

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
FRH	Freedom of association
	Political Rights (FRW)
	Civil Liberties (FRW)
	Press Freedom Index (FRP)
	Media (FNT)
	Civil Society (FNT)
GCS	Electoral Process (FNT)
	Transparency of government policymaking
	Freedom of the Press
	Favoritism in Decisions of Government Officials
GWP	Effectiveness of Law-Making Body
	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 firms' 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
PRS	Genuine Media Pluralism
	Freedom of access, navigation and publishing on Internet
	Military in politics
RSF	Democratic accountability
	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?

BTI	Free and fair elections Political Participation (SI) Stability of Democratic Institutions (SI) Political and Social Integration (SI)
CCR	Civil Liberties Accountability and public voice
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
MSI	Media Sustainability Index
OBI	Open Budget Index
VAB	Trust in parliament Satisfaction with democracy
WCY	Transparency of government policy
WJP	Factor 1: Limited Government Powers Factor 4: Fundamental Rights Factor 5: Open Government

Code	Data Source Name
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