

Update on cases the committee has been following
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- Argentina:
 - Our committee has been following the case of Graciela Bevacqua for quite some time. She was dismissed from her position in 2007 for refusing to manipulate the official consumer price index to reflect the government's wishes. With the election of a new government late last fall she was reinstated, but unfortunately was dismissed again in Feb of this year for refusing to create a new index in two months (her position is that it will take much longer to develop a credible index). These latest developments were covered in the [April issue of Significance](#).
- Greece:
 - We have similarly been following Andreas Georgiou, the head of the Greek Statistics office, who was charged with a felony in 2013 for allegedly falsifying 2009 fiscal data. Criminal charges were dropped in 2015, however he and his colleagues face mounting costs associated with this legal battle. My thanks to Mary Gray for pointing me toward a [legal defense fund](#) that has been set up for Georgiou and his colleagues.
- Italy:
 - Six scientists were finally [acquitted late last year](#) of charges of manslaughter for failing to predict an earthquake in Italy. There was a parallel case for a seventh scientist, and I haven't been able to find evidence of the resolution of that case. However, [Wikipedia](#) claims that he was a candidate for mayor of Rome in Feb of this year, so presumably he was acquitted as well? Does anyone else have further information on this case?
- Tanzania, Togo, Dubai:
 - all three countries have introduced various legislation restricting statistical analyses, reporting, and/or survey administration. You can read about the Dubai law in the [Feb issue of Amstat News](#). As far as I know there have been no new updates on these cases.
- India:
 - A draft bill recently introduced proposes [a fine for anyone depicting a map of India](#) that does not match the government's officially approved version. I'll keep you updated as this story progresses.
- United States:
 - In case you missed it, the ASA issued an [official position](#) stating that the association will not sign any contracts in any state with discriminatory laws.