

THE GOVERNMENT THAT YOU DESERVE

The following table compares how countries rank in *Government and Business Efficiency*, and shows the gap in their relative competitiveness. Some governments—listed below—heavily trail behind business competitiveness, others pave the way ahead. Do countries always have the government they deserve?

MESSAGE:

1. The overall competitiveness of the US is “rescued” by its business efficiency.
2. In more advanced economies (Japan, Belgium, Ireland, US, Germany, etc.) the government lags behind business in efficiency. Switzerland is the exception.
3. In emerging economies, Brazil and India are struggling, while Russia, South Africa, Chile, Estonia and Indonesia are ahead.
4. A sound ‘balance’ between government and business efficiency can be found in Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia.

QUOTE: IMD Prof. Stephane Garelli, Director of IMD’s World Competitiveness Center

“Government spending has reached new highs since the recession: on average 47% of the GDPs in the most advanced economies. 12 European countries are already above the 50% threshold. The 23 biggest spenders are all European governments. How long can it last? In a new world of ‘state capitalism’, government efficiency will become a key determinant to competitiveness. Alas, the time lag between government reforms and economic imperatives keeps on increasing.”

THE GOVERNMENT - BUSINESS EFFICIENCY GAP IN 2011

(Countries with at least a 6-rank difference: full list on the website)

Country	Government Efficiency	Business Efficiency	Difference
Brazil	55	29	-26
Japan	50	27	-23
Belgium	39	23	-16
Ireland	30	18	-12
USA	19	10	-9
China	33	25	-8
Colombia	45	37	-8
Germany	24	16	-8
Austria	27	20	-7
Denmark	13	6	-7
India	29	22	-7
Taiwan	10	3	-7
Argentina	57	51	-6
Iceland	40	34	-6
Luxembourg	15	9	-6
Philippines	37	31	-6

The table above shows countries’ rankings for Government Efficiency and Business Efficiency (two competitiveness factors drawn from the WCY 2011) and the gap between the two. All rankings are across 59 economies, in descending order from best (1st) to worst (59th).

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Philippines	37	31	-6
Netherlands	18	13	-5
Portugal	48	44	-4
Thailand	23	19	-4
Turkey	34	30	-4
Greece	56	53	-3
Italy	51	48	-3
Malaysia	17	14	-3
Ukraine	58	55	-3
Hungary	52	50	-2
Lithuania	47	45	-2
Canada	9	8	-1
Qatar	6	5	-1
Sweden	5	4	-1
Venezuela	59	58	-1
Australia	7	7	
Hong Kong	1	1	
Mexico	43	43	
Romania	49	49	
Singapore	2	2	
Slovak Republic	42	42	
Spain	38	38	
Finland	14	15	1
Israel	16	17	1
Norway	11	12	1
United Kingdom	26	28	2
France	44	47	3
Peru	36	39	3
Slovenia	53	56	3
Korea	22	26	4
Croatia	54	59	5
Poland	35	41	6
Czech Republic	28	35	7
Indonesia	25	33	8
Russia	46	54	8
South Africa	32	40	8
Switzerland	3	11	8
Chile	12	21	9
Estonia	20	32	12
Kazakhstan	21	36	15
Bulgaria	41	57	16
New Zealand	8	24	16
Jordan	31	52	21
UAE	4	46	42

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1	BRAZIL		-26
2	JAPAN		-23
3	BELGIUM		-16
4	IRELAND		-12
5	USA		-9
6	CHINA MAINLAND		-8
6	COLOMBIA		-8
6	GERMANY		-8
9	AUSTRIA		-7
9	DENMARK		-7
9	INDIA		-7
9	TAIWAN		-7
13	ARGENTINA		-6
13	ICELAND		-6
13	LUXEMBOURG		-6
13	PHILIPPINES		-6
17	NETHERLANDS		-5
18	PORTUGAL		-4
18	THAILAND		-4
18	TURKEY		-4
21	GREECE		-3
21	ITALY		-3
21	MALAYSIA		-3
21	UKRAINE		-3
25	HUNGARY		-2
25	LITHUANIA		-2
27	CANADA		-1
27	QATAR		-1
27	SWEDEN		-1
27	VENEZUELA		-1
31	AUSTRALIA		-
31	HONG KONG		-
31	MEXICO		-
31	ROMANIA		-
31	SINGAPORE		-
31	SLOVAK REPUBLIC		-
31	SPAIN		-
38	FINLAND		1
38	ISRAEL		1
38	NORWAY		1
41	UNITED KINGDOM		2
42	FRANCE		3
42	PERU		3
42	SLOVENIA		3
45	KOREA		4
46	CROATIA		5
47	POLAND		6
48	CZECH REPUBLIC		7
49	INDONESIA		8
49	RUSSIA		8
49	SOUTH AFRICA		8
49	SWITZERLAND		8
53	CHILE		9
54	ESTONIA		12
55	KAZAKHSTAN		15
56	BULGARIA		16
56	NEW ZEALAND		16
58	JORDAN		21
59	UAE		42