

**Distinguishing criteria between
petty and high-ranking
corruption: Expert evaluation
Take 2**

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Levels of corruption

Classification of corruption:

- Petty – (,Normal'–) Grand

- Bureaucratic – Political

- Content-wise:

bribery, extortion, kickbacks, patronage,
nepotism, cronyism

- By the function:

Services, contracting, employment, legislative

Typology of corruption

Corruption is not a single mass

Typology is needed to determine counter-actions

Type I.

Low-level, one-off, immediate, impersonal, situational... simple

Greed-based – collusion of the parties

Extortion-like – asymmetric position of the parties

Typology

Type II.

Social connection-based, trust-based, network of favours and connections

The benefit is separated in time and space

→ Low-risk, hard to curb

Level 2: favour-brokers

The real face of a society

Typology

Type III.

Corporate-level

Where private and public meets

Trust-based, personal – behind the facade

Kickbacks for awards

Corporate goals, normal-looking processes...

Typology

Type IV.

State capture level

Formally legal, policy-level decisions

Bending the legal framework

Silencing the checks and counterbalances

The harm is done at the principle-level

Milder form: influence of economic actors (party financing, lobbying) in exchange of benefits

What can be done?

The toolkit:

On the state's side: proper legal framework, law enforcement and judiciary, external audit, anti-corruption agencies, international organisations, proper recruitment and promotion systems, internal monitoring (compliance), code of ethics and conduct, limiting discretion in decision making, training.

Outside of the state's sphere: whistleblowing, organisational culture, civil control, independent press, civil society, NGOs.

Type I.

Calculation of risks on both sides → raise the risk
Integrity testing, whistleblowers (extortion type)

Type II.

It's hard... trust-based, socially embedded
Transparency, ethical standards, high-level
integrity and conflict of interests rules... culture
+ impunity as a reward

Type III.

Hard... internal anti-corruption measures not really working

Whistleblowers, maybe

Transparency of public processes, ethical standards, high-level and enforced integrity and conflict of interest rules, external, independent audit

Type IV.

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Thank you for your attention!

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