

New Zealand is the world's least corrupt nation



New Zealand, Denmark and Finland are the least corrupt countries in the world.
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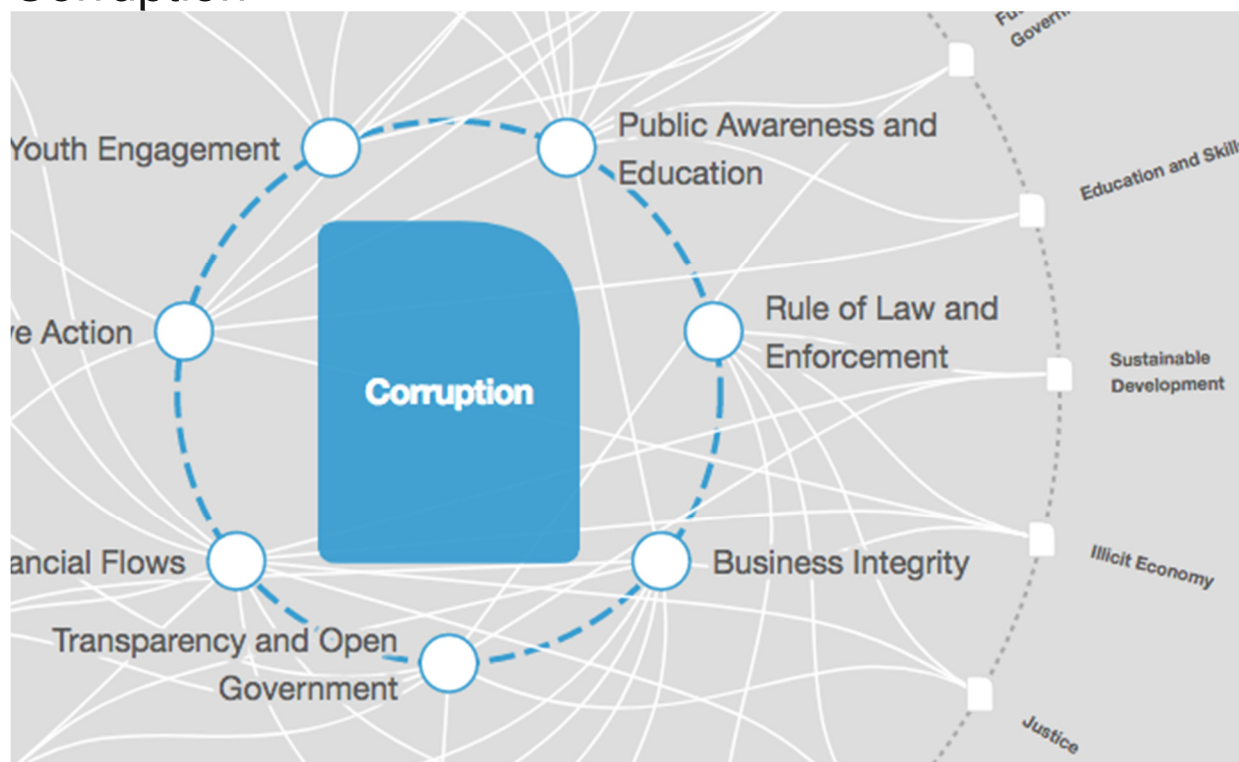
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Transparency International on Wednesday published its latest Corruption Perceptions Index, a global ranking of fairness around the world.

The ranking of 180 countries is based on the level of public sector corruption in 2017, according to businesspeople, journalists, and civic organisations.

Higher-ranked countries tend to have more press freedom, access to information about public spending, and independent judicial systems.

Countries are given a score out of 100, with those scoring highly being the least corrupt.

These are the world's least corrupt countries

Score out of 100, based on the Corruptions Perceptions Index, 2018

1	New Zealand	89
2	Denmark	88
3=	Finland	85
3=	Norway	85
3=	Switzerland	85
6=	Singapore	84
6=	Sweden	84
8=	Canada	82
8=	Luxembourg	82
8=	The Netherlands	82

Source: Transparency International

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20. Japan — 73

19. Ireland — 74

16. The US — 75

The US's score has been more or less the same [over the past few years](#).

=16. Belgium — 75

=16. Austria — 75

- =13. Iceland — 77
- =13. Hong Kong — 77
- =13. Australia — 77
- 12. Germany — 81
- =8. The UK — 82
- =8. The Netherlands — 82
- =8. Luxembourg — 82
- =8. Canada — 82
- =6. Sweden — 84
- =6. Singapore — 84
- =3. Switzerland — 85
- =3. Norway — 85
- =3. Finland — 85
- 2. Denmark — 88
- 1. New Zealand — 89/100

This country has topped Transparency International's list for the past two years.