This survey was carried out between January and February of 2010, as part of the LAPOP AmericasBarometer 2010 wave of surveys. It is a follow-up of the national surveys of 2004, 2006 and 2008 carried out by the LAPOP. The 2010 survey was conducted by Vanderbilt University, Alianza Ciudadana and Pro Justicia with field work being carried out by Borges y Asociados. The 2010 AmericasBarometer received generous support from many sources, including USAID, UNDP, IADB, Vanderbilt U., Princeton U., Université Laval, U. of Notre Dame, among others.

The project used a national probability sample design of voting-age adults, with a total N of 1,536 people involving face-to-face interviews conducted in Spanish. The survey used a complex sample design, taking into account stratification and clustering.

The sample was stratified by regions (metropolitan area, oriental, central, and occidental region). Each stratum was further sub-stratified by urban and rural areas. Respondents were selected in clusters of 6-8 interviews in urban areas and 10-12 in rural areas.

The sample consists of 76 primary sampling units and 112 final sampling units, including 10 provinces in Panama. A total of 960 respondents were surveyed in urban areas and 576 in rural areas. The estimated margin of error for the survey is ± 2.5.

The complete report and questionnaire can be found at Political Culture of Democracy in Panama, 2010: Democratic Consolidation in the Americas during Hard Times, written by Orlando Pérez. Readers can access the publication through a link on the LAPOP website: www.AmericasBarometer.org.