CORRUPTION

• How bad is it?

STOP CORRUPTION

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Corrupt practices can be found everywhere ...

- Government
- Financial institutions
- Police / Military
- Associations
- Religious groups
- Schools
- Workplace
- Home

Potentially infecting almost every activity in our lives.
Their pervasiveness depends on where they find favorable conditions:

These are the main causes of corrupt practices.
Another important factor is how they have organized and evolved:

This also determines how deeply-rooted these practices may be.
In order to understand them, we need to know where they come from:

- Employees
- Banks
- Unions
- Authorities
- Suppliers
- Competitors
- Customers
- Directors
- Shareholders

And how they affect other stakeholders.
International anti-corruption legislation has had limited success:

Focusing on businesses paying bribes to foreign officials.
Consider:

Corruption is a very large and complex problem. It

• Is a social and economic cancer
• Can metastasize throughout an organization
• Breeds different corrupt practices
• Cannot be fully solved by legislation or decree
• Inflates costs, eliminating competitiveness
• Discourages foreign and local investment
• Destroys credibility and undermines authority
• Reduces quality of products and services
• Weakens the rule of law
• Poisons values, morale, and culture

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