

CORRUPTION AND FORMS OF GOVERNMENT

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ABSTRACT

This paper addresses the issue of corruption, and does in the context of different forms of government. Using democracies as a reference point they are compared, using corruption as a measure, with each of the other forms of government. In the case of small states it was not possible to do an analysis as the Transparency website did not record their corruption score. In each case of governmental style: absolute monarchies, theocracies, dynasties, the most populous states, and countries with lesser attention to human rights. The overall results are that in no instance does the correlation between corruption and population reach statistical significance. With respect to corruption each comparison, of the form of government compared to democracies. This is also conservative in that it uses a two-tailed test, and is thus open to the possibility that the reverse could be true. It is concluded that when compared to democracies each of the other forms of government has a lesser corruption score, taking the mean difference and taking variance into account. This approach may commend itself to other researchers.

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