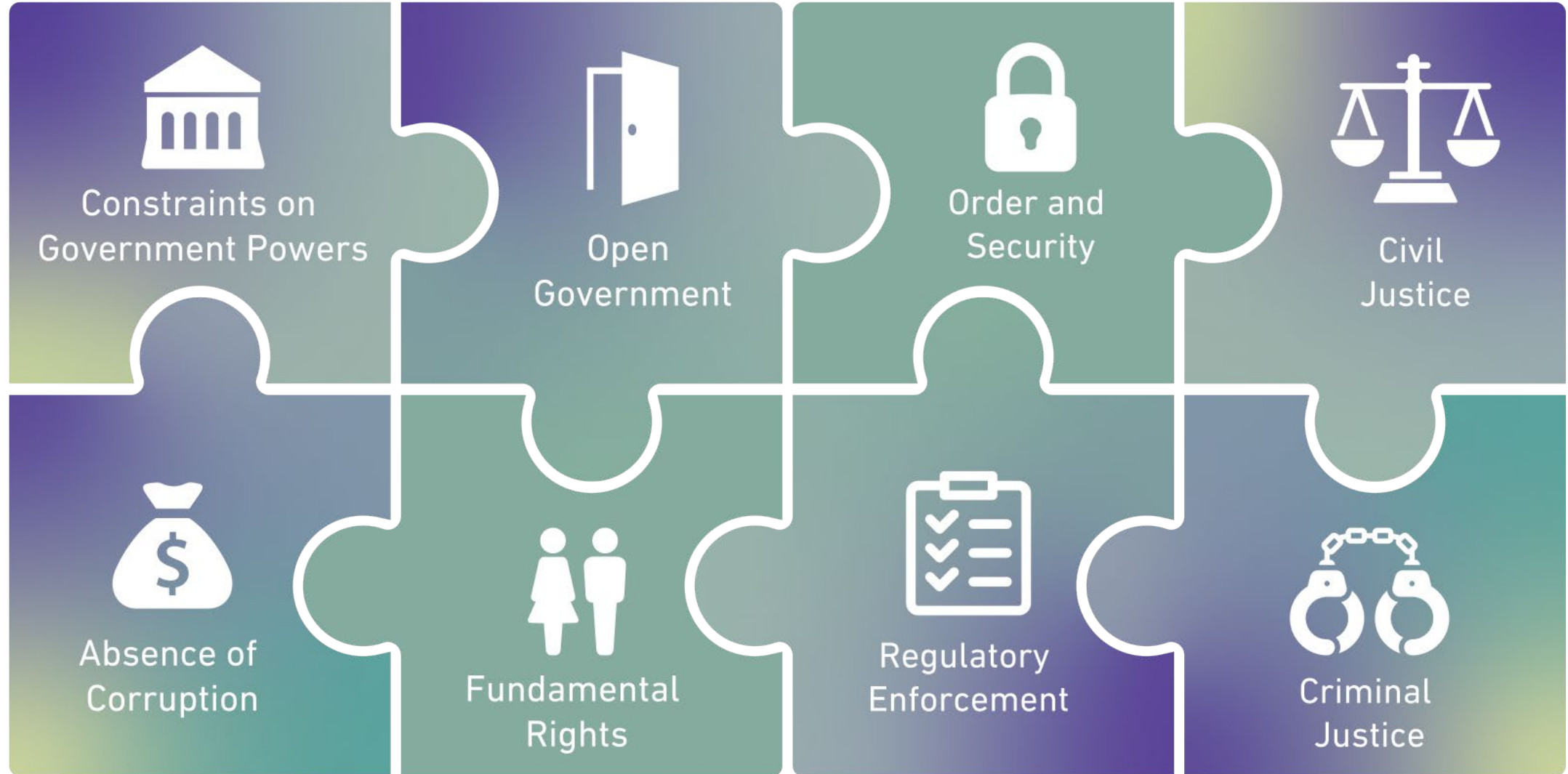


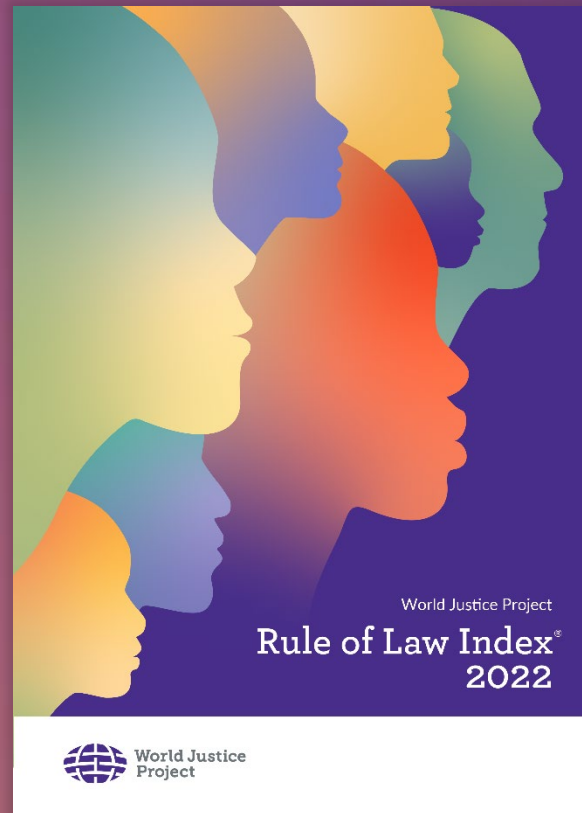
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FACTORS OF THE RULE OF LAW



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Measures how the rule of law is perceived and experienced worldwide

140 countries and jurisdictions

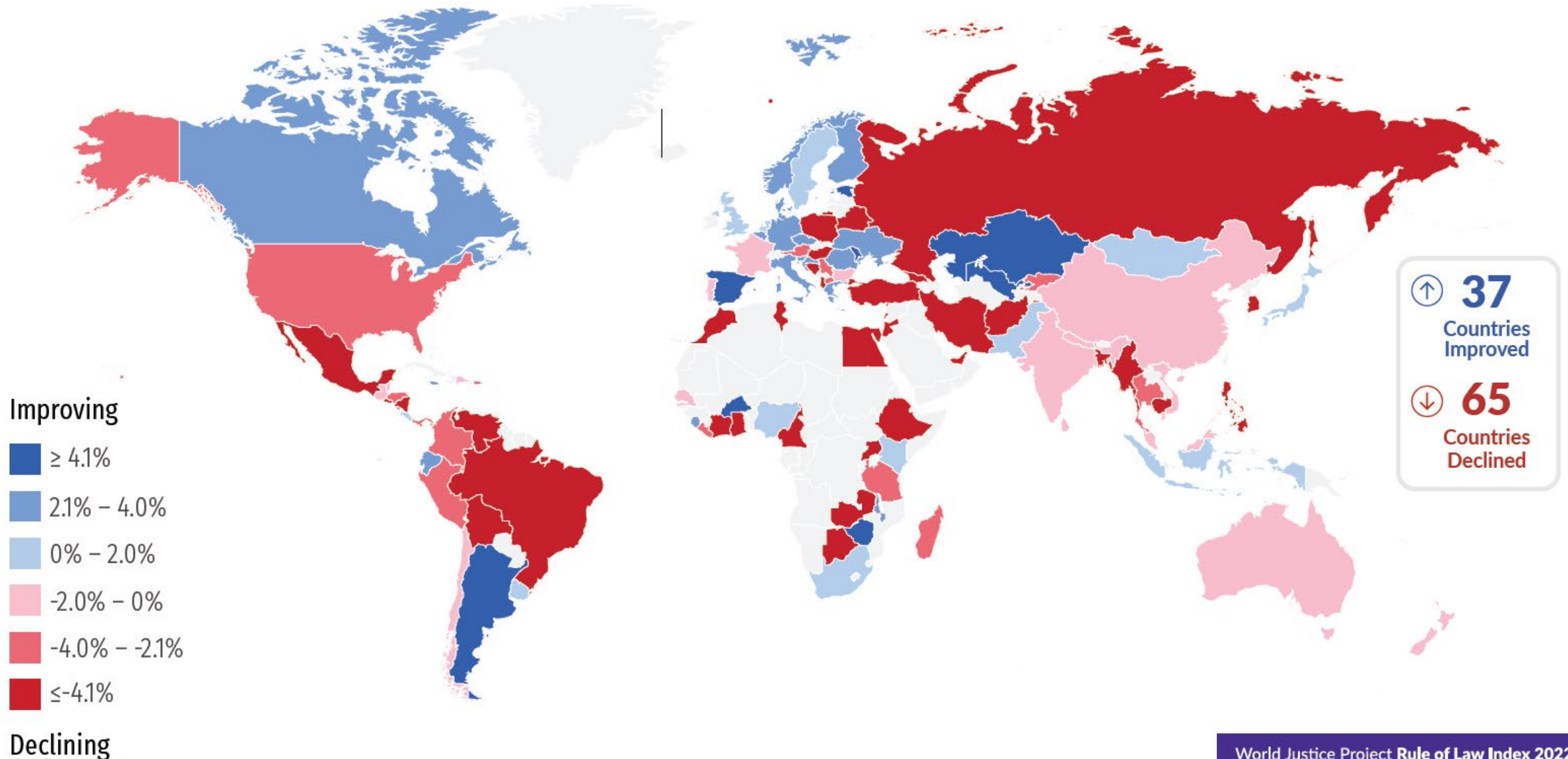
Surveys of **154,000+** households and **3,600+** experts

Period of data collection: **February 2022 to June 2022**

Eight factors and 44 sub-factors

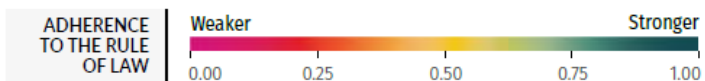
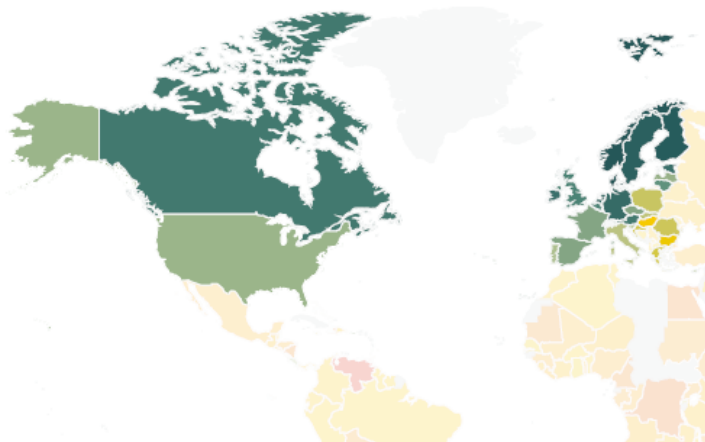
Over 550 perception and experience-based questions

Rule of Law Declined in 64% of Countries 2015 - 2022



The U.S. ranks 26 out of 140 in rule of law

EU, EFTA, and North America



Country/Jurisdiction	Regional Rank	Overall Score*	Annual Change in Overall Score*	Annual % Change in Overall Score*	Global Rank	Annual Change in Global Rank*
Denmark	1/31	0.90	0.00	0.3%	1	0
Norway	2/31	0.89	-0.01	-1.1%	2	0
Finland	3/31	0.87	-0.01	-0.8%	3	0
Sweden	4/31	0.86	0.00	-0.5%	4	0
Netherlands	5/31	0.83	0.00	0.2%	5	1 ▲
Germany	6/31	0.83	-0.01	-0.6%	6	1 ▼
Luxembourg	7/31	0.83	0.00	-0.2%	8	0
Estonia	8/31	0.82	0.01	1.2%	9	2 ▲
Ireland	9/31	0.81	0.00	0.1%	10	0
Austria	10/31	0.80	-0.01	-1.2%	11	2 ▼
Canada	11/31	0.80	0.00	0.0%	12	0
Belgium	12/31	0.79	0.00	-0.1%	14	0
United Kingdom	13/31	0.79	0.00	0.3%	15	1 ▲
Lithuania	14/31	0.76	0.01	1.7%	18	0
Czech Republic	15/31	0.73	0.00	0.5%	20	2 ▲
France	16/31	0.73	0.01	1.4%	21	2 ▲
Spain	17/31	0.73	0.00	-0.3%	23	2 ▼
Latvia	18/31	0.72	0.01	1.1%	24	0
United States	19/31	0.71	0.01	1.8%	26	1 ▲
Portugal	20/31	0.69	-0.01	-1.5%	27	1 ▼
Cyprus	21/31	0.68	0.00	0.0%	28	0
Malta	22/31	0.68	0.00	-0.3%	30	0
Slovenia	23/31	0.68	-0.01	-0.8%	31	2 ▼
Italy	24/31	0.67	0.01	1.0%	32	2 ▲
Slovak Republic	25/31	0.66	-0.01	-0.9%	35	2 ▼
Poland	26/31	0.64	0.00	0.3%	36	0
Romania	27/31	0.63	0.01	0.9%	38	3 ▲
Greece	28/31	0.61	0.01	1.0%	44	4 ▲
Croatia	29/31	0.61	0.00	0.6%	47	1 ▼
Bulgaria	30/31	0.55	0.01	1.0%	60	2 ▲
Hungary	31/31	0.52	0.00	-0.8%	73	4 ▼



Center for
Systemic Peace
Declares U.S. is an
Anocracy



DEMOCRACY TO AUTOCRACY SCALE

FACTORS INFLUENCING DEMOCRATIC EROSION

1. Factionalism and identity-based politics
2. Multiculturalism/demographic shifts
3. Failure of protest leading to extraconstitutional means
4. Loss of civil discourse impacting the legitimacy of constitutional government, amplified by unregulated social media
5. Trust & confidence in elections
6. Constitutional brinkmanship rather than use of norms of forbearance

"The reader feels the intellectual excitement, and also the political warning"

Timothy Snyder

HOW DEMOCRACIES

DIE

WHAT HISTORY
REVEALS ABOUT
OUR FUTURE

STEVEN LEVITSKY & DANIEL ZIBLATT

"democratic backsliding today begins at the ballot box."

The four main indicators to look out for are:

- 1.Rejection of (or weak commitment to) the democratic rules of the game
- 2.Denial of the legitimacy of political opponents
- 3.Toleration or encouragement of violence
- 4.Readiness to curtail the civil liberties of opponents, including the media



WHAT
CAN BARS
DO?

DEMOCRACY

IS NOT

A SPECTATOR SPORT



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