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Police Harassment, No Problem For Most Jamaicans – Study

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A recent study has found that more than two thirds of Jamaicans do not view police harassment as a problem in their communities.

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The study found that 8.7 per cent of Jamaicans see police harassment as neither a big nor small problem.

Described as The American Barometer 2014, the study included more than 41,000 face to face interviews in 26 countries in the Americas.

Since the 1970s, LAPOP has been gathering data on political perspectives across the Caribbean and Latin America.

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