

Corruption

Political Science

What sustains it, and what reduces it.

Drivers and remedies.

Drivers

Wide official discretion with weak oversight

Low probability of detection

Low public sector pay relative to rents

Complex procedures creating gatekeepers

Expectation that others are doing it

What has evidence

Reducing discretionary points of contact

Digitising and publishing transactions

Independent audit with real consequences

Protection for whistleblowers

Simplifying rules

Educational reference. Anti-corruption campaigns without institutional change frequently become instruments against political rivals.