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AmericasBarometer 2018/19 Call for Proposals

The Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP) at Vanderbilt University is soliciting proposals for questions to include or change on the core questionnaire for the 2018/19 round of the AmericasBarometer. The 2018/19 round will consist of nationally representative surveys with 1,500 respondents in 21 countries in the Americas (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States, and Uruguay).

Proposals may suggest additions or changes to questions asked in every country, some subset of countries, or an individual country. Since AmericasBarometer surveys are conducted on electronic devices in every country, we can accommodate survey experiments.

Each proposal will be carefully reviewed by the LAPOP research team. Proposals from teams of scholars working on a particular research topic will be given priority over proposals from individual investigators. We will also give priority to funded proposals (more details below).

Proposal Guidelines

Each proposal should contain the following information:

- Exact wording of proposed question(s). If your proposal includes questions previously asked by the AmericasBarometer, please include the exact wording of those questions and the variable label.
- Whether the proposed question(s) are intended for every country (the “core questionnaire”), some subset of countries, or an individual country.
- An explicit argument about why the proposed question(s) merit inclusion in the AmericasBarometer.
- An explicit argument about the conceptual and theoretical foundations of the question(s).
- Discussion of the type and range of statistical analyses that the question(s) allows and the benefit of such analyses to research and/or policy.
- Proposals that advocate for a survey experiment should make an explicit argument that the experiment can be used to answer multiple research questions.
- Ideally, evidence about the empirical performance of the proposed question(s).

- Evidence that the proposed way of asking the question(s) yields better data than obvious alternative ways of asking the same question(s).
- Proposals that advocate asking a question previously asked by the AmericasBarometer should include explicit evidence about the question's usage and impact in scholarly literature.
- Proposals that advocate changing an existing question should include explicit evidence about the limitations of the existing question.

Proposals may be written in English or Spanish and should follow these formatting guidelines:

- No longer than 7 pages
- Font no smaller than 12 point
- One-inch margins
- Double spacing throughout

Funding

The AmericasBarometer is a grant-funded initiative. The 2018/19 round has funding support from Vanderbilt University and USAID, and this covers partial costs. By necessity, we will give priority to proposals that are able to contribute to the cost of fielding the AmericasBarometer. Since costs vary by country, proposers who may be able to fund their question(s) should contact us (see email below) for a price quote.

How to Submit

Send proposals by email to lapop@vanderbilt.edu. Received proposals will be acknowledged. The deadline for submitting proposals is **February 15, 2018**.

AmericasBarometer Data

Data from prior rounds of the AmericasBarometer is available on the LAPOP [website](#). The 2016/17 dataset was released in September. Note that any proposed questions that are incorporated in the 2018/19 round will be included in our publicly available datasets.