



Democracy Audit: Belize, 2008
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[CLUSTER]: _____ [A cluster cannot be larger than 8 interviews in urban towns, and 12 in rural areas]	CLUSTER	
UR 1. Urban 2. Rural	UR	
TAMANO: Size of the place 1. Belmopan 2. Belize City 4. Town 5. Rural Area	TAMANO	
Questionnaire language: (1) English (2) Spanish	IDIOMAQ	
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Date Day: _____ Month: _____ Year: 2008	FECHA	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
NOTE: IT IS COMPULSORY TO READ THE STATEMENT OF INFORMED CONSENT BEFORE STARTING THE INTERVIEW.		

Q1. Sex (note down; do not ask): (1) Male (2) Female	Q1
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A4 [COA4]. To begin with, in your opinion, what is **the most serious** problem faced by the country?
[DO NOT READ OUT THE RESPONSE OPTIONS; ONLY A SINGLE OPTION]

A4

Water, lack of	19	Inflation, high prices	02
Roads in poor condition	18	Politicians	59
Armed conflict	30	Bad government	15
Corruption	13	Environment	10
Credit, lack of	09	Migration	16
Delinquency, crime, violence	05	Drugtrafficking	12
Human rights, violations of	56	Gangs	14
Unemployment	03	Poverty	04
Inequality	58	Popular protests (strikes, road blocks, work stoppages, etc.)	06
Malnutrition	23	Health services, lack of	22
Forced displacement of persons	32	Kidnappings	31
External debt	26	Security (lack of)	27
Discrimination	25	Terrorism	33
Drug addiction	11	Land to farm, lack of	07
Economy, problems with, crisis of	01	Transportation, problems of	60
Education, lack of, poor quality	21	Violence	57
Electricity, lack of	24	Housing	55
Population explosion	20	Other	70
War against terrorism	17	Doesn't know	88

Now, changing the subject...**[After each question, repeat “every day”, “once or twice a week”, “rarely”, or “never” to help the respondent]**

How frequently do you ...	Every day [Also accept almost every day]	Once or twice a week	Rarely	Never	DK	
A1. Listen to the news on the radio	1	2	3	4	8	A1
A2. Watch the news on TV	1	2	3	4	8	A2
A3. Read the news in newspapers	1	2	3	4	8	A3
A4i. Read the news on the Internet	1	2	3	4	8	A4i

SOCT1. How would you describe the country's economic situation? Would you say that it is very good, good, neither good nor bad, bad or very bad? (1) Very good (2) Good (3) Neither good nor bad (fair) (4) Bad (5) Very bad (8) Doesn't know	SOCT1
SOCT2. Do you think that the country's current economic situation is better than, the same as or worse than it was 12 months ago? (1) Better (2) Same (3) Worse (8) Doesn't know	SOCT2
IDIO1. How would you describe your overall economic situation? Would you say that it is very good, good, neither good nor bad, bad or very bad? (1) Very good (2) Good (3) Neither good nor bad (fair) (4) Bad (5) Very bad (8) Doesn't know	IDIO1
IDIO2. How do you think that your current economic situation is compared to 12 months ago? Is it better same or worse (1) Better (2) Same (3) Worse (8) Doesn't know	IDIO2

Now, moving on to a different subject, sometimes people and communities have problems that they cannot solve by themselves, and so in order to solve them they request help from a government official or agency.				
In order to solve your problems have you ever requested help or cooperation from...?	Yes	No	DK/DR	
CP2. A member of the National Assembly (Representative, Senator)	1	2	8	CP2
CP4A. A local public official (e.g, a mayor, municipal councilperson, provincial official)	1	2	8	CP4A
CP4. Any ministry, public institution or state agency	1	2	8	CP4

Now let's talk about your city/town/village council...	
NP1. Have you attended a city council meeting, town meeting or village meeting in the past 12 months? (1) Yes (2) No (8) Doesn't know/Doesn't remember	NP1
NP2. Have you sought assistance from or presented a request to any office, official or councilman of the city/town/village within the past 12 months? (1) Yes (2) No (8) Doesn't know/Doesn't remember	NP2
SGL1. Would you say that the services the city/town/village council is providing are...? [Read options] (1) Very good (2) Good (3) Neither good nor poor (fair) (4) Poor (5) Very poor (8) Doesn't know	SGL1
LGL2A. Taking into account the current public services in the country, who should be given more responsibilities? [Read options] (1) Much more to the central government (2) Somewhat more to the central government (3) The same amount to the central government and the city/town/village council (4) Some more to the city/town/village council (5) Much more to the city/town/village council (8) DK/DA	LGL2A
LGL2B. And taking into account the available economic resources in the country, who should manage more money? [Read options] (1) Much more the central government (2) Some more the central government (3) The same amount the central government and the city/town/village council (4) Some more the city/town/village council (5) Much more the city/town/village council (8) DK/DA	LGL2B

	Once a week	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a year	Never	DK	
CP5. Now, changing the subject. In the last 12 months have you tried to help to solve a problem in your community or in your neighborhood? Please, tell me if you did it at least once a week, once or twice a month, once or twice a year or never.	1	2	3	4	8	CP5

I am going to read a list of groups and organizations. Please tell me if you attend their meetings at least once a week, once or twice a month, once or twice a year, or never. **[Repeat for each question "once a week," "once or twice a month," "once or twice a year" or "never" to help the respondent]**

	Once a week	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a year	Never	DK/DR	
CP6. Meetings of any religious organization? Do you attend them...	1	2	3	4	8	CP6
CP7. Meetings of a parents' association at school? Do you attend them...	1	2	3	4	8	CP7
CP8. Meetings of a committee or association for community improvement? Do you attend	1	2	3	4	8	CP8

never? [If he answered “Never” or “DK”, Mark 9 in PROT2 and Go to JC1]	Sometimes	Almost never	Never	DK			
PROT2. In the past year, did you participate in a public demonstration or protest? Did you do it sometimes, almost never or never?	(1) Sometimes	(2) Almost never	(3) Never	(8) DK	(9) Inap	PROT2	

Now let's change the subject. Some people say that under some circumstances a military take-over through a coup would be justified. In your opinion would a military coup be justified in the following circumstances? **[Read the options after each question]:**

JC1. When there is high unemployment.	(1) A military take-over would be justified	(2) A military take-over would not be justified	(8) DK	JC1	
JC4. When there are a lot of social protests.	(1) A military take-over would be justified	(2) A military take-over would not be justified	(8) DK	JC4	
JC10. When there is a lot of crime.	(1) A military take-over would be justified	(2) A military take-over would not be justified	(8) DK	JC10	
JC12. When there is high inflation, with excessive prices increases.	(1) A military take-over would be justified	(2) A military take-over would not be justified	(8) DK	JC12	
JC13. When there is a lot of corruption.	(1) A military take-over would be justified	(2) A military take-over would not be justified	(8) DK	JC13	

JC15. Do you think that sometimes there can be sufficient grounds for the Prime Ministers to shut down the National Assembly (House of Representative and Senate) or do you think there can never be sufficient grounds to do so?	(1) Yes, there can be sufficient grounds	(2) No, there can never be sufficient grounds	(8)DK	JC15	
JC16. Do you think that sometimes there can be sufficient grounds for the Prime Minister to dissolve the Supreme Court or do you think that there can never be sufficient grounds to do so?	(1) Yes, there can be sufficient grounds	(2) No, there can never be sufficient grounds	(8)DK	JC16	

Treatment A VIC1. Now changing the subject, have you been a victim of any type of crime in the past 12 months? (1) Yes [Continue with VIC1VERIFYA.] (2) No [Skip to VIC20] (8) DK/DR [Skip to VIC20]	VIC1	
Treatment B VIC1extended. Now, changing the subject, have you been a victim of any type of crime in the past 12 months? That is, have you been a victim of robbery, burglary, assault, fraud, blackmail extortion, violent threats or any other type of crime in the past year? (1) Yes [Continue] (2) No [Skip to VIC20] (8) DK/DR [Skip to VIC20]		
VIC1VERIFYA. What kind of crime were you a victim of, when and where did it happen, or do you not recall? 1. Gave some answer [Continue with b,c,d below] 0. Does not recall, could not respond at all, said “I don’t know” or “I can’t remember” [Skip to VIC20] (9) INAP	VIC1VERIFYA	

VICVERIFYB. 1. Mentioned type of crime. If no mention of type, ask, "what type of crime" 0. could not name crime (9) INAP	VIC1VERIFYB
VICVERIFYC. 1. Gave approximate month (accept any month or number of months ago). If no mention of when, ask, "about when did this occur" 0.. Was not able to specify any month (9) INAP	VIC1VERIFYC
VICVERIFYD. 1. Mentioned place (e.g., home, work, the street, etc.). If no mention of place, ask, "In what place did this occur" 0. Could not name place. (9) INAP	VIC1VERIFYD
VIC10. [If victim of crime] Did the criminal or criminals use violence against you? (1) Yes (2) No (9) Inap	VIC10
AOJ1. Did you report the crime to any institution? (1) Yes [Skip to VIC20] (2) Did not report [Continue] (8) DK/DR [Skip to VIC20] (9) Inap (not a victim) [Skip to VIC20]	
AOJ1B. Why did you not report the crime? [Do not read options] (1) Does not work (2) It is dangerous and afraid of retaliation (3) Did not have any proof (4) It was not that serious (5) Did not know where to report (6) Other reason (8) DK/DR (9) INAP	

TREATMENT C: <i>[Ask to everyone] Now, please think about what has happened to you in the past 12 months when responding to the following questions: [If responds "Yes," ask how many times. Write the number of times. If responds "No," write "0" zero.</i>	How many times? [Write down the number of times, if responded "No" write down 0, DK/DR=88]
VIC20. Were you a victim of an armed robbery of property not including your car in the past 12 months? How many times?	VIC20
VIC21. Your house has been burglarized in the past 12 months? How many times?	VIC21
VIC22. Have you been a victim of acts of vandalism against your house in the past 12 months? How many times?	VIC22
VIC23. Do you have or have you had a car, pick-up truck, motorcycle or other vehicle in the past 12 months? No → Mark 99 [SKIP TO VIC24] Yes → Ask: Has your vehicle or motorcycle been stolen in the past 12 months? How many times?	VIC23
VIC23A. [Only if he has car or motorcycle] Has your vehicle or motorcycle been burglarized or vandalized in the past 12 months? How many times? (99) INAP	VIC23A
[ASK TO EVERYONE] VIC24. Have you been a victim of any type of fraud in the past 12 months? How many times?	VIC24
VIC25. Has anyone threatened to kill you for any reason in the past 12 months? How many times?	VIC25
VIC26. Have you been assaulted by anyone in the past 12 months? How many times?	VIC26
VIC27. In the past 12 months has any police officer mistreated you verbally, physically or assaulted you? How many times?	VIC27
VIC28. Have you been wounded by a gun in the past 12 months? How many times?	VIC28
VIC29. Have you been injured by a knife or razor in the past 12 months? How many times?	VIC29

VIC30. Have you been a victim of any kind of sexual crime in the past 12 months? How many times?		VIC30
VIC31. In the past 12 months, have you been a victim of blackmail or extortion? How many times?		VIC31
VIC32. Have you or any member of your family been kidnapped in the past 12 months?		VIC32
VIC33. Has any relative or person that lives with you in your house been murdered in the past 12 months?		VIC33

TREATMENT D: <i>Now, please think about what has happened to you in the past 12 months when responding to the following questions: [If responds "Yes," ask how many times. Write the number of times. If responds "No," write "0" zero.</i>	How many times? [Write down the number of times, if responded "No" write down 0, DK/DR=88]	
VIC20. You were a victim of an armed robbery of property not including your car in the past 12 months? How many times?		VIC20
VIC21. Your house has been burglarized in the past 12 months? How many times?		VIC21
VIC22. Have you been a victim of acts of vandalism against your house in the past 12 months? How many times?		VIC22
VIC23. Do you have or have you had a car, pick-up truck, motorcycle or other vehicle in the past 12 months? No → Mark 99 [SKIP TO VIC24] Yes → Ask: Has your vehicle or motorcycle been stolen in the past 12 months? How many times?		VIC23
VIC23A. [Only if he has car or motorcycle] Has your vehicle or motorcycle been burglarized or vandalized in the past 12 months? How many times?		VIC23A
[ASK TO EVERYONE] VIC24. Have you been a victim of any type of fraud in the past 12 months? How many times?		VIC24
VIC25. Has anyone threatened to kill you for any reason in the past 12 months? How many times?		VIC25
VIC26. Have you been assaulted by anyone in the past 12 months? How many times?		VIC26
Now, for the remaining question in this series, I am not allowed to hear your answers. Instead, I am going to read you a question and ask you to respond by touching the box on the computer screen that corresponds to your answer. VIC27. In the past 12 months has any police officer mistreated you verbally, physically or assaulted you? How many times?		VIC27
VIC28. Have you been wounded by a gun in the past 12 months? How many times?		VIC28
VIC29. Have you been injured by a knife or razor in the past 12 months? How many times?		VIC29
VIC30. Have you been a victim of any kind of sexual crime in the past 12 months? How many times?		VIC30
VIC31. In the past 12 months, have you been a victim of blackmail or extortion?		VIC31
VIC32. Have you or any member of your family been kidnapped in the past 12 months?		VIC32
VIC33. Has any relative or person that lives with you in your house been murdered in the past 12 months?		VIC33
VIC34. Has any member of your family hit or punched you in the past 12 months?		VIC34

AOJ8. In order to apprehend criminals do you think that the authorities should always respect the law or that occasionally they can operate at the margin of the law? (1) They should always respect the law (2) Can operate at the margin of the law occasionally (8)DK/DR	AOJ8
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AOJ11. Speaking of the neighborhood where you live, and thinking of the possibility of being assaulted or robbed, do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe or very unsafe? (1) Very safe (2) Somewhat safe (3) Somewhat unsafe (4) Very unsafe (8) DK/DR					AOJ11
Because of fear of crime in the past 12 months you...	Yes	No	DK/DR		
VIC40. Have limited the places where you go shopping?	(1)	(0)	(8)		VIC40
VIC41. Have limited the places of recreation?	(1)	(0)	(8)		VIC41
VIC42. Do you have or have you had a business? No → Mark 9 YES → ASK: Have you closed your business in the past 12 months because of fear of crime?	(1)	(0)	(8) (9)		VIC42
VIC43. Have felt the need to move?	(1)	(0)	(8)		VIC43
VIC44. Have organized with the other members of the community?	(1)	(0)	(8)		VIC44
VIC45. Are you currently or have you been employed in the past 12 months? If the answer is No → mark 9 If it is Yes→ ask the following: Have you changed jobs in the past 12 months because of fear of crime?	(1)	(0)	(8) (9)		VIC45
AOJ11A. And speaking of the country in general, how much do you think that the level of crime that we have now represents a threat to our future well-being? [Read the options] (1) Very much (2) Somewhat (3) Little (4) None (8) DK/DR					AOJ11A
VIC11. If you had to report an act of crime or violence, to which institution would you do it? [Don't read] [If says "to the appropriate authorities," ask, "To which authority?"] (0) Would not report (1) Local government (2) Police (3) Justice (District attorney or local prosecutor) (4) Church (5) Media (7) Human Rights (6) Other (8) DK/DR					VIC11
AOJ12. If you were a victim of a robbery or assault how much faith do you have that the judicial system would punish the guilty? [Read the options] (1) A lot (2) Some (3) Little (4) None (8) DK/DR					AOJ12
AOJ12a. If you were a victim of a robbery or assault how much faith do you have that the police would apprehend the guilty? [Read the options] (1) A lot (2) Some (3) Little (4) None (8) DK/DR					AOJ12a
AOJ16A. In your neighborhood, have you seen anyone selling drugs in the past 12 months? (1) Yes (2) No (8) DK					AOJ16A
AOJ17. To what extent do you think your neighborhood is affected by gangs? Would you say a lot, somewhat, a little or none? (1) A lot (2) Somewhat (3) Little (4) None (8) DK					AOJ17
AOJ18. Some people say that the police in this community (town, village) protect people from criminals, while others say that the police that are involved in the criminal activity. What do you think? (1) Police protect or (2) Police involved in crime (3) [Don't Read] Doesn't protect, but is not involved in crime or protect and involved in crime (8) DK/DR					AOJ18
VIC50. Talking about the city or town where you live, do you think that the level of violence is generally high, medium, or low? (1) High (2) Medium (3) Low (8) DK/DR					VIC50
VIC51. In the past 12 months, have you taken any measures in your home to protect yourself from crime? (1) Yes [Continue] (2) No [Skip to VIC53] (8) DK/DR [Skip to VIC53]					VIC51

VIC52. What measures have you taken? [NOTE: Don't read options. After the first response, ask "something else?"] . Accept up to two responses.					
			1 ^a Response	2 ^a Response	

	VIC52A	VIC52B
You have installed fences or exterior walls around your house	1	1
You have installed barbed wire, "razor", electrified fences, or broken glass around your house	2	2
You have installed a security system in your house	3	3
You have put more locks on the doors of your house	4	4
You have bought a gun	5	5
You have hired a private security service or security guard	6	6
Other measures	7	7
DK/DR	8	8
INAP	9	9

VIC53. How much would you be willing to pay annually for insurance that would compensate or reimburse the losses or damages caused by crime against you or any members of your family? [Write down the amount] _____ [Do not read] (0) will not pay, do not have money, is not interested (8888) DK/DR	VIC53	
VIC54. If there were an effective means, how much would you be willing to pay annually for a service that would guarantee that you would not be a victim of any type of violent crime or robbery? [Write down the amount] _____ [Do not read] (0) will not pay, do not have money, is not interested (8888) DK/DR	VIC54	
VIC55. Which of the following do you consider to be the main cause of insecurity in your community? [Read options]: (1) Lack of police (2) Lack of justice (3) Poverty (4) Lack of youth or after school programs (8) [Do not read] DK/DR (9) [Do not read] No insecurity in my community	VIC55	

VIC56. To complete this section, how concerned do you think politicians are with improving the security of your city or community: very, somewhat, a little or not at all? (1) Very (2) Somewhat (3) A little (4) Not at all (8) DK/DR	VIC56	
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[Give card "A" to the respondent]

Now we will use a card...This card has a 7 point scale; each point indicates a score that goes from 1, meaning NOT AT ALL, to 7, meaning A LOT. For example, if I asked you to what extent you like watching television, if you don't like watching it at all, you would choose a score of 1, and if, in the contrary, you like watching television a lot, you would indicate the number 7 to me. If your opinion is between not at all and a lot, choose an intermediate score. So, to what extent do you like watching television? Read me the number. **[Make sure that the respondent understands correctly].**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Not at all				A lot			Doesn't know

Note down a number 1-7, or 8 for those who don't know		
B1. To what extent do you think the courts in Belize guarantee a fair trial? (Read: If you think the courts do not ensure justice <u>at all</u> , choose number 1; if you think the courts ensure justice a lot, choose number 7 or choose a point in between the two.)		B1
B2. To what extent do you respect the political institutions of Belize?		B2
B3. To what extent do you think that citizens' basic rights are well protected by the political system of Belize?		B3
B4. To what extent do you feel proud of living under the political system of Belize?		B4

Note down a number 1-7, or 8 for those who don't know

B6. To what extent do you think that one should support the political system of Belize?	B6
B10A. To what extent do you trust the justice system?	B10A
B11. To what extent do you trust the Elections and Boundaries Commission?	B11
B12. To what extent do you trust the Defence Force?	B12
B13. To what extent do you trust the National Assembly (House of Representative and Senate)?	B13
B14. To what extent do you trust the Government?	B14
B15. To what extent do you trust the Office of the Solicitor General?	B15
B18. To what extent do you trust the Police Department?	B18
B20. To what extent do you trust the Catholic Church?	B20
B21. To what extent do you trust the political parties?	B21
B21A. To what extent do you trust the Prime Minister?	B21A
B31. To what extent do you trust the Supreme Court?	B31
B32. To what extent do you trust the City/Town/Village council?	B32
B43. To what extent are you proud of being Belizean?	B43
B16. To what extent do you trust the Attorney General?	B16
B46 [b45]. To what extent do you trust the anti-corruption commission?	B46
B47. To what extent do you trust elections?	B47
B48. To what extent do you believe that free trade agreement will help to improve the economy?	B48

Now, using the same scale, (<i>continue with card A: 1-7 point scale</i>)	Note down 1-7, 8 = DK
N1. To what extent would you say the current government fights poverty?	N1
N3. To what extent would you say the current government promotes and protects democratic principles?	N3
N9. To what extent would you say the current government combats government corruption?	N9
N11. To what extent would you say the current government improves the security of citizens?	N11
N12. To what extent would you say the current government combats unemployment?	N12

Now I am going to read a series of sentences about Belize's political parties and then I will ask your opinion. We will continue to use the same scale of 1 to 7 where 1 means not at all and 7 means a lot.

EPP1. Thinking of political parties in general, to what extent do Belizean political parties represent their voters well? 8. DK/DR	EPP1
EPP2. To what extent does corruption exist within Belizean political parties? 8. DK/DR	EPP2
EPP3. . How much do political parties listen to people like you? 8. DK/DR	EPP3
EC1. And now thinking of the National Assembly (House of Representative and Senate). To what extent does the National Assembly obstruct the job of the Prime Minister? 8. DK/DR	EC1
EC2. To what extent do members of the National Assembly waste time discussing and debating? 8. DK/DR	EC2
EC3. How important to the country are the laws passed by the National Assembly? 8. DK/DR	EC3
EC4. To what extent does the National Assembly live up to your expectations? 8. DK/DR	EC4

[Take back card A]

M1. Speaking in general of the current government, how would you rate the job performance the current government of the United Democratic Party? [Read the options] (1) Very good (2) Good (3) Neither good nor bad (fair) (4) Bad (5) Very bad (8) DK/DR	M1	
M2. Now speaking of the National Assembly (House of Representative and Senate). Thinking in those members of the National Assembly as a whole, without considering the political parties to which they belong, do you believe that the Members of the National Assembly are performing their jobs very well, well, neither well nor poorly, poorly, or very poorly? (1) Very well (2) Well (3) Neither well nor poorly (fair) (4) Poorly (5) Very poorly (8) DK/DR	M2	

[Give card B]: Now we will use a similar card, but this time 1 means “strongly disagree” and 7 means “strongly agree.” A number in between 1 and 7 represents an intermediate score. I am going to read various statements and I would like you to tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with these statements.

Write a number 1-7, or 8 for those who don't know

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Strongly disagree			Strongly agree			Doesn't know	

Taking into account the current situation of this country, I would like you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statements, again using card B:		
POP101. It is necessary for the progress of this country that our prime ministers limit the voice and vote of opposition parties, How much do you agree or disagree? 8. DK/DR		POP101
POP102. When the National Assembly (House of Representative and Senate) obstructs the work of our government, our prime ministers should govern without the National Assembly. How much do you agree or disagree? 8. DK/DR		POP102
POP103. When the Supreme Court obstructs the work of our government, it should be ignored by our prime ministers. How much do you agree or disagree? 8. DK/DR		POP103
POP106. Our prime ministers must follow the will of the people because what the people want is always right. How much do you agree or disagree? 8. DK/DR		POP106
POP107. The people should govern directly and not through elected representatives. How much do you agree or disagree? 8. DK/DR		POP107
POP109. In today's world there is a battle between good and evil, and people must choose between one of the two. How much do you agree or disagree that such a battle between good and evil exists? 8. DK/DR		POP109
POP110. Once the people decide what is right, we must prevent a minority from opposing them. How much do you agree or disagree? 8. DK/DR		POP110
POP112. The largest obstacle to progress in our country is the ruling class or oligarchy taking advantage of the people. How much do you agree or disagree?		POP112
DEM23ALT. Democracy would be better off without political parties. How much do you agree or disagree? (8) DK/DR		POP114
POP113. Those who disagree with the majority represent a threat to the interests of the country. How much do you agree or disagree? 8. DK/DR		POP113

EFF1. Those who govern this country are really interested in what people like you think. How much do you agree or disagree?	EFF1	
EFF2. You feel that you understand the most important political issues of this country. How much do you agree or disagree?	EFF2	
Don't take back Card B		

Write a number 1-7, or 8 for those who don't know

ING4. Democracy may have problems, but it is better than any other form of government. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?	ING4
PN2. Despite our differences, we Belizeans have many things that unite us as a country. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?	PN2
DEM23. Democracy can exist without political parties. How much do you agree or disagree or disagree with this statement?	DEM23

Now I am going to read some items about the role of the national government. Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements. We will continue using the same scale from 1 to 7.

ROS1. The government, instead of the private sector, should own the most important enterprises and industries of the country. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?	ROS1
ROS2. The government, more than individuals, should be primarily responsible for ensuring the well-being of the people. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?	ROS2
ROS3. The government, more than the private sector, should be primarily responsible for creating jobs. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?	ROS3
ROS4. The government should implement strong policies to reduce inequality between the rich and the poor. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?	ROS4

[Take back Card "B"]

PN4. In general, would you say that you are very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the form of democracy in Belize? (1) Very satisfied (2) Satisfied (3) Dissatisfied (4) Very dissatisfied (8) DK/DR	PN4
PN5. In your opinion, is Belize very democratic, somewhat democratic, not very democratic or not at all democratic? (1) Very democratic (2) Somewhat democratic (3) Not very democratic (4) Not at all democratic (8) DK/DR	PN5

[Give the respondent card "C"]

Now we are going to use another card. The new card has a 10-point scale, which goes from 1 to 10, where 1 means that you strongly disapprove and 10 means that you strongly approve. I am going to read you a list of some actions that people can take to achieve their political goals and objectives. Please tell me how strongly you would approve or disapprove of people taking the following actions.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	88
Strongly disapprove								Strongly approve		Doesn't know

	1-10, 88
E5. Of people participating in legal demonstrations. How much do you approve or disapprove?	E5
E8. Of people participating in an organization or group to try to solve community problems. How much do you approve or disapprove?	E8
E11. Of people working for campaigns for a political party or candidate. How much do you approve or disapprove?	E11
E15. Of people participating in the blocking of roads. Using the same scale, how much do you approve or disapprove?	E15
E14. Of people squatting on private property or land. How much do you approve or disapprove?	E14
E2. Of people taking control over factories, offices and other buildings. How much do you approve or disapprove?	E2
E3. Of people participating in a group working to violently overthrow an elected government. How much do you approve or disapprove?	E3
E16. Of people taking the law into their own hands when the government does not punish criminals. How much do you approve or disapprove?	E16

[Don't take back card "C"]

Now we are going to talk about some actions the government can take. We will continue using a 1-10 scale. Please use card C again. On this scale, 1 means strongly disapprove and 10 means strongly approve.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	88
Strongly disapprove							Strongly approve			Doesn't know

	1-10, 88
D32. To what degree do you approve or disapprove of a law prohibiting public protests?	D32
D33. To what degree do you approve or disapprove of a law prohibiting the meetings of any group that criticizes the Belizean political system?	D33
D34. To what extent would you approve or disapprove if the government decided which television programs can be viewed?	D34
D36. To what extent would you approve or disapprove if the government decided which books are allowed in public school libraries?	D36
D37. To what extent would you approve or disapprove if the government banned any media outlets that criticized it?	D37

The following questions are to find out your opinion about the different ideas of people who live in Belize. Please continue using the 10 point scale [card C].

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	88
Strongly disapprove							Strongly approve			Doesn't know

	1-10, 88
D1. There are people who always say bad things of the Belizean form of government, not just the government but the system of government. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people's right to vote ? Please read me the number from the scale: [Probe: To what degree?]	D1
D2. How strongly do you approve or disapprove that such people be allowed to conduct peaceful demonstrations in order to express their views? Please read me the number.	D2
D3. Still thinking of those who only say bad things of the Belizean form of government, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people being permitted to run for public office ?	D3
D4. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people appearing on television to make speeches ?	D4
D5. And now, changing the topic and thinking of homosexuals, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of such people being permitted to run for public office?	D5

COLLECT CARD "C"

Now changing the subject...

DEM2. With which of the following statements do you agree with the most: (1) For most people it doesn't matter whether a regime is democratic or non-democratic. (2) Democracy is preferable to any other form of government (3) Under some circumstances an authoritarian government may be preferable to a democratic one. (8) DK/DR	DEM2
DEM11. Do you think that our country needs a government that rules with an iron fist, or that problems can be resolved with everyone's participation? (1) Iron fist (2) Participation for all (8) DK/DR	DEM11

AUT1. There are people who say that we need a strong leader that does not have to be elected. Others say that although things may not work, electoral democracy, or the popular vote, is always best. What do you think? [Read] (1) We need a strong leader who does not have to be elected (2) Electoral democracy is the best (8) DK/DR	AUT1	
AUT2. With which of the following statements do you agree the most: [Read choices] (1) As citizens we should be more active in questioning our leaders or (2) As citizens we should show more respect for the authority of our leaders (8) DK/DR	AUT2	

PP1. During election time, some people try to convince others to vote for a party or candidate. How often have you tried to convince others to vote for a party or candidate? [Read the options] (1) Frequently (2) Occasionally (3) Rarely (4) Never (8) DK/DR	PP1	
PP2. There are people who work for parties or candidates during electoral campaigns. Did you work for any candidate or party in the last general elections of 2008? (1) Yes, worked (2) Did not work (8) DK/DR	PP2	

Now, I would like for you to tell me if you consider the following actions as:
(1) Corrupt and should be punished; (2) Corrupt but justified under the circumstances; or (3) not corrupt.

DC10. A mother of several children needs to obtain a birth certificate for one of them. In order not to waste time waiting, she pays the county or municipal clerk BZ\$10. Do you think that what the woman did is [Read the options, and if answer “the municipal official has to be punished,” Ask: and the mother?] : (1) Corrupt and should be punished (2) Corrupt but justified (3) Not corrupt DK=8	DC10	
DC13. An unemployed individual is the brother-in-law of an important politician, and the politician uses his influence to get his brother-in-law a job. Do you think the politician is [Read the options] (1) Corrupt and should be punished (2) Corrupt but justified (3) Not corrupt DK=8	DC13	

	INAP Did not try or did not have contact	No	Yes	DK/DR	
Now we want to talk about your personal experience with things that happen in everyday life...					
EXC2. Has a police officer ask you for a bribe during the past year?		0	1	8	EXC2
EXC6. During the past year did any government employee ask you for a bribe?		0	1	8	EXC6
EXC11. During the past year did you have any official dealings in the city/town /Village council office? If the answer is No → mark 9 If it is Yes→ ask the following: During the past year, to process any kind of document (like a license, for example), did you have to pay any money above that required by law?	9	0	1	8	EXC11
EXC13. Are you currently employed? If the answer is No → mark 9 If it is Yes→ ask the following: At your workplace, have you had to pay a bribe in the last year?	9	0	1	8	EXC13

	INAP Did not try or did not have contact	No	Yes	DK/DR	
EXC14. During the past year, have you had any dealings with the courts? If the answer is No → note down 9 If it is Yes→ ask the following: Did you have to pay a bribe to the courts within the past year?	9	0	1	8	EXC14
EXC15. Have you used any public health services during the past year? If the answer is No → mark 9 If it is Yes→ ask the following: In order to receive attention in a hospital or a clinic during the past year, did you have to pay a bribe?	9	0	1	8	EXC15
EXC16. Have you had a child in school during the past year? If the answer is No → mark 9 If it is Yes→ ask the following: Have you had to pay a bribe at school during the past year?	9	0	1	8	EXC16
EXC17. Did anyone ask you for a bribe to avoid having the electricity cut off?		0	1	8	EXC17
EXC18. Do you think given the way things are, sometimes paying a bribe is justified?		0	1	8	EXC18

EXC7. Taking into account your own experience or what you have heard, corruption among public officials is [Read] (1) Very common, (2) Common, (3) Uncommon, or (4) Very uncommon? (8) DK/DR	EXC7
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Now we want to know how much information about politics and the country is known by the people... G11. What is the name of the current president of the United States? [Don't read, George Bush] (1) Correct (2) Incorrect (8) Do not Know (9) No Answer	G11
G12. What is the name of the President of the Senate in Belize? [Don't read, Ms. Andrea Gill] (1) Correct (2) Incorrect (8) Do not Know (9) No Answer	G12
G13. How many constituencies or electoral divisions does the Belize have? [Don't read, 31] (1) Correct (2) Incorrect (8) Do not Know (9) No Answer	G13
G14. How long is the government's term of office in Belize? [Don't read, 5 years] (1) Correct (2) Incorrect (8) Do not Know (9) No Answer	G14
G15. What is the name of the current president of Brazil? [Don't read, Luis Inacio Lula da Silva, also accept "Lula"] (1) Correct (2) Incorrect (8) Do not Know (9) No Answer	G15

VB1. Are you registered to vote? (1) Yes (2) No (3) Being processed (8) DK	VB1
VB2. Did you vote in the last general elections of 2008? (1) Voted [Continue] (2) Did not vote [Go to VB50] (8) DK [Go to VB50]	VB2
VB3. Who did you vote for in the last general elections of 2008? [DON'T READ THE LIST] (0) None (Blank ballot or spoiled or null ballot) (2601) UDP United Democratic Party (2602) PUP People's United Party (77) Other (88) DK/DR (99) INAP (Did not vote)	VB3
VB50. [Ask to everyone] In general, men are better political leaders than women. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree? (1) Strongly agree (2) Agree (3) Disagree (4) Strongly disagree (8) DK/DR	

VB10. Do you currently identify with a political party? (1) Yes [Continue] (2) No [Go to POL1] (8) DK [Go to POL1]		VB10	
VB11. Which political party do you identify with? [Don't read the list] (2601) UDP United Democratic Party (2602) PUP People's United Party (2603) NRP National reform Party (2604) VIP Vision inspired by People (2605) PNP People's National Party (2606) NABR National Alliance for Belizean Rights (2607) WTP We the People Reform Movement (77) Other (88) DK/DR [Skip to POL1] (99) NA [Skip to POL1]		VB10	
VB12. Would you say that your identification with that party [the party mentioned in VB11] is very weak, weak, not weak or strong, strong, very strong? (1) Very weak (2) Weak (3) Not weak, or strong (4) Strong (5) Very strong (8) DK/DR (9) INAP		VB10	

POL1. How much interest do you have in politics: a lot, some, little or none? (1) A lot (2) Some (3) Little (4) None (8) DK/DR		POL1	
POL2. How often do you discuss politics with other people? (Read the options) (1) Daily (2) A few times a week (3) A few times a month (4) Rarely (5) Never (8) DK/DR		POL2	

And now to finish up, I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes.

ED. What was the highest level of education you completed?

_____ Year _____ (primary, secondary, 6th form, university/tertiary) = _____ total number of years

[Use the table below for the code]

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
None	0								ED
Primary/Preparatory	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Secondary	9	10	11	12					
6th form	13	14							
University/Tertiary	15	16	17	18+					
Doesn't know/Doesn't respond	88								

Q2. How old are you? _____ years		Q2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Q3. What is your religion? [Do not read options] (1) Catholic (2) Mainline Protestant or Protestant non-Evangelical (Adventist, Baptist, Calvinist, The Salvation Army, Lutheran, Methodist, Nazarene, Presbyterian). (3) Non-Christian Religions (Jewish, Muslims, Buddhists, Hinduisms, Taoists). (5) Evangelical and Pentecostal (Pentecostals, Charismatic non-Catholics, Light of World). (6) Mormons, Jehovah's Witness, Spiritualists and Seventh-Day Adventists. (7) Traditional Religions or Native Religions (Candomble, Vodoo, Rastafarian, Mayan Traditional Religion). (4) None, secularist or atheist (Do not believe in God) (8) DK/DR		Q3		
Q5A. How often do you attend religious services? [Read options] 1. More than once per week 2. Once per week 3. Once a month 4. Once or twice a year 5. Never 8. DK/DR		Q5A		

<p>[Show the list of ranges on Card D] Q10. Into which of the following income ranges does the total monthly income of this household fit, including remittances from abroad and the income of all the working adults and children? (00) No income (01) Less than BZ\$50 (02) BZ\$50- BZ\$100 (03) BZ\$101-BZ\$150 (04) BZ\$151-BZ\$200 (05) BZ\$201-BZ\$300 (06) BZ\$301-BZ\$500 (07) BZ\$501-BZ\$700 (08) BZ\$701-BZ\$1000 (09) BZ\$1001-BZ\$1500 (10) More than BZ\$1500 (88) DK/DR [COLLECT CARD D]</p>	<p>Q10</p>	
<p>Q10A. Does your family receive remittances from abroad? (1) Yes (2) [Go to Q10C] No (8) DK/NA [Go to Q10C]</p>	<p>Q10A</p>	
<p>Q10A1. [Only for those who receive remittances] How do you generally use the remittances? [Don't Read] (1) Consumption (food, clothing) (2) Housing (construction, repair) (3) Education (4) Community (schools repairs, reconstruction of churches/temples, community parties) (5) Health care (6) Savings/Investment (7) Other (8) DK/DR (9) INAP</p>	<p>Q10A1</p>	
<p>Q10B. [Only for those who receive remittances] To what extent does the income of this household depend on remittances from abroad? [Read Options] (1) A lot (2) Some (3) Little (4) Nothing (8) DK/NA (9) Inap</p>	<p>Q10B</p>	
<p>Q10C. [Ask to everybody] Do you have close relatives who use to live in this household and are now living abroad? [If answer "Yes", Ask where] [Don't Read] (1) Yes, in the United States only (2) Yes, in the United States and in other countries (3) Yes, in other countries (not in the United States) (4) No [Skip to Q14] (8) DK/NA [Skip to Q14]</p>	<p>Q10C</p>	
<p>Q16. [Only for those who answered Yes to Q10C] How often do you communicate with them? (1) Every day (2) Once or twice a week (3) Once or twice a month (4) Rarely (5) Never (8) DK/DR (9) INAP</p>		
<p>Q14. [Ask to everyone] Do you have any intention of going to live or work in another country in the next three years? 1) Yes 2) No 8) DK/DR</p>	<p>Q14</p>	
<p>Q10D. [Ask to everyone] The salary that you receive and total family income : [Read the options] (1) Is good enough for you, you can save from it (2) Is just enough for you, so that you do not have major problems (3) Is not enough for you, you are stretched (4) Is not enough for you, you are having a hard time (8) [Don't read] DK/DR</p>	<p>Q10D</p>	

Q11. What is your marital status? [Don't read options] (1) Single (2) Married (3) Common law marriage (4) Divorced (5) Separated (6) Widowed (8) DK/DR	Q11	
Q12. How many children do you have? _____ (00 = none → Skip to ETID) DK.....88	Q12	
Q12A. [If has children] How many children live with you at the present time? _____ (00) = none, (99) INAP (doesn't have children).	Q12A	
ETID. Do you consider yourself white, creole, spanish, mestizo, indigenous, garifuna or other? (1) Black/ African (8) Maya Mopan (2) Caucasian/White (9) Maya Yucatec (3) Chinese (10) Mennonite (4) Creole (11) Mestizo (5) East Indian (13) Spanish (6) Garifuna (14) Other (7) Maya Ketchi (88) DK/DR	ETID	

LENG1. What language have you spoken at home since childhood? (2601) Chinese (2607) Maya Ketchi (2602) Creole (2608) Maya Mopan (2603) English (2609) Maya Yucatec (2604) Garifuna (2610) Spanish (2605) German (2611) Other (2606) Hindi (88) DK/DR	LENG1	
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WWW1. Talking about other things, how often do you use the internet? [Read options] (1) Everyday or almost everyday (2) At least once a week (3) At least once a month (4) Rarely (5) Never (8) DK/DR [Don't read]	WWW1	
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To end, could you tell me if you have the following in your house: **(read out all items)**

R1. Television	(0) No	(1) Yes	R1		
R3. Refrigerator	(0) No	(1) Yes	R3		
R4. Conventional telephone (not cellular)	(0) No	(1) Yes	R4		
R4A. Cellular telephone	(0) No	(1) Yes	R4A		
R5. Vehicle	(0) No	(1) One	(2) Two	(3) Three or more	R5
R6. Washing machine	(0) No	(1) Yes	R6		
R7. Microwave oven	(0) No	(1) Yes	R7		
R8. Motorcycle	(0) No	(1) Yes	R8		
R12. Indoor plumbing	(0) No	(1) Yes	R12		
R14. Indoor bathroom	(0) No	(1) Yes	R14		
R15. Computer	(0) No	(1) Yes	R15		

<p>OCUP4A. How do you mainly spend your time? Are you currently...[Read the options]</p> <p>(1) Working? [Continue] (2) Not working, but have a job? [Continue] (3) Actively looking for a job? [Go to MIG1] (4) A student? [Go to MIG1] (5) Taking care of the home? [Go to MIG1] (6) Retired, a pensioner or permanently disable to work [Go to MIG1] (7) Notworking and not looking for a job? [Go to MIG1] (8) DK/DR</p>	OCUP4A	
<p>OCUP1. What is your main occupation or type of work? [Probe: what is your job about?] [Don't read the options]</p> <p>(1) Professional, intellectual or scientist (lawyer, university professor, physician, engineer, architect, accountant, engineer, etc.) (2) Manager (3) Technical or mid-level professional (computer technician, school teacher, artist, athlete, etc.) (4) Skilled worker (machine operator, mechanic, carpenter, electrician, etc.) (5) Government official (member of government legislative, executive or judicial branches, or other government employee) (6) Office worker (secretary, receptionist, cashier, customer service representative, etc.) (7) Businessperson (entrepreneurs, salespeople, etc.) (8) Food vendor (9) Employee in the service sector (hotel worker, restaurant employee, taxi driver, etc.) (10) Farmer (11) Farmhand (works for others, does not own land) (12) Artisan (13) Domestic servant (14) Servant (15) Member of the armed forces or of the civil services (police, firefighters, etc.) (88) DK (99) INAP</p>	OCUP1	_ _
<p>OCUP1A. In this job are you: [Read the options]</p> <p>(1) A salaried employee of the government or an independent state-owned enterprise? (2) A salaried employee in the private sector? (3) Owner or partner in a business (4) Self-employed (5) Unpaid worker (8) DK/DR (9) INAP</p>	OCUP1A	
<p>OCUP1C. Do you have health insurance through your employer?</p> <p>(1) Yes (2) No (8) DK/DR (9) INAP</p>	OCUP1C	

<p>MIG1. During your childhood, where did you mainly live? In the countryside? In a town? Or in a city?:</p> <p>(1) In the countryside, a rural area (2) In a town (3) In a city (8) DK/DR</p>	MIG1	
<p>MIG2. Where were you living 5 years ago? [Read options]</p> <p>(1) In the same municipality [Go to TI] (2) In another municipality in the country [Continue] (3) In another country [Go to TI] (8) DK/DR [Go to TI]</p>	MIG2	
<p>MIG3. The place where you lived 5 years ago was: [Read options]</p> <p>(1) A town or city smaller than this one (2) A town or city larger than this one (3) A town or city like this one (8) DK (9) NA (did not migrate)</p>	MIG3	

<p>Time interview ended _____ : _____</p>	TI	_ _
<p>TI. Duration of interview [<i>minutes, see page # 1</i>] _____</p>		_ _

These are all the questions I have. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

I swear that this interview was carried out with the person indicated above.

Interviewer's signature _____ *Date* ____ / ____ / ____

Field supervisor's signature _____

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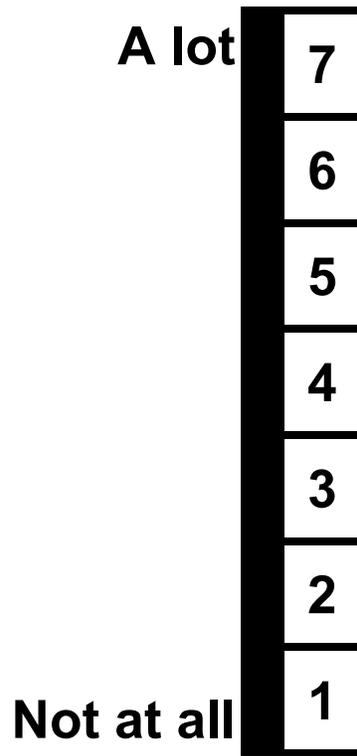
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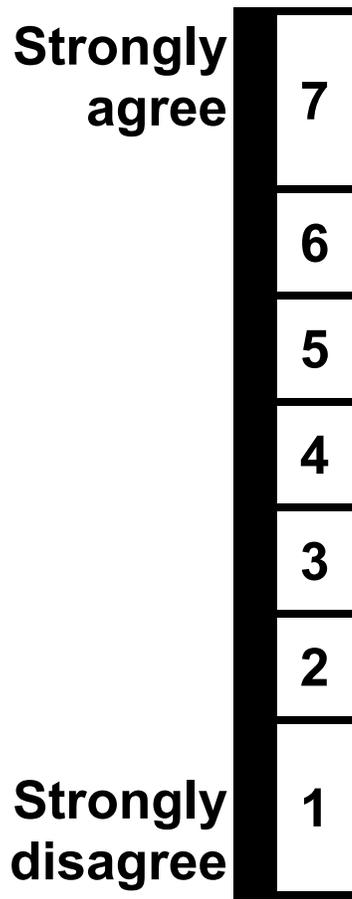
Card # 1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Left					Right				

Card "A"



Card "B"



Card "C"

Strongly approve	10
	9
	8
	7
	6
	5
	4
	3
	2
Strongly disapprove	1

Card D

- (00) No income
- (01) Less than \$25
- (02) \$26- \$50
- (03) \$51-\$100
- (04) \$101-\$150
- (05) \$151-\$200
- (06) \$201-\$300
- (07) \$301-\$400
- (08) \$401-500
- (09) \$501-\$750
- (10) More than \$751