

Nicaraguans talk about corruption: A Study of Public Opinion

Technical Information

Country	Year	Sample Size	Weighted/Unweighted
Nicaragua	1996	2,400	Weighted

This study was carried out in 1996. The fieldwork was conducted by Borge and Associates of Costa Rica under the supervision of Prof. Andrew Stein.

The survey was a national probability design, with a total N of 2,400. The sample was drawn from every Nicaraguan department except Rio San Juan, which, because of its remote location and low population density, was excluded due to budget constraints. The sample represents 98,3% of the population. The sample is representative at the Department level, but weights need to be applied in order to adjust the distribution of the sample to match the national population distribution.

The complete sample of 2,400 respondents was gathered by selecting six voting units in every department and conducting 150 interviews in each one. In the case of Managua, however, 300 interviews were conducted because of its democratic and political importance. The sample has an estimated margin of error of $\pm 2\%$ (at the 95% level). The full version of the report as well as the complete questionnaire can be found at the LAPOP website in both Spanish and English: “Nicaraguans talk about corruption, A Study of Public Opinion,” written by Mitchell Seligson.

The survey report analyzes the attitudes of Nicaragua’s citizens towards corruption experience, perceptions of corruption and democracy.