

Guyana has lowest level of police trust in the Americas – 2014 Survey

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This was revealed today as the United States Embassy in Guyana hosted an information session to inform the Guyanese public of the findings of the

2014 Americas Barometer survey conducted by the Vanderbilt University.

Presenting the findings of the survey of a representative sample of 1,558 Guyanese, lead researcher for the Americas Barometer, Dr. Elizabeth Zechmeister explained that Guyanese were asked to what extent they trust the Guyana Police Force.

The Scale used was 0 – 100, with 0 being the least trust and 100 being the most, and Guyana recorded a score of 35.3, ranking the lowest out of the countries of the Americas which were surveyed.

In this 2014 survey which was conducted in Guyana during the period June 4 – July 12, 2014, the results showed that trust in the police decreased over time.

The survey revealed that between 2012 and 2014, trust in the police in Guyana decreased by 10 points on a 0 to 100 scale.

Moreover, the results of the survey indicate that trust in the police in Guyana has declined among all racial/ethnic groups, but principally among Afro-Guyanese.

In 2012, on a scale of 0 to 100, trust in the police among the Afro-Guyanese stood at 41.5, while in the 2014 survey, it stood at 24.3

The 2014 Americas Barometer is based on national surveys from 28 countries in the Americas and measures values, behaviors and socio-economic conditions in the region using national probability samples of voting-age adults.