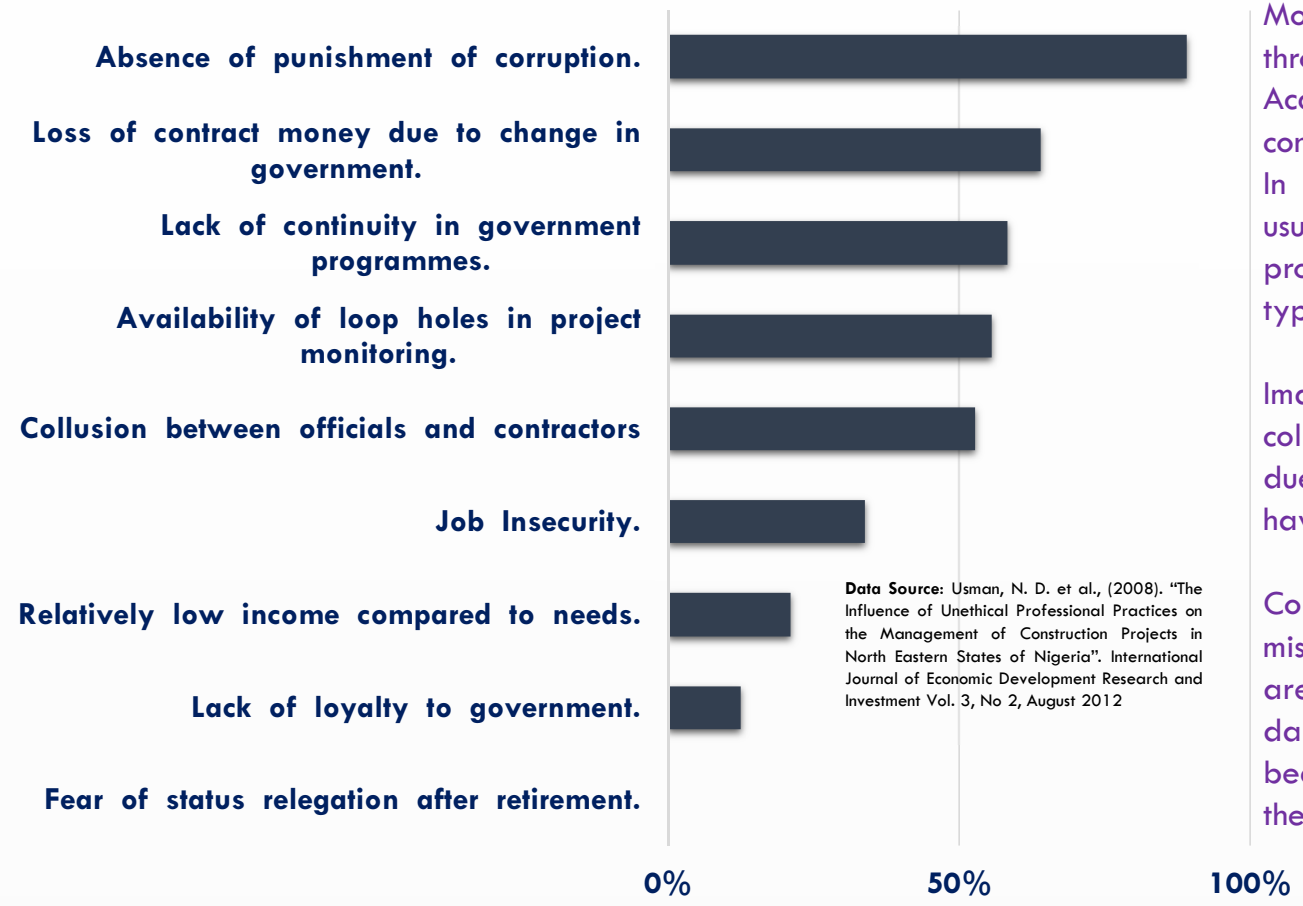


Reason for Unethical Practices in the Nigerian Construction Industry (%)



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Most big time corruption in the public sector is perfected through construction project: roads, bridges dams etc. Accordingly, the Nigerian elite have found in the construction industry a convenient conduit for capital flight. In order to realize the corruption objectives there are usually violations of procurement procedures and professional codes of ethics of the various professions that typically participate in the industry.

Imagine that you are in a long bridge and suddenly it collapses because of compromised quality of engineering due to corruption. Think about the many buildings that have collapsed in recent times due to the same cause.

Corrupt practices in the construction industry leads into misuse or poor use of public funds. The resultant effects are infrastructure that are inadequate, defective and dangerous. As in other sectors, this evil thrives largely because of the absence of punishment for corruption. See the chart on the left.

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