

Corruption

What is corruption?

Levels of corruption

Improper and usually unlawful conduct intended to secure a benefit for oneself or another. It exists where there is a lack of enforcement policies. In societies with a culture of ritualized gift giving, the line between acceptable and unacceptable gifts is often hard to draw.

Political (Upper Level):

When Presidents, ministers, high ranking officials are corrupt.

Bureaucratic (Lower Level):

When civil servants are involved in the act of corruption.

We can find various forms of corruptions worldwide, and from which we have chosen this list:

- **Bribery**: Illegal payment is given to a government official in return of a state sanctioned act.
- **Kickbacks**: Payments are made after the illegal act is committed.
- **Extortion**: The state official threatens to use power to obtain bribery.

Transactive corruption involves the mutual arrangement between a donor and a recipient.



- **Nepotism/Favoritism/Conflict of interest:** Public positions are transferred between family members illegally .
- **Extortive** corruption implies some form of compulsion usually harming a party.
- **Defensive** corruption refers to the act the victim of extortion is compelled to engage in.
- **Investive** corruption involves an act with no immediate payoff, but an understanding of a favor sometimes in the future.
- **Autogenic** corruption entails one person acting alone with no official-citizen exchange.



- **Graft And Embezzlement** : Use of public funds for personal gains.
- **Fraud Or Fraud**: An imaginary company/worker is made up to overbill the government to hide the stolen money.
- **Electoral Corruption**: Which occurs in different forms:
 - Illegal campaign contributions
 - Illegal expenditures
 - Electoral fraud and vote buying
- **Incidental** corruption, which is confined to malfeasance on the part of the individual and is thus rare.



What differentiate the acts of corruption are the norms and values violated by the act.

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