

Government Corruption

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Definition of Government Corruption

- Political corruption, according to Wikipedia, is “The use of powers by government officials or their network contacts for illegitimate private gain.”
- This includes such behaviors as bribery, lobbying, extortion, and embezzlement.
- Corruption can be seen at all levels of government, from the highest of officials to offices as low as local elections and such.
- A few examples of recent corruption include:
 - Former U.S. President Donald Trump’s incitement of a crowd and the subsequent attack on the U.S. Capitol
 - Russian President Vladimir Putin’s use of rigged elections to stay in power
 - And the near continuous bribery and corruption in Mexico’s government.

Our Objective and Goal

- Desires to get rid of government corruption; well at least attempt to minimize the impact in some nations
- Seeing how citizens play a role in how the government works
- Raising awareness about the aftermath of corruption on people
- Preventing any further corruption or bribery from happening in many government systems
- Attempting to expose the corruption within different governments

The Stakeholders

- People that are under the ruling of a government harboring corruption
- Citizens that are under the rule of a corrupt government
- Those that have power in the system that could possibly put our plans into effect

Our Partner Schools

We have collaborated with the St. Thomas the Apostle School from Crystal Lake, Illinois, United States. We have discussed with different students regarding the matter, who also expressed their opinions on how this problem needs to be addressed more.

Addressing the Issue

Locally

- Contacting local representatives and politicians is a good way to let them know your concern over corruption.
- Keeping in the loop with local media and news outlets can help you stay updated on corruption that affects you.

Nationally

- Most countries have at least some issues with corruption. Try and research who the perpetrators have been and see if they are still around. International sources like NPR and the BBC can help with this.
- Spread awareness about bad actors in your country's government, via whatever ways you can. Talking to family members about the history of corruption in your country is another good way to spread the word.

Addressing the Issue

Globally

- Speaking with representatives of other countries about this issue around the globe
- Using model non-corrupt places as a guide to addressing the issue
 - Ex. Norway - Norwegian law prevents any bribes and the companies are held accountable for their actions, as well as the actions of people working on their behalf. The judicial system is fairer and does not have as many biases, in order to maintain a fair society.
- Talking about issues in other countries more widely to identify places of corruption