

## Popular anger keeping corruption on the political agenda

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One of the more widely panned statements made by the gaffe-prone former Colombian president Julio César Turbay, who governed from 1978 to 1982, was his comment regarding corruption: Colombians had to "reduce corruption to its justified proportions" ("hay que reducir la corrupción a sus justas proporciones.").

Although he would later argue that his words were taken out of context, Mr Turbay's statement aptly summarizes what was once the conventional wisdom surrounding corruption in the countries that comprise Latin America: eliminating corruption outright is not viable and the focus should be on just making sure it is manageable and not out of control.

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