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What is Rule of Law?

- Following the rules.
- Equal treatment under the rules.

Examples of Rule of Law

- Parking between the lines
- Bribing for a driver's license
- Advertising scholarships
- Paying extra for medical treatment



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Why do Internationals Care about Rule of Law?

- Stability and Security
- Human Rights
- Job Creation and Foreign Investment
- European Single Market
- Deeper Military and Law Enforcement Cooperation



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Is Rule of Law Only for Judges?

- Health
- Police
- Parliament
- Government
- Education
- Private Industry
- **Rule of Law is for everyone**



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Central & Eastern European Rule of Law Problems

- Laws are vague and give room for interpretation
- Bribes
- Low salaries of public officials
- Lack of IT tools
- Checks and balances
- Poorly educated officials

Issues in Romania

- Judges and prosecutors have too many cases
- Police and the judiciary lack proper IT infrastructure
- Bribes accepted at all levels
- Parliament constantly changes laws secretly

Integrity: The Secret Ingredient

- People in former communist countries are still learning how to be responsible for themselves
- Some people still believe that cheating is the only way to get ahead
- **Integrity starts with YOU**

Discussion Question

- You applied to university. The application process includes a test and an interview. At the beginning of the process, the university there will be 55 spots available. However, at the end of the process, 63 applicants received offers. You did not, and the admissions officer makes it known that with a donation towards her trip to the United States, you too could get a spot.

Discussion Question

- You were stopped by the police while driving in a foreign country without your headlights on. The police officer earns a lower salary than you do. The fine for driving with your lights off is EUR 40, but the police officer says you can give him EUR 20 in cash now and he will not give you a ticket.

Discussion Question

- The election law says that each voter must have a biometric ID and be listed on the voter's list. You are on the municipal election board in a small town and know everyone on the voter's list personally. On election day, a number of people arrive that you don't know but have biometric IDs and are on the voter's list. Do you allow them to vote?