

officer is, generally, correlates to a higher level of problem solving, a greater appreciation of cultural diversity, and more skill in dealing with and fostering relations with the community. There is also more ethical decision making and less corruption in officers who are more educated. Enhanced training and advanced study lead to a higher degree of prestige and respect for law enforcement officers, which in turn may lessen corruption.

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## **CORRUPTION IN INDIA**

Corruption is a global phenomenon. It is found in every society. Various surveys report the police force to be the most corruption prone sector in India. The surprising thing is that the police take money both from the accused and the complainants. The powers enjoyed by the police in India are so wide that they can accuse, arrest, and harass even an honest person. Cases of beating the poor people (e.g., rickshaw-pullers, labourers, vendors, etc.) on small pretexts and taking away all the money in their pockets, accepting money from truck-drivers, collecting 'hafta' (weekly fixed amount), from shopkeepers are very common.

Police corruption is a specific form of police misconduct designed to obtain financial benefits, other personal gain, or career advancement for a police officer or officers in exchange for not pursuing, or selectively pursuing, an investigation or arrest. The prevailing form of police corruption is demanding or accepting bribes in place of not reporting organized drug or prostitution rings or other illegal activities. Another example is when law enforcers flout the code of conduct in order to secure convictions of suspects through the use of falsified evidence. There are cases where police officers deliberately and systematically participate in organized crime themselves.

Article 7 of the United Nations Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials says that 'Law enforcement officials shall not commit any act of corruption. They shall also rigorously oppose and combat all such acts'. However, there are various situations in which these unlawful acts are committed.

The reasons for corruption within Indian police are generally related to the colonial model of policing and the lack of accountability in the law enforcement system of the country. The police were organized as a colonial force in the period of British rule in India. Poorly paid and badly trained Indian police were given extraordinary discretionary judgments and broad

authorities to deal with the native population. The police were created to strike terror in the hearts of the people so that they could not pose any challenge to British rule. Unfortunately the police system deliberately designed to subjugate the local people and promote colonial interests was nevertheless maintained after the county gained independence.

The defaulting police officer has become a symbol of the entire organization and the police misconduct is a powerful weapon which stains the image of the force. Thus the major task of the police nowadays is to improve the image for which reforms at the personnel level are imperative. Ronald Segal said that “corruption like sacrifice starts at the top and percolating down colours the whole society”. Hence, nationwide determination to combat corruption is needed to achieve the effectiveness of anti-corruption measures in Indian police.

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## **The Role of the Police in Combating Corruption in Ukraine and the UK**

Under current conditions, corruption has become a factor that poses a real threat to the national security and democratic development of every civilized country in the world, including Ukraine. In counteracting and combating corruption in Ukraine, special attention should be paid to borrowing international experience from those countries with the lowest level of corruption in the world. The UK is among such countries, which is one of the ten least corrupt countries in the world.

An investigation into corrupt practices in the UK is covered by Public Sector Corruption. It is a special police unit in the field of combating corruption in the public sector. In the case of committing corrupt acts in particularly large amounts (£ 2 million), or, if the crime is very serious, Serious Fraud Office will investigate it.

In Ukraine, the Department for the Protection of Economy as an transregional territorial body of the National Police has been established to counter and combat corrupt acts, those tasks include: 1) participation in the formation and implementation of state policy in the field of combating economic crime; 2) detection, prevention and suppression of crimes in the field of economics; 3) counteraction to corruption offenses and offenses related to corruption; 4) establishment of causes and conditions for the