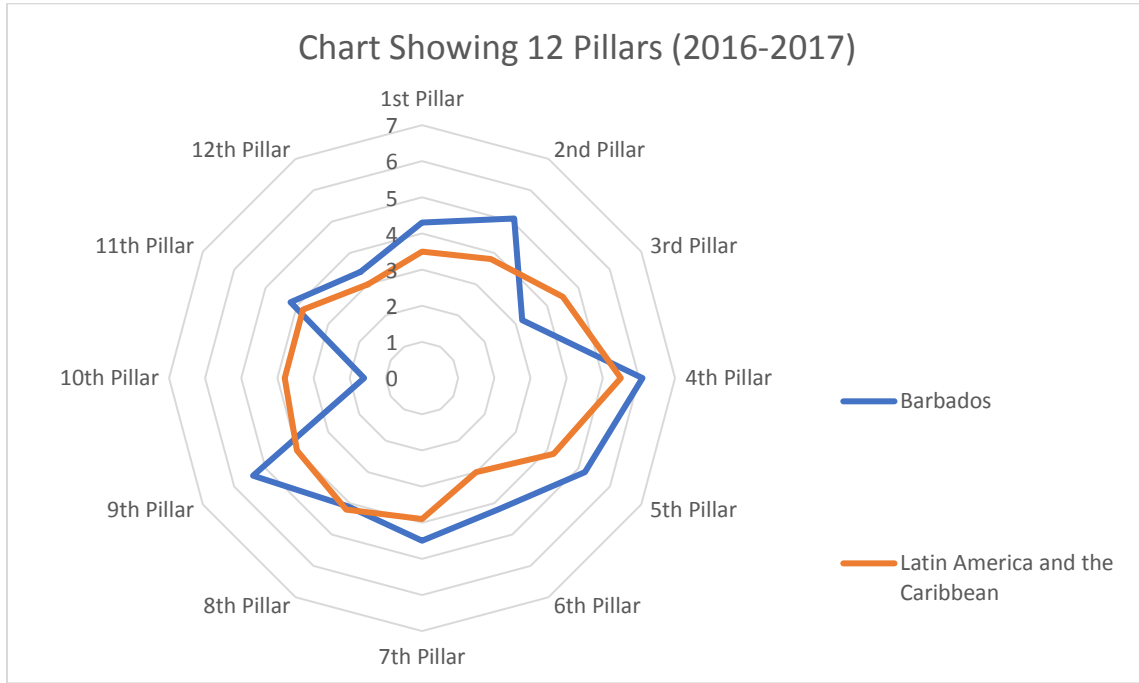


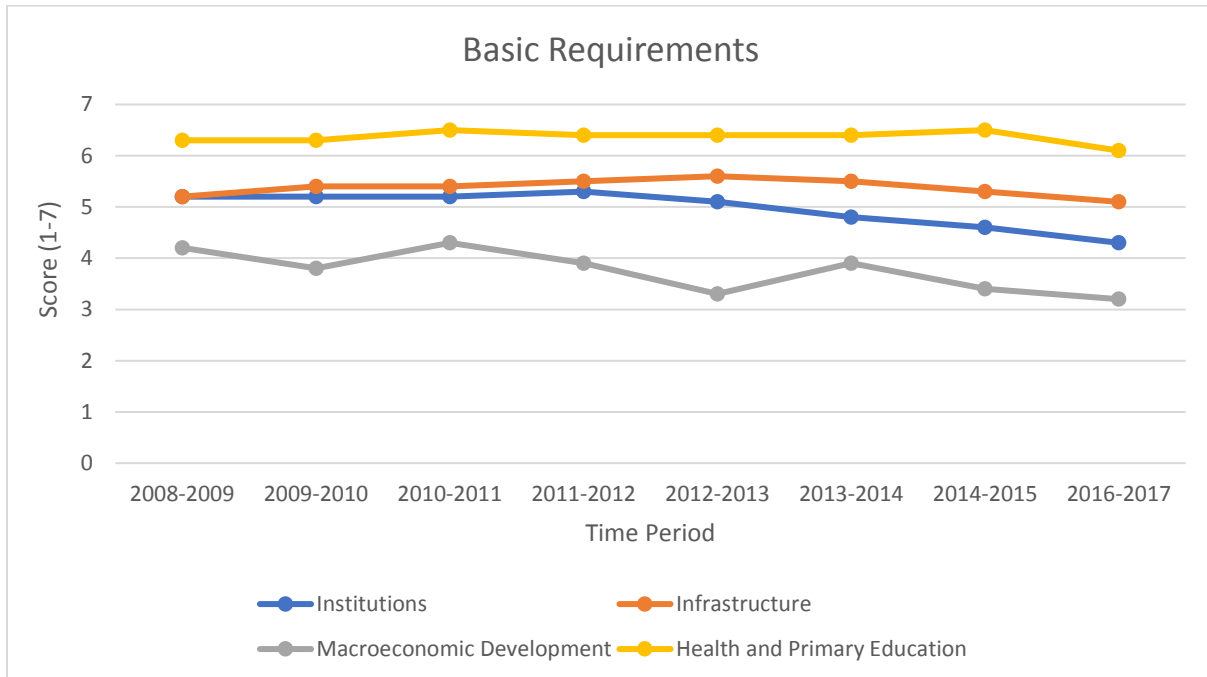
## Barbados' Competitiveness in a Global Context

**Fig 1.** Barbados is more competitive than the average for Latin America and the Caribbean



Barbados is especially strong with respect to infrastructure, health, education, and technology.

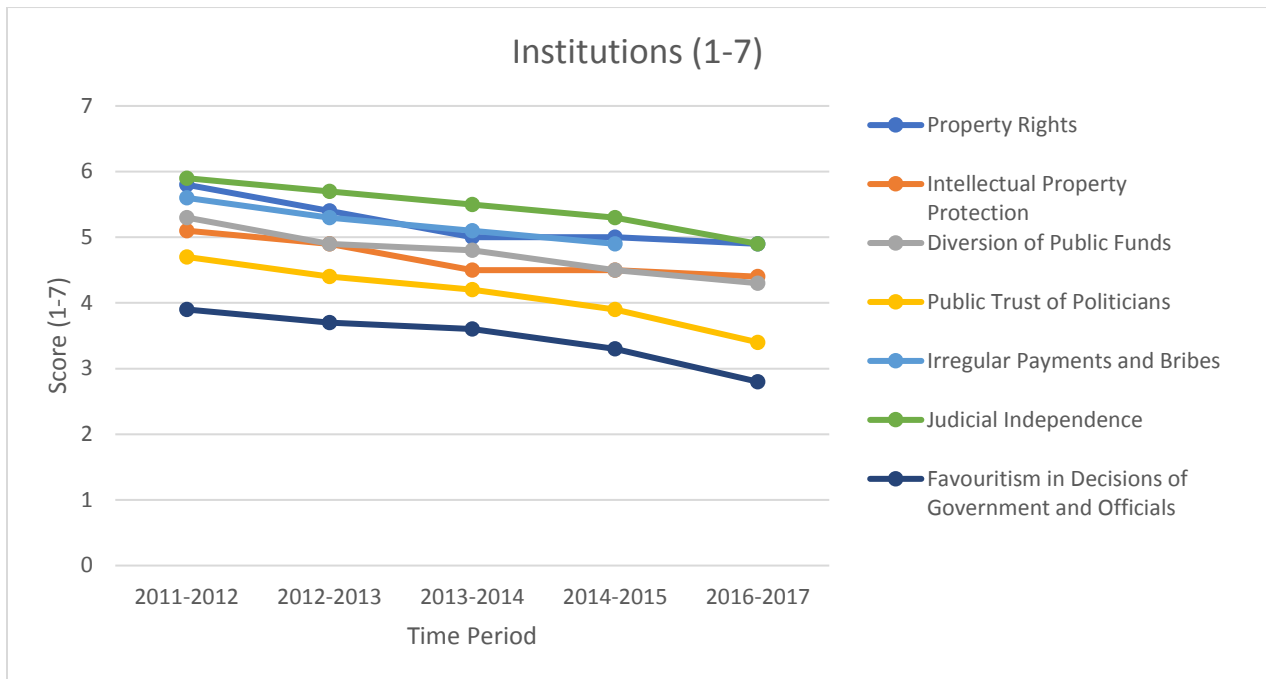
**Fig 2.** But the country has lost ground since 2008.



The most serious deterioration was in macroeconomy and institutions.

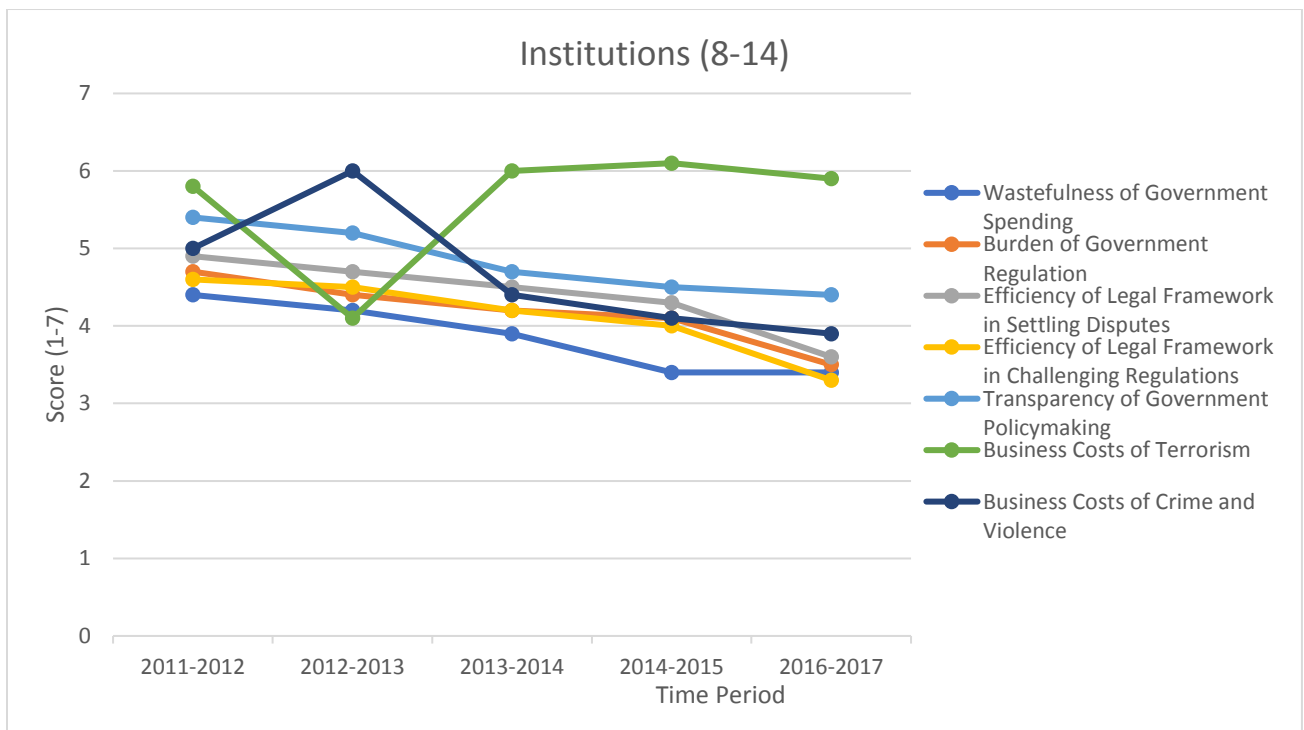
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**Fig 3. Weakening Institutions. (Items 1-7)**



The most worrying elements contributing to weakening institutions are declining public trust of politicians, suspicion of social decisions...

**Fig 4. Weakening Institutions (8-14)**



...legal inefficiencies, wasteful government spending and the burden of government regulation.

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