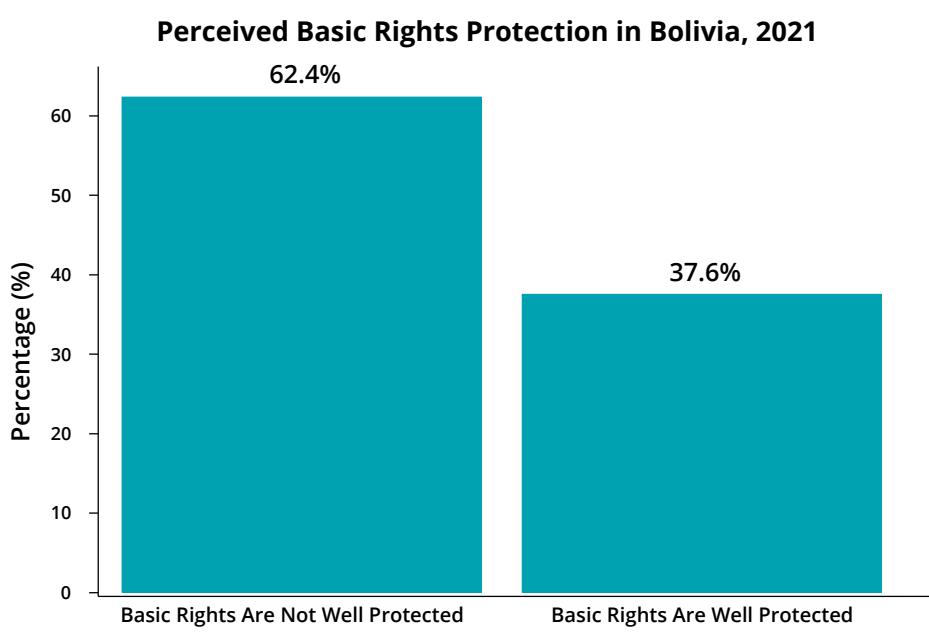


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Spotlight on Perceived Basic Rights Protection in Bolivia

The perceived protection of basic rights is on the rise again in Bolivia

More than one-third of Bolivians believe their basic rights are well protected



Since 2004, LAPOP's AmericasBarometer has measured the perceived protection of basic rights among Bolivians by asking the following question: **B3. To what extent do you think that citizens' basic rights are well protected by the political system of Bolivia?** Here, we recode responses into a dichotomous variable which allows us to estimate the proportion of people in Bolivia that believe that their basic rights are protected. Specifically, responses were recoded by combining responses "5" through "7" into one category, indicating the belief that basic rights are well protected, while placing the other responses ("1" through "4") into a baseline category.

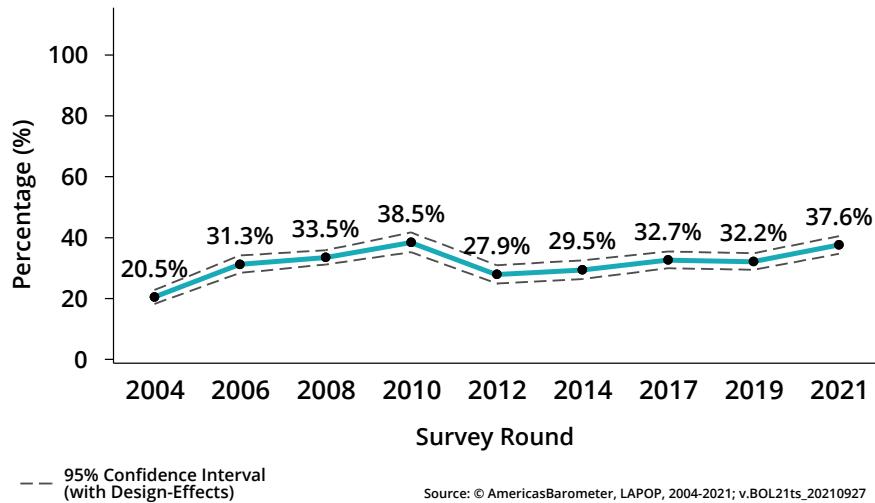
We find that while more than one-third believe their rights are well protected (37.6%), most Bolivians (62.4%) believe that their basic rights are not well protected by their country's government.



The belief that basic rights are well protected in Bolivia reached its highest level since 2010

The percent of Bolivians reporting that their basic rights are well protected increased steadily from 2004 to 2010 (20.5% to 38.5%) before falling to 27.9% in 2012. Since then, belief in basic rights protection has continued to increase, reaching 37.6% in the 2021 round.

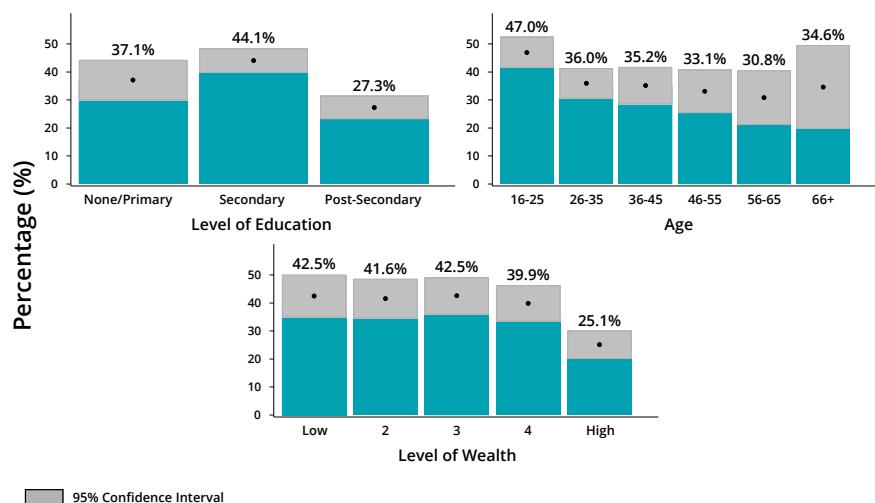
Belief that Basic Rights Are Well Protected in Bolivia, 2004-2021



Bolivians who are younger, have a secondary education or lower, and are in the low and middle levels of wealth are more likely to perceive that their basic rights are well protected

What characteristics of individuals predict the belief in basic rights protection in Bolivia? Individuals who have completed at least some post-secondary education (27.3%) are less likely to report the belief that their basic rights are well protected than respondents with lower education levels. Belief in basic rights protection is higher among respondents ages 16-25 (47.0%) in comparison to any other age group, except those age 66 and older. Those in the highest wealth category are least likely to believe their basic rights are well protected (25.1%) than those in all other wealth groups.¹

Belief that Basic Rights Are Well Protected in Bolivia, 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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