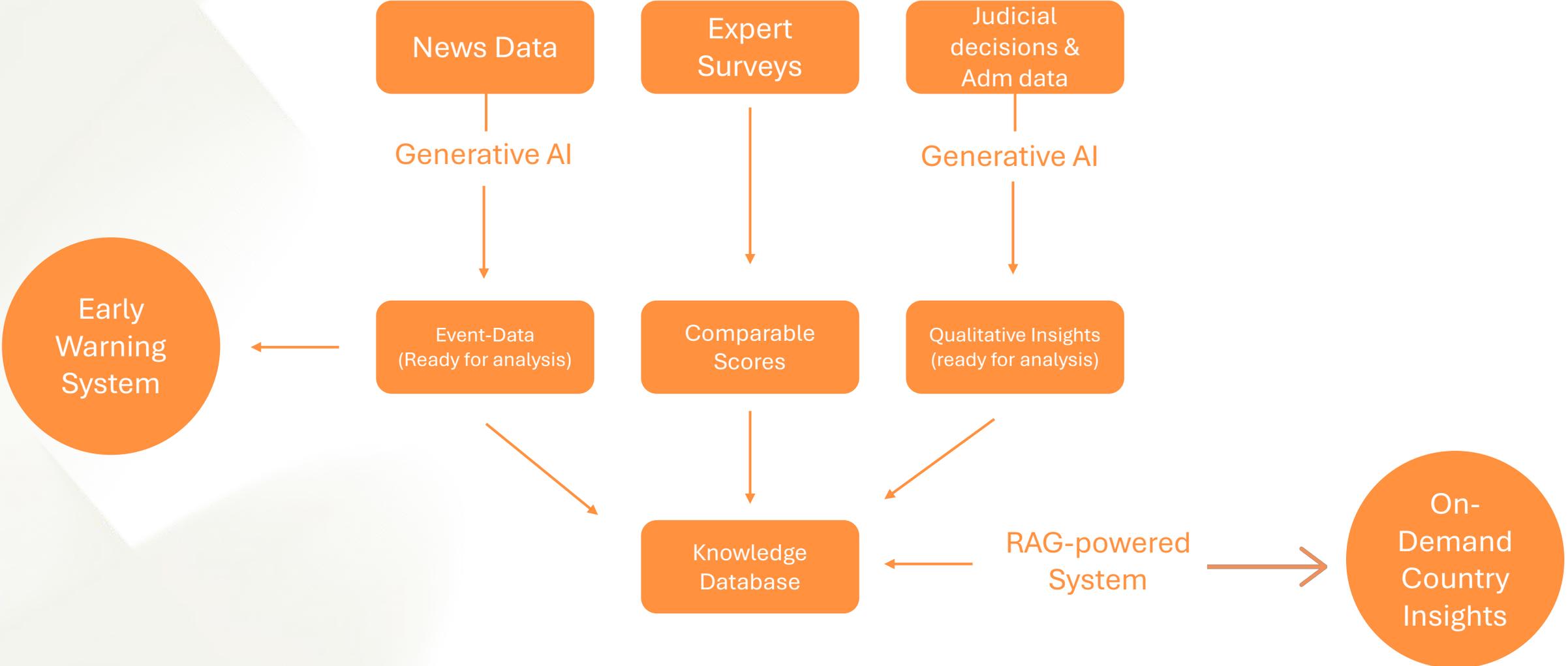
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Advanced Survey Techniques to Measure Corruption



- January 2023 – new report on Corruption in the Caribbean
- Highlights data collected in the General Population Poll (GPP) in 2022
- Report covers the 14 Caribbean countries included in the WJP Rule of Law Index
- New module on Corruption with perception and experience questions

Using AI Tools to Classify Events and Predict Outcomes



Who Uses Our Data

Governments and Bilateral Aid Agencies

Governments of India, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Mexico, Philippines, Thailand, Uzbekistan; United States



Multilateral Organizations

European Union; International Monetary Fund; OECD; Open Government Partnership; World Bank; United Nations



Civil Society and Media

CNN; The Economist; International Justice Mission; Mo Ibrahim Foundation; Transparency International; The New York Times; U.S. Chamber of Commerce



Business

Analyse Africa; Ernst & Young; Google; KPMG; Microsoft; Moody's; UBS



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Engaging with Stakeholders to Identify Rule of Law Priorities and Take Action

Example: Multi-stakeholder consultation in Thailand





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