Rule of Law

*Rule of law captures perceptions of the extent to which agents have confidence in and abide by the rules of society, and in particular the quality of contract enforcement, property rights, the police, and the courts, as well as the likelihood of crime and violence. This table lists the individual variables from each data source used to construct this measure in the Worldwide Governance Indicators.*

**Representative Sources**

- **EIU**
  - Violent crime
  - Organized crime
  - Fairness of judicial process
  - Enforceability of contracts
  - Speediness of judicial process
  - Confiscation/expropriation
  - Intellectual property rights protection
  - Private property protection

- **GCS**
  - Organized crime
  - Reliability of police services
  - Judicial independence
  - Efficiency of legal framework in challenging regulations
  - Intellectual property protection
  - Property rights

- **GWP**
  - Confidence in the police force
  - Confidence in judicial system
  - Have you had money property stolen from you or another household member?
  - Have you been assaulted or mugged?

- **HER**
  - Property rights

- **IPD**
  - Degree of security of goods and persons
  - Violent activities by criminal organizations (drug trafficking, weapons, prostitution...)
  - Degree of judicial independence vis-à-vis the State
  - Degree of enforcement of court orders
  - Timeliness of judicial decisions
  - Equal treatment of foreigners before the law (compared to nationals)
  - Efficiency of the legal means to protect property rights in the event of conflict between private stakeholders?
  - Generally speaking, does the State exercise arbitrary pressure on private property (e.g. red tape...)?
  - Does the State pay compensation equal to the loss in cases of expropriation (by law or fact) when the expropriation concerns land ownership?
  - Does the State pay compensation equal to the loss in cases of expropriation (by law or fact) when the expropriation concerns production means?
  - Degree of observance of contractual terms between national private stakeholders
  - Degree of observance of contractual terms between national and foreign private stakeholders
  - In the past 3 years, has the State withdrawn from contracts without paying the corresponding compensation... vis-à-vis national stakeholders?
  - In the past 3 years, has the State withdrawn from contracts without paying the corresponding compensation... vis-à-vis foreign stakeholders?
  - Respect for intellectual property rights relating to... industrial counterfeiting
  - Does the State recognize formally the diversity of land tenure system?

- **PRS**
  - Law and order

- **TPR**
  - Trafficking in people

- **VDM**
  - Liberal component index

- **WMO**
  - Expropriation. The risk that the state or other sovereign political authority will deprive, expropriate, nationalise, or confiscate the assets of private businesses, whether domestic or foreign.
  - *State contract alteration.* The risk that a government or state body alters the terms of, cancels outright, or frustrates (usually through delay) contracts it has with private parties without due process.
  - *Contract enforcement.* The risk that the judicial system will not enforce contractual agreements between private-sector entities, whether domestic or foreign, due to inefficiency, corruption, bias, or an inability to enforce rulings promptly and firmly.

**Non-representative Sources**

- **ADB**
  - Property rights and rule based governance
  - How often feared crime in home
  - Had something stolen from house
  - Have been physically attacked
  - Trust courts of law
  - Trust police

- **AFR**
  - Property rights and rule based governance
  - How often is following characteristic associated with the court system: Fair and honest?
  - How often is following characteristic associated with the court system: Enforceable?
  - How often is following characteristic associated with the court system: Quick?
  - How problematic is crime for the growth of your business?
  - How problematic is judiciary for the growth of your business?

- **BTI**
  - Rule of law (separation of powers, independent judiciary civil rights, prosecution of office abuse)

- **FRH**
  - Judicial framework and independence (NIT)

- **GII**
  - Rule of law
  - Public management
  - Gender

- **IFD**
  - Access to land
  - Access to water for agriculture

- **LBO**
  - Trust in judiciary
  - Trust in police
  - Have you been a victim of crime?

- **PIA**
  - Property rights and rule based governance

- **VAB**
  - Trust in supreme court
  - Trust in justice system
  - Trust in police
Have you been a victim of crime?

**WCY**  
Tax evasion is not a threat to your economy  
Justice is fairly administered  
Parallel (black-market, unrecorded) economy does not impair economic development  
Intellectual property rights are adequately enforced

**WJP**  
Factor 5.1: Crime is effectively controlled (order and security)  
Factor 7: Civil justice  
Factor 8: Criminal justice

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