

The SELDI Corruption Monitoring System: Overview of Methodology and Select Indicators in Nine SEE Countries 2014

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Corruption monitoring and measurement

Aspects of corruption

Corruption is not monolithic. It includes forms/behaviour like:

- Administrative corruption
- Grand corruption (political level)
- Executive and legislative capture (state capture)
- Patronage, paternalism, clientelism and being a “team player”

Concepts measured in the CMS

Administrative corruption

Incidence of corrupt practices in interactions between citizens and businesses with the administration and corruption in public services

Type of corruption measured

- Corruption among lower and middle level officials;
- The most widespread forms of “petit” corruption associated with gifts, favors and money

Excluded: grand (political) corruption, state capture

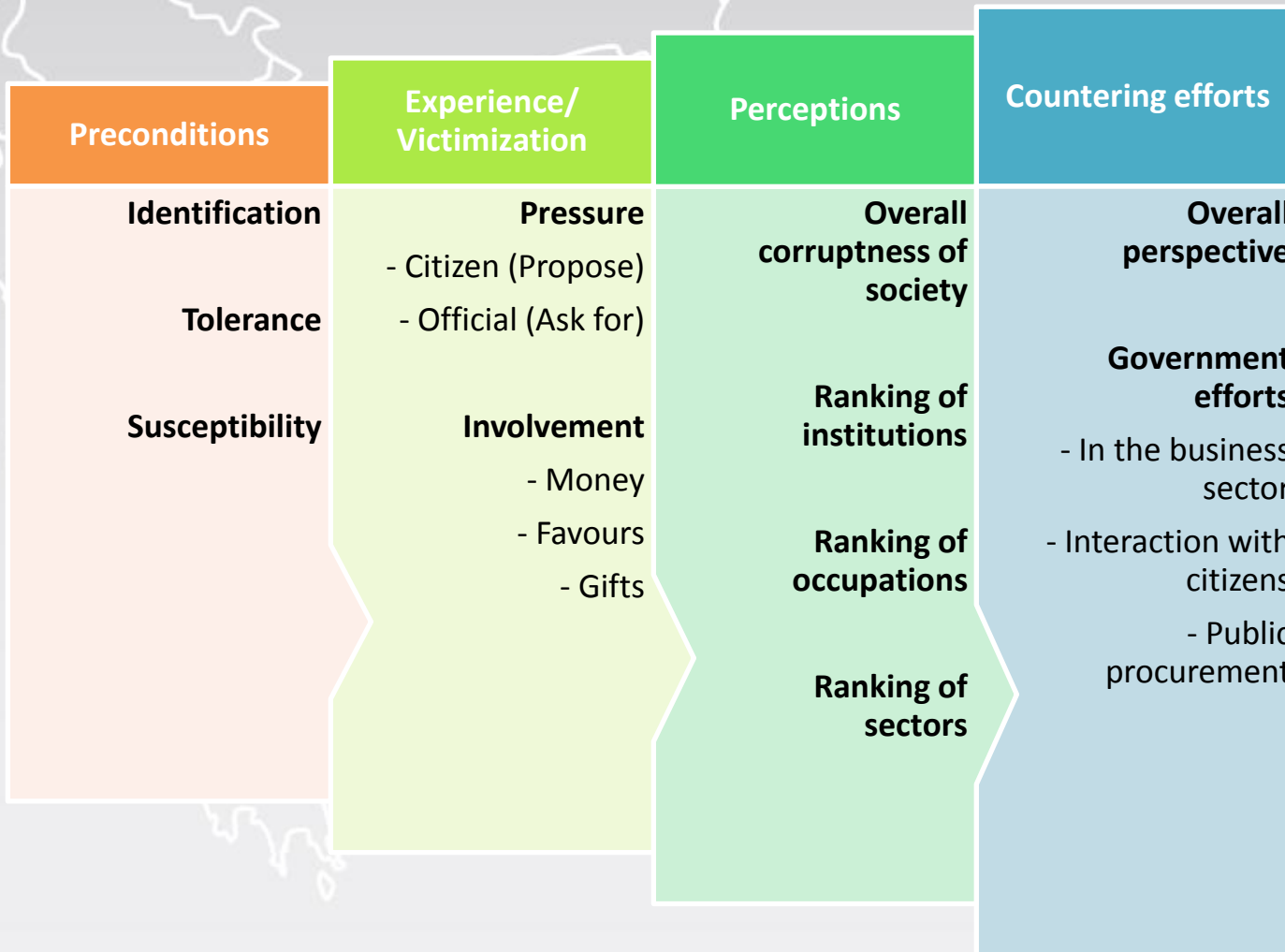
Can corruption be measured through surveys?

Yes, specific forms of corruption through:

- Interviews with stakeholders
- Review of institutional performance
- Audits of specific projects

Are corruption measures objective?

- Survey based measures are the ONLY available
- Distinction between experience and perception
- Need to adapt methodology to the specific sector studied



Preconditions

Identification

Assessments whether specific social situations (clear corruption) are identified as corruption

Tolerance

Assessments whether specific activities of MP and public officials are admissible (e.g., free lunch, nepotism, etc.)

Susceptibility

Whether respondents are inclined to give a bribe (as citizens) or receive a bribe (as officials)

Identification

A1B. IN YOUR OPINION, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE EXAMPLES OF "CORRUPTION"?

One answer on each line

		Yes	No	DK/NA
A	Giving a gift to a doctor so that he/she takes special care of you	1	2	9
B	Giving money / doing a favour to an administration official in order to win a competition, concession or public procurement tender	1	2	9
C	Using "connections" to receive a particular public service that your are entitled to (by law)	1	2	9
D	Lobbying a public official to hire a relative (family, friend) of yours	1	2	9
E	Contacting a municipal councilor personally, in order to receive a permission for construction	1	2	9
F	Giving money to a police officer so that your driver's license is not suspended	1	2	9
G	Using someone's official position for doing private business	1	2	9
H	Providing confidential information acquired in public office to acquaintances of yours for personal gain	1	2	9
I	Administration officials accepting money for allowing tax evasion or tax reduction	1	2	9
J	Pre-election donations to political parties	1	2	9
K	Paying additional remuneration to a lawyer who assists a defendant to stop a lawsuit against him/her	1	2	9

Tolerance

A9. ACCORDING TO YOU, ARE THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ACCEPTABLE, IF PERFORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT OR THE GOVERNMENT?

One answer on each line.

- 1 Acceptable
- 2 Rather acceptable
- 3 Rather unacceptable
- 4 Unacceptable
- 9 *Don't know/No answer*

A9A	To accept an invitation for a <u>free lunch/dinner</u> to solve personal problems	1	2	3	4	9
A9B	To resolve a personal problem and accept a favor in exchange	1	2	3	4	9
A9C	To accept <u>gifts</u> for the solution of personal problems	1	2	3	4	9
A9D	To accept <u>cash</u> for the solution of personal problems	1	2	3	4	9

Susceptibility

A8. IMAGINE YOURSELF IN AN OFFICIAL LOW-PAID POSITION AND YOU ARE APPROACHED BY SOMEONE OFFERING CASH, GIFT OR FAVOR TO SOLVE HIS/HER PROBLEM. WHAT WOULD YOU DO:

One answer only.

- 1 I would accept - everyone does that.
- 2 I would accept, if I can solve his problem
- 3 I would not accept, if the solution to the problem is related with law evasion
- 4 I would not accept, I do not approve of such acts
- 9 *Don't know/No answer*

A15. IF YOU HAD A MAJOR PROBLEM AND AN OFFICIAL DIRECTLY DEMANDED CASH TO SOLVE IT, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?

One answer only.

- 1 I would pay by all means
- 2 I would pay if I can afford
- 3 I would not pay if I had another way to solve the problem
- 4 I would not pay by any means
- 9 *Don't know/No answer*

Experience/ Victimization

Pressure

Ask of hint

Social identity of
pressure

Involvement

Give money, gift or
favour

Value of bribe

Corruption pressure

A12. WHENEVER YOU HAVE CONTACTED OFFICIALS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, HOW OFTEN IN THE LAST YEAR THEY HAVE:

One answer on each line.

- 1 In all cases
- 2 In most of the cases
- 3 In isolated cases
- 4 In no cases
- 8 No contact in the last year
- 9 *Don't know/No answer*

A12A	<u>Directly demanded</u> cash, gift or favor	1	2	3	4	8	9
A12B	Not demanded directly, but <u>showed that they expected</u> cash, gift or favor	1	2	3	4	8	9

IF A12 = 8 (no contact in the last year) go to A15. Otherwise continue with A13

Involvement (paying a bribe)

A13. WHENEVER YOU HAVE CONTACTED OFFICIALS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, HOW OFTEN IN THE LAST YEAR YOU HAVE HAD TO:

One answer on each line.

- 1 In all cases
- 2 In most of the cases
- 3 In isolated cases
- 4 In no cases
- 9 *Don't know/No answer*

A13A	Give cash to an official	1	2	3	4	9
A13B	Give gift to an official	1	2	3	4	9
A13C	Do an official a favor	1	2	3	4	9

Perceptions

Overall

Level of corruptness of officials

Rankings

Ranking by sectors

Ranking by professional groups

Ranking by institutions

Perceptions: Level of corruptness of officials

A2. AS you SEE IT, HOW FAR IS CORRUPTION PROLIFERATED AMONG THE OFFICIALS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR?

One answer only.

- 1 Almost all officials are involved
- 2 Most officials are involved
- 3 Few officials are involved
- 4 Scarcely anyone of the officials is involved
- 9 *Don't know/No answer*

Perceptions: Ranking by institutions

A20. ACCORDING TO YOU, WHAT IS THE DEGREE OF CORRUPTION PROLIFERATION IN THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS?

Not proliferated at all

Proliferated to the highest degree

1.....2.....3.....4.....5

9. Don't know/No answer

One answer on each line in column.

		A20					
A20A	Presidency	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20B	Parliament	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20C	Government	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20E	Municipal government	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20F	Municipal administration	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20G	Army	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20H	Customs	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20I	Tax administration	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20I1	National audit office	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20J1	The Prosecution	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20J2	The Investigation	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20J3	Courts	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20K	Police	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20L	Add options here	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20M	Add options here	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20N	Add options here	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20O	Add options here	1	2	3	4	5	9
A20P	Add options here	1	2	3	4	5	9

Perceptions: Ranking by officials

A4. ACCORDING TO YOU, HOW FAR IS CORRUPTION PROLIFERATED AMONG THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

One answer on each line.

- 1 Almost everybody is involved
- 2 Most are involved
- 3 Few are involved
- 4 Scarcely anyone is involved
- 9 *Don't know/No answer*

A4A	Journalists	1	2	3	4	9
A4B	Teachers	1	2	3	4	9
A4C	University officials or professors	1	2	3	4	9
A4D	Officials at ministries	1	2	3	4	9
A4E	Municipal officials	1	2	3	4	9
A4F	Administration officials in the judicial system	1	2	3	4	9
A4G	Judges	1	2	3	4	9
A4H	Public prosecutors	1	2	3	4	9
A4I	Investigating officers	1	2	3	4	9
A4J	Lawyers	1	2	3	4	9
A4K	Police officers	1	2	3	4	9
A4L	Customs officers	1	2	3	4	9
A4M	Tax officials	1	2	3	4	9
A4N	Members of parliament	1	2	3	4	9
A4O	Ministers	1	2	3	4	9

Countering efforts

Overall
perspective

Can corruption be dealt with?

Overall perspective

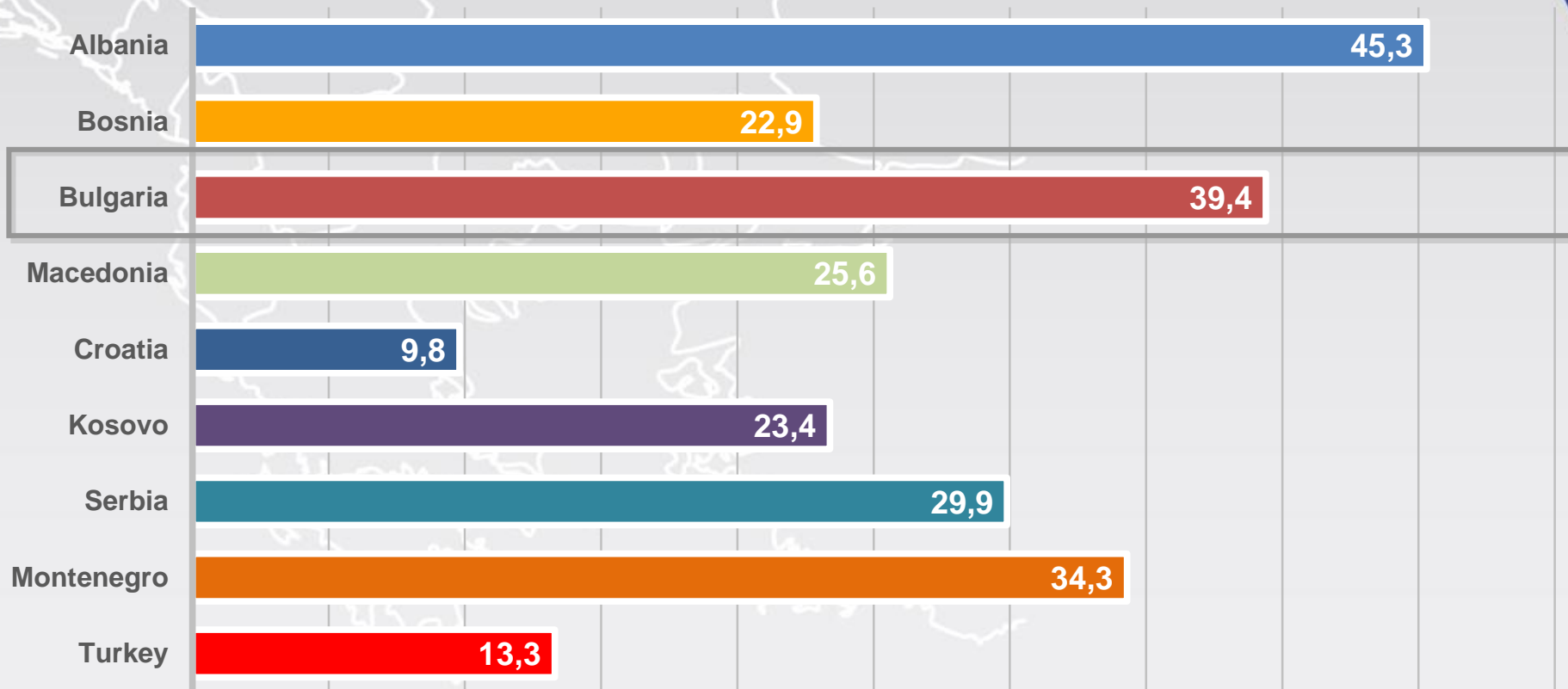
A19. IN VIEW OF CORRUPTION IN (COUNTRY), WHICH OF FOLLOWING OPINIONS IS CLOSER TO YOUR OWN?

One answer only.

- 1 The wide spread of corruption cannot be reduced
- 2 Corruption will always exist in (country), yet it can be limited to a degree
- 3 Corruption in (country) can be substantially reduced
- 4 Corruption in (country) can be eradicated
- 9 *Don't know/No answer*

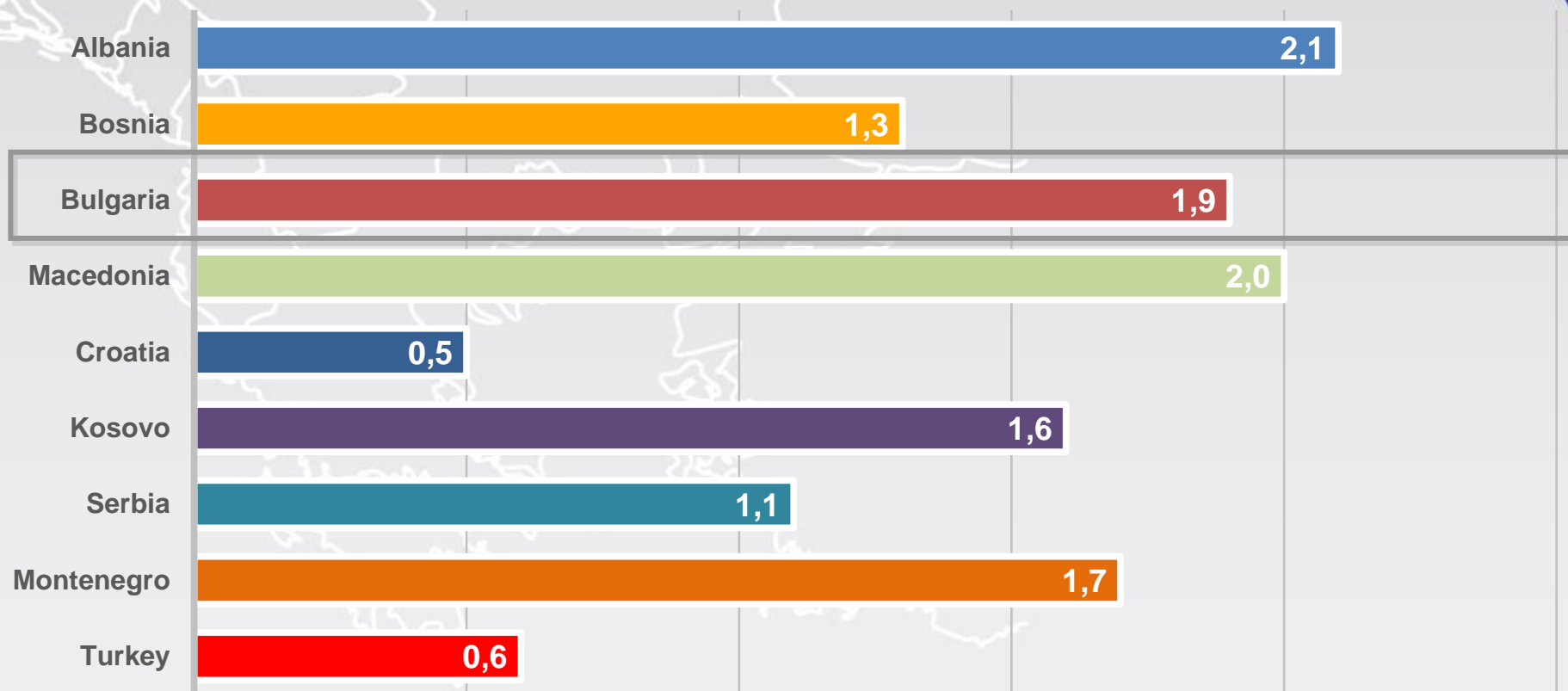
Corruption pressure (SELDI 2014)

Base: % of people 18+ who have been asked to pay a bribe (money, gift, favor)



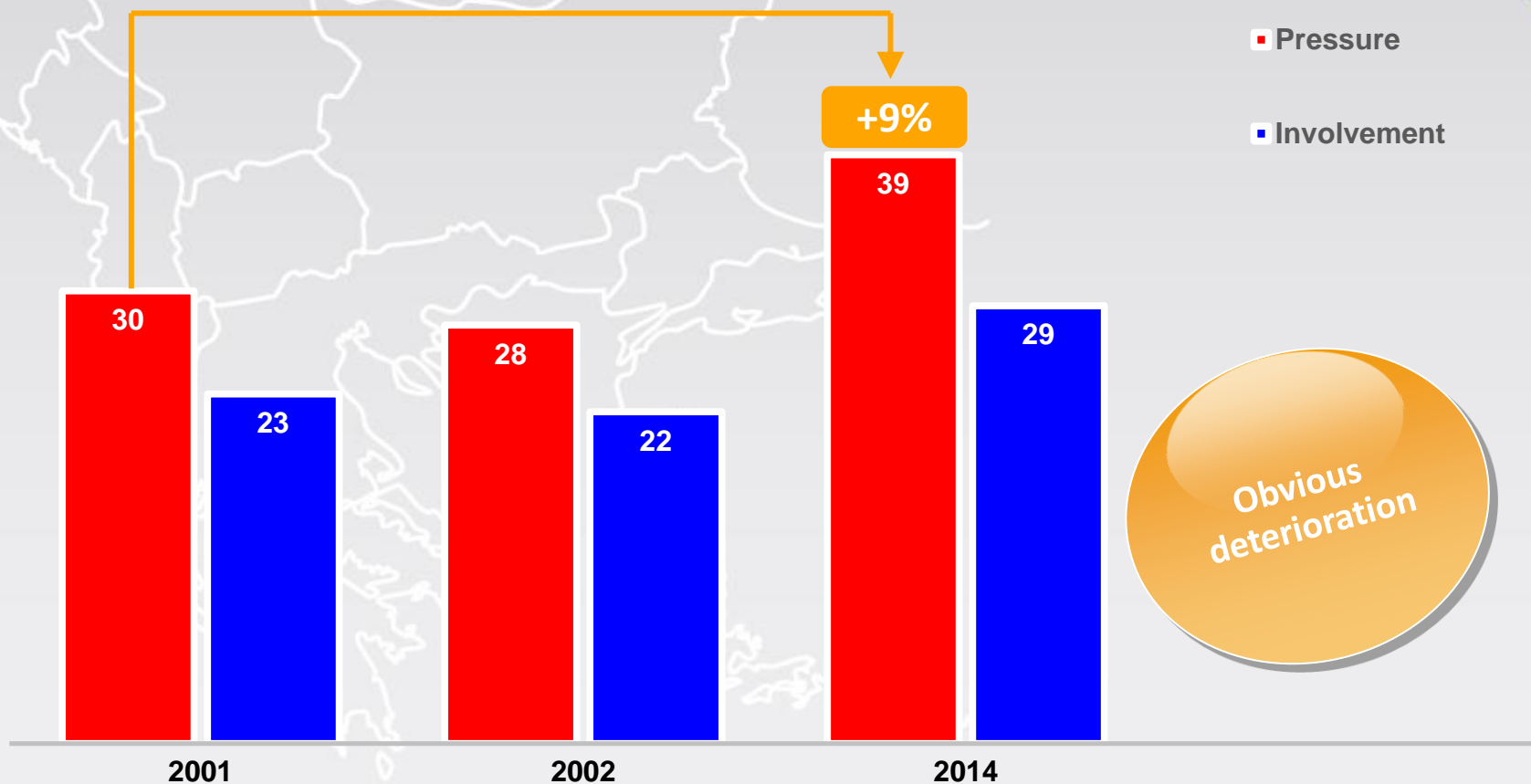
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Corruption indexes (min = 0, max=10)



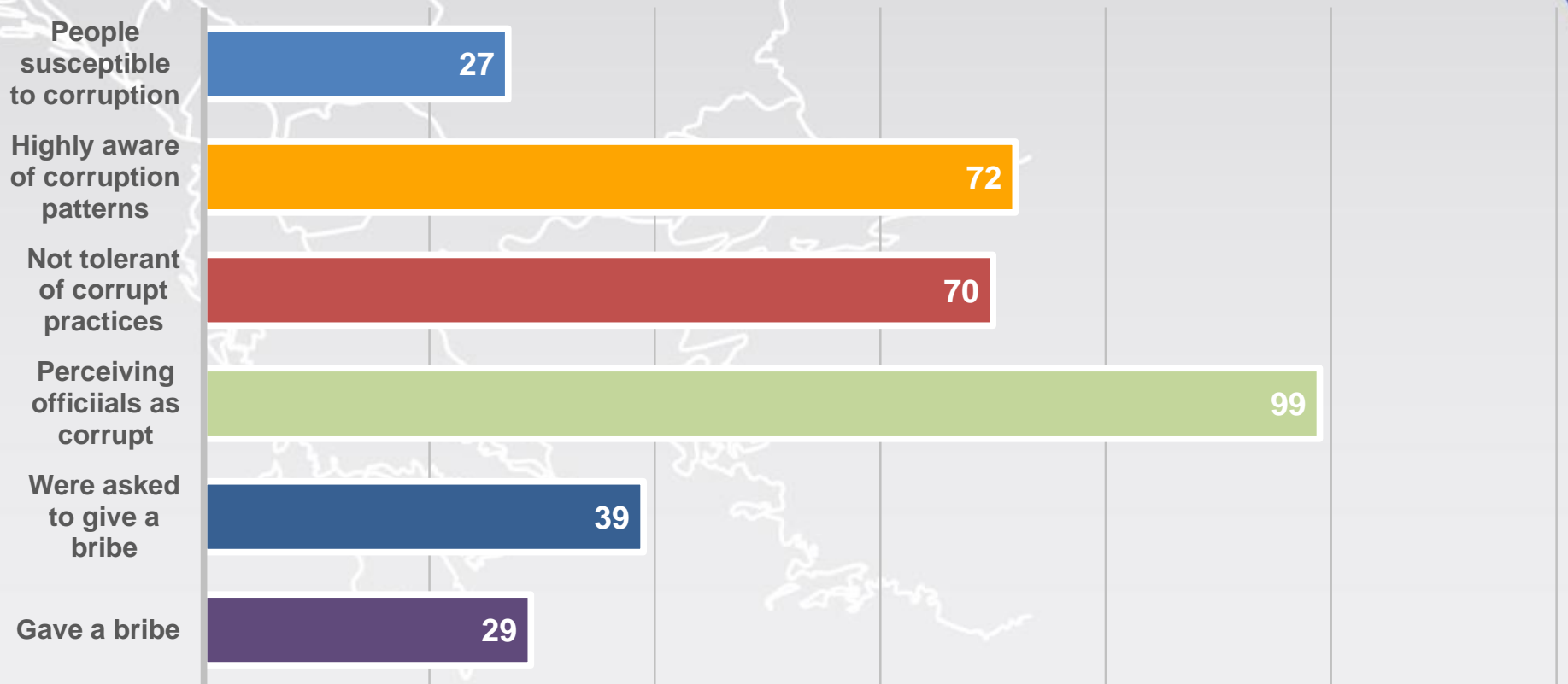
Corruption **pressure** and **involvement** in corruption: Bulgaria

(Base % of population 18+ who were asked to pay and who paid a bribe)



Bulgaria: corruption profile (SELDI 2014)

(% of population 18+)





Thank you !

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