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## **Haiti in Distress: The Impact of the 2010 Earthquake on Citizen Lives and Perceptions**

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Although the human cost and macroeconomic consequences of the 2010 earthquake have been well-documented in previous works, the ways in which the earthquake has changed social and political life in Haiti and the magnitude of those impacts have until now remained little studied. The main focus of this research is to fill this gap by bringing these issues to the surface, to assess some of the social and political consequences of the earthquake. Specifically, the study explores the impacts of the earthquake on democratic governance and citizen values and behavior critical for stable democracy. Some of the topics explored include the effect of the earthquake on crime and insecurity, social capital, support for democracy, and the legitimacy of political institutions.

This study relies on a comprehensive face-to-face public opinion survey especially designed for examining the impact of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. In July and August of 2010, the Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP) at Vanderbilt University interviewed voting-age Haitian to investigate citizen's perceptions and experiences after the earthquake, including their democratic values and political attitudes. Findings of the study pinpoint the challenges and opportunities for achieving a stable democracy in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake.

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