

Voice and Accountability

Voice and accountability captures perceptions of the extent to which a country's citizens are able to participate in selecting their government, as well as freedom of expression, freedom of association, and a free media. This table lists the individual variables from each data source used to construct this measure in the Worldwide Governance Indicators

Representative Sources

- EIU** Democracy index
 - Vested interests
 - Accountability of public officials
 - Human rights
 - Freedom of association
- FRH** Political rights (FRW)
 - Civil liberties (FRW)
 - Media (FNT)
 - Civil society (FNT)
 - Electoral Process (FNT)
- GCS** Transparency of government policymaking
 - Freedom of the press
 - Favoritism in decisions of government officials
- GWP** Confidence in honesty of elections
- IPD** Freedom of elections at national level
 - Are electoral processes flawed?
 - Do the representative institutions (e.g. parliament) operate in accordance with the formal rules in force (e.g. Constitution)?
 - Freedom of the press (freedom of access to information, protection of journalists, etc.)
 - Freedom of association
 - Freedom of assembly, demonstration
 - Respect for the rights and freedoms of minorities (ethnic, religious, linguistic, immigrants...)
 - Is the report produced by the IMF under Article IV published?
 - Reliability of State budget (completeness, credibility, performance...)
 - Reliability of State accounts (completeness, audit, review law...)
 - Reliability of State-owned firms' accounts
 - Reliability of basic economic and financial statistics (e.g. national accounts, price indices, foreign trade, currency and credit, etc.)
 - Reliability of State-owned banks' accounts
 - Is the State economic policy (e.g. budgetary, fiscal, etc.)... communicated?
 - Is the State economic policy (e.g. budgetary, fiscal, etc.)... publicly debated?
 - Degree of transparency in public procurement
 - Freedom to leave the country (i.e. passports, exit visas, etc.)
 - Freedom of entry for foreigners (excluding citizens of countries under agreements on free movement, e.g. Schengen Area, etc.)
 - Freedom of movement for nationals around the world
 - Genuine media pluralism
 - Freedom of access, navigation and publishing on Internet
- PRS** Military in politics
 - Democratic accountability
- RSF** Press freedom index
- VDM** Freedom of expression
 - Freedom of association
 - Clean elections

Non-representative Sources

- AFR** Trust parliament / national assembly
 - Satisfaction with democracy
 - Freedom and fairness of the last national election
- BTI** Political participation (SI)
 - Stability of democratic institutions (SI)
 - Political and social integration (SI)
- GII** Elections
 - Public management
 - Access to information and openness
 - Rights
- IFD** Policies and framework for rural development and rural poverty alleviation
 - Legal frameworks for and autonomy of rural people's organizations
- IRP** Electoral index
- LBO** Satisfaction with democracy
 - Trust in parliament
- MSI** Media sustainability index
- OBI** Open budget index
- VAB** Trust in parliament
 - Satisfaction with democracy
- WCY** Transparency of government policy is satisfactory
- WJP** Factor 1: Limited government powers
 - Factor 4: Fundamental rights
 - Factor 5: Open government

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
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
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	IREEP African Electoral Index
LBO	Latinobarometro
MSI	International Research and Exchanges Board Media Sustainability Index
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	Global Insight Business Conditions and Risk Indicators