The Vanderbilt International Public Opinion Project (VIPOP) by LAPOP
VRA Award, Cycle 2016

What We Do:
- Design, implement, and produce studies of public opinion on critical issues around the globe.
- Collaborate with faculty and students to include new modules on the Latin American Public Opinion Project’s AmericasBarometer.
- Host interdisciplinary workshops on interview-based studies.
- Conduct campus outreach on the use of survey data in learning and research.
- Immerse students in these activities via the LAPOP Research Fellow Program.

Why We Do It:
- High quality public opinion data is critical to identifying causes and solutions to challenges to the quality, stability, and durability of democratic governments around the world.
- As a center for excellence in survey research, LAPOP is a platform for connecting and supporting fieldwork-oriented interdisciplinary projects on campus.
- As a center for pedagogy in the study of public opinion, LAPOP is a platform for students to gain hands-on experiences and specialized skills in study design and data analysis.

Who’s Involved?

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