

**Political stability and absence of violence** measures the perceptions of the likelihood that the government will be destabilized or overthrown by unconstitutional or violent means, including domestic violence and terrorism

**Code**

**Concept Measured**

**Representative Sources**

- BRI** Fractionalization of political spectrum and the power of these factions.  
 Fractionalization by language, ethnic and/or religious groups and the power of these factions.  
 Restrictive (coercive) measures required to retain power.  
 Organization and strength of forces for a radical government.  
 Societal conflict involving demonstrations, strikes, and street violence.  
 Instability as perceived by non-constitutional changes, assassinations, and guerrilla wars.
- DRI** Military Coup Risk  
 Major Insurgency/Rebellion  
 Political Terrorism  
 Political Assassination  
 Civil War  
 Major Urban Riot
- EIU** Armed conflict  
 Violent demonstrations  
 Social Unrest  
 International tensions
- GAD** Autonomy and Separatism  
 Civil Unrest  
 State of Emergency / Martial Law  
 Active Terrorist Groups in the Last Two Years
- GCS** *Country terrorist threat*: Does the threat of terrorism in the country impose significant costs on firms?
- HUM** Frequency of political killings  
 Frequency of disappearances  
 Frequency of torture
- IJT** Security Risk Rating
- IPD** Conflicts of ethnic, religious, regional nature ...  
 Violent actions by underground political organisations  
 Violent social conflicts  
 External public security
- PRS** *Internal Conflict*: Assesses political violence and its influence on governance.  
*External conflict*: The external conflict measure is an assessment both of the risk to the incumbent government and to inward investment.  
  
*Government Stability*. Measures the government's ability to carry out its declared programs, and its ability to stay in office.  
*Ethnic tensions*: This component measures the degree of tension within a country attributable to racial, nationality, or language divisions.
- PTS** Political Terror Scale
- WMO** *Civil unrest* How widespread political unrest is, and how great a threat it poses to investors. Demonstrations in themselves may not be cause for concern, but they will cause major disruption if they escalate into severe violence. At the extreme, this factor would amount to civil war.  
*Terrorism* Whether the country suffers from a sustained terrorist threat, and from how many sources. The degree of localization of the threat is assessed, and whether the active groups are likely to target or affect businesses.

**Non-representative Sources**

- AEO** Civil Tensions  
**WCY** Risk of political instability

## Sources of Governance Data Used in 2008 Update of WGI

	Source	Type*
ADB	African Development Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments	Expert (GOV)
AEO	OECD Development Center African Economic Outlook	Expert (GOV)
AFR	Afrobarometer	Survey
ASD	Asian Development Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments	Expert (GOV)
BPS	Business Enterprise Environment Survey	Survey
BRI	Business Environment Risk Intelligence Business Risk Service / Financial Ethics Index	Expert (CBIP)
BTI	Bertelsmann Transformation Index	Expert (NGO)
CCR	Freedom House Countries at the Crossroads	Expert (NGO)
DRI	Global Insight Global Risk Service	Expert (CBIP)
EBR	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Transition Report	Expert (GOV)
EGV	Global E-Governance Index	Expert (NGO)
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit Riskwire & Democracy Index	Expert (CBIP)
FRH	Freedom House	Expert (NGO)
GAD	Cerberus Intelligence Gray Area Dynamics**	Expert (CBIP)
GCB	Transparency International Global Corruption Barometer Survey	Survey
GCS	World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report	Survey
GII	Global Integrity Index	Expert (NGO)
GWP	Gallup World Poll	Survey
HER	Heritage Foundation Index of Economic Freedom	Expert (NGO)
HUM	Cingranelli Richards Human Rights Database and Political Terror Scale	Expert (GOV)
IFD	IFAD Rural Sector Performance Assessments	Expert (GOV)
IJT	iJET Country Security Risk Ratings	Expert (CBIP)
IPD	Institutional Profiles Database	Expert (GOV)
LBO	Latinobarometro	Survey
MIG	Merchant International Group Gray Area Dynamics**	Expert (CBIP)
MSI	International Research and Exchanges Board Media Sustainability Index	Expert (NGO)
OBI	International Budget Project Open Budget Index	Expert (NGO)
PIA	World Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments	Expert (GOV)
PRC	Political Economic Risk Consultancy Corruption in Asia Survey	Survey
PRS	Political Risk Services International Country Risk Guide	Expert (CBIP)
RSF	Reporters Without Borders Press Freedom Index	Expert (NGO)
TPR	US State Department Trafficking in People report	Expert (GOV)
VAB	Vanderbilt University Americas Barometer	Survey
WCY	Institute for Management and Development World Competitiveness Yearbook	Survey
WMO	Global Insight Business Conditions and Risk Indicators	Expert (CBIP)

\*CBIP -- Commercial Business Information Provider, GOV -- Public Sector Data Provider, NGO -- Non-Governmental Organization Data Provider

\*\*Gray Area Dynamics changed ownership and was substantially revised in 2008, we treat the previous and current version as separate sources, see text for details.