

## Overview of Data

Colombia scores below the global median on both major corruption indicators surveyed here, although its performance is largely in line with the rest of the region. A total of six FCPA cases spanning multiple sectors have been recorded in Colombia to date, indicating an elevated but not severe level of enforcement action for the size of the economy.

Corruption and Governance Indicators	Colombia	G7 Average
Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index	36	73
World Bank Control of Corruption Score	45	87
World Justice Project Rule of Law Score	50	76
Major Correlates of Corruption		
Nominal GDP Per Capita Percentile Rank	53	89
World Bank Government Effectiveness Score	50	89

*\*All indicators are scores/100 or are percentile ranks, 100=best. Some scores have been adjusted accordingly. 1-33 34-66 67-100*

World Bank Enterprise Survey Responses (2017)	Colombia	Top 10 Countries
Share of firms reporting at least one bribe request	7%	1.4%
Share of firms expected to give gifts to secure government contract	15%	1.9%
Share of firms expected to give gifts to officials to “get things done”	11%	1.5%
Share of businesses reporting corruption is a major constraint	62%	7.5%

## FCPA Cases (as reported)

Total FCPA Enforcement: 6 Cases

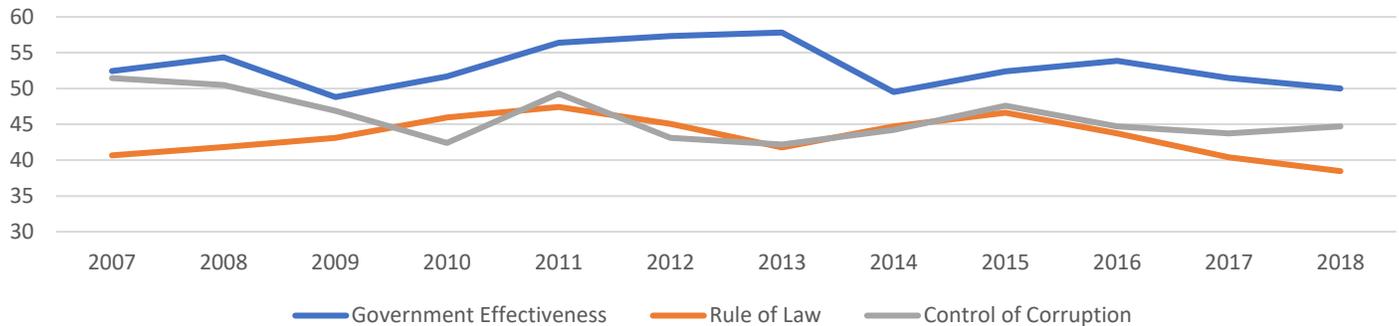
- Odebrecht** – Between 2001 and 2016, the Brazilian infrastructure company and its subsidiary Braskem allegedly paid nearly USD 800 million in bribes throughout Latin America and Africa to secure contracts for major projects. Alleged bribes include USD 50 million paid to Colombian officials to secure a highway project. 2016 and 2017 settlements with Odebrecht/Braskem resulted in a total of USD 250 million in penalties paid to the US government along with substantially higher penalties distributed to other investigating countries.
- Chiquita Brands** – The chief administrative officer of the banana exporter’s Colombian subsidiary allegedly consented to releasing USD 30,000 in illicit payments to local customs officials in 1995 and 1996. In 2001, the company was fined USD 100,000.
- PetroTiger** – From 2009 to 2010, three executives of the oil and gas company allegedly bribed an official of Ecopetrol, Colombia’s state-owned petroleum corporation, in order to secure a USD 39.6 million deal. Illegal payments of USD 333,500 were allegedly masked as “consulting fees” and funneled through the Ecopetrol official’s wife. The three individuals pleaded guilty to breaking the FCPA’s anti-bribery provisions and were individually sanctioned with fines and disbarment in enforcement actions between 2013 and 2017.

## Information Accessibility and Transparency

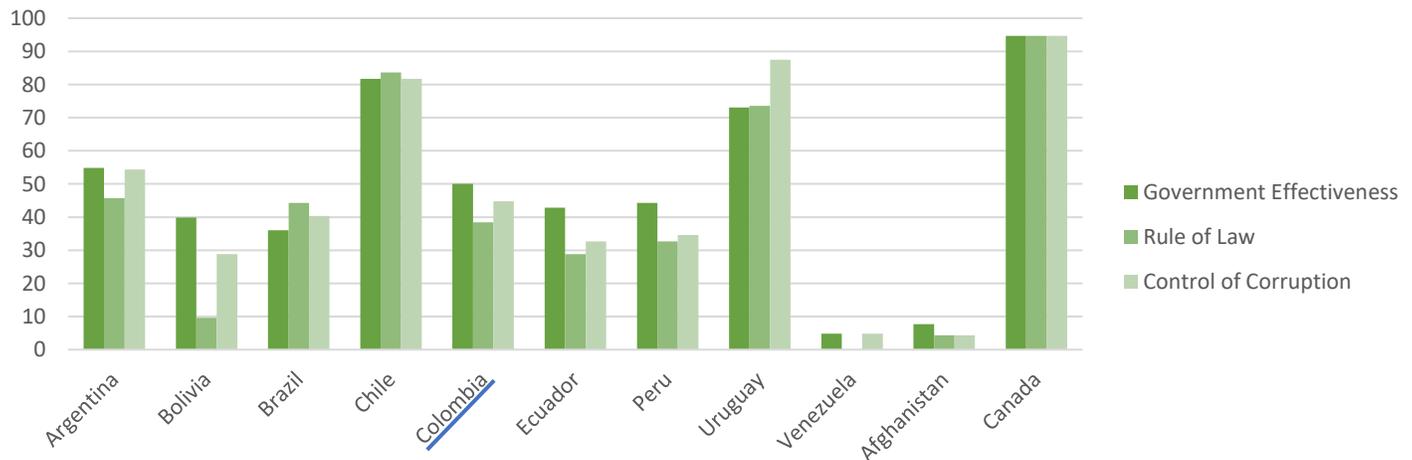
Availability of Records	●	Corporate registration records can be obtained online for a nominal fee. Shareholding information is not always available for private companies.
Freedom of Press	●	Freedom House freedom of press rating 57/100, “partly free” (100=least free) Reporters Without Borders rank 129/180 (180=least free)
Language Accessibility	●	No issues. Spanish is machine-translatable with reasonable accuracy.
Financial Disclosure	●	No data. (Tax Justice Network Financial Secrecy Index)

● Poor ● Moderate ● Accessible

## Trendlines—World Bank Worldwide Governance Indicators (100=best)



## Country Comparison—World Bank Worldwide Governance Indicators (100=best)



## Context: Corruption in Colombia

Colombia continues to face significant corruption challenges affecting its competitiveness and economic stability. The number of Colombian business owners perceiving corruption as a serious issue has been on the rise since 2006. According to a study led by the nonprofit Transparencia por Colombia, 44% of corruption cases occurred in the education, health, and infrastructure sectors, the three sectors with the most government spending. Despite the Colombian government having transparency measures on the books at national and local levels, there is concern that ABC efforts may remain ineffective given Colombia’s longstanding patterns of clientelism. Colombia is among the many countries where the Odebrecht scandal has reached the highest levels of government—former President Juan Manuel Santos has faced scrutiny for campaign donations he allegedly received from the Brazilian company.

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