

**The World Justice Project**

# **Rule of Law Index**

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# The Index in a nutshell

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1. Comprehensive set of indicators on the rule of law [9 factors and 52 sub-factors]
2. Measures the rule of law in practice
3. Two sources of entirely new data:
  - General population poll
  - Expert questionnaires
4. More than 700 variables drawn from the assessments of 66,000 people and 1,500 experts in 66 countries.

## 1. WJP Rule of Law Index™

**Income**  
Upper Middle

**Region**  
Latin America  
& Caribbean

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

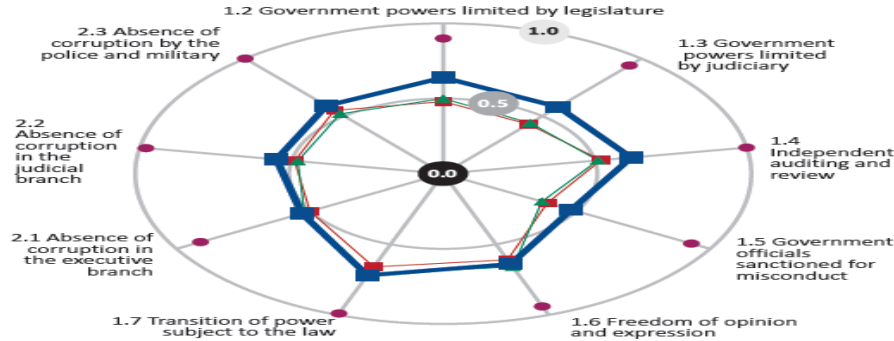
WJP Rule of Law Index Factors		Score	Global Ranking	Regional Ranking	Income Group Ranking
Factor 1:	Limited Government Powers	0.62	27/66	4/12	5/19
Factor 2:	Absence of Corruption	0.56	34/66	5/12	7/19
Factor 3:	Order and Security	0.55	62/66	11/12	17/19
Factor 4:	Fundamental Rights	0.59	42/66	8/12	12/19
Factor 5:	Open Government	0.59	18/66	2/12	2/19
Factor 6:	Regulatory Enforcement	0.56	24/66	2/12	3/19
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

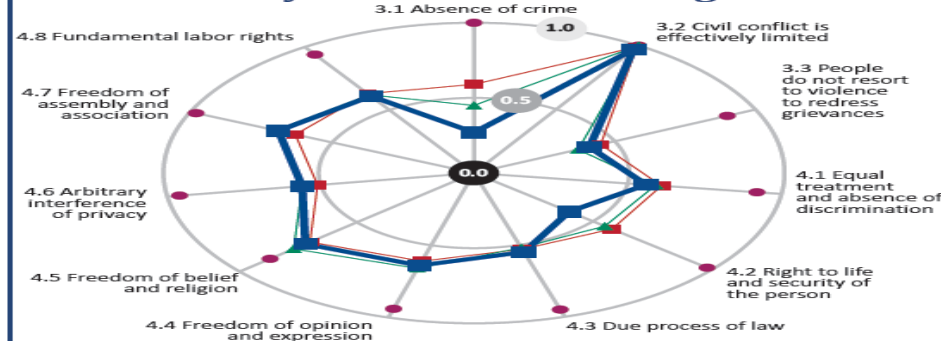
In each graph, a sub-factor is represented by a radius from the center of the circle to the periphery. The center of each circle corresponds to the lowest possible score for each sub-factor (0.00); the outer edge of the circle marks the highest possible score (1.00).



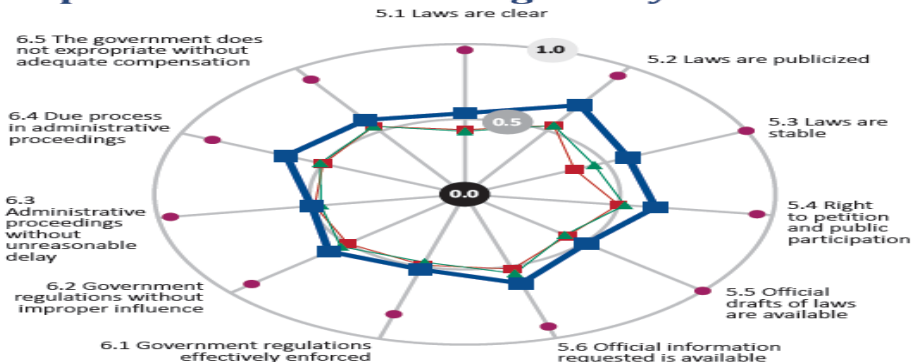
### Accountable Government



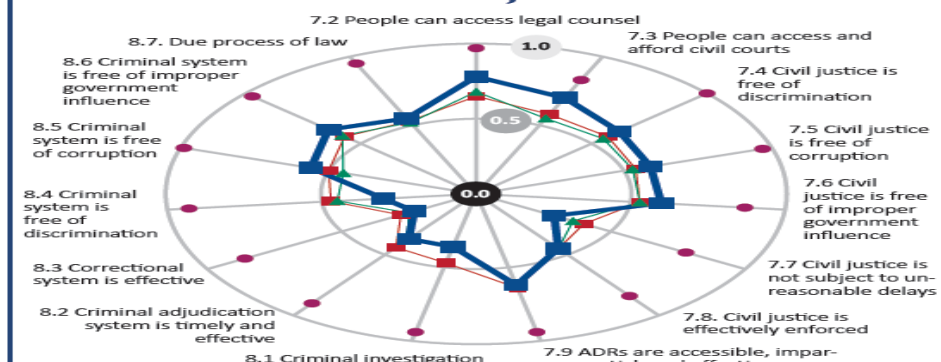
### Security and Fundamental Rights



### Open Government and Regulatory Enforcement



### Access to Justice



# New directions

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1. Coverage:
  - ▣ Reach 100 countries next year
  - ▣ Within country studies
  - ▣ Pilot on rural areas
  
2. Track changes over time
  
3. Depth:
  - ▣ Topic specific
  - ▣ Qualitative studies

# Value to others

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1. To those building indicators:
  - ▣ Extensive international vetting
  - ▣ Acknowledge limitations
  
2. To users
  - ▣ Practitioners and policy makers
  - ▣ Civil society and NGOs
  - ▣ Scholars

# Impact of the Index

## EL ESPECTADOR

Gobierno le pide a la Corte más proactividad para reformar la justicia

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El mandatario no se refirió a la no elección de Fiscal General por parte del alto tribunal.



Juan Manuel Santos

(Colombia; November 15, 2010)

*“(...) Another important organization that promotes justice around the world, the World Justice Project, just released its report entitled Rule of Law Index, featuring 35 countries that are representative of the entire world and it includes Colombia. Well, this report, as the previous one, gives the worst scores to our country—places 32 and 31 among 35—in the fields of order and security and the effectiveness of the criminal justice. If we review the area of access to justice and look for disaggregated scores, we find that we get a score very close to zero on the effectiveness of the criminal investigation system. Again, it may be exaggerated; there may be missing information, yet these reports that are known on a global scale must make us turn on our alarms. You—the judiciary—and us—the government—together with Congress, must put all our effort to achieving a more efficient and effective criminal justice system.”*

A stylized world map in shades of green, showing the continents. The text "The World Justice Project" is overlaid on the map.

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