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CORRUPTION

- *How bad is it?*

STOP CORRUPTION



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Corrupt practices can be found everywhere ...

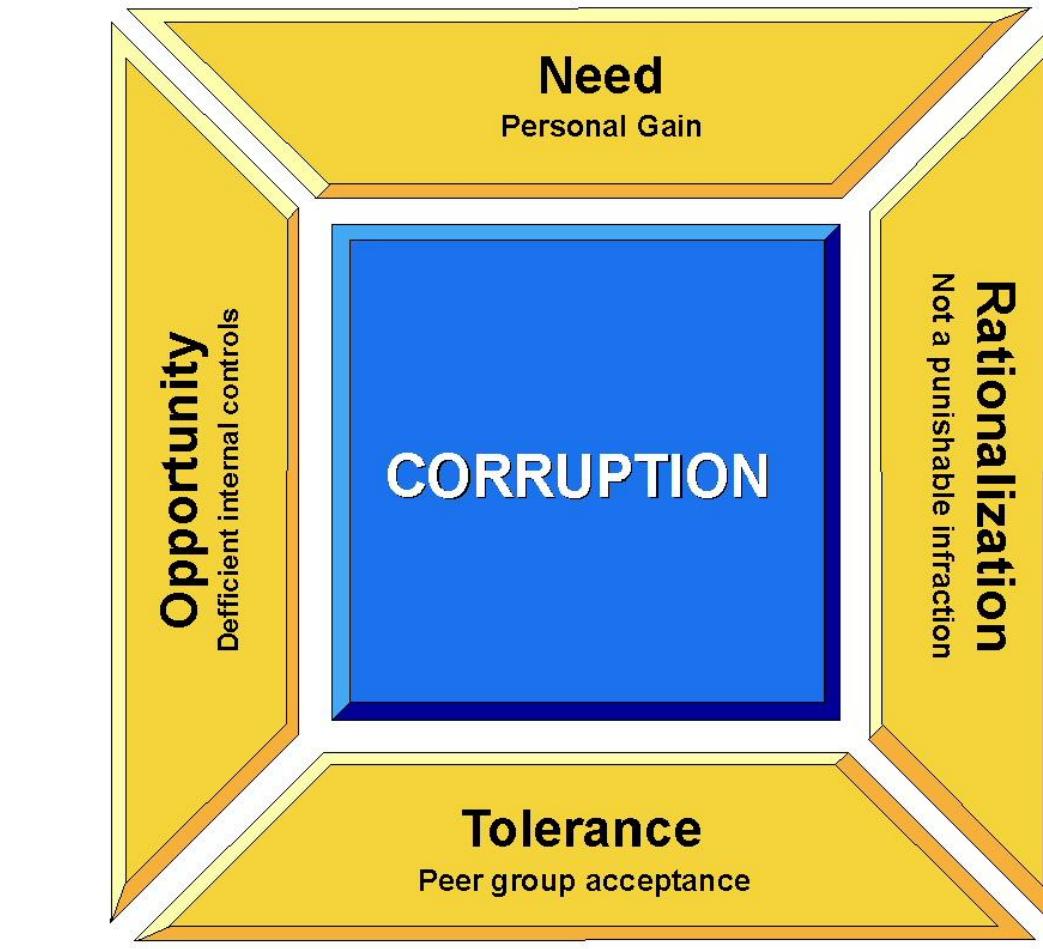


Potentially infecting almost every activity in our lives.



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Their pervasiveness depends on where they find favorable conditions:



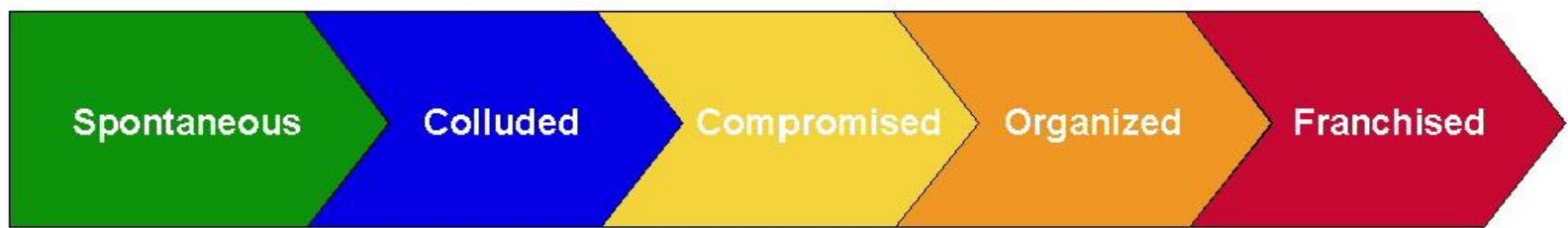
These are the main causes of corrupt practices.



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Another important factor is how they have organized and evolved:



This also determines how deeply-rooted these practices may be.



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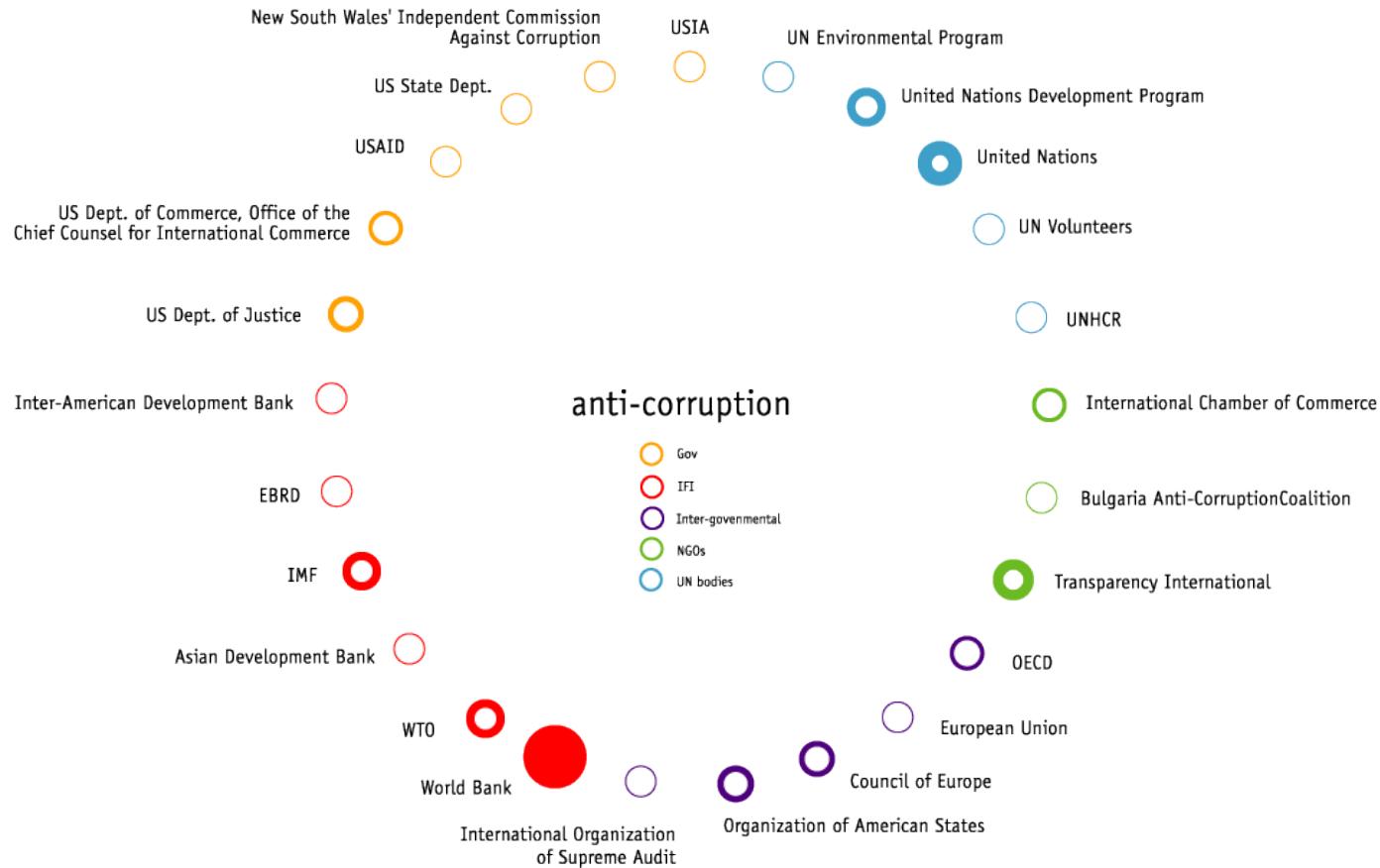
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In order to understand them, we need to know where they come from:



And how they affect other stakeholders.

International anti-corruption legislation has had limited success:



Focusing on businesses paying bribes to foreign officials.

Consider:

Corruption is a very large and complex problem. It

- **Is a social and economic cancer**
- **Can metastasize throughout an organization**
- **Breeds different corrupt practices**
- **Cannot be fully solved by legislation or decree**
- **Inflates costs, eliminating competitiveness**
- **Discourages foreign and local investment**
- **Destroys credibility and undermines authority**
- **Reduces quality of products and services**
- **Weakens the rule of law**
- **Poisons values, morale, and culture**

Next: The costs of corruption.



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STOP CORRUPTION BEFORE IT STOPS YOU.



Next: The costs of corruption.



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