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)
- Press Freedom Index (FRP)
- Media (FNT)
- Civil Society (FNT)
- Electoral Process (FNT)

**GCS**
- Transparency of government policymaking
- Freedom of the Press
- Favoritism in Decisions of Government Officials
- Effectiveness of Law-Making Body

**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 banks’ 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

**RSF**
- Press Freedom Index

**VDM**
- Freedom of Expression
- Freedom of Association
- Clean Elections

**Non-representative Sources**

**AFR**
- How much do you trust the parliament?
- Overall, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in your country?
Freeness 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**
- Policy and legal framework for rural organizations
- Dialogue between government and rural organizations

**IRP**
- Africa Electoral index

**LBO**
- Satisfaction with democracy
- Trust in Parliament
- 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

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**Code** | **Data Source Name**
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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