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Understanding Post-Communist Corruption

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What is wrong with corruption?

- Economic loss
- Injustice
- Undermines democracy
- A social relation





Definition of corruption

- Misuse of public office for private gain

WHO is gaining?





Definition of corruption

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‘A corrupt practice is the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party.’

<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTDOII/Resources/FinalFITaskForceFramework&Gdlines.pdf>





Types of corruption

Low level (bribing police)

- Bribery
- Extortion

High level

- Illegal (state capture)
- Legal





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Levels of corruption

- **Is post-communist corruption high?**



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Levels of corruption

- Perceived corruption
- Observed (reported) corruption





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Explaining increased corruption

- *Cultural and Historical Explanations*
 - *Moral theories*
 - *Political Science: Corruption as Politics*





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Diminishing corruption

- *Institutional explanations*
 - resources
 - democracy





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Political economy of corruption in the transition period

- - Opportunity: privatization



The transformation of corruption after transition

- market distribution replaces administrative distribution

clientelistic constituency → legalized corruption





Anti-corruption policies anti-corruption politics

- or

anti-politics

abuse