Second year Management students

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**Definition of corruption**

Introduction:

 Corruption is an old phenomenon known to mankind throughout all times, and it was the main factor in the collapse and fall of most civilizations, empires, and systems, and an engine of revolutions and uprisings in the past and recently. It is a phenomenon that does not recognize time or spatial boundaries, as its existence is not limited to one society or one country, so there is no virtuous society around the globe that is devoid of corruption and corruptors. It is widespread in developed and undeveloped countries, even if it is widespread more and more in the undeveloped ones.

 corruption spreads in the country where sovereignty is challenged and justice is manipulated…..

 The problem of corruption as a crime is that it differs from traditional crimes, as there is no clear victim to file a complaint. One of the parties is the beneficiary of the crime and he is more familiar with its details, so he does not report it, as well as the other part, if it exists, as it often has no interest in reporting it. Generally, the administrative corruption crimes are often hidden crimes that are carried out in secret.

 Corruption is a multi-faceted phenomenon due to the multiplicity of its forms that have gone beyond boundaries of one country to become a globalized international phenomenon, that it can no longer be dealt just through national procedures, especially in light of the tremendous scientific and technological progress, which had negative repercussions like the evolution of the means and methods of committing administrative corruption, which is taking new and sophisticated forms. Its perpetrators also mastered how to illegally increase their wealth, and their public responsibilities are no longer a tool to serve society, but has become a commodity that they trade and invest in its powers to achieve their personal purposes, their own interests, and even the interests of their relatives and friends.

 Confronting and reducing corruption is not done through slogans and media propaganda.

 Algeria adopted and ratified:

The United Nations Convention against Corruption, adopted by the General Assembly in New York on October 31, 2003.

The African Union Convention on the Prevention and Combating Corruption adopted in Maputo on July 11, 2003

- It also enacted a local law to combat corruption, which is Law n° 06-01 dated on February 20, 2006 and the laws amending it:

• Ordinance n° 05/10 of august 26, 2010.

• Law n° 11/15 of August 2, 2011.

You can see also :

The National Commission for the Prevention and Combating of Corruption (ONPLC) http://www.onplc.org.dz

1. **The concept of corruption:**

* **Literally**:

The word corruption is frequently used in Arabic language dictionaries and in the writings of researchers and thinkers, and it may differ in some details, but ultimately lead to the **destruction and sabotage of this society**, sooner or later.

The word “corruption” and its derivatives are repeated fifty times in the Holy Qur’an. And the matter is not much different in other languages, as it may come in the sense of “ moyens de corrompre un juge” or “changement vicieux dans le texte” “ Denaturation du contrat” “depravation de la vérité”Or (Injustice) or (Oppression), (Putréfaction), (Destruction) or (Tyrannie) tyranny.

As for the English language, it has multiple connotations and uses as well, from where the term corruption is derived , Misuse of authority and power, (Fraud), (Extravagance).

\* **Conventionally:**

There are many definitions of corruption given by jurisprudence in its various disciplines, law, administration sciences, or sociology,… each one from its angle... We are concerned about administrative corruption, which we will see later.

1. **Defining corruption from the perspective of international organizations:**

This concept has been defined by several organisations as the World Bank, the United Nations Organization and the international Interpol.

We can also mention the African Unity organisation definition which is considered as one of the pioneering organisations in the field of combating corruption with the ratification of the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption in Maputo (Mozambique) on July 11, 2003, however, this agreement did not define corruption, but only **referred to its forms and manifestations**, As the first article stipulated that corruption is: “the acts or practices, including the related offenses that are criminalized by the convention referred in the fourth article.

**Definition of Transparency International** https://www.transparency.org

Transparency International defined corruption at the beginning of its era as: “The misuse of public power to gain a personal benefit.

Transparency International distinguishes between two types of corruption:

(according to rule corruption): Corruption by law in which bribes are paid to obtain preference in a service provided by whom who will obtain the bribe in accordance with the law.

(against the rule corruption): Corruption against the law… Bribery for a service that is forbidden to be provided.