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The Status of Democracy in Trinidad and Tobago: A citizens' view

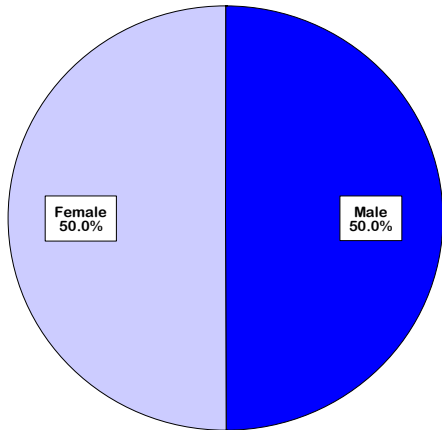
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Sample Design

Methodology

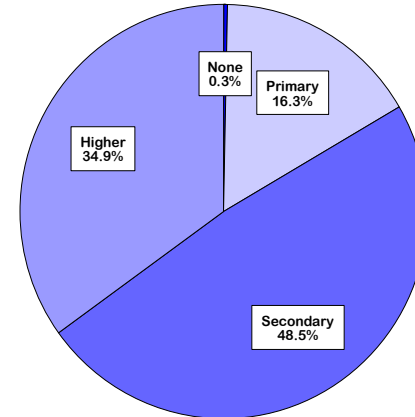
- **Face-to-face interviews by trained interviewers**
- **National probability samples of 1500 respondents 18 years and older**
- **Probability Proportional to Size (PPS) is used at every stage of sampling**
- **Sample is stratified to ensure that all major demographic segments of the population are included in the sample**
- **Estimated Error: +/- 3% with 95% confidence interval**
- **Interviews were carried out by The institute of International Relations (IIR) at UWI**

Sample Description



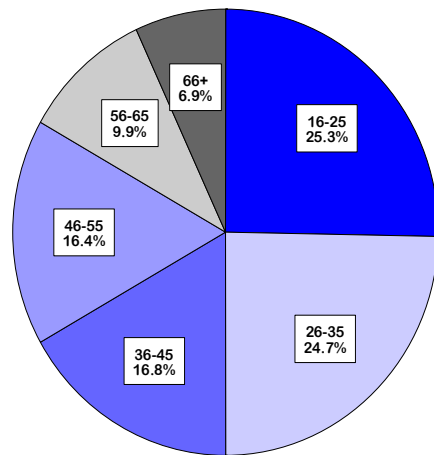
Sex

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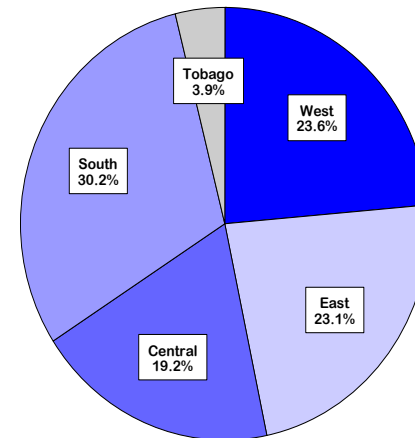
Education Level

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Age

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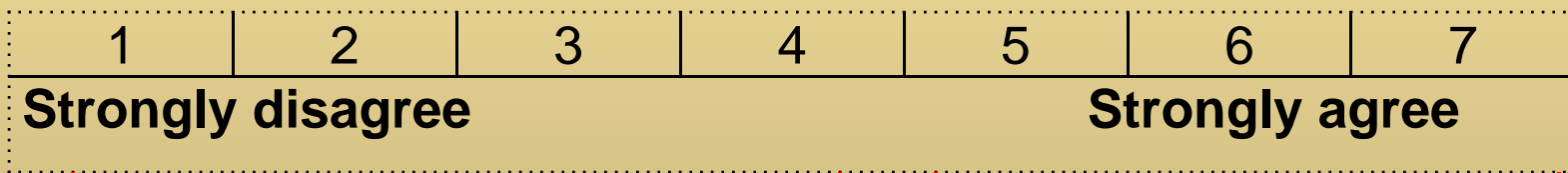
Regions

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Support for Democracy as System

Agreement with Churchill?

“Democracy may have problems, but it is better than any other form of government. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?”

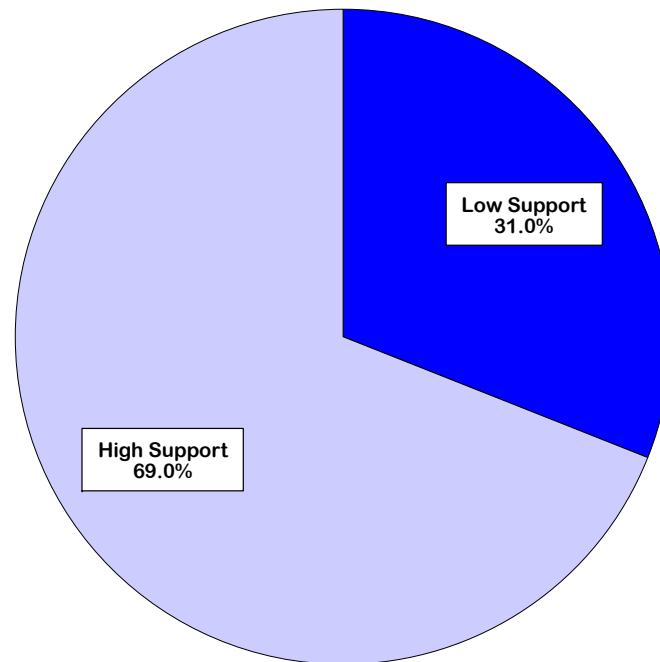


Low Support

High Support

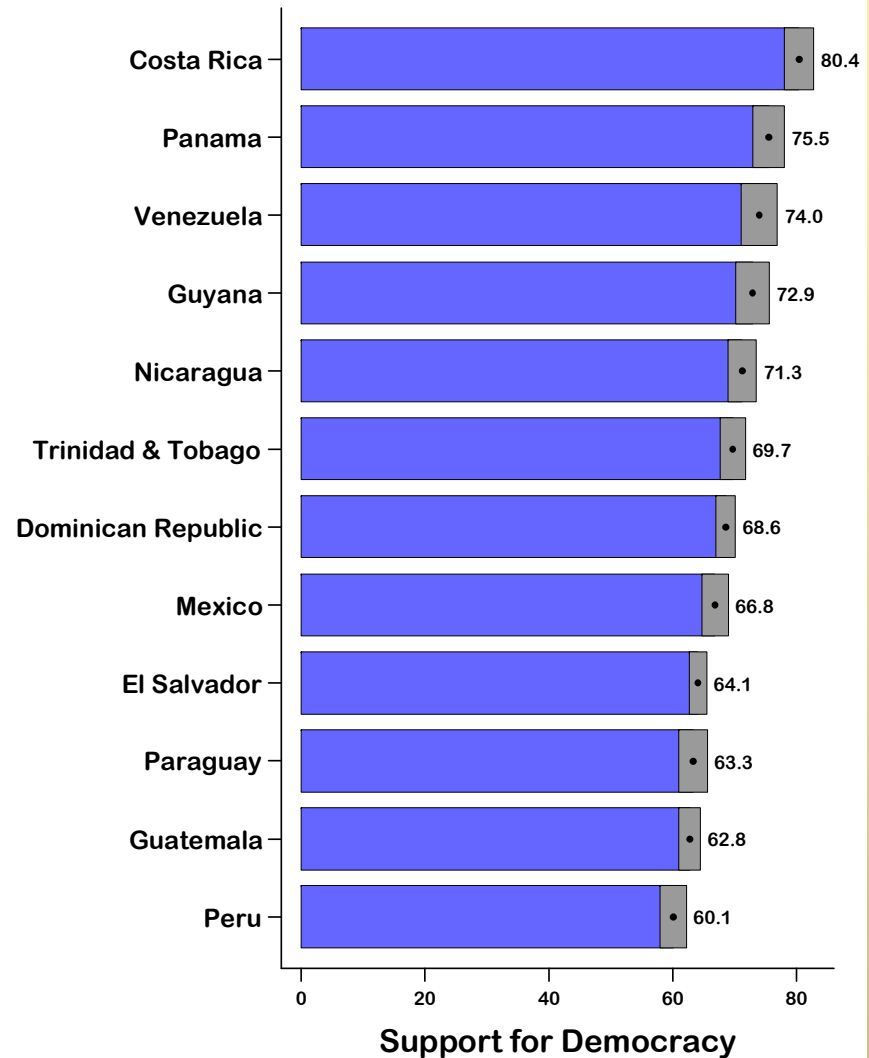
Support for Democracy in T&T

Substantial proportions of citizens agree with Churchill



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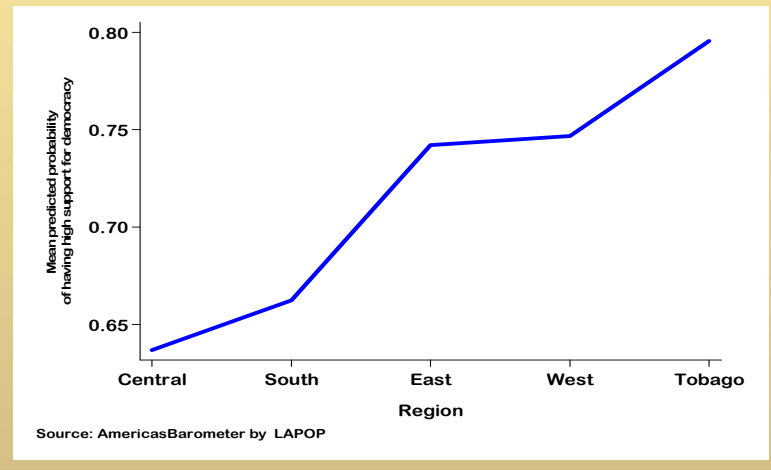
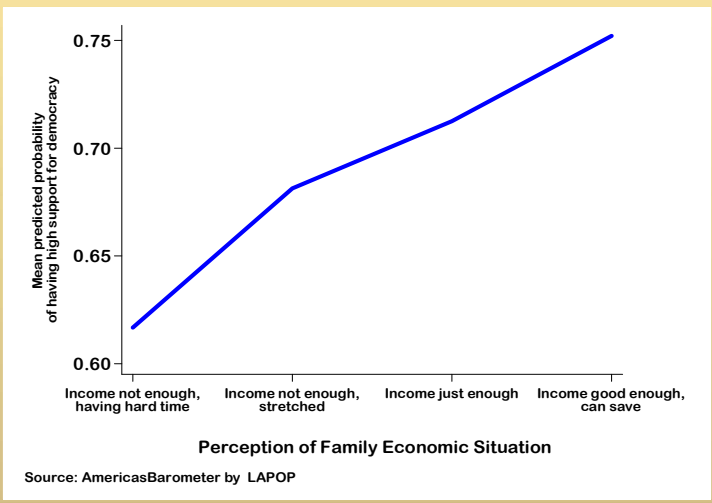
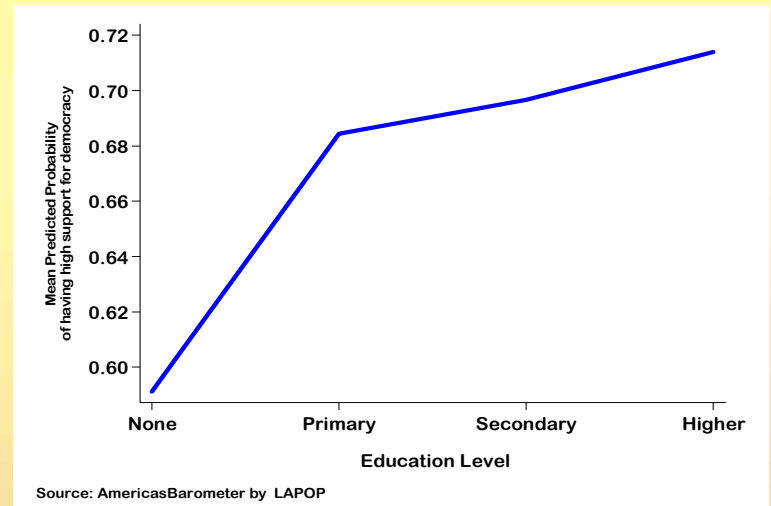
Support for Democracy in T&T in Comparative Perspective



95% Confidence Interval (Design-Effects Based)

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Who are more likely to have “high” support for democracy in T&T?



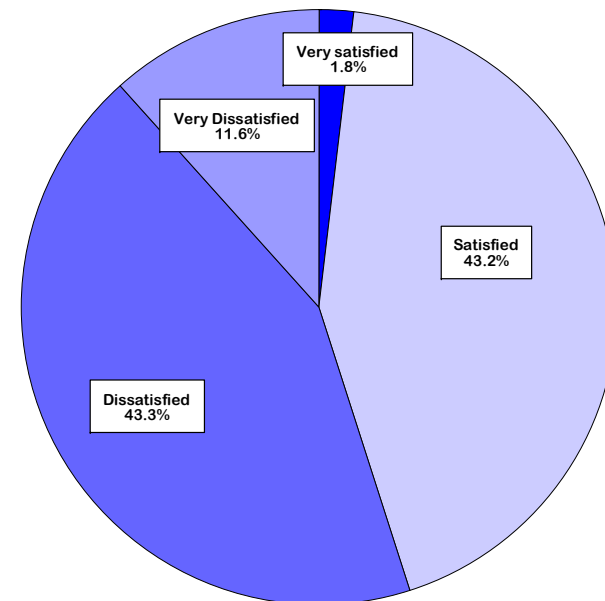
Results significant at $p < 0.05$; control variables included

Satisfaction with Democracy

Satisfaction with the way democracy works in T&T

PN4. In general, would you say that you are very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the way democracy works in Trinidad & Tobago?

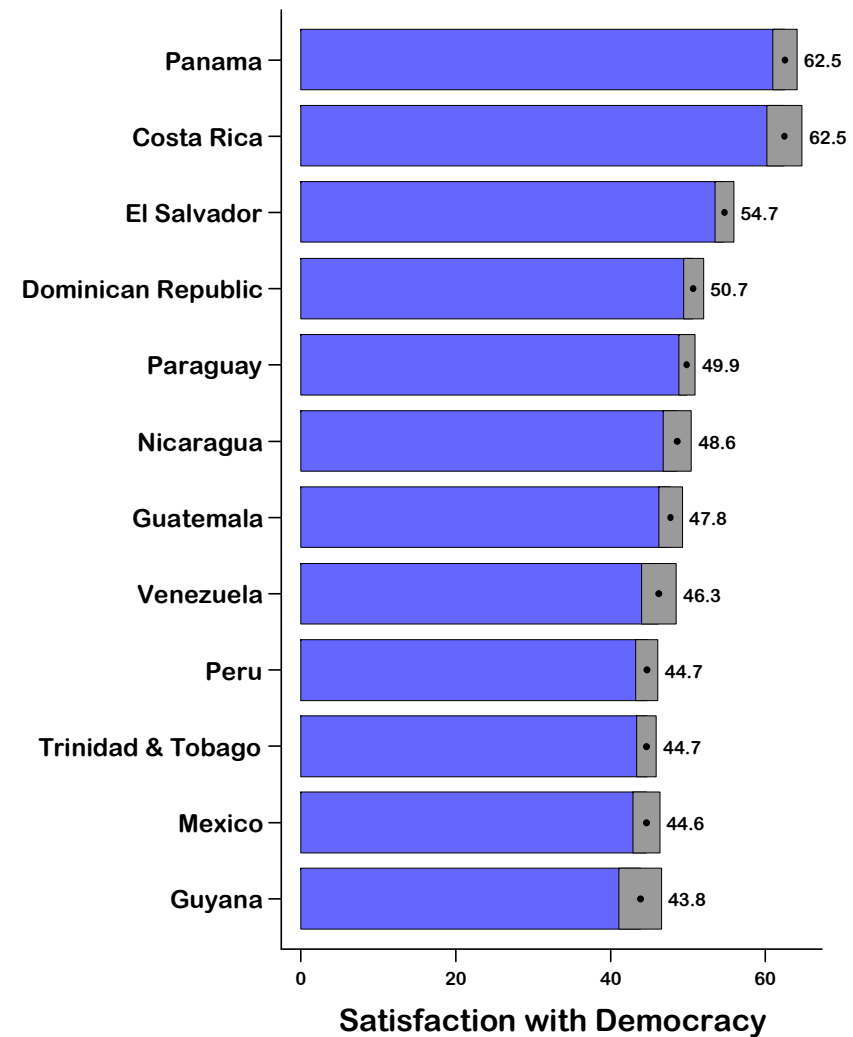
- (1) Very satisfied
 - (2) Satisfied
 - (3) Dissatisfied
 - (4) Very dissatisfied
- (88) DK (98)DA



Level of Satisfaction with The Way Democracy Works in T&T

Source: AmericasBarometer by LAPOP

Satisfaction with Democracy in T&T in Comparative Perspective



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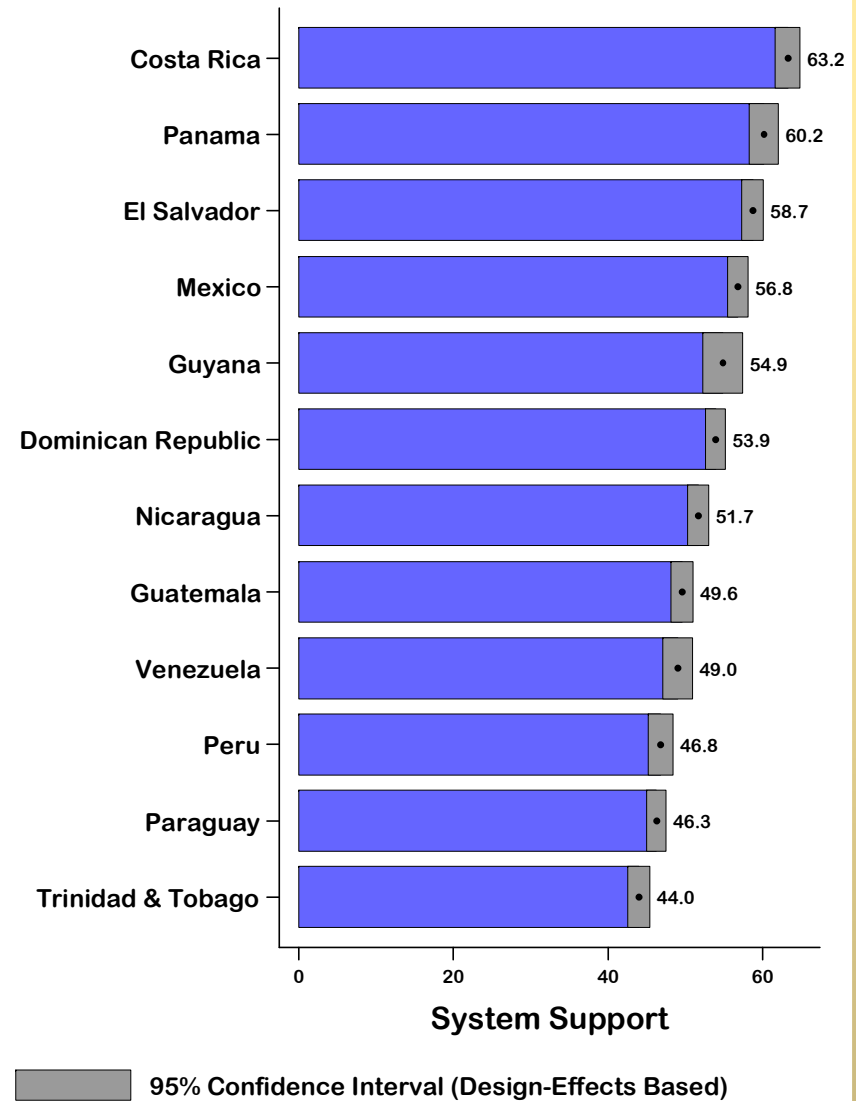
System Support Index

Items used to create “System Support” Index

- **B1.** To what extent do you think the **courts** in (country) **guarantee a fair trial**?
- **B2.** ¿To what extent do you respect the **political institutions** of (country)?
- **B3.** To what extent do you think that **citizens’ basic rights are well protected** by the political system of (country)?
- **B4.** To what extent do you feel proud of **living under the political system** of (country)?
- **B6.** To what extent do you think that one should **support** the political system of (country)?

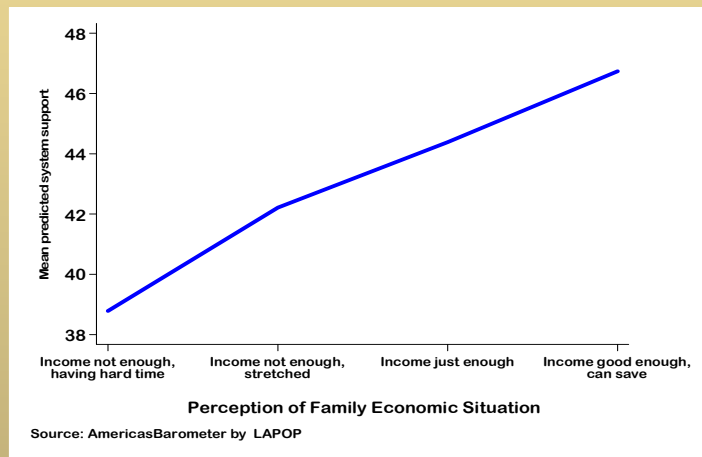
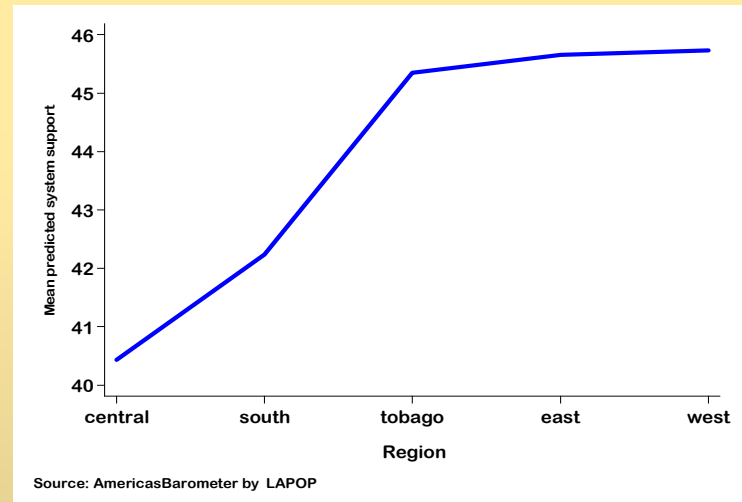
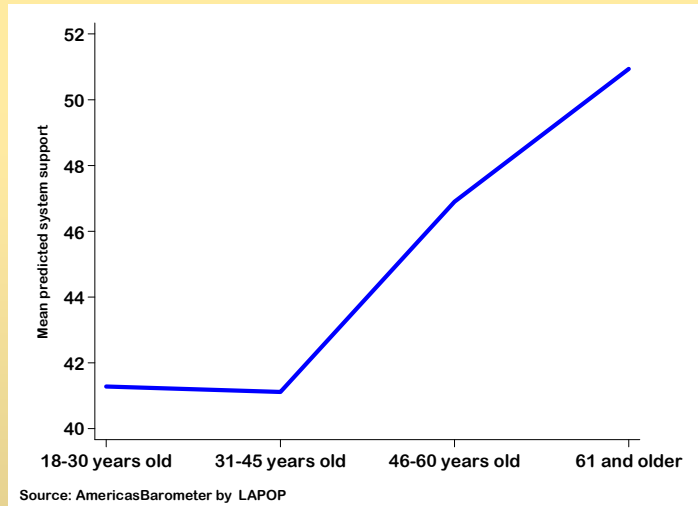
A lot	7
	6
	5
	4
	3
	2
Not at all	1

Support for the Political System in T&T in Comparative Perspective



Source: AmericasBarometer by LAPOP

Who supports the political system in T&T?



Results significant at $p < 0.05$; control variables included

Economic Crisis and its Relationship on Democracy

Perception of the Economic Crisis

CRISIS1. Some say that our country is suffering a very serious economic crisis, others say that we are suffering a crisis but it is not very serious, while others say that there isn't any economic crisis. What do you think? **[Read options]**

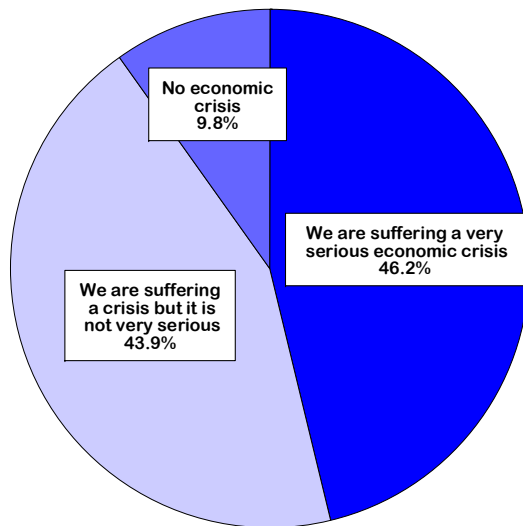
- (1) We are suffering a very serious economic crisis
- (2) We are suffering a crisis but it is not very serious, or
- (3) No economic crisis **[Go to VB1]**
- (88) DK **[Go to VB1]** (98) DA **[Go to VB1]**

CRISIS2. Who is the most to blame for the current economic crisis in our country from among the following: **[READ LIST, MARK ONLY ONE RESPONSE]**

- (01) The previous administration
- (02) The current administration
- (03) Ourselves, the Belizeans
- (04) The rich people of our country
- (05) The problems of democracy
- (06) The rich countries **[Accept also Unites States, England, France, Germany, and Japan]**
- (07) The economic system of the country, or
- (08) Never have thought about it
- (77) **[Don't read]** Other
- (88) **[Don't read]** DK (98) **[Don't read]** DR (99) N/A

Is There an Economic Crisis?

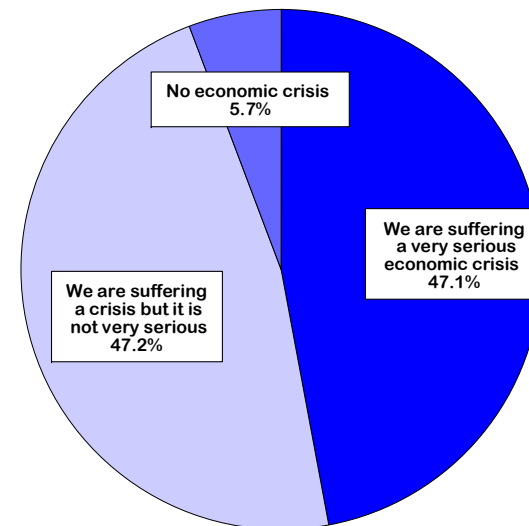
Trinidad & Tobago



Economic Crisis Perception

Source: AmericasBarometer by LAPOP

Latin America and the Caribbean

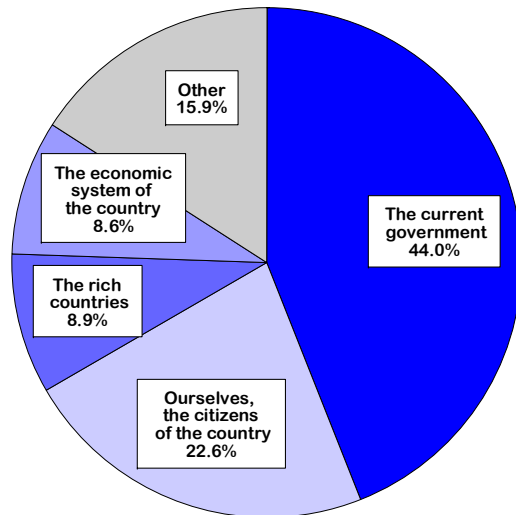


Perception of Economic Crisis

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Who is to blame for the crisis?

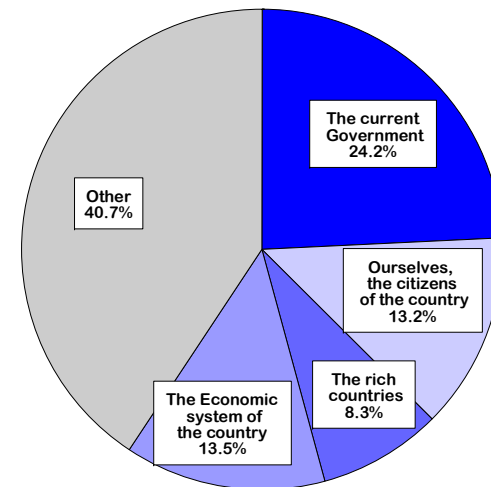
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Who is the most to blame for the current economic crisis?

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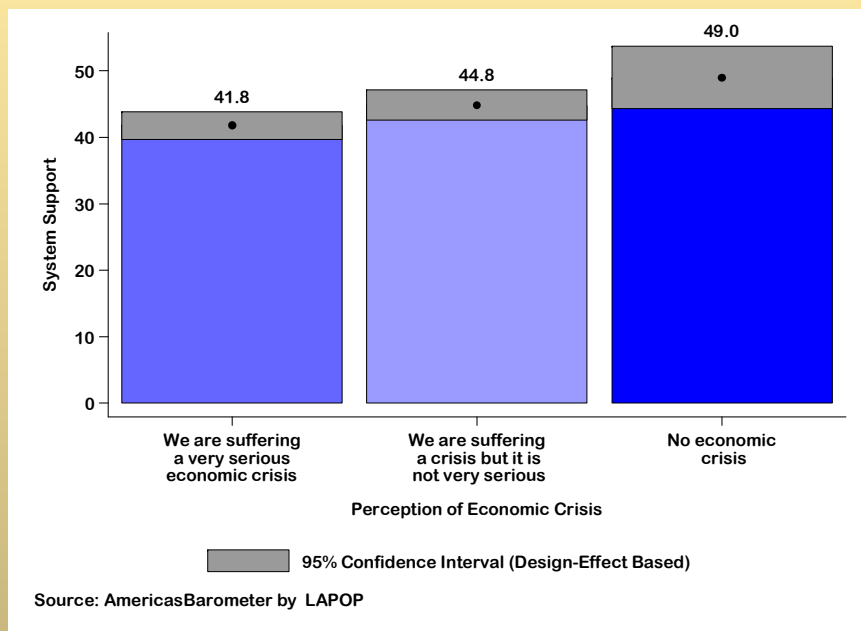


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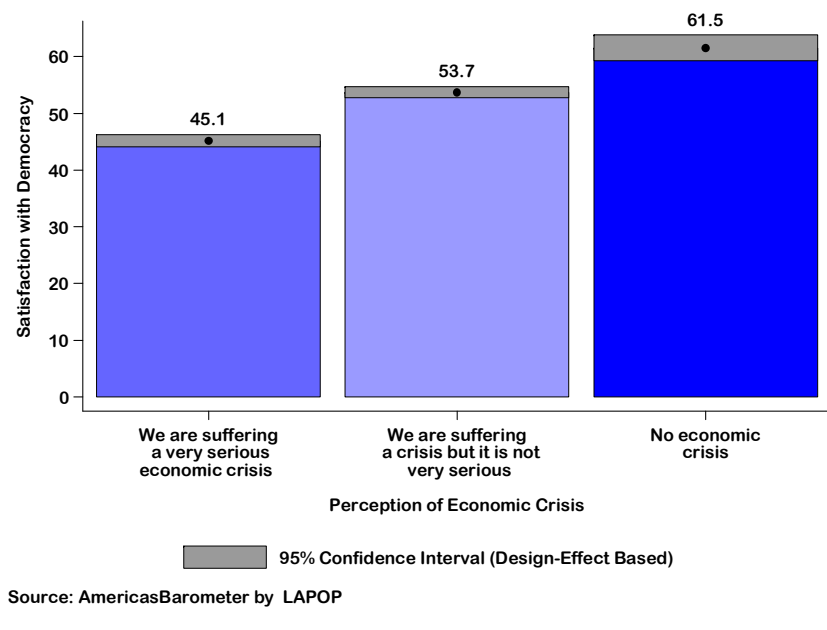
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Economic Crisis and Satisfaction with Democracy

Trinidad & Tobago

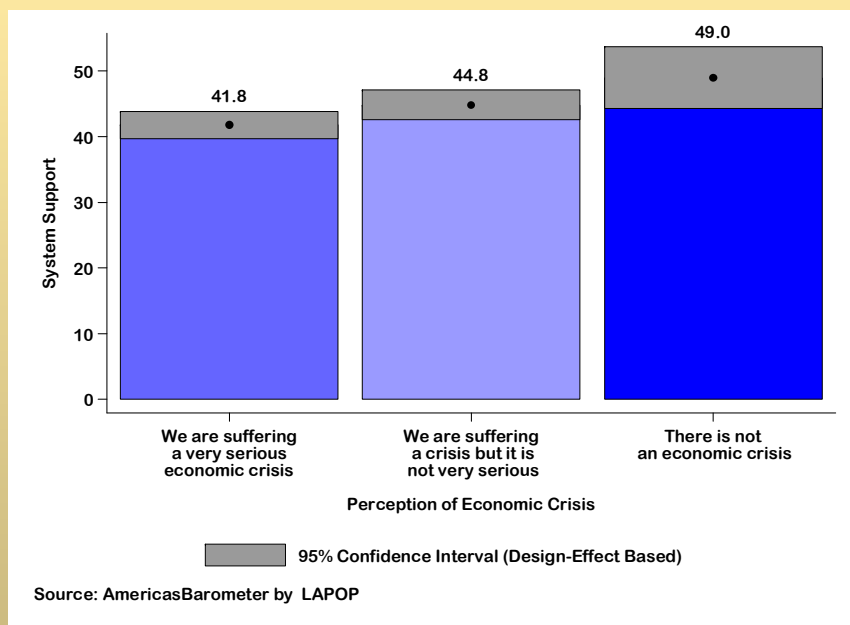


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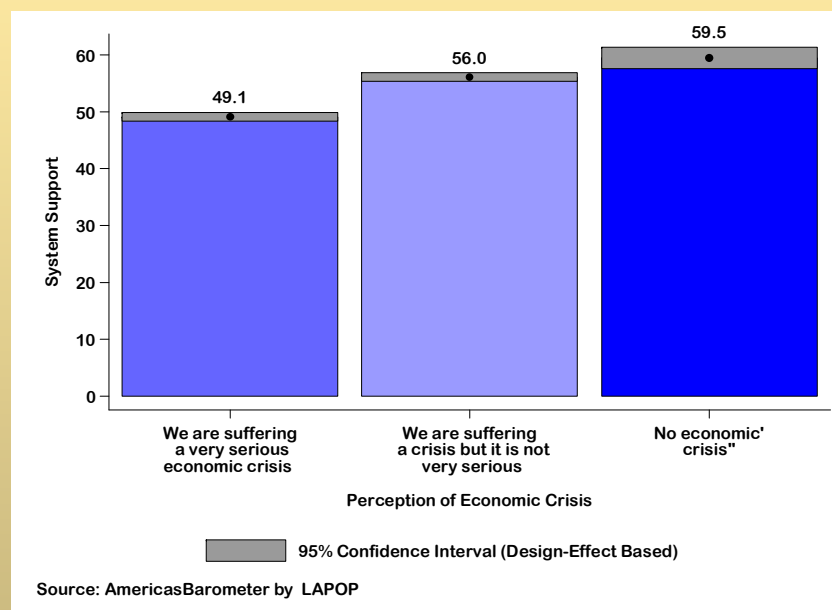


Economic Crisis and System Support

Trinidad & Tobago



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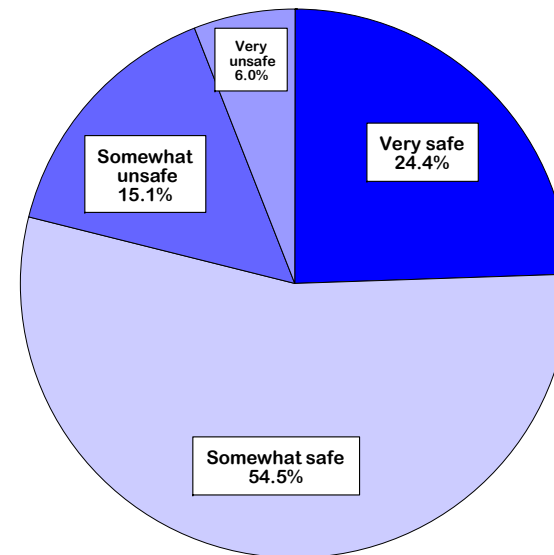


Perception of Insecurity and its Impact on Democrac

Perception of insecurity in T&T

AOJ11. Speaking of the neighborhood where you live and thinking of the possibility of being assaulted or robbed, do you feel very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe or very unsafe?

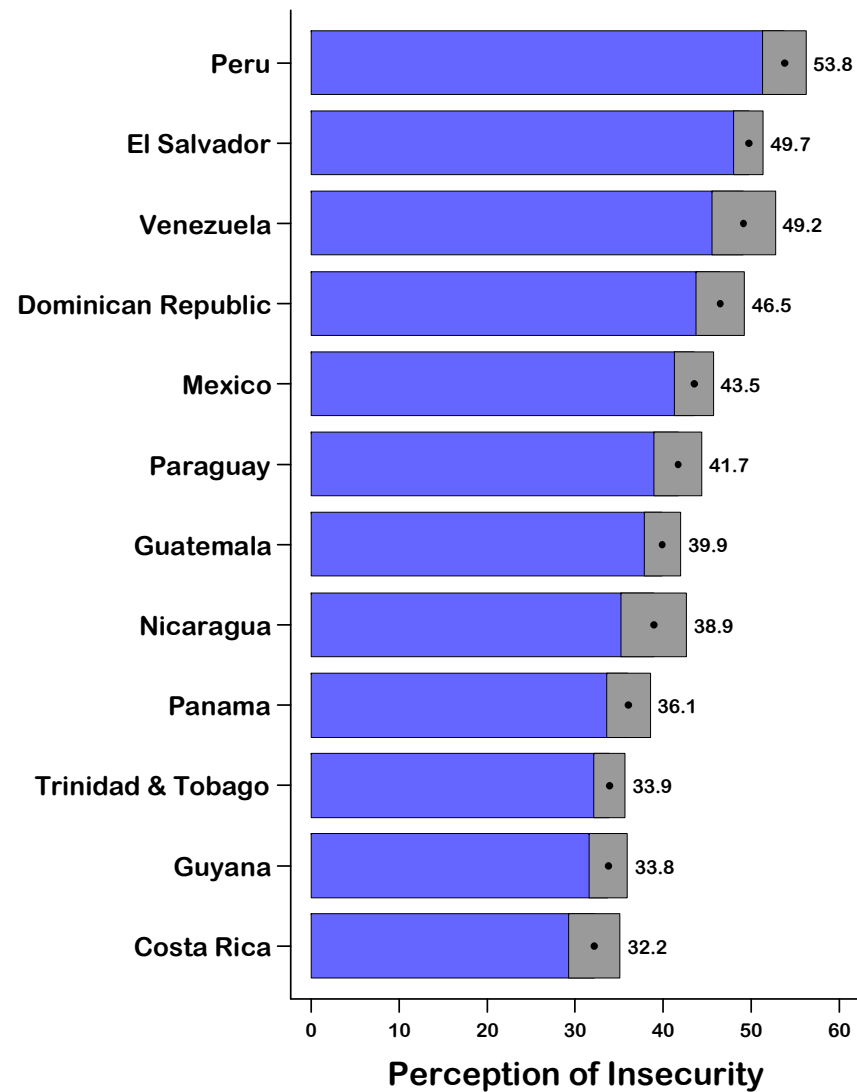
- (1) Very safe
 - (2) Somewhat safe
 - (3) Somewhat unsafe
 - (4) Very unsafe
- (88) DK (98)DR



Perception of insecurity

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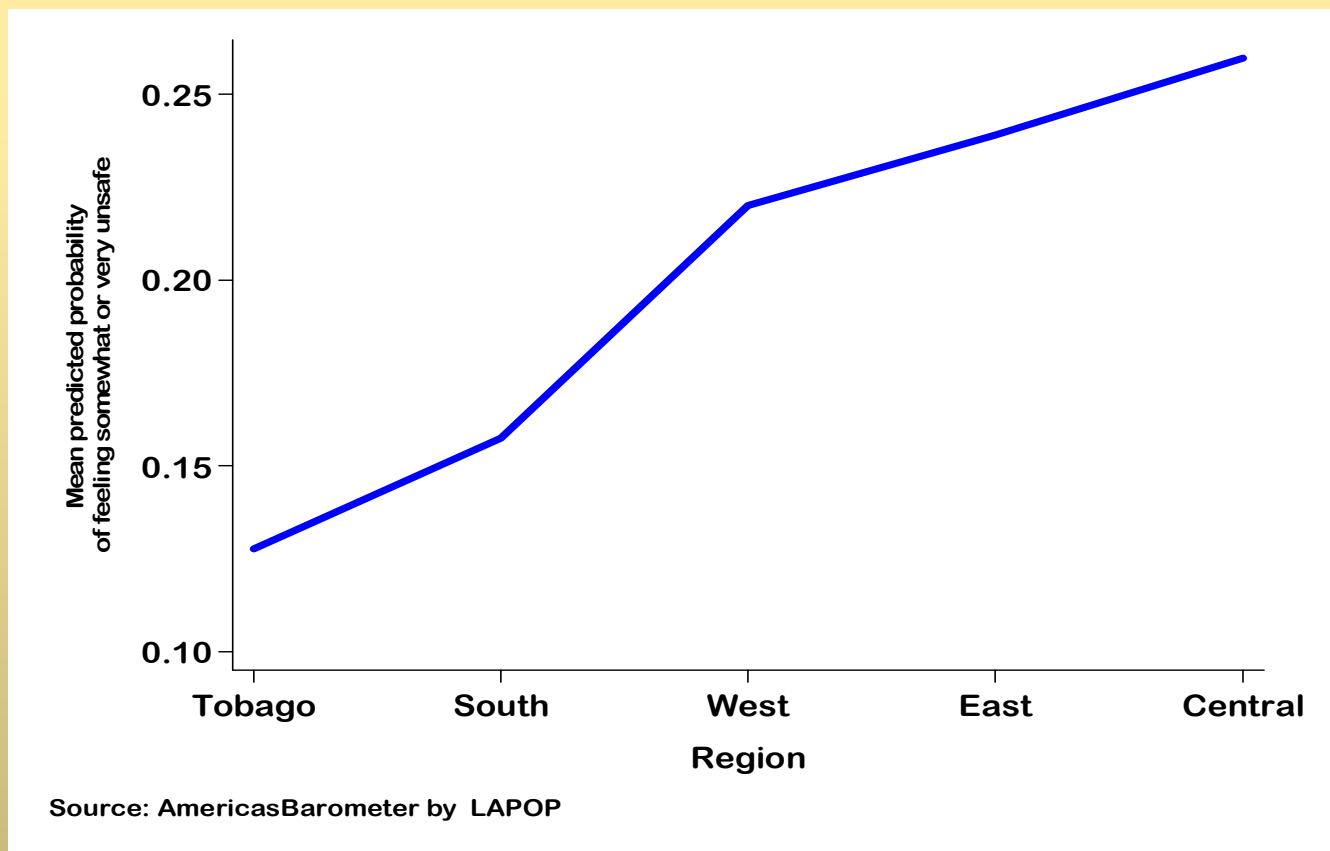
Perception of insecurity in T&T in Comparative Perspective



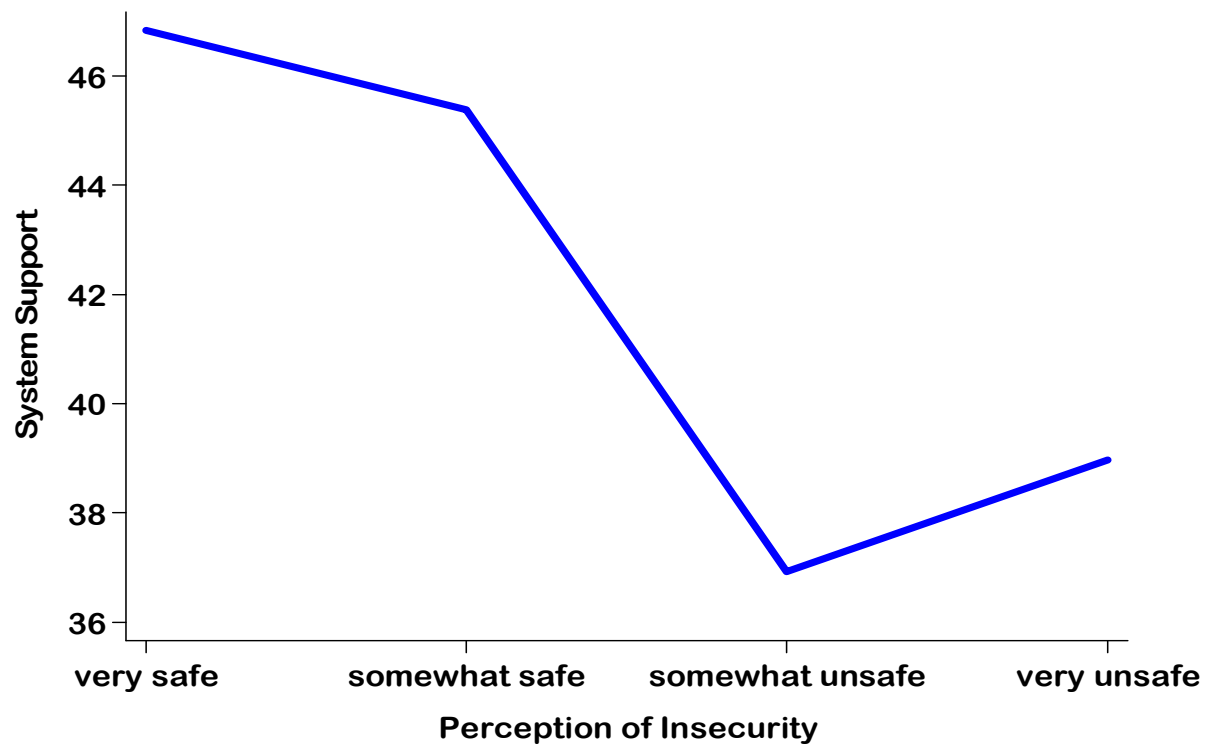
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Who are more likely to feel somewhat or very unsafe in T&T?



Perception of insecurity undermines democratic legitimacy



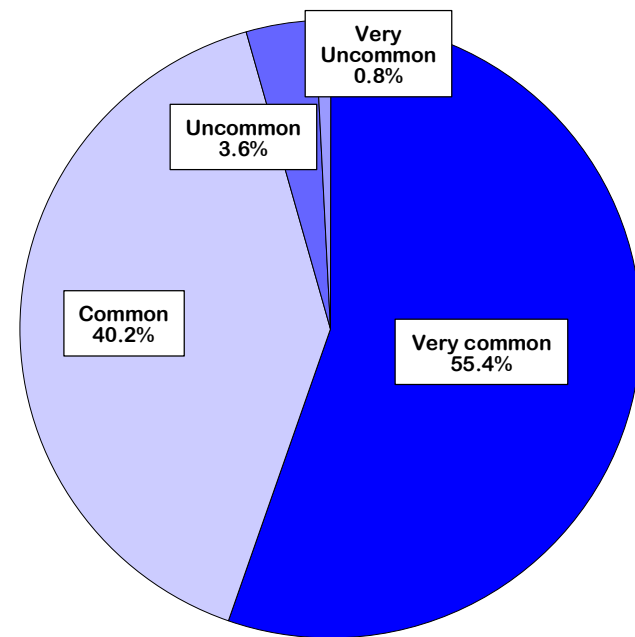
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Corruption and its Impact on Democracy

Perception of Corruption in T&T

EXC7. Taking into account your own experience or what you have heard, corruption among public officials is...

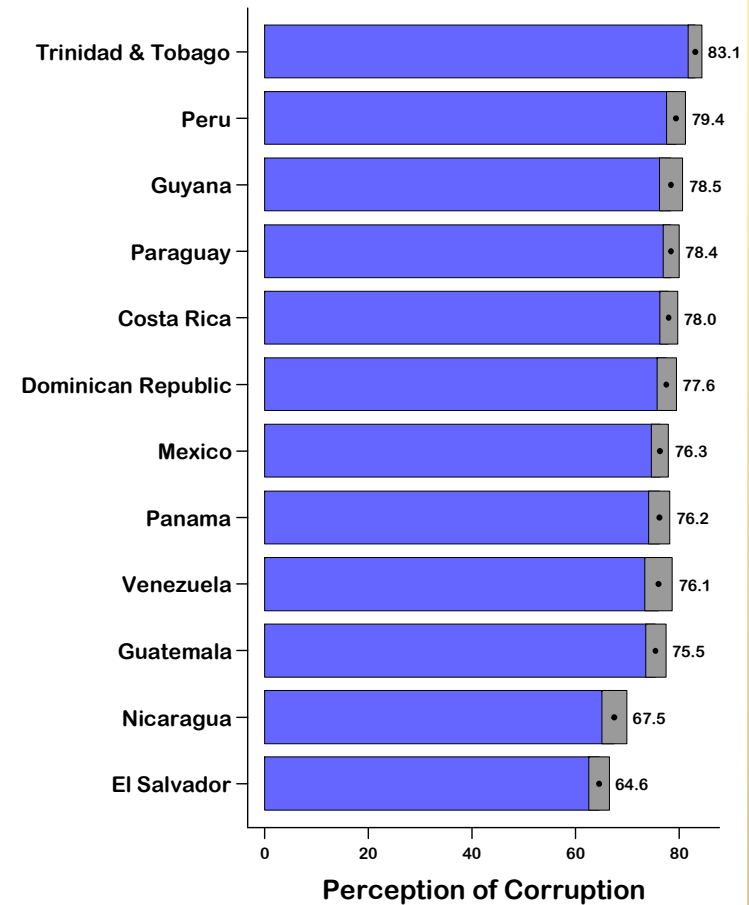
- (1) Very common
- (2) Common
- (3) Uncommon
- (4) Very uncommon
- (88) DK (98) DA



Perception of corruption

Source: AmericasBarometer by LAPOP

Perception of Corruption in T&T in Comparative Perspective

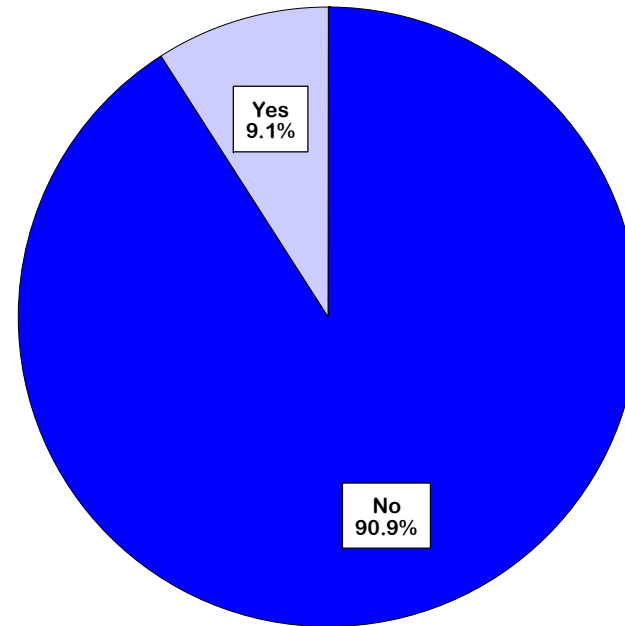


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Corruption Victimization in T&T

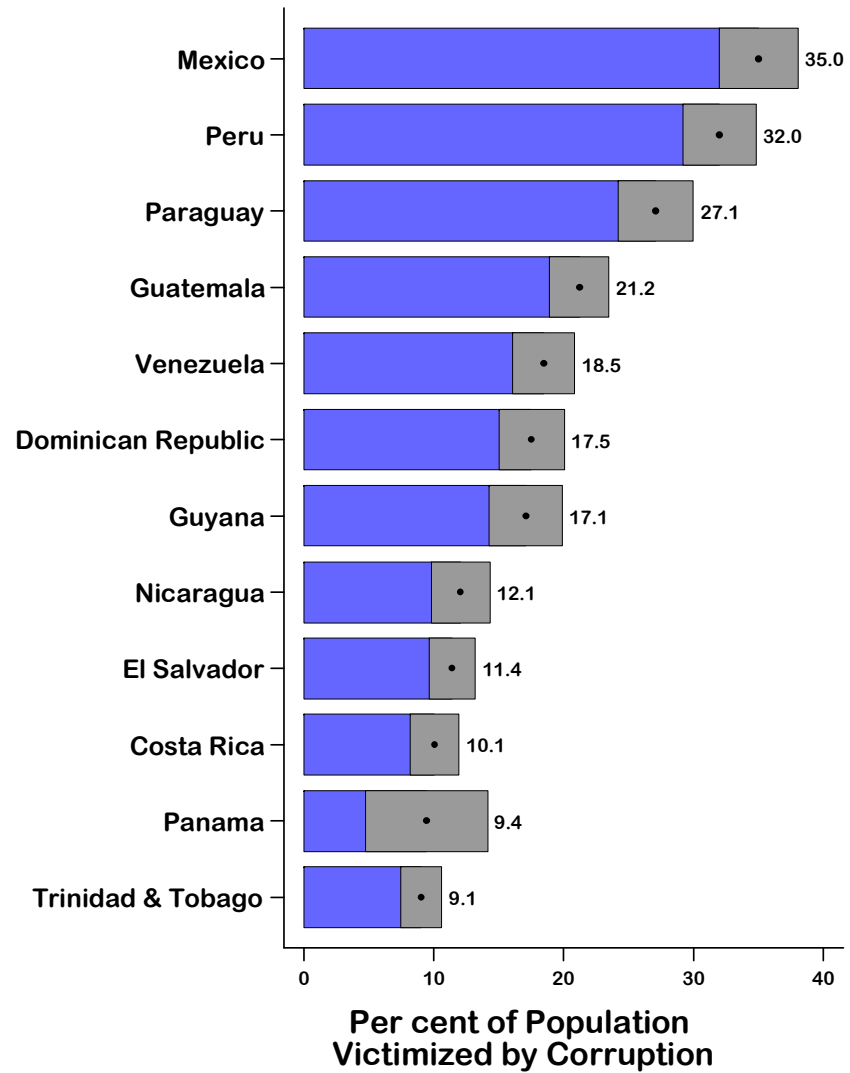
Percentage
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Victimized
by
corruption
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Once in
Past Year



Percent of Population Victimized by Corruption

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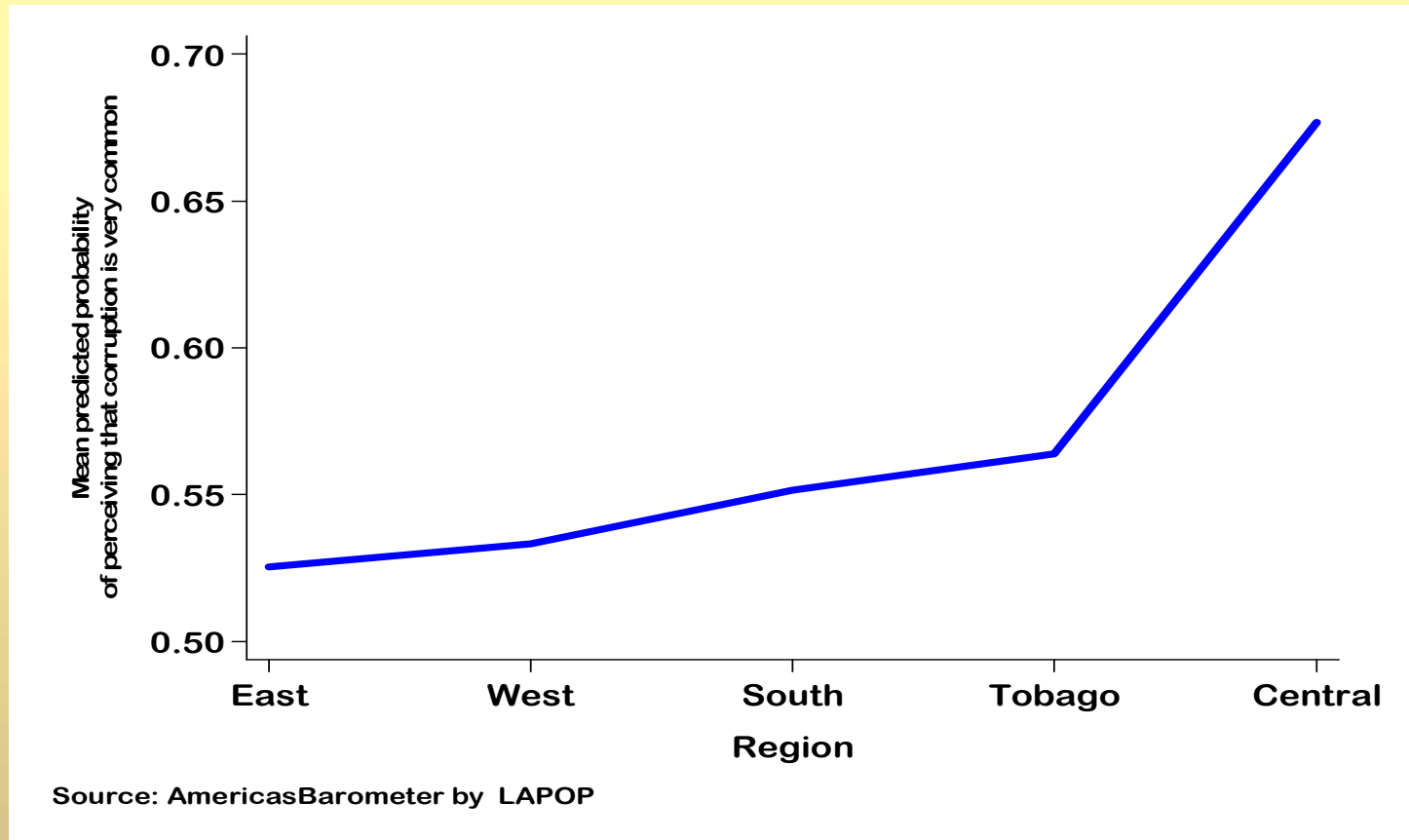
Corruption Victimization in T&T in Comparative Perspective



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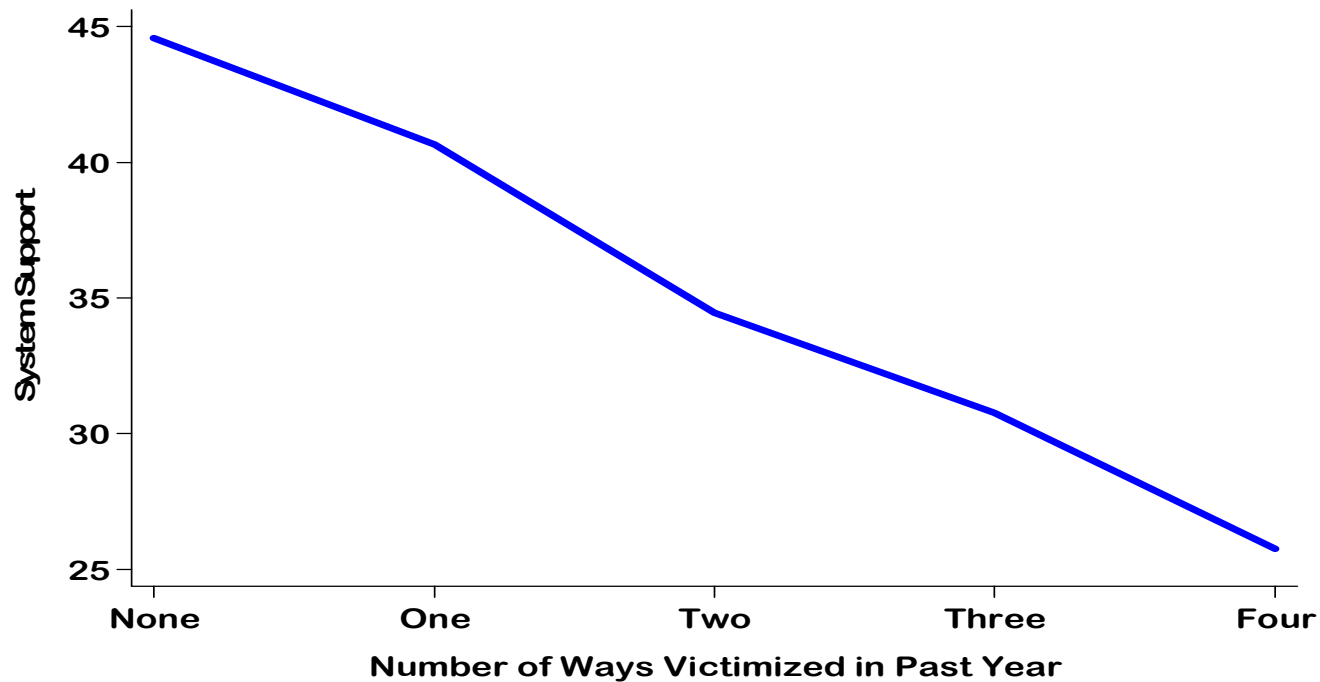
Source: AmericasBarometer by LAPOP

Corruption Victimization in T&T by Regions



Result significant at $p < 0.05$; control variables included

Corruption victimization undermines democratic legitimacy



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