



Nicaragua 1995: Cultura Política y Democratización en Nicaragua

Technical Information

<i>Country</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Size of Sample</i>	<i>Weighted/Unweighted</i>
Nicaragua	1995	1200	Weighted

This study was a follow up on the 1991 six nation study carried out by the University of Pittsburgh Central American Public Opinion Project. In 1995, the University of Pittsburgh, in a collaborative effort with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the Instituto de Estudios Nicaraguenses (IEN), replicated its survey in Nicaragua.

In 1995, Mitchell Seligson and Ricardo Córdova Macías, Executive Director of the Fundación Guillermo Ungo of El Salvador, carried out a national study of political attitudes in El Salvador. The Friedrich Ebert Foundation wished to replicate such a study in Nicaragua, and thus funded the national survey. A National Probability sample was collected from 1,200 respondents from every department in Nicaragua except Zelaya and Río San Juan (because of their low population density and remoteness). The field work was conducted by the Instituto de Estudios Nicaraguenses (IEN), under the general coordination of Rodolfo Delgado Romero, Executive Director.

It is worth mentioning that four other datasets were used in the elaboration of this report, although the main one was the one that has just been described. The other four datasets used were: 1) The six-nation study of 1991. 2) The Central American Local Government Study, which was conducted in 1994 and contained responses from 1,202 Nicaraguans from a National Probability sample. 3) The 1994 CID Gallup National Survey of Nicaragua which was a study requested by USAID to measure public opinion focused on democratic knowledge, attitudes and practice. The sample for this study was designed to represent the national population of Nicaragua, both urban and rural, and 2,420 people participated. 4) The CID Gallup 1994 Special Samples, which included interviews to special groups of particular interest to USAID.

The complete report, *Political Culture in Nicaragua: Transitions 1991-1995*, by Mitchell. A. Seligson, can be found at the LAPOP website in Spanish and English, www.lapopsurveys.org.