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They place RD among the most insecure countries

ONLY VENEZUELA EXCEEDS THE COUNTRY IN THAT AREA

- **Study.** The confidence deposited in the central institutions for the fight against crime and corruption has failed, according to the AmericasBarometer survey.

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The recent Barometer of the Americas survey placed yesterday the Dominican Republic in the second position with the highest average perception of insecurity in the entire region, second only to Venezuela.



According to the studies, for 45.8% of the surveyed population, the most serious problem in the country concerns issues related to crime and crime, whose percentage is much higher than 29 percent regarding matters related to the economy.

"The averages in the perception of insecurity in the neighborhood where the respondents live has increased from 56.3 points in 2014 to 59.0 in 2016, the highest in the decade," says the Barometer report.

In addition, the survey showed that crime victimization increased in the country by almost 10 percentage points in 2010 (16.6%) to 2016 (26.2%).

Corruption

"Dominicans perceive political corruption as a very widespread problem in their country," the study concludes.

For 83.9% of respondents, at least half of the politicians in the Dominican Republic are involved in corruption. While in the victimization by corruption, the police and the military head the list of officials who ask for bribes.

Mistrust

Likewise, the trust placed in the central institutions to combat crime and corruption has failed.

The study revealed that since 2008 there has been a statistically significant decline in the trust of citizens in Dominican justice.

Similarly, the trend in the National Police remained in 2016 with an average confidence of only 35.6 points.

In the regional comparison, the country ranks 27th among the 29 countries surveyed.

RESPONDERS AND USAID SUPPORT

COORDINATION: The AmericasBarometer is coordinated by a team at Vanderbilt University, which houses the Public Opinion Project of Latin America (LAPOP) and researchers who dedicate a large part of their time to this project with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

At the same time, the AmericasBarometer is an international collaboration project. For surveys in each country, experts in the field, local teams and USAID officials provide suggestions on specific modules.