

**Dataset Title:** AmericasBarometer Survey

**Overview:** AmericasBarometer survey evaluates democratic public opinion and subsequent behavior in 26 North American/Caribbean countries. The study's mission is to develop an understanding of what people think about their country in regards to local and national politics, economics, and corruption. The survey uses this information to create lectures, seminars, and *Insights* (biweekly analysis of policy-relevant data by LAPOP scholars) on national trends and patterns. On occasion, these insight papers take comparative perspective and discuss trends across countries. Survey data has been used by individual Latin American governments and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in its attempts to promote democracy and development in Latin American countries. This survey is housed in the Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP) at Vanderbilt University.

The Project on Ethnicity and Race (PERLA) at Princeton University created an ethnicity module for the Americas Barometer Surveys.

**Date:** 2004 (11 countries surveyed)

Reports for Bolivia, Columbia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama are available online at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/ab2004.php>

2006 (22 countries)

Reports for Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and El Salvador are available online at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/ab2006.php>

2008 (24 countries)

Reports for Bolivia, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Uruguay and Venezuela are available online at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/ab2008.php>

2010 (26 countries)

Reports for Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Columbia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay are available online at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/ab2010.php>

2012 (26 countries)

Reports for Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Suriname, and Uruguay are available online at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/ab2012.php>

**Time dimension:** Cross-sectional

**Sample:** Samples for this study were adults in 26 individual countries. The 2012 AmericasBarometer Survey had 41, 632 respondents in the 26 countries, but sample size varies by country and year. Sample sizes range between 1,500 and 3,000. Information on sample size and country-specific questionnaires can be found at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/core-surveys.php>

**Data source:** According to LAPOP’s website, “Nationally representative surveys of voting age adults were conducted in all major languages, using face-to-face interviews in Latin America and the Caribbean and web surveys in the United States and Canada. Samples in each country were developed using a multi-stage probabilistic design (with quotas at the household level for most countries), and were stratified by major regions of the country, size of municipality and by urban and rural areas within municipalities” (“Survey Design”). Some oversamples were used.

Source: "Survey Design." | *LAPOP* | *Vanderbilt University*. Vanderbilt University. Web. <<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/survey-designs.php>>.

**Self-Identified Race and Hispanic Origin Measures:** None.

**Observed Race Measures:** N/A

**Phenotype Measures:**

COLORR. [When the interview is complete, WITHOUT asking, please use the color chart and circle the number that most closely corresponds to the color of the face of the respondent].

(97) Could not be classified [Mark (97) only if, for some reason, you could not see the face of the respondent]

**COLOR PALETTE.**



**Reflected Race Measures:** N/A

**Race or Ethnic origin of Respondent’s Parents:** N/A

**Interviewer Characteristics:**

SEXI. Note your own sex: (1) Male (2) Female

COLOI. Using the color chart, note the color that comes closest to your own color [for interviewers]

**Other Race Measures:** N/A

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**Weblinks:**

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/index.php>

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[www.LapopSurveys.org](http://www.LapopSurveys.org).

They also request that all publications using AmericasBarometer data include the following:

"We thank the Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP) and its major supporters (the United States Agency for International Development, the United Nations Development Program, the Inter-American Development Bank, and Vanderbilt University) for making the data available."

**Website citation:**

"About AmericasBarometer." | *LAPOP* | *Vanderbilt University*. Vanderbilt University. Web.  
<<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/about-americasbarometer.php>>.

**AmericanBarometer *Insights* Series:**

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/insights.php>

**Related Publications:**

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/studies-articles-books.php>