



ETHICS AND CORRUPTION 2010

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INSTRUCTIONS

- **Open the questionnaire using Word (do not print it)**
- **Answer all the questions (by clicking the gray checkboxes)**
- **Save the completed questionnaire**
- **Send the completed questionnaire as an attachment by e-mail to: tibi@udel.edu**

PURPOSE – The results of this survey will be used to study the opinions of legislators in 6 European countries on issues related to the Role of Government.

SCOPE – You have been selected to participate in this study because you are a legislator in one of these countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Slovak Republic.

CONFIDENTIALITY – Your responses will be kept strictly confidential. We will never disclose any personally identifiable information about you or your responses.

PARTICIPATION – Your participation in this study is voluntary. However, your responses are important.

OPT OUT – If you prefer not to be contacted with a request to complete this questionnaire, please send an e-mail message with your name to tibi@udel.edu.

DIFFICULTIES – If you are having difficulties saving or e-mailing this questionnaire, please print it, complete it on paper and send it to our postal address at: University of Delaware, 292 Graham Hall, Newark, DE 19716, USA

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1. We are interested in your views about the extent of dishonesty in government and what if anything should and can be done about it. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements: (Choose one for each statement a-f)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't choose
a. The distrust that some citizens have of our government officials and activities is largely due to a lack of understanding of what politics is all about	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Political corruption is not a widespread problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Dishonesty is more widespread in politics than in business	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Political corruption is more widespread at the national than at the local level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. No matter what is done, political corruption can never be eliminated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The corruption that exists in the political world simply reflects the standards of the society at large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Are there any changes in laws or regulations that you believe might reduce political corruption, such as personal income disclosure laws, stronger campaign finance laws, etc.? (Type your answer)

3. In general, do you feel there are any offices in your country that are especially conducive to corruption? (Type your answer)

4. Recently, publicity has been given to some public officials who have engaged in activities that some would consider corrupt. We would like your opinion about these activities (Choose one for each statement a-i)

<p>a. i. A candidate for president or prime minister promises an ambassadorship in exchange for campaign contributions is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corrupt <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Corrupt</p> <p>ii. Most citizens would condemn this activity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely condemn <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. Most public officials would condemn this activity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely condemn <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. If you had positive proof that a member of your own party (whom you had previously supported) engaged in this act, would you continue to support his/her election?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not</p>	<p>d. i. A Minister of defense who owns EUR 50,000 in stock in a company with which the Defense Ministry has a large contract is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corrupt <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Corrupt</p> <p>ii. Most citizens would condemn this activity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely condemn <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. Most public officials would condemn this activity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely condemn <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. If you had positive proof that a member of your own party (whom you had previously supported) engaged in this act, would you continue to support his/her election?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not</p>
<p>b. i. A member of the legislative body uses his influence to obtain a government contract for a firm in his/her district is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corrupt <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Corrupt</p> <p>ii. Most citizens would condemn this activity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely condemn <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. Most public officials would condemn this activity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely condemn <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. If you had positive proof that a member of your own party (whom you had previously supported) engaged in this act, would you continue to support his/her election?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not</p>	<p>e. i. A public official using his/her influence to get a friend or relative admitted to a law school is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corrupt <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Corrupt</p> <p>ii. Most citizens would condemn this activity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely condemn <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. Most public officials would condemn this activity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely condemn <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. If you had positive proof that a member of your own party (whom you had previously supported) engaged in this act, would you continue to support his/her election?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not</p>
<p>c. i. Public official who uses public funds for personal travel is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corrupt <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Corrupt</p> <p>ii. Most citizens would condemn this activity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely condemn <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. Most public officials would condemn this activity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely condemn <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. If you had positive proof that a member of your own party (whom you had previously supported) engaged in this act, would you continue to support his/her election?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not</p>	<p>f. i. A mayor whose driveway at his private home is paved by city employees is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corrupt <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Corrupt</p> <p>ii. Most citizens would condemn this activity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely condemn <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. Most public officials would condemn this activity.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely condemn <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. If you had positive proof that a member of your own party (whom you had previously supported) engaged in this act, would you continue to support his/her election?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Definitely yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably not</p>

<p>g. i. A public official authorizes the purchase of land he/she had recently acquired is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Corrupt Not Corrupt</p> <p>ii. Most citizens would condemn this activity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Definitely condemn Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. Most public officials would condemn this activity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Definitely condemn Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. If you had positive proof that a member of your own party (whom you had previously supported) engaged in this act, would you continue to support his/her election?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Definitely yes Probably not</p>	<p>i. i. A legislator accepts a large campaign contribution in return for voting the “right way” on a legislative bill is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Corrupt Not Corrupt</p> <p>ii. Most citizens would condemn this activity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Definitely condemn Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. Most public officials would condemn this activity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Definitely condemn Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. If you had positive proof that a member of your own party (whom you had previously supported) engaged in this act, would you continue to support his/her election?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Definitely yes Probably not</p>
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<p>h. i. A judge hears a case concerning a corporation in which he has EUR 50,000 worth of stock is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Corrupt Not Corrupt</p> <p>ii. Most citizens would condemn this activity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Definitely condemn Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. Most public officials would condemn this activity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Definitely condemn Probably not Condemn</p>	<p>j. i. A public official using his/her influence to pressure officials to approve an application for subsidy for a private firm owned by a friend of the official is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Corrupt Not Corrupt</p> <p>ii. Most citizens would condemn this activity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Definitely condemn Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. Most public officials would condemn this activity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Definitely condemn Probably not Condemn</p> <p>iii. If you had positive proof that a member of your own party (whom you had previously supported) engaged in this act, would you continue to support his/her election?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Definitely yes Probably not</p>
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5. In your opinion, how prevalent is corruption in your country? (Choose one for each statement a-i)

	Very Common	Common	Rare	Very Rare	Non-existent	Can't choose
a. Corruption at the ministerial level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Corruption among legislators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Corruption among bureaucrats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Corruption at local government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Corruption in the judicial sphere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Corruption in health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Corruption in education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Corruption in media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Corruption in political parties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. A number of approaches have been tested around the world to curb corruption. We would like to know your opinion of some of these approaches. (Choose one for each statement a-h)

	Very Effective	Effective	Neutral	Ineffective	Very Ineffective	Can't choose
a. Codified ethics rules for legislators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Public access to financial disclosures of legislators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Financial disclosure of spouses and children of legislators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Employment restrictions of legislators <u>during</u> appointment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Employment restrictions of legislators <u>after</u> appointment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Gift restrictions of legislators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Travel restrictions of legislators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Legislator immunity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Legislators in many countries enjoy some form of immunity. We are interested in learning your opinion concerning legislator immunity as it relates to your country. (Choose one for each statement a, b)

<p>a. Non Liability Immunity (legislators cannot be detained or prosecuted for opinions expressed and votes cast while carrying out legislative duties). Please indicate how you feel about the following statements.</p> <p>i. Non Liability Immunity is essential to functioning of democracy in my country.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree</p> <p>ii. Non-liability immunity discourages or encourages corruption?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Discourages Corruption <input type="checkbox"/> No effect on Corruption <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Encourages Corruption</p>	<p>b. Inviolability Immunity (providing general protection from detention criminal and/or civil proceedings). Please indicate how you feel about the following statements.</p> <p>i. Inviolability Immunity is essential to functioning of democracy in my country.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree</p> <p>ii. Inviolability Immunity discourages or encourages corruption?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Discourages Corruption <input type="checkbox"/> No effect on Corruption <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Encourages Corruption</p>
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8. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements as they pertain to the activities of lobbyists in your country. (Choose one for each statement a, b)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't choose
a. Lobbyists and special interest groups act contrary to the interest of the general population.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The activities of lobbyists represent a form of improper pressure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. In your experience, are you usually contacted by lobbyists who agree with you on a particular bill or by those who disagree? (Choose one)

- Those who agree
- Those who disagree
- About the same

10. Some observers have concluded that relations between a legislator and a lobbyist are based essentially upon mutual trust. Regarding lobbyists you have known, how much would you say you could trust them? (Choose one)

- All of the time
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- None of the time

11. In what year were you born? (*Type your answer*)

_____ (year)

12. What is your marital status? (*Choose one*)

- Single
- Married
- Widowed
- Other

13. Approximately, how many people resided in the city/town/village where you lived at the time of your high school graduation? (*Type your answer*)

14. Please indicate your gender. (*Choose one*)

- Male
- Female

15. Which political party do you represent in this legislature? (*Type your answer*)

16. Is the political party that you represent in the legislature part of the ruling coalition currently in power? (*Choose one*)

- Yes
- No

17. In general, in political matters how do you classify yourself? (*Choose one*)

- Very Liberal
- Liberal
- Center
- Conservative
- Very Conservative

18. If you have any opinions on political corruption not covered in the questionnaire, please feel free to comment here. (*Type your answer*)

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATOR SURVEY PROJECT'S QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT.

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