Corruption, Social Activism and Social Inclusiveness in Jamaica

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Presentation Agenda

• Corruption victimization and perceptions of corruption
• Level of support for selected modes of social activism
• Social inclusiveness and sense of social responsibility
Corruption Victimization and Perceptions of Corruption
Corruption victimization in 2014

**EXC2.** Has a police officer asked you for a bribe in the last twelve months?

**EXC6.** In the last twelve months, did any government employee ask you for a bribe?

**EXC11.** In the last twelve months, to process any kind of document in your local government, like a permit for example, did you have to pay any money above that required by law?

**EXC13.** In your work, have you been asked to pay a bribe in the last twelve months?

**EXC14.** Did you have to pay a bribe to the courts in the last twelve months?

**EXC15.** In order to be seen in a hospital or a clinic in the last twelve months, did you have to pay a bribe?

**EXC16.** Have you had to pay a bribe at school in the last twelve months?

*This series of corruption victimization is converted to an index and then the percentage of respondents who were victims is calculated.*
In 2010 to 2014, reports of corruption victimization are much lower than in 2006 and 2008.

Percentage who report being victim of corruption in the last 12 months, Jamaica 2014

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Corruption Victimization – Comparative Perspective

Corruption Victimization (regional percentages)

Corruption Victimization (2014)

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Men and capital city residents report higher rates of corruption victimization

Percentage who report being victim of corruption in the last 12 months by gender and place of residence, Jamaica 2014

National average: 9.6%

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Corruption Perception
Most Jamaicans believe corruption is commonplace and these perceptions are stable over time.

EXC7. Taking into account your own experience or what you have heard, corruption among public officials is:
(1) Very common           (2) Common             (3) Uncommon or (4) Very uncommon?

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<th>Perception of Public Corruption</th>
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<td>Very Common</td>
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95% Confidence Interval (with Design-Effects)

Source: © AmericasBarometer, LAPOP; Jamaica LAPOP merge 2006-2014 (draft0612)
No statistically significant differences across education or wealth subgroups classes in terms of corruption perception.

Average perception of corruption by education and wealth, Jamaica 2014

National Average: 78.1

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There are also no significant differences in corruption perceptions by gender or region.

National Average: 78.1
EXC18. Do you think given the way things are, sometimes paying a bribe is justified?  
(1) Yes  (2)No

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Level of satisfaction with the fight against corruption

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Levels of satisfaction with the fight against corruption have decreased in recent years.

Average belief that government combats corruption in Jamaica

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Support for Protest
Attitudes to Certain Illicit Acts
Average approval of participating in legal demonstrations decreased in 2014.

E5. Of people participating in legal demonstrations. How much do you approve or disapprove?

Average approval of participating in legal demonstration in Jamaica

Year | Approval
--- | ---
2006 | 76.7
2008 | 68.9
2010 | 71.3
2012 | 73.0
2014 | 66.1

Source: © AmericasBarometer, LAPOP; Jamaica LAPOP merge 2006-2014 (draft0612)
Percentage Participation in Protest

- 2010: 3.1%
- 2012: 2.3%
- 2014: 2.9%

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Average approval of blocking roads during a protest increased in 2014

E15. Of people participating in the blocking of roads to protest. Using the same scale, how much do you approve or disapprove?

Average approval of blocking roads during protest in Jamaica

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Increasing support for coup and vigilante justice

**E3.** Of people participating in a group working to violently overthrow an elected government. How much do you approve or disapprove?

**E16.** Of people taking the law into their own hands when the government does not punish criminals. How much do you approve or disapprove?

### Average approval of groups attempting to overthrow government and approval of vigilante justice

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Social Inclusiveness and Sense of Social Responsibility
Average support for homosexuals having the right to run for public office remains low in Jamaica

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?

Recoded from 0-100, where 0 = strongly disapprove and 100 = the strongly approve

Average support for homosexuals having the right to run for public office in Jamaica

Year 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014
Average Support 19.8 8.7 13.6 20.8 16.0

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Those with post-secondary education levels and females have higher levels of support for the right of homosexuals to run for public office

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Average support for homosexuals having the right to run for public office, Jamaica 2014

National average: 16
Levels of support for same-sex marriage in 2014 are consistent with levels in 2012 and remain very low.

D6. How strongly do you approve or disapprove of same-sex couples having the right to marry?

Recoded from 0-100, where 0 = strongly disapprove and 100 = the strongly approve.

Average support for same-sex marriage in Jamaica

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Two-thirds of Jamaicans believe abortion is justifiable when the mother’s health is at risk.

**W14A.** And now, thinking about other topics. Do you think it’s justified to interrupt a pregnancy, that is, to have an abortion, when the mother’s health is in danger?

- **Yes, justified** 65.9%
- **No, not justified** 34.1%

**Abortion Justified When Mother's Health is at Risk**

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Social and Environment Protection
Support for Government policy intervention to reduce poverty

Government Should Implement Policies to Reduce Income Inequality (2014)

Government Should Implement Policies to Reduce Income Inequality (0-100 scale)

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In your opinion, what should be given higher priority: to protect the environment, or promote economic growth?

1) Protect the environment  
2) Promoting economic growth  
3) [Don’t read] Both  

- Protect the Environment: 27.0%
- Promote Economic Growth: 52.1%
- Both: 20.9%

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Citizens’ Attitude to Domestic Abuse
Three-fourths of Jamaicans neither approve nor understand a husband hitting his wife for neglecting household chores.

**DVW1.** His wife neglects the household chores. Would you approve of the husband hitting his wife, or would you not approve but understand, or would you neither approve nor understand?

- Approve: 3.2%
- Don't Approve but Understand: 21.2%
- Neither Approve nor Understand: 75.6%

Approves of Husband Hitting Wife if She Neglects Chores

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Only 69% of Jamaicans take a strong stance against domestic abuse in the case of an unfaithful wife. 

**DVW2.** His wife is unfaithful. Would you approve of the husband hitting his wife, or would you not approve but understand, or would you neither approve nor understand? 

- Approve: 5.6%
- Don't Approve but Understand: 25.5%
- Neither Approve nor Understand: 68.9%

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