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Key Takeaways

- Concerns about the coronavirus pandemic are widespread. People are worried that someone in their household will get sick or that they will not have access to needed healthcare
- People trust their fellow Mexicans more than they trust their neighbors
- While a majority oppose violence among partners regardless of gender, people are more accepting of domestic violence if a woman is the aggressor
- A majority believe people should support political institutions, although most show little confidence in them
- Mexicans agree that democracy is the best form of government, but a majority are unsatisfied with how democracy functions

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1. Survey Methodology

Survey Methodology

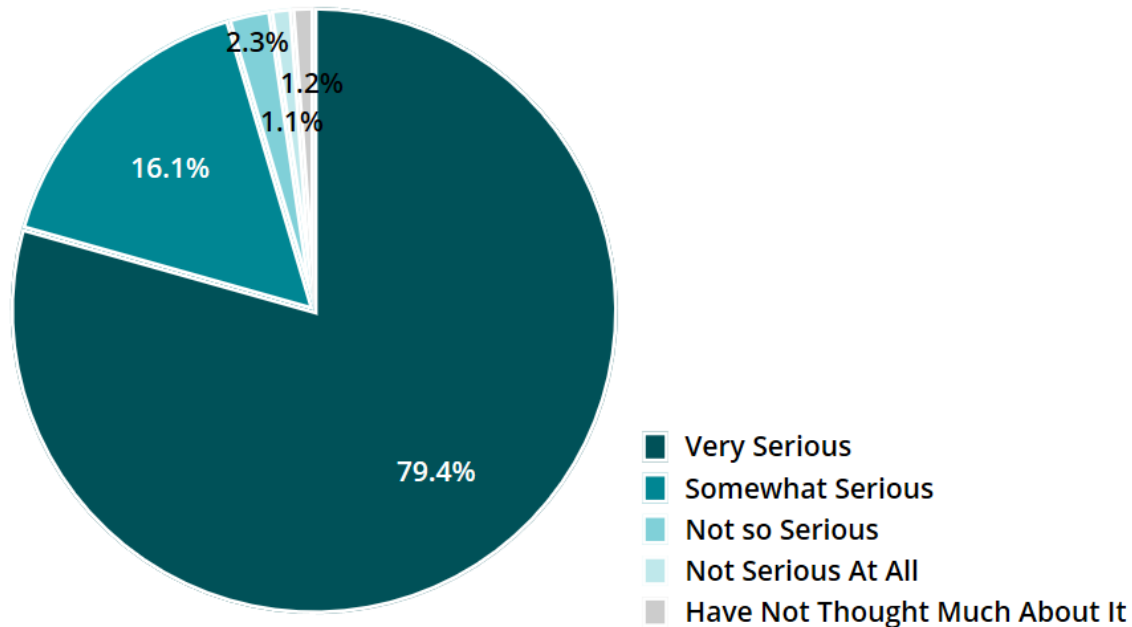
- 2,097 online interviews
- Pretest dates: September 23-25, 2020
- Fieldwork dates: October 14-23, 2020
- Survey language: Spanish
- Data collection software: SurveyToGo
- Sample design information:
 - Population universe: Adults 18 and older with access to a device with internet capabilities
 - Weighted by region, age, gender, and education level
 - Sample provided by Netquest, a commercial panel provider. Netquest's main recruitment channel consists of invitational ads on social networks. In drawing the sample from the panel, Netquest used quotas based on recent, nationally representative data to ensure the data collected were as representative as possible. It is important to keep in mind that even with weights, online samples tend to overrepresent people with higher socioeconomic status
 - Data collection mode: Computer-Assisted Web Interviewing (CAWI)

2. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak

Summary of Findings

- Most Mexicans (79%) believe the pandemic is “very serious”
- People are worried that someone in their household will get sick or that they will not have access to needed healthcare
- People hold varying views regarding containment measures
 - Most (73%) do not think a person should take the law into their own hands to contain the virus
 - Over half (55%) do not think individuals should make decisions to protect themselves
 - Half (50%) think the government should arrest those violating social distancing rules

More than 3 in 4 think the outbreak is “very serious”



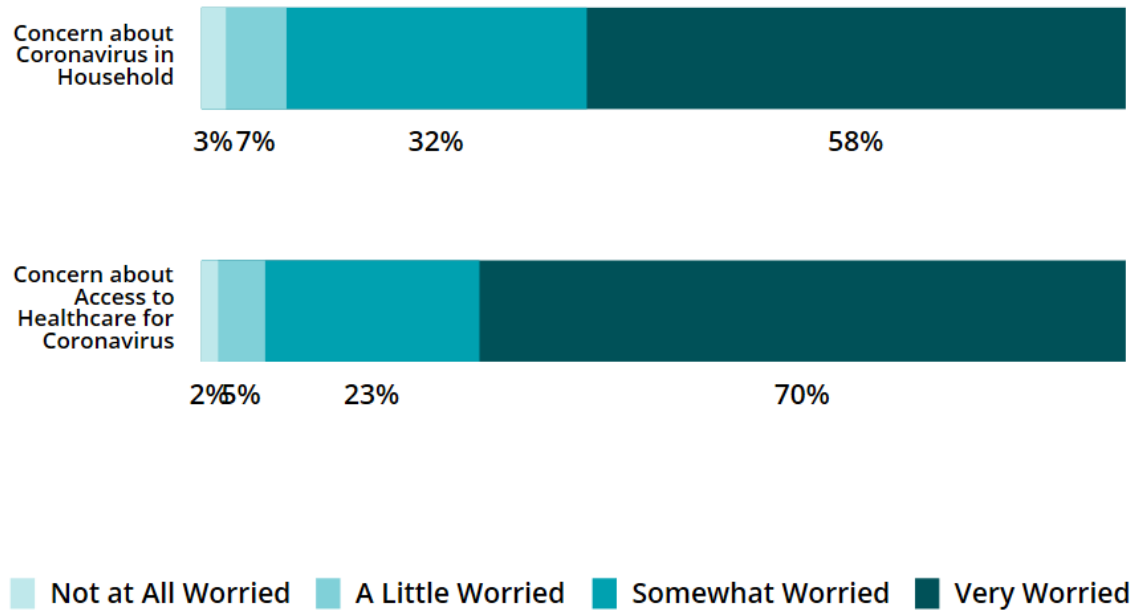
Seriousness of Coronavirus Outbreak

Source: LAPOP, Mexico CAWI 2020; v12022020

COVID1. ¿Qué tan serio piensa que es el problema del brote del coronavirus en México?

(1) Muy serio (2) Algo serio (3) Poco serio (4) Nada serio (5) No ha pensado mucho sobre esto

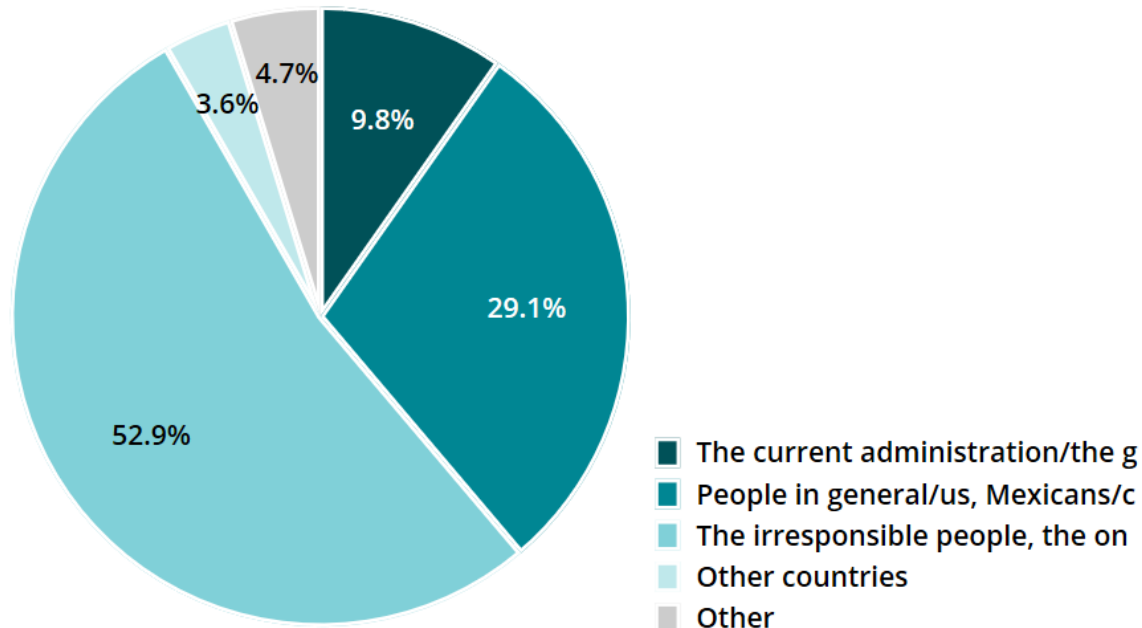
Most are worried that someone in their household will get sick and will not have access to needed healthcare



Source: LAPOP, Mexico CAWI 2020; v12022020

COVID2AT. ¿Qué tan preocupado(a) está sobre la posibilidad de que en los próximos 3 meses usted o alguien en su casa se enferme de coronavirus?
COVID2ET. ¿Y si usted o alguien en su casa se enfermara de coronavirus en los próximos 3 meses, qué tan preocupado(a) está de que puedan acceder a cuidados de salud adecuados para tratar la enfermedad?
(1) Muy preocupado(a) (2) Algo preocupado(a) (3) Poco preocupado(a) (4) Nada preocupado(a)

A majority attribute the increase in the spread of the coronavirus to irresponsible people

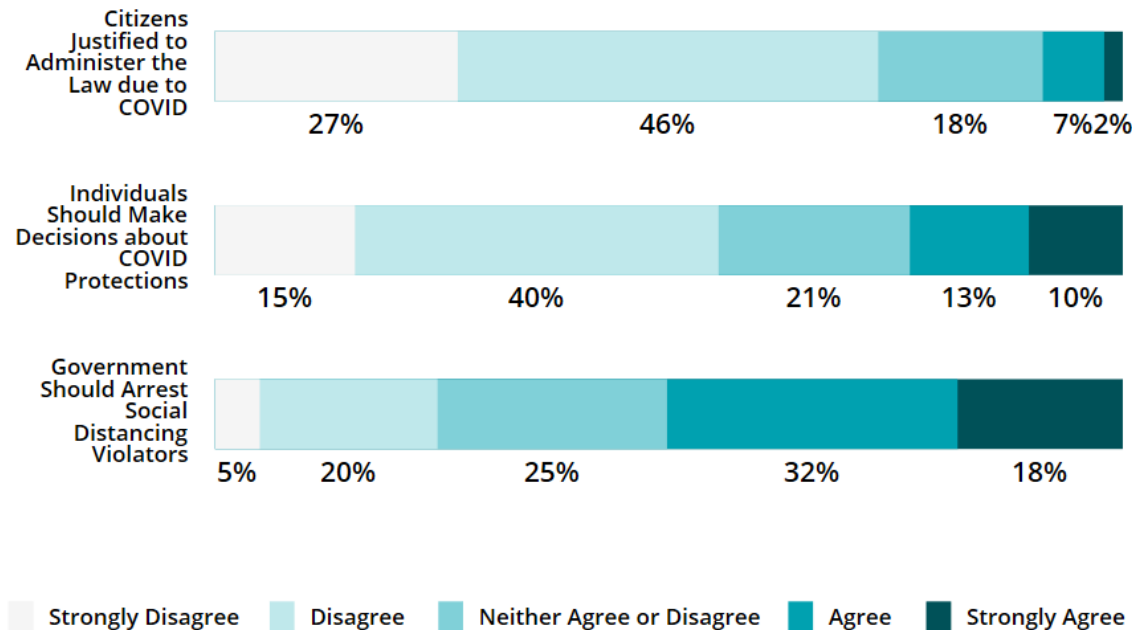


Attribution for Increase in COVID Spread

Source: LAPOP, Mexico CAWI 2020; v12022020

COVID4. *¿En su opinión, quién es el principal responsable del aumento en el número de casos de coronavirus en México?*

Views about proper containment measures are mixed



Source: LAPOP, Mexico CAWI 2020; v12022020

- Most (73%) do not think it is justified for a person to take the law into their own hands to contain the virus
- Over half (55%) do not think it should no be left to individuals to make decisions to protect themselves
- Half (50%) think the government should arrest those violating social distancing rules

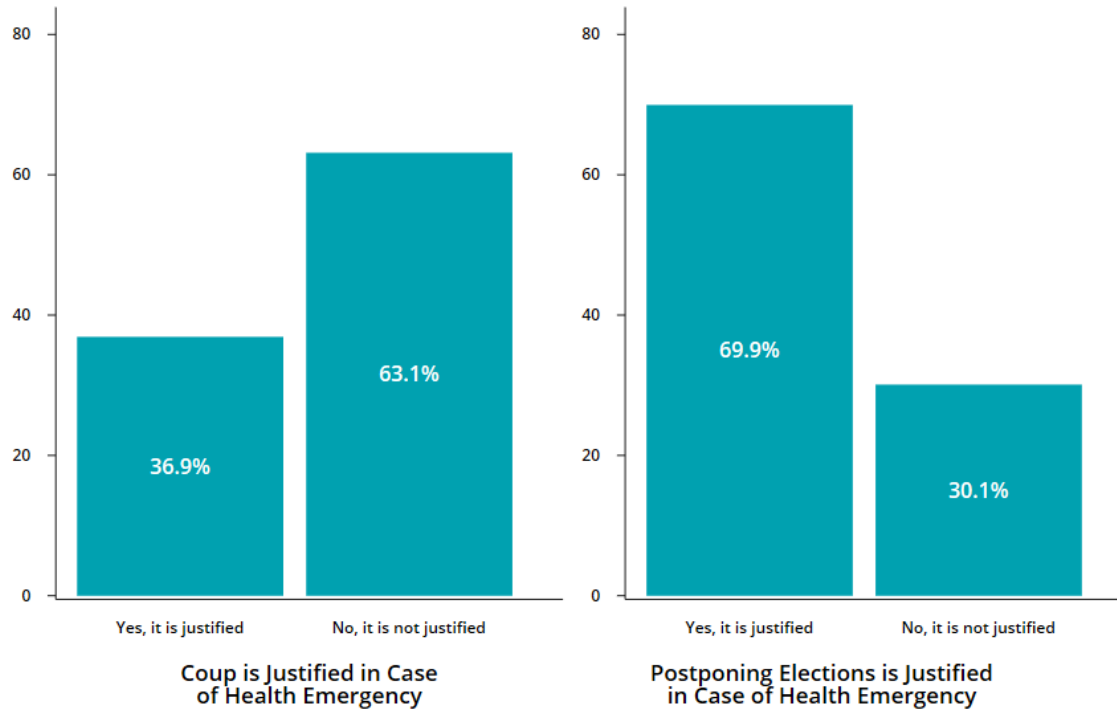
COVID22. Para enfrentar al coronavirus, puede ser justificable que los ciudadanos tomen la ley en sus propias manos. Está usted...

COVID20. En lugar de dejar que el gobierno imponga restricciones para enfrentar al coronavirus, deberíamos dejar que los individuos tomen las decisiones sobre cómo protegerse. Está usted...

COVID21. Para enfrentar al coronavirus, el gobierno debería arrestar a cualquiera que encuentre violando las reglas de distanciamiento social. Está usted...

1) Muy de acuerdo (2) De acuerdo (3) Ni de acuerdo ni en desacuerdo (4) En desacuerdo (5) Muy en desacuerdo

Over a third justify a coup during a health emergency, and most would allow the president to postpone elections



Source: LAPOP, Mexico CAWI 2020; v12022020

In comparison...

- 32% think a coup is justified under high corruption
- 50% think it is justified for the President to postpone elections in case of violence

JC13COVID. Cuando hay una emergencia de salud pública como el coronavirus... (1) Se justificaría que los militares tomen el poder por un golpe de Estado
(2) No se justificaría que los militares tomen el poder por un golpe de Estado

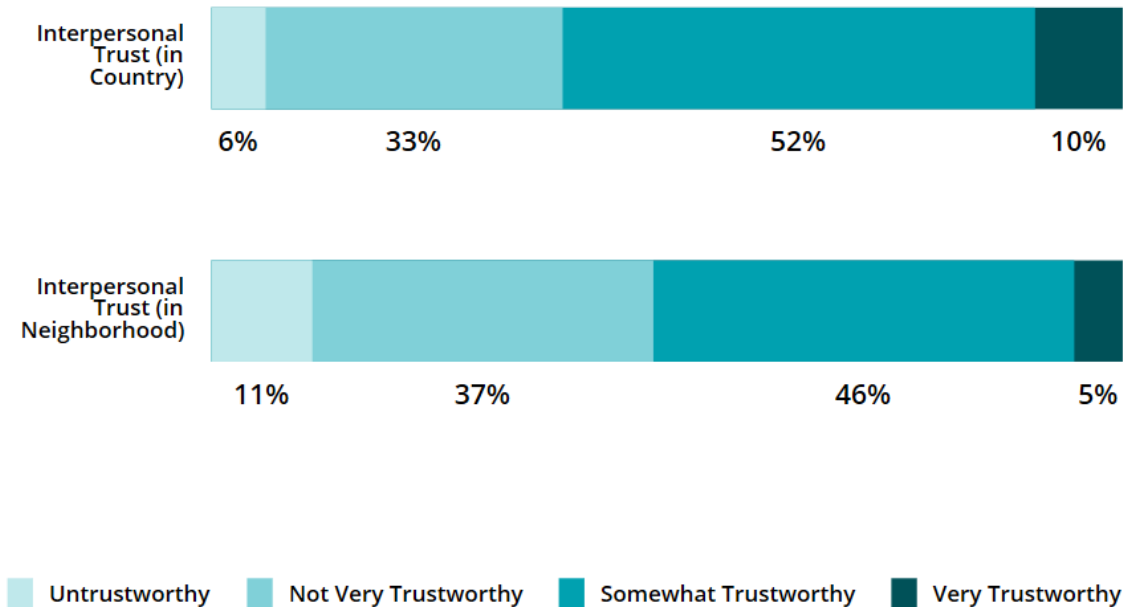
JCCOV1. ¿Cree usted que cuando hay una emergencia de salud pública como el coronavirus, se justifica que el presidente posponga las elecciones?
(1) Sí se justifica (2) No se justifica

3. Trust in Others

Summary of Findings

- People trust fellow Mexicans more than their neighbors

Respondents trust fellow Mexicans more than they trust their neighbors



Source: LAPOP, Mexico CAWI 2020; v12022020

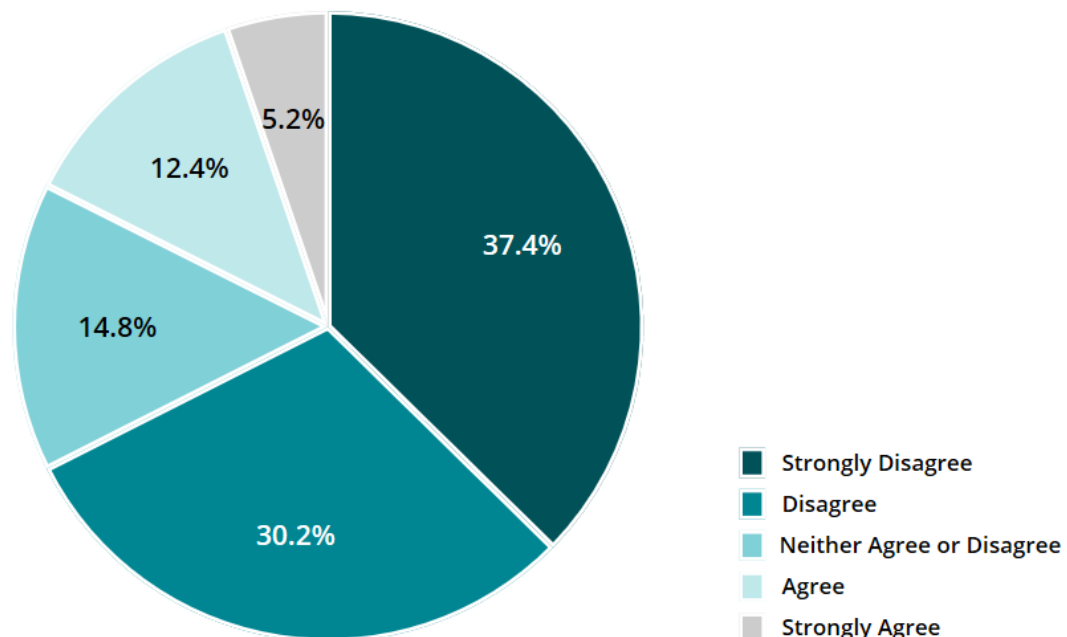
IT1N2. Y hablando de los mexicanos, ¿diría usted que la gente en este país es muy confiable, algo confiable, poco confiable, o nada confiable?
IT1. Y hablando de la gente de su vecindario o comunidad, ¿diría usted que la gente de su comunidad es muy confiable, algo confiable, poco confiable, o nada confiable?

4. Gender-Based Violence

Summary of Findings

- Most (67%) disagree that domestic violence is a private matter
- Over two-thirds (69%) disagree that women have a duty to obey their partner
- Three in four (74%) disagree that women need permission to visit friends and family
- A majority disagree with violence among partners regardless of gender
 - However, people choose the “strongly disagree” category more often in every instance when men are the aggressors compared to when women are the aggressors

Most disagree that domestic violence is a private matter

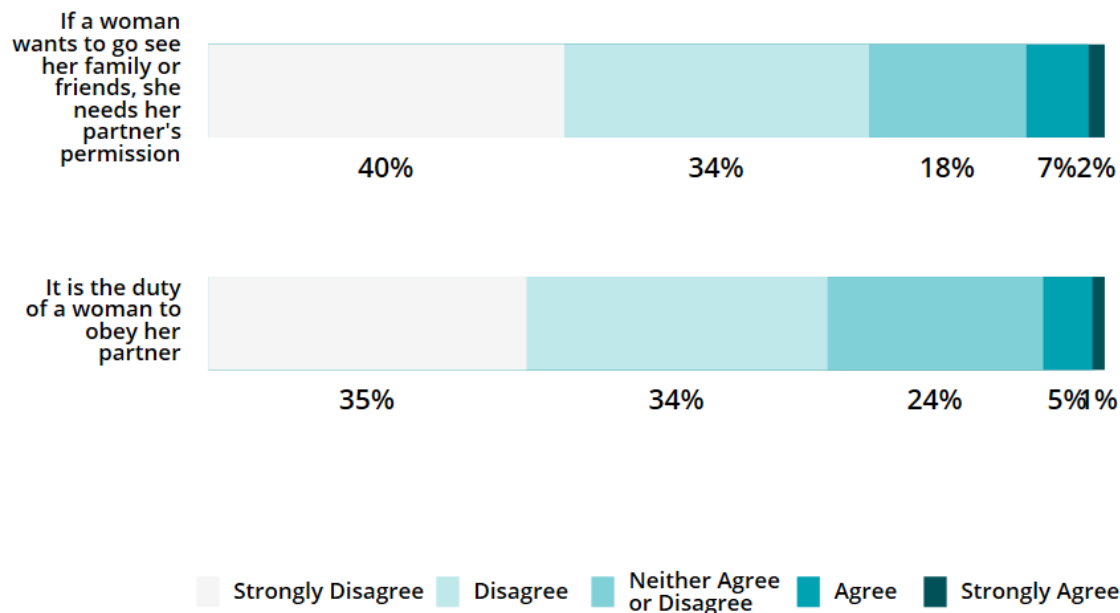


Domestic Violence is a Private Matter

Source: LAPOP, Mexico CAWI 2020; v12022020

GENOR4. La violencia física entre miembros de una pareja es un asunto privado y debe manejarse dentro de la pareja o la familia cercana. Está usted...
(1) Muy de acuerdo (2) De acuerdo (3) Ni de acuerdo ni en desacuerdo (4) En desacuerdo (5) Muy en desacuerdo

Most disagree that a woman needs permission to visit friends and family and that a woman must obey her partner



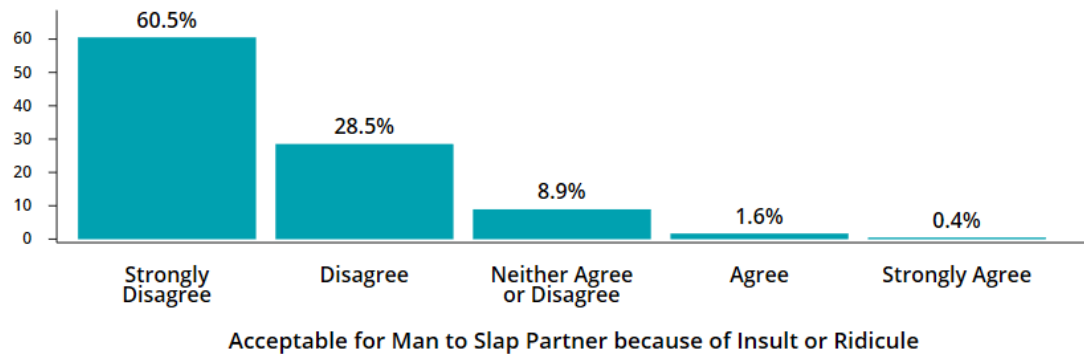
Source: LAPOP, Mexico CAWI 2020; v12022020

GENOR1. Es el deber de una mujer obedecer a su pareja. Está usted...

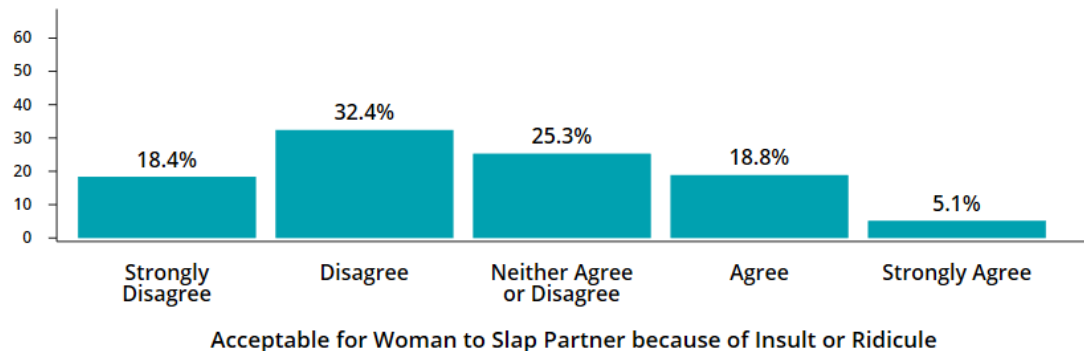
GENOR2. Si una mujer quiere ir a ver a sus familiares o amigos, necesita el permiso de su pareja. Está usted...

(1) Muy de acuerdo (2) De acuerdo (3) Ni de acuerdo ni en desacuerdo (4) En desacuerdo (5) Muy en desacuerdo

Most believe partners should not slap each other as a response to an insult or ridicule



- Only 2% agree that a man can slap his partner if she insults him



- Almost 24% believe it's okay for a woman to hit her partner

ACCBBV1A. *Está bien que un hombre le dé una cachetada a su pareja si ella lo insulta o ridiculiza. Está usted...*

ACCBBV1B *Está bien que una mujer le dé una cachetada a su pareja si él la insulta o ridiculiza. Está usted*

(1) *Muy de acuerdo*

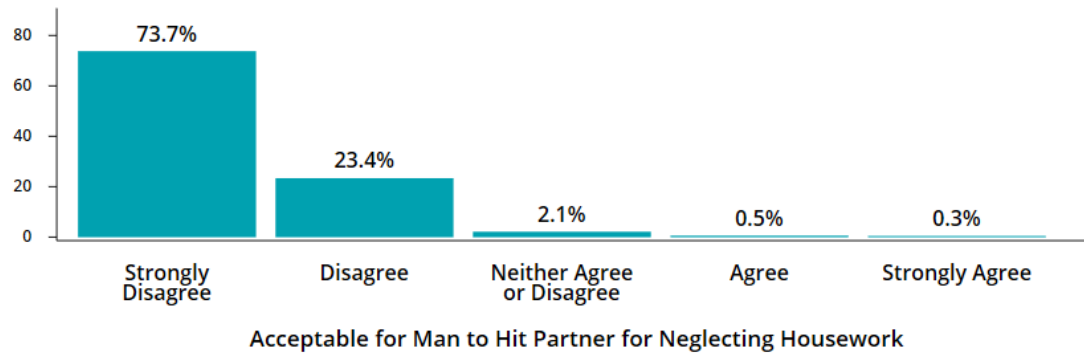
(2) *De acuerdo*

(3) *Ni de acuerdo ni en desacuerdo*

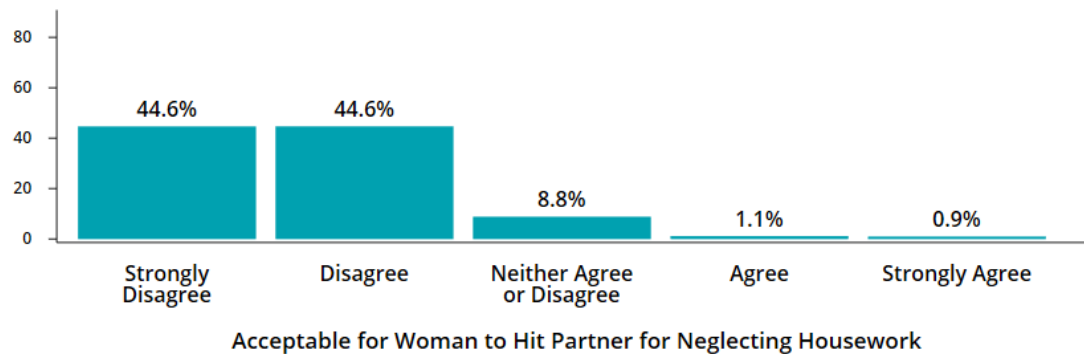
(4) *En desacuerdo*

(5) *Muy en desacuerdo*

Most believe partners should not hit each other for neglecting housework



- Less than 1% believe it's okay for a man to hit his partner if she neglects housework



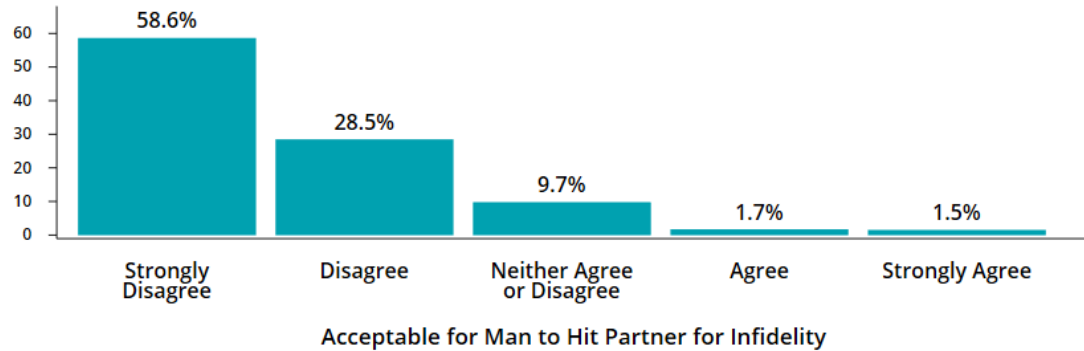
- Only 2% agree that a woman can hit her partner

ACCBV2A. *Está bien que un hombre golpee a su pareja si ella descuida las tareas del hogar. Está usted...*

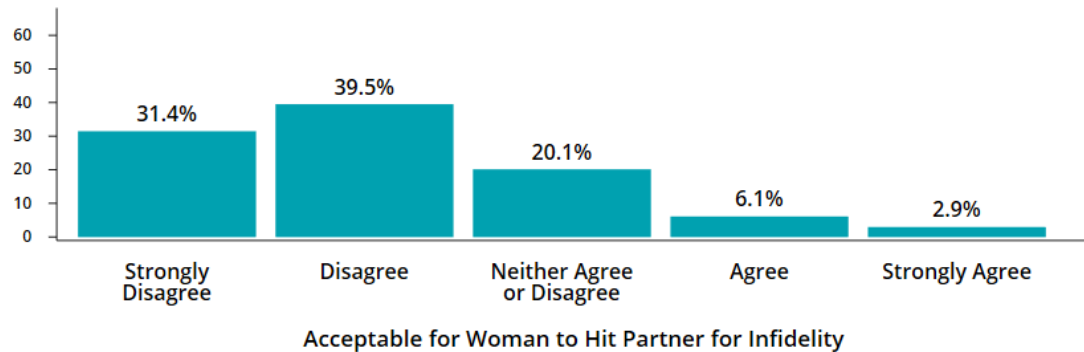
ACCBV2B. *Está bien que una mujer golpee a su pareja si él descuida las tareas del hogar. Está usted...*

(1) Muy de acuerdo (2) De acuerdo (3) Ni de acuerdo ni en desacuerdo (4) En desacuerdo (5) Muy en desacuerdo

Most believe partners should not hit each other if there is infidelity



- Over 3% agree a man can hit his partner



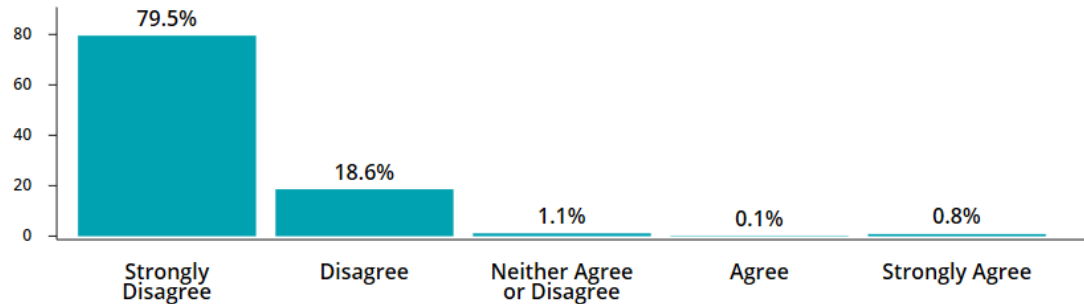
- 9% believe that a woman can hit her partner if he is unfaithful

ACCBBV3A. *Está bien que un hombre golpee a su pareja si ella le es infiel. Está usted...*

ACCBBV3B. *Está bien que una mujer golpee a su pareja si él le es infiel. Está usted...*

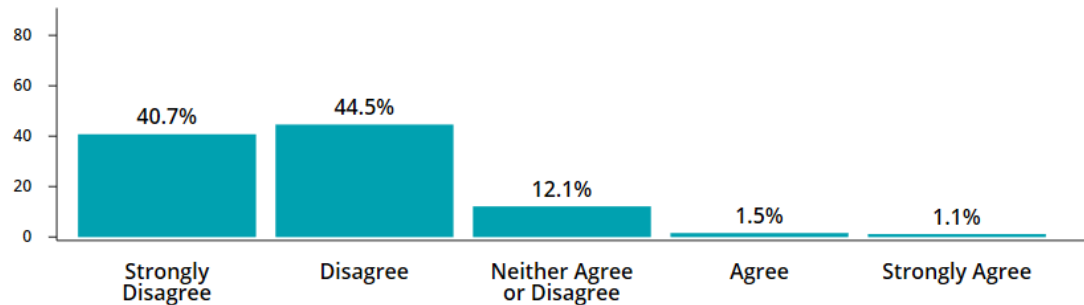
(1) Muy de acuerdo (2) De acuerdo (3) Ni de acuerdo ni en desacuerdo (4) En desacuerdo (5) Muy en desacuerdo

Most believe partners should not hit each other for failing to provide financial support to the family



Acceptable for Man to Hit Partner for Lack of Financial Support

- Less than 1% think it's okay for a man to hit his partner for this reason



Acceptable for Woman to Hit Partner for Lack of Financial Support

- 2.6% believe it's okay for a woman to hit her partner

ACBBV4A. *Está bien que un hombre golpee a su pareja si ella deja de poner dinero para mantener a la familia*

ACBBV4B. *Está bien que una mujer golpee a su pareja si él deja de poner dinero para mantener a la familia.*

(1) Muy de acuerdo (2) De acuerdo (3) Ni de acuerdo ni en desacuerdo (4) En desacuerdo (5) Muy en desacuerdo

5. Evaluations of the Political System

Summary of Findings

- There is little confidence in the protection of basic rights
- Almost 2 in 5 have pride in the political system, but a majority believe it should be supported
- Most (64%) agree that democracy is the best form of government, though only 40% are satisfied with how democracy functions in the country

There is little confidence in the protection of basic rights

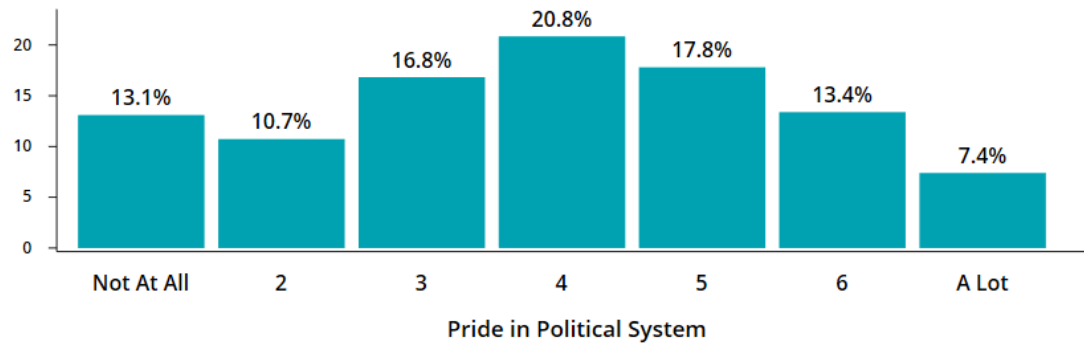


- 34.% believe basic rights are protected, responding 5 or higher

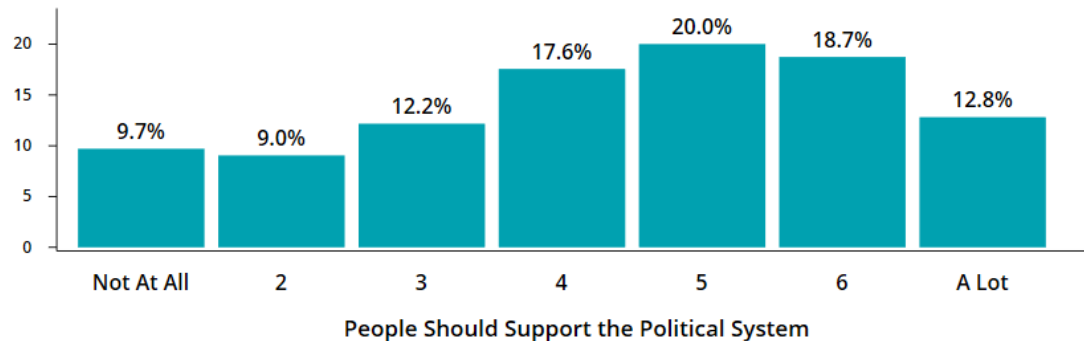
Source: LAPOP, Mexico CAWI 2020; v12022020

B3. *¿Hasta qué punto cree usted que los derechos básicos del ciudadano están bien protegidos por el sistema político mexicano?*

Almost 2 in 5 have pride in the political system, but a majority believe it should be supported



- 38.6% have pride in the political system, responding 5 or higher



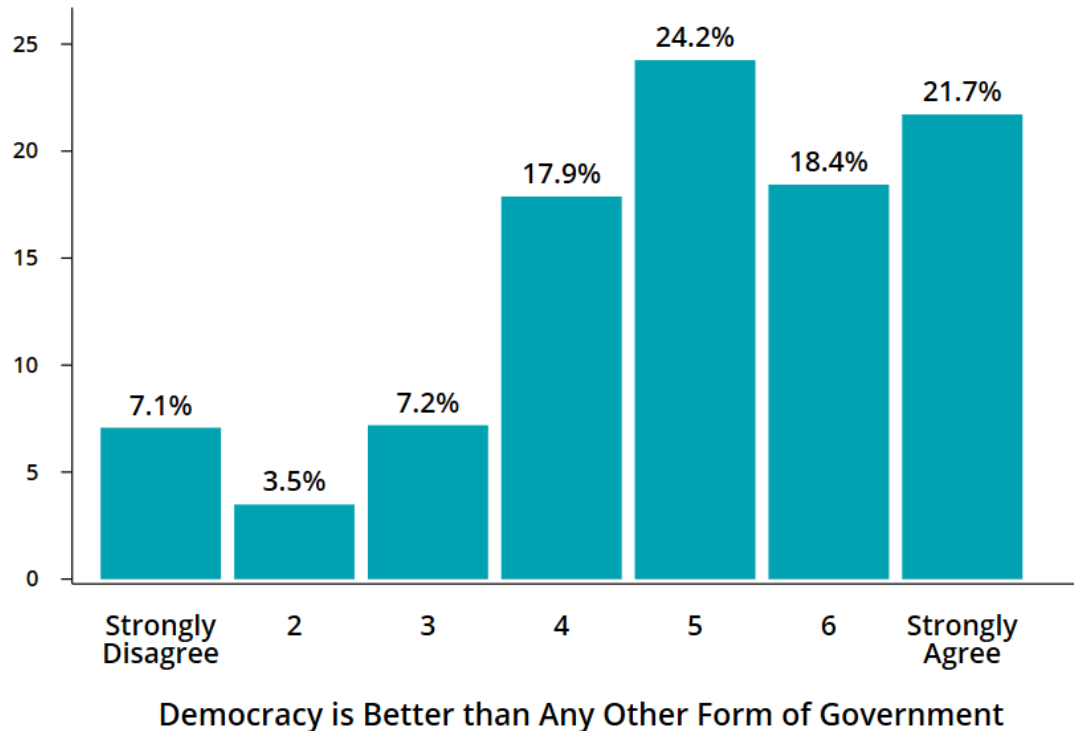
- Over one half (51.5%) believe that people should support the political system, responding 5 or higher

Source: LAPOP, Mexico CAWI 2020; v12022020

B4. ¿Hasta qué punto se siente usted orgulloso de vivir bajo el sistema político del México?

B6. ¿Hasta qué punto piensa usted que se debe apoyar al sistema político del México?

Most Mexicans agree that democracy is the best form of government, though around 7% “strongly disagree”

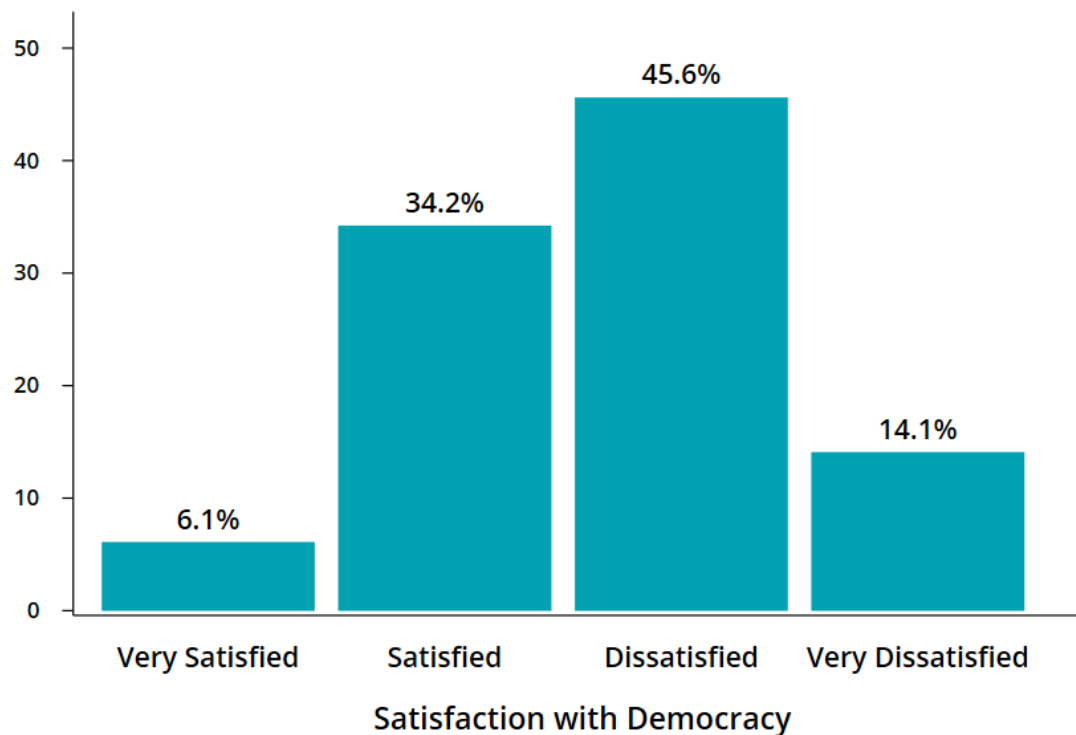


- Almost two-thirds (64.3%) support democracy, responding 5 or higher

Source: LAPOP, Mexico CAWI 2020; v12022020

ING4. Puede que la democracia tenga problemas, pero es mejor que cualquier otra forma de gobierno. ¿Hasta qué punto está de acuerdo o en desacuerdo con esta frase?

About 2 in 5 are “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with how democracy functions in Mexico



Source: LAPOP, Mexico CAWI 2020; v12022020

PN4. En general, ¿usted diría que está muy satisfecho(a), satisfecho(a), insatisfecho(a) o muy insatisfecho(a) con la forma en que la democracia funciona en México?

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