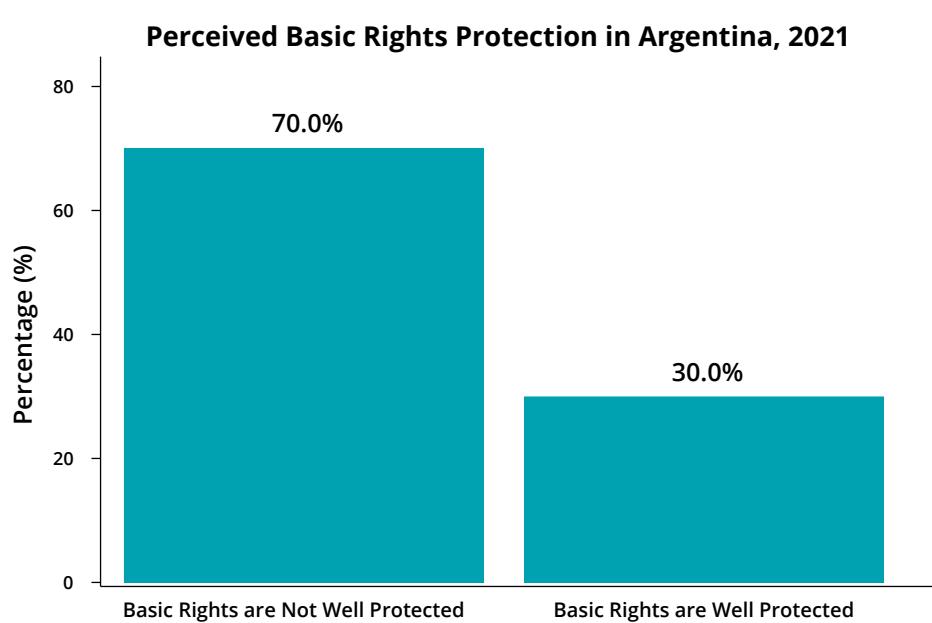


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Spotlight on Perceived Basic Rights Protection in Argentina

In Argentina, the belief that the basic rights of citizens are well protected by the government recovered in 2021

One in three Argentines believe that citizens' basic rights are well protected



Since 2008, LAPOP's AmericasBarometer has measured perceived basic rights protection in Argentina with the following question: **B3: To what extent do you think that citizens' basic rights are well protected by the political system of Argentina?** Respondents indicated their opinion using a 1 to 7 scale, where 1 means "not at all" and 7 means "a lot." Here we recode responses into a dichotomous variable, which allows us to estimate the percentage of people in the country that believe that the government protects citizens' basic rights. Specifically, responses were recoded into a dichotomous variable by combining responses "5" through "7" into a "Basic Rights are Well Protected" category, while placing the remaining responses ("1" through "4") into a baseline "Basic Rights are Not Well Protected" category.

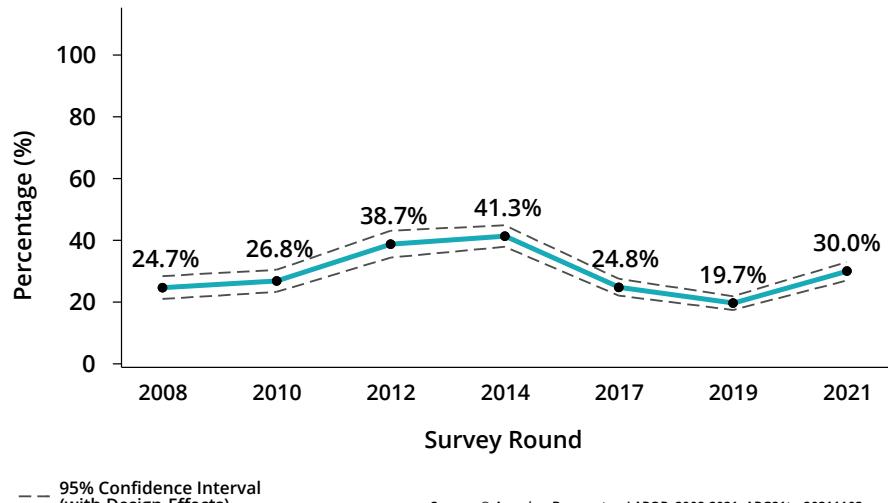
Less than a third (30.0%) of Argentines believe their basic rights are well protected. Most Argentines (70.0%) do not believe that their basic rights are well protected by the government.



Belief that basic rights are well protected by the political system of Argentina recovered in 2021

The belief that citizens' basic rights are well protected by the political system in Argentina reached its highest level in the 2014 round of the AmericasBarometer, when more than two in five (41.3%) respondents said that they believed their basic rights were protected. This rate steadily declined until an increase between 2019 and 2021, when belief that basic rights are protected recovered by 10.3 percentage points.

Belief that Basic Rights are Well Protected in Argentina, 2008-2021

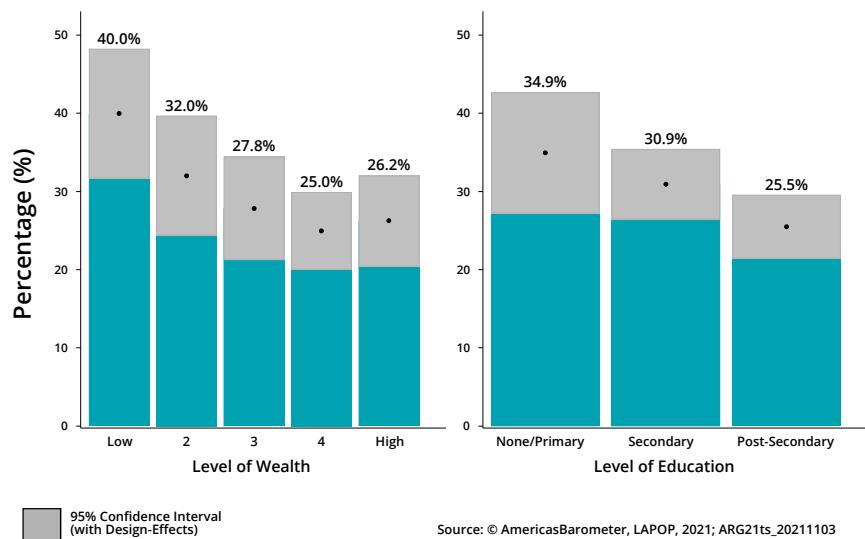


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The belief that citizens' basic rights are well protected is highest among those with lower levels of wealth and those with lower levels of education

What characteristics of individuals predict the belief that individuals' basic rights are well protected by the political system in Argentina? Individuals with the lowest level of wealth (40.0%) tend to believe that their government protects citizens' basic rights at higher rates than individuals with the highest levels of wealth (25.0% and 26.2%, respectively). Individuals with no education or at least some primary education (34.9%), or at least some secondary education (30.9%) have higher levels of belief that their government protects citizens' basic rights than individuals with a post-secondary education (25.5%). Gender and age are not a significant predictor of the perception of basic rights protection.¹

Belief that Basic Rights are Well Protected in Argentina, 2021



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¹ Due to changes in survey mode in the 2021 AmericasBarometer, place of residence was not analyzed in this Spotlight report.

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