The Central American Public Opinion Project (CAPOP) includes a study of the elite public opinion in Panama City. This small sample is not representative of the national population of Panama, nor of its political elites. Only 29 observations were collected, 25 of them among male respondents. Mostly legislators were selected for the interviews (72%), but other officials were recruited as well, such as ambassadors, police chiefs and ministers. It was designed to complement the CAPOP urban sample conducted in the metropolitan Panama City area that same year. CAPOP was a precursor of LAPOP when the countries were confined to Central America.

Orlando Pérez undertook the fieldwork. Category labels for some variables remain undefined. No study has been conducted with these data.

The complete questionnaire and report can be found at www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/panama.php.

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