



The Political Culture of Democracy in Nicaragua, 2006

Technical information

<i>Country</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Sample size</i>	<i>Weighted /unweighted</i>
Nicaragua	2006	1,762	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 Centro de Análisis Sociocultural (CASC) of the Centroamericana University (UCA) of Nicaragua, with the financial support of USAID.

The survey was a national stratified and clustered probability design, with a total N of 1,762 and was identical in design to the 2004 survey, also carried out by LAPOP. The sample was stratified by region (North-Central, Pacific and Atlantic) and by urban/rural. The population data of the 1995 Population Census, updated to 2006, was used. The interviews were conducted in 194 sampling units and 46 of the 153 municipalities are represented in the sample. The respondents were selected in PSUs of around 6 to 8 in urban areas and 10 to 12 in rural. The study makes it possible to obtain results valid at the national level by urban-rural area and by the three regions, but not valid at the departmental or municipal level.

The complete sample is composed of 49.8% male respondents and 50.2% female, all of them over 16 years old (voting age in Nicaragua) and its estimated margin of error is ± 2.5 (at the 95% level). The full version of the report and the complete questionnaire can be found at “The Political Culture of Democracy in Nicaragua, 2006”, written by Manuel Ortega Hegg, MSc. and Marcelina Castillo Venerio with technical supervision from Mitchell Seligson, Ph.D. and published by CASC-UCA and Vanderbilt University with the support of USAID. That report, as well as the 2004 study can be found at www.AmericasBarometer.org.

Containing data gathered in 2006, the national survey report analyzes the attitudes of Nicaragua’s citizens towards support for stable democracy, corruption, crime, local governments, social participation, as well as many other areas of democratic political values and behaviors.