

New Zealand Ranked as Least Corrupt Country



No country in the world has lower levels of corruption than New Zealand, according to latest international research

New Zealand was confirmed to be the least corrupt country in the world, in the Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index 2011 which was released on December 1st.

The report summarized an annual set of surveys and research which aim to quantify countries' internal perceptions of corruption. On a scale of 0 (extremely high corruption levels) to 10 (no corruption levels), New Zealand was given 9.5 point, signifying an almost total absence of corruption.

Denmark and Finland were ranked just behind New Zealand, both with a score of 9.4. Sweden and Singapore were ranked 4th and 5th respectively, at a score of 9.3 and 9.2.

The lowest scores were given to North Korea and Somalia, at 1 point each. Myanmar and Afghanistan were next, at 1.5 points each.

The Survey's scores are based on available datasets regarding corruption and the perception of corruption by public figures and government officials. The studies utilized were conducted by international research groups and national government departments and think tanks.

According to Transparency International, the perception of corruption is a more accurate measure of the impact of corruption as it is gauged by individuals' and companies' own experiences with corruption. The perception of corruption should also provide a thorough reflection of corruption, as official reports on corruption are themselves prone to misinformation.

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