

**ARE WE GOING THE SAME WAY?
AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN
PERSPECTIVES IN FIGHTING
CORRUPTION**

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INTRODUCTION

“The struggle against corruption is too big for any one country to tackle alone”

Yury Fedotov

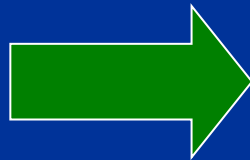
AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, 1977
- Organisation of American States designed an important instrument to address corruption-
Inter-American Convention Against Corruption

AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

INSTITUTIONAL CORRUPTION

INFLUENCE



EFFECT

- weakens the effectiveness of an institution
- weakens the public trust of an institution

AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

According to Robert G. Kaiser

- American government has changed a lot
- Lobbying – "economy inside the Washington"
- Lobbyists pay Members during/after their time in Congress
- The cost of campaign has arisen extremely

AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE




Congressman John
Campbell, California,
USA

- Landlord to six used car dealers from whom he gets \$600,000 to \$6,000,000 a year
- He introduced the amendment for Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009

AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

FINANCING CAMPAIGNS

- The Supreme Court: *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*  the campaign finance restriction violated the First Amendment's free speech principles
- Major political and practical consequences
- Lawrence Lessig points out that the political system should be the one that people can trust

AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

- In the USA the problem of corruption is not under a veil of secret
- Corruption Perception Index indicates that USA is on the 22nd place

EU PERSPECTIVE

- The creation of a Single European Market within the EU has created many positive economic and political effects
- These same processes increased opportunities for organised crime and its expansion
- Corruption is in contradiction to main EU principles

EU PERSPECTIVE

- Article 29 of the Treaty on European Union
- Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests
- Convention against corruption involving officials
- Stockholm Programme

EU PERSPECTIVE

KEY PROBLEMS

- Despite the existing legislation, corruption remains a serious problem in the EU
- Strong connection between organised crime and corruption was noticed
- The anti corruption policies vary among Member States
- EU citizens do not have enough confidence in EU institutions

AMERICA VS EUROPEAN UNION

- It is not appropriate to compare US and EU in structure since they are completely different
- Corruption is an international phenomenon- the approach should be multidimensional

AMERICA VS EUROPEAN UNION

Multidimensional approach

- at every level
- effective anti corruption strategies
- participation in different organisations
- monitoring mechanisms
- business standards

Conventions	EU	USA
United Nations Convention against Corruption	some EU Member States have not ratified it yet	signed and ratified
OECD Convention	some EU Member States have not ratified it yet	signed and ratified

CONCLUSION

- EU Member States have a clear incentive and control through EU Institutions
- USA are determined in solving corruption problems at every level, especially when they get a strong impuls from influential experts in that field
- Despite the large scale of international instruments in combating corruption – it remains a serious problem