

# Measuring Nations by God's Design



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# PILLARS OF TRANSFORMATION

**HUMAN DIGNITY** 

**FAMILY & PROSPERITY** 

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# Human Dignity

A thriving nation is built on the foundation of human dignity, family health and stability, and impartial justice. When families are strong and every person is valued, society cultivates resilience, fairness, and compassion. Economic freedom and competitive education then empower citizens to flourish and contribute meaningfully to the common good.

At the same time, a just government, autonomous communities, and the protection of conscience and religion safeguard both liberty and responsibility. In today's world, the balance of privacy and technology, alongside wellness and health, ensures that innovation serves humanity without eroding fundamental rights. Together, these ten pillars form a holistic framework for building a nation grounded in righteousness, justice, and human flourishing.

#### 1. Life from Conception

This category evaluates the degree of legal and social protection given to human life starting at conception.

#### **Key Indicators:**

 Abortion legislation: Legal status, circumstances, and gestational limits





#### 2. Euthanasia (Protection of Life to Natural Death)

This category evaluates the degree of legal and social protection given to human life until natural death, focusing on end-of-life care alternatives.

- Euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation: Legal status and penalties
- Palliative care: Availability and quality of end-of-life care as an alternative to euthanasia

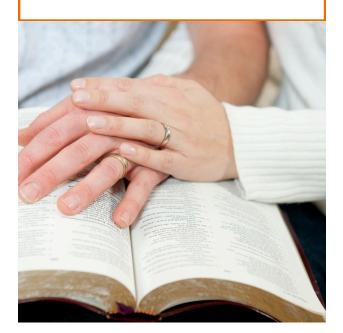


### 3. Protecting Natural Marriage Between a Man and a Woman

This point evaluates whether the legal and cultural framework recognizes and privileges marriage exclusively between one man and one woman.

#### **Key Indicators:**

- Legal definition of marriage:
   Does the Constitution or Civil
   Code define marriage as
   between a man and a woman?
- Recognition of same-sex unions:
   Are same-sex unions
   recognized? Do they hold
   "marriage" status?
- Family-strengthening policies: Do public policies promote heterosexual marriage specifically?





#### 4. Protecting Parental Autonomy in Education

(This point evaluates the degree of freedom parents have to direct their children's education, especially in moral and value-based areas.)

- Recognition of parents' primacy:
   Does the law explicitly recognize parents as primary educators?
- Curricular control: Are mechanisms such as "parental opt-out" or informed consent available (e.g., for sex education or gender ideology)?
- School choice: Are homeschooling, private, or faithbased schools accessible and supported?
- Curriculum neutrality: Is public education neutral, or does it promote ideologies conflicting with parental values?



# Family Health and Stability

The family is the first institution where values, identity, and resilience are formed. When families thrive, nations are strengthened at their core. Strong marriages and stable homes provide the environment for children to grow in love and security.

Policies must encourage unity and stability, equipping parents and protecting children. By reinforcing the family, society prevents moral and social breakdown. Healthy families produce strong communities and a bright national future.

#### 1. Guarantee and Respect the Constitutional Right of Parents to Educate Their Children

(This category evaluates the degree of freedom parents have to direct their children's education, especially in moral and value-based areas, and respects the primacy of parents as educators.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- Recognition of parents' primacy:
   Does the law explicitly recognize parents as primary educators?
- Curricular control: Are mechanisms such as "parental opt-out" or informed consent available (e.g., for sex education or gender ideology)?
- School choice: Are homeschooling, private, or faithbased schools accessible and supported?





# 2. Protect the Family from Being Uprooted from Its Nature and Conceptualization

(This category evaluates whether the legal and cultural framework recognizes and privileges marriage exclusively between one man and one woman as the foundation of the family.)

- Legal definition of marriage: Does the Constitution or Civil Code define marriage strictly between a man and a woman?
- Recognition of same-sex unions:
   Are same-sex unions recognized,
   and do they hold "marriage"
   status?
- Family-strengthening policies: Do public policies promote heterosexual marriage specifically?
- Divorce status: Does the jurisdiction prohibit divorce for Christians (only annulments are allowed)?



# Impartial Justice

Justice requires equality before the law without favoritism or corruption. Impartial courts secure peace by protecting the weak and restraining the powerful. A society that embraces fairness establishes trust in its institutions.

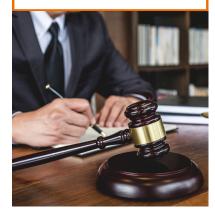
When the rule of law is compromised, injustice and instability spread. Upholding impartial justice preserves truth, accountability, and order. It reflects God's standard of righteousness in public life.

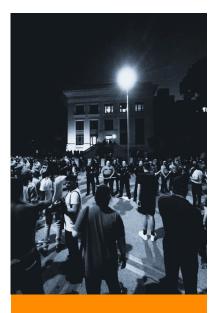
# 1. Promote Judicial Independence from the Executive

(This category assesses the institutional separation and functional autonomy of the judiciary from political interference, particularly by the executive.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- Judicial
   Independence
   Index
- Rule of Law Index (0.46, Rank 99/142)
- Efficiency of Prosecution (case backlog reduction, appointments)





# 2. Protect the Constitution with Independent Magistrates

(This category evaluates the constitutional effectiveness of the judiciary in upholding foundational law and maintaining oversight over the political branches.)

#### Key Indicators

- Rule of Law Index (0.46)
- Judicial Review Effectiveness
- Speed and Quality of Justice

#### 3. Establish Local Justice Systems

(This category assesses decentralization and accessibility of justice, minimizing geographic and bureaucratic hurdles.)

- Access to Justice Score
- Speed of Justice
- Judicial Backlog Index





# Economic Freedom

Economic freedom empowers individuals to work, innovate, and prosper using their God-given talents. It provides opportunities for people to rise from poverty and achieve stability. Free enterprise encourages creativity, competition, and productivity. A flourishing economy benefits both individuals and society at large.

Safeguards must ensure fairness and prevent exploitation. Workers deserve just wages and humane conditions that respect dignity. Policies that balance responsibility with freedom sustain long-term growth. A just economy produces shared prosperity and thriving communities.

### 1. Protect Family Patrimony under a Uniform Tax System

(This category evaluates protection of private property and the stability, simplicity, and uniformity of the tax system, ensuring the state minimizes its financial burden on families.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- Protection of Property Score (46/100)
- Tax Uniformity (e.g., 35% progressive income tax, 12% VAT)
- Inheritance Tax rates
- Government Spending (~23% of GDP)





### 2. Guarantee Freedom to Create and Operate Businesses

(This category evaluates private sector freedom from unnecessary bureaucratic, regulatory, and financial interference by the state.)

- Ease of Doing Business Rank (95th in 2020)
- Business Freedom Score (65.3/100)
- Corporate Income Tax Rate (25%)
- Government Interference (moderate)



## Free, Creative, & Competitive Education

Education develops knowledge, skills, and character in the next generation. It should be accessible, equitable, and foster creativity alongside academic rigor. Competitive learning prepares people for meaningful work in a changing world. True education shapes not only intellect but also values and identity.

Families and schools must work together in raising future leaders. Strong education systems preserve culture while encouraging innovation. A nation's progress depends on the vision and quality of its learning institutions. Empowering education is investing in the strength of the future.

#### 1. Eliminate a Monolithic State-Imposed Curriculum

(This category assesses whether the government mandates a single curriculum, limiting diversity and local relevance in education.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- Curriculum uniformity (centralized vs. local/institutional autonomy)
- · Parental opt-out mechanisms
- Ideological neutrality of curriculum

#### 2. Promote Free Education through Decentralization

(This category evaluates whether education is decentralized, granting local actors freedom to design and manage curricula autonomously.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- Curriculum autonomy for schools
- Decentralization of funding and resources
- Educational resilience (e.g., 37% continuity during COVID)

#### 3. Protect Parents' Right to Direct Education

(This category evaluates the constitutional and legal recognition of parents as the primary educators of their children.)

- Legal recognition of parental primacy
- Parental opt-out or informed consent options
- Homeschooling legality and support





### Just Government

Government is entrusted with authority to serve, protect, and uphold justice. Leaders must exercise power with integrity, accountability, and transparency. A just government safeguards the rights of its citizens. It fosters trust by ruling with righteousness rather than selfish ambition.

When government reflects servant leadership, stability and unity follow. Policies that prioritize people over power sustain true democracy. Corruption erodes legitimacy, but justice restores faith in governance. A just government strengthens both freedom and responsibility in society.

## 1. Promote Limited Government and Restrain Intrusive Taxation and Regulation

(This category evaluates the extent of government restraint regarding taxation, regulation, and intervention in private life, reflecting a commitment to limited government.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- Government Spending (~23% of GDP)
- Protection of Property (46/100)
- Personal Income Tax (progressive up to 35%)
- Individual Freedom (6.54/10, Rank 99/165)

#### 2. Eliminate Corruption-Breeding Regulations and Exclusive Licensing

(This category evaluates efforts to eliminate discretionary licensing that fosters corruption and unfair competition.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI 34/100, Rank 115)
- Control of Corruption (28.6%)
- Ease of Doing Business (Rank 95th)
- . Business Freedom (65.3/100)

#### 3. Remove Unnecessary Environmental Permits for Micro-Enterprises

(This category assesses whether environmental regulations are applied only where activities directly impact nature, preventing burdensome requirements on small businesses.)

#### **Key Indicators**

Environmental Performance Index (28.9, Rank 158/180) Ease of Doing Business (Rank 95th) Government Interference (moderate)



# Productive Communities

Communities thrive when empowered to manage their own resources and initiatives. Local autonomy fosters ownership, creativity, and responsibility. Productive communities work together to solve problems and build resilience. True development begins at the grassroots level.

Self-reliant communities reduce dependency on centralized structures. Autonomy encourages participation and innovation among citizens. When people are trusted to lead locally, nations grow stronger collectively. Strong communities form the backbone of national stability.

#### 1. Promote and Encourage the Use of Clean Energy

(This category assesses the institutional and policy commitment to shifting towards clean energy sources and ensuring a healthy natural environment for all citizens.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- Environmental Stewardship (EPI Score 28.9, Rank 158/180)
- · Clean Energy Investment Rate
- · Air and Water Quality Index





# 2. Protect Private Property from the Abuse of Environmental Regulations

(This category evaluates the commitment to limiting state environmental regulations to prevent undue infringement on private property and freedoms.)

- Protection of Property (46/100)
- Ease of Doing Business (Rank 95th)
- Eminent Domain Restrictions



# Conscience & Religion

Freedom of conscience and religion is a fundamental right that safeguards integrity and faith. It ensures that individuals and communities can live by their beliefs without coercion. Protecting this freedom fosters diversity, peace, and moral conviction. A society that values faith builds both justice and compassion.

Violating conscience weakens both personal and national morality. Religious liberty promotes respect and understanding among communities. When conscience is upheld, people are free to pursue truth and righteousness. Protecting this freedom preserves unity and stability across generations.

# 1. Recognize and Guarantee Conscientious Objection in All Spheres

(This category evaluates whether individuals and institutions are legally protected when refusing to participate in practices that violate their moral or religious beliefs.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- Status of conscientious objection (personal and institutional)
- Conflicts with antidiscrimination laws (e.g., SOGIE)
- Strength of legal protection mechanisms





# 2. Guarantee Freedom of Expression in Worship and Preaching

(This category evaluates whether religious leaders can freely teach and speak without censorship or prosecution.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- Laws against disrupting worship (e.g., RPC Art. 132)
- Risk of "hate speech" misuse
- Strength of legal protection for expression in worship

# 3. Protect Religious Expression of Authorities and Public Servants

(This category assesses whether officials can profess and live their faith publicly without discrimination.)

- Antidiscrimination protections for public servants
- Presence of faith-based networks (e.g., FOCIG)
- Application of separation of church and state





# Privacy & Technology

Technology should serve humanity without undermining dignity or liberty. Privacy safeguards ensure individuals maintain control over their information. Ethical innovation balances progress with responsibility. Trust is built when technology respects rights and freedoms.

Unchecked technology leads to exploitation, surveillance, and inequality. Responsible policies protect individuals while encouraging creativity. Technology must advance human flourishing rather than diminish it. Privacy and ethics ensure that progress honors both freedom and dignity.

### 1. Regulate Technology Companies to Protect Individual Privacy and Data

(This category assesses whether technology companies are legally required and effectively regulated to respect data privacy and protect personal information.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- · Data Privacy Law enforcement
- Cybercrime enforcement (RA 10175)
- Digital literacy (53% of adults)





### 2. Protect Freedom of Expression on Digital Platforms

(This category evaluates safeguards for citizens to freely express convictions online without censorship or retaliation.)

- Government or platform censorship
- Legal protection against "cancel culture"
- Cyber libel enforcement under RA 10175
- Internet Freedom Score (60/100, "Partly Free")



# Welfare & Health

Health is essential for human flourishing and national productivity. Wellness includes not only medical care but also nutrition, mental health, and lifestyle. Accessible healthcare ensures dignity and equal opportunity for all. A strong public health system reflects a nation's commitment to its people.

Investment in prevention and holistic care strengthens long-term stability. Healthy citizens build stronger families and communities. Wellness is both a personal responsibility and a social priority. A nation that values health secures a thriving and resilient future.

# 1. Protect Reproductive Health to Ensure Life and Generational Multiplication

(This category evaluates the protection of life from conception, alongside measures that support the health of parents and promote family growth.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- Abortion legislation
- Fertility and birth rate (2.45 children per woman)
- Maternity support policies
- STD disease rate (1M+ cases, ages 15–49)



#### 2. Protect Citizens from a Monopolized Health System

(This category assesses the degree of competition and individual choice within the health system, ensuring access without restricting freedom of treatment or provider selection.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- UHC Act coverage status
- Health spending per capita (₱11,083)
- Infrastructure adequacy
- Presence of faith-based health options (e.g., Christian medical schools)

#### 3. Protect Therapies for Mental and Self-Perception Disorders

(This category assesses the accessibility and quality of therapies, including faith-based interventions, for treating mental health conditions such as bulimia, anorexia, and gender/self-perception disorders.)

#### **Key Indicators**

- Mental health prevalence (11.3%–11.6%)
- Eating disorder prevalence (15% of high school students)
- Suicide rate (2.2 per 100,000)
- Faith-based services (e.g., PACC, SELAH)

#### 4. Protect Wellness and Rehabilitation in Prisons

(This category evaluates holistic care within correctional systems, ensuring standards of health, spiritual support, and rehabilitation for reintegration into society.)

- Prison quality/overcrowding (65.2% pre-trial detainees)
- Recidivism rate (goal: low, e.g., Norway)
- Active prison ministries (300+)
- Moral reform programs (e.g., Bible Society partnerships)

