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How to Struggle against Political Corruption?

Today corruption is a major obstacle in moving Ukraine forward. According to international research centers, the level of corruption in Ukraine is one of the highest in the world. 2706 facts of corruption were revealed last year, which is 30% more than the previous one. Among those who were detained on suspicion of accepting bribes of about 5% are high-ranking officials. Due to this fact, corruption erodes the society at the household level as well - in medicine, education, municipal services. According to some reports, corruption costs Ukraine \$ 30 billion per year that is about 10% of GDP.

As a result, corruption causes a whole range of problems that should be treated as soon as possible using a variety of the most efficient methods. However, elimination of corruption is a complicated matter that requires a combination of measures. So, what do we need to use to get ahead of corruption and stop it?

First of all, it is the thorough selection of personnel for admission to the civil service. The procedure should be conducted in the presence of the judge using the polygraph or "lie detector". With the help of this device it is easier to understand why a person goes into power – to serve bona fide or just to profiteer.

Therewith, monitoring the official`s expenses is also one of the most important means of fighting corruption. And it should work so that bribes have no meaning, because it is impossible to spend illegally gained money imperceptibly. To do this, not only the annual declaration of income and property is needed, but also a close control over the reliability of these declarations. In the absence of clear explanation the person should be fired with further confiscation of property

And, of course, we cannot forget about the legislative restriction of the rights of public servants to all sorts of personal inviolability and secrecy. As a fact, it is necessary to simplify the activities of the operative-search service, so that they can check private officials` communications, as well as monitor their telephone calls. Cleanliness and reliability have to be always and everywhere what is concerned to affairs of state. Finally, one of the most appropriate methods is prevention. The fight against corruption should be conducted not only on the facts about already committed crimes, which are difficult to detect and sometimes impossible to prove, but also in advance, by identifying potential bribes. For this purpose it is necessary to periodically conduct operational experiments, during which, under the videos or the radio offer bribes to officials. If the result is positive, such incompetent people must be prosecuted.

To conclude, I should say that such approach is needed to combat corruption at its highest level – the state, with senior officials who play crucial role in our everyday and political life. So, we must decide for ourselves in which world we should live – in a bribable and spoilt society or in the one where justice and truth really reign.