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# Corruption

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Corruption is a form of dishonest or unethical conduct  
by a person entrusted with a position of authority,  
often to acquire personal benefit.

Taking advantage of public power (politician or civil servant)  
for private gain.

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# Forms of corruption

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- Petty corruption
- Grand corruption
- Systematic (or endemic) corruption



# Corruption in different sectors

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- Government / public sector
  - Political corruption
  - Police corruption
  - Judicial corruption
- Corruption in the educational system
- Corruption within labour unions
- Corruption in religion
- Corruption in academics

# Forms of Corruption

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- Bribery
- Embezzlement, theft and fraud
- Extortion and blackmail
- Networking
- Abuse of discretion
- Favouritism, nepotism and clientelism

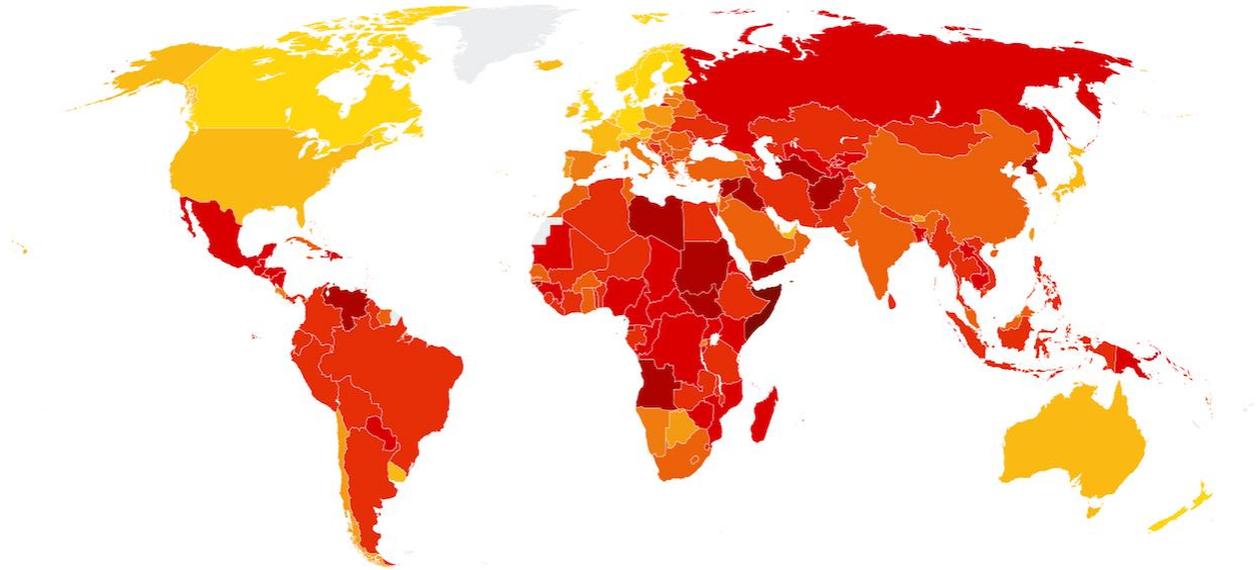
# Causes of Corruption

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- Higher levels of market and political monopolization
- Low levels of democracy, weak civil participation and low political transparency
- Higher levels of bureaucracy and inefficient administrative structures
- Low press freedom
- Low economic freedom
- Large ethnic divisions and high levels of in-group favouritism
- Gender inequality
- Low degree of integration in the world economy
- Large government size
- Low levels of government decentralization
- Resource wealth
- Poverty
- Political instability
- Weak property rights
- Contamination from corrupt neighbouring countries
- Low levels of education
- Low Internet access

# Transparency index

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# Transparency index: [www.transparency.org/cpi](http://www.transparency.org/cpi)

2016 Rank	Country	2017 Score	2016 Score	2015 Score	2014 Score	2013 Score
1	New Zealand	89	90	91	91	91
8	Netherlands	82	83	84	83	83
16	United States	75	74	76	74	73
44	Georgia	57	52	52	49	52
59	Romania	48	48	46	43	43
77	Serbia	41	42	40	41	42
79	Belarus	40	32	31	29	31
123	Moldova	30	33	35	35	36
135	Russia	29	29	27	28	28
176	Somalia	9	10	8	8	8

# Key findings on corruption

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- Limited checks and balances on executive power
- Politicised and ineffective judiciaries
- Restrictions on civil society

# Transparency International

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## Recommendations to governments

- End political interference in executive affairs
- Implement urgent judicial reforms
- Strengthen external oversight of government
- Support a free and vibrant civil society sector

## Recommendations to IC (incl EU)

- Clearly articulate and prioritise anti-corruption commitments
- Provide ongoing support to public watchdogs
- Promote institutional independence of judiciaries
- Provide support to civil society

# Would you consider?

- Red light?
- Driving with alcohol?
- Free drinks?
- Qatar?



# Personal case

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Wendy in Minsk, Belarus, 1996 – 1997

Question from Angelica to get 10 US\$ for an English book  
and what happened?

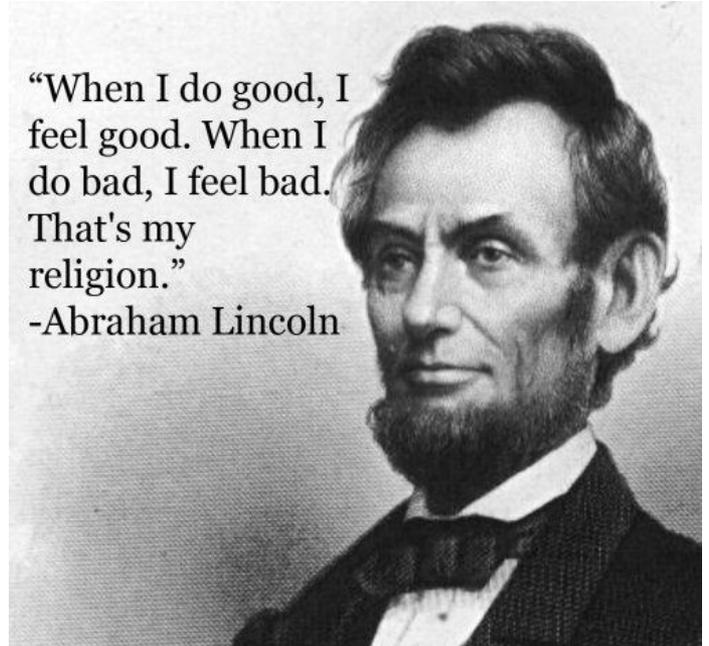
# Integrity in key words

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- Serving the community
- Act within your role as local counselor
- Be independent
- Act openly and transparent
- Be reliable, honest and trustworthy
- Be accurate and precise

# Dilemma's

- Serving your community
- Show courtesy
- Protecting interests
- Working for the greater good (Lincoln)



# Integrity in politics

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- Conflicts of interest
- Gifts and services
- Declaring expenses
- Purchases and (public) tenders
- Using your position to your or your party's / family / friends' advantage

# Integrity in politics

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## Political integrity

- Politicians are elected to serve society.
- Have power to make, execute, or control policy.
- They influence something or someone.
- Temptation to use it for personal gain >> that requires integrity.
  
- Integrity demands knowledge and compliance with both the letter and the spirit of the written and unwritten rules.
  
- Faithfulness, humility and accountability.
- Authentic and a role model.

# Test yourself inside view

- Mirror test
- Slippery slope test
- Balancing test



# Test yourself outside view

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- Another's eye test
- Front page test
- What would ..... do?

# How to organise integrity?

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- Code of conduct
- Legislation
- Checks and balances
- Recruitment and education

# Dilemma 1

- Ms. Carter is member of a regional council. She has strong regional roots and is considered a rising star in the party.
- Ms. Carter is on the party list for the general election. She is elected with preference votes.
- During her first budget Ms. Carter has to vote on a controversial proposal on a toll road in her region. Her party backs the proposal. It is public knowledge that she doesn't.
- Ms. Carter has backed a motion against the toll road in the regional council.

*Ms Carter should follow her national party's position.*

# Dilemma 2

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- Mr. Bruce is deputy mayor of a large city. His party won the elections with a promise to give the local economy a firm boost by attracting investors (and thus: jobs).
- The local budget does not allow for foreign travel.
- A group of foreign investors invites the alderman to visit and talk business, paying for all expenses. In exchange they hope to get lower local taxes and a preferential treatment.
- Elections are due next year

Should mr Bruce join the trip abroad?

# The essence:

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- Realising there is a dilemma to which there is no unambiguous (clear-cut) answer

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**YAHAC!**

# YAHAC?

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- **YOU**
- **ALWAYS**
- **HAVE**
- **A**
- **CHOICE**

# Recommendations

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- Code of conduct, legislation and oath
- Open and transparent environment
- Keep talking about integrity and add this topic to the agenda

Integrity is something you do together:  
it is part of a culture and is not only a set of individual rules,  
but a natural attitude and mentality

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