**Parliamentary Power Index**

The Parliamentary Power Index ranges from zero (least powerful) to one (most powerful). It is a score that reflects the aggregate strength of a country’s legislature.

It relies on information from the Legislature Powers Survey: a questionnaire fielded by political scientists M. Steven Fish and Matthew Kroenig and completed by country experts. It includes 32 items, which capture the strength of the legislature in 2005-2007.

The scores for the individual items can be downloaded [here](https://polisci.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/people/u3833/PPIdata.xls).

The codebook detailing the construction of the items can be downloaded [here](https://polisci.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/people/u3833/PPIcodebook.doc).

The items are discussed even more in detail in Chapter one of *The Handbook of National Legislatures*, which can be accessed online [via SOLO](https://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=oxfaleph001383638&context=L&vid=SOLO&lang=en_US&search_scope=LSCOP_ALL&adaptor=Local%20Search%20Engine&isFrbr=true&tab=local&query=any,contains,The%20Handbook%20of%20National%20Legislatures:%20A%20Global%20Survey&sortby=rank&facet=frbrgroupid,include,239828844&offset=0).

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