

Perceptions of Electoral Integrity 6.0: Corruption, Coercion, and Clientelism

The sixth iteration of the Perceptions of Electoral Integrity (PEI) expert survey reports on more than 3,000 expert evaluations of electoral integrity across nearly 300 national elections from July 1, 2012 to 31 December, 2017. The rolling PEI survey asks experts to assess the quality of national elections on eleven sub-dimensions: electoral laws; electoral procedures; district boundaries; voter registration; party registration; media coverage; campaign finance; voting process; vote count; results; and electoral authorities, summing to an overall Electoral Integrity Index scored from 0 to 100. In addition, the PEI 6.0 annual report draws on a rotating battery of questions on corruption, coercion, and clientelism deployed in the 2016-17 round of the survey. Analysis of these data provides insights into global and regional variations in these electoral malpractices, as well as the systemic and institutional factors that exacerbate and mitigate their effects.