

## TI Executive Director Examines Suboptimal US Corruption Index Score

Although it slightly improved in 2022, partisanship in the political arena, its blatant uses of gerrymandering, and its inadequate countermeasures against money laundering keep the United States' global corruption perception ranking close to its historic low, a top official of the global anti-corruption organization Transparency International told OCCRP.

Following the release of Transparency International's (TI) latest Corruption Perceptions Index on Tuesday, Executive Director of TI US Gary Kalman offered on Thursday insight into the United States' slightly improved—but still suboptimal—69 rating.

Despite a 76 out of 100 score in 2015, the U.S. has since slid into the 60s and achieved a record low 67 in 2020 and 2021.

“The increasing..... [SOURCE](#)



## The Uruguayan government dismissed two police chiefs to start a “new stage” in the fight against drug trafficking

The Uruguayan Ministry of the Interior dismissed two heads of the National Police to start a “new stage” that deepens the “successes” in the fight against drug trafficking.

This was stated this Wednesday in a statement to the press by the head of that portfolio

Luis Alberto Heber, who noted that this series of changes in the leadership of the Police “it has nothing to do with other matters that the ministry has at hand.”

Heber gave these explanations after late Tuesday news reported in the press that on March 1 the national ..... [SOURCE](#)

## Russia and Ukraine names as Europe’s most corrupt countries

Tuesday marked a favourite date in the calendars of think tankers and political scientists everywhere: the release of Transparency International’s annual “Corruption Perceptions” index. The index throws up interesting results every year, but the ranking for 2022 takes on particular significance amid heated debate over Ukraine’s EU aspirations.

Some of the index’s results are decidedly odd, such as the Czech Republic ranking one place below Qatar, despite allegations that the Gulf state has been operating an

international bribery network to buy the favour of EU politicians.

But surveying Europe’s results as a whole, perhaps the most interesting finding is that Ukraine and Russia sit together at the top of the corruption league table. President Volodymyr Zelensky has been on an anti-corruption drive ahead this week’s EU summit, in which he hopes to impress Brussels leaders. Already, though, Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission, has warned that EU membership is ‘a long way off..... [SOURCE](#)