This is a small elite sample conducted in Costa Rica in 1987. The respondents, chosen purposively, are composed by persons who at the time held a high post in public office or who had done so in the past. The positions held by the interviewees ranged from Presidents to Ministers, Deputies and Provincial leaders. The sample compliments a mass sample also carried out in 1987.

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