

Corruption

A Very Short Introduction

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Questions for Thought and Discussion

- What is corruption?
- How does corruption differ from organised crime?
- Is corruption the same as corporate crime?
- List five of the most serious (negative) effects of corruption
- What are the best ways to measure corruption – or are all methods flawed?
- Can corruption ever be justified?
- List and explain up to five of the psycho-social explanations of corruption
- What cultural factors help to explain apparently different rates of corruption around the world?
- Does inequality correlate highly with corruption?
- Do high levels of poverty appear to be related to high levels of corruption?
- Does 'big government' mean more corruption?
- Are authoritarian states generally more corrupt than democratic ones?
- What can and should states do to counter corruption?
- What can and should international organisations, such as the United Nations or the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, do to counter corruption?
- What role does or should the media play in combatting corruption?
- Is there much that ordinary citizens can do to reduce corruption?

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