



*Political Culture of Democracy in Nicaragua, 2010:  
Democratic Consolidation in the Americas during Hard Times*

*Technical information*

<i>Country</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Sample Size</i>	<i>Weighted/Unweighted</i>
Nicaragua	2010	1,540	Unweighted

This survey was carried out between January and February of 2010, as part of the LAPOP AmericasBarometer 2010 wave of surveys. It is a follow-up of the national surveys of 1999, 2004, 2006, and 2006 carried out by the LAPOP. The 2010 survey was conducted by Vanderbilt University with field work being carried out by Borges y Asociados. The 2010 AmericasBarometer received generous support from many sources, including USAID, UNDP, IADB, Vanderbilt U., Princeton U., Université Laval, U. of Notre Dame, among others.

The project used a national probability sample design of voting-age adults, with a total N of 1,540 people involving face-to-face interviews conducted in Spanish. The survey used a complex sample design, taking into account stratification and clustering.

The sample consists of six strata representing the six main geographical regions: Metropolitan Area, Central, North, North-Pacific, South-Pacific and Caribbean. Each stratum was further sub-stratified by urban and rural areas. Respondents were selected in clusters of 6-8 interviews in urban areas and 10-12 in rural areas.

The sample consists of 43 primary sampling units and 164 final sampling units including 17 departments in Nicaragua. A total of 856 respondents were surveyed in urban areas and 684 in rural areas. The estimated margin of error for the survey is  $\pm 2.5$ .

The complete report and questionnaire can be found at *Political Culture of Democracy in Nicaragua, 2010: Democratic Consolidation in the Americas during Hard Times*, written by John Booth. Readers can access the publication through a link on the LAPOP website: [www.AmericasBarometer.org](http://www.AmericasBarometer.org).