



The Political Culture of Democracy in Panama, 2006

Technical Information

<i>Country</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Sample size</i>	<i>Weighted/unweighted</i>
Panama	2006	1,536	unweighted

This survey was carried out in 2006 as part of the LAPOP AmericasBarometer 2006 wave of surveys. It was conducted by Vanderbilt University, and the field work was carried out by Borge y Asociados.

The survey was a national probability design, with a total N of 1,536 and was identical in design to the 2004 survey, also carried out by LAPOP. The sample was stratified by region (metropolitan areas, oriental region, central region and occidental region) and by urban/rural. It excludes the insular areas of the Pacific coast and the Caribbean because of their high cost and difficult access. Also excluded are the populations living in collective residences such as hospitals, prisons, orphanages, etc. The interviews were conducted in 168 sampling points and respondents were selected in PSUs of 6-8 in urban areas and 10-12 in rural.

The complete sample of 1,536 is composed of 50% male respondents and 50% female, all of them over 18 years old and its estimated margin of error is ± 2.8 (at the 95% level). The full version of the report and the complete questionnaire can be found at “The Political Culture of Democracy in Panama, 2006”, written by Orlando Pérez, Ph.D. with technical supervision from Mitchell Seligson, Ph.D. and published by Alianza Ciudadana Pro Justicia and Vanderbilt University with the support of USAID.

The national survey report analyzes the attitudes of Panama’s citizens towards support for stable democracy, corruption, crime, local government, voting behavior and social capital, as well as other areas of democratic political values and behaviors. The report as well as the 2004 study can be found at www.AmericasBarometer.org.