

# Codebook: LAPOP Grand Merge 2010-2023 (Selected Countries)

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## Overview:

LAPOP, a survey research lab at Vanderbilt University, collected the data in the 2004-2023 Grand Merge file. The dataset contains answers from voting-age adults to questions about political and economic life in their countries. The initial dataset contains responses from 28 countries. The cleaned dataset includes responses from 8 Latin American countries.

## Methodology:

LAPOP conducted face-to-face interviews of voting age adults in the selected countries. According to LAPOP, the merged file “contains only the common items included in the 2004-2023 rounds of surveys.”

## Itemized variables:

### Source

Variable name: source

Variable type: character

Description: indicates original data source

### Country

Variable name: c\_name

Variable type: character

Description: Country where interview took place

### Year

Variable name: r\_year

Variable type: character

Description: Year when interview took place

### Month

Variable name: r\_month Variable type: character Description: Month when interview took place

### Survey Weight

Variable name: r\_swt

Variable type: character

Description:

### Female (binary)

Variable name: r\_female

Variable type: ordered factor

Description: 1 = female, 0 = male or other, NA = don't know/no response

values	labels	freq
1	0	6595
2	1	7093
3	NA	88624

### Ideological Scale

variable name: p\_ideology

variable type: ordered factor

Description: Self-rating of ideological leaning from 1:10, with 1 furthest left and 10 furthest right. NA = don't know/no response.

values	labels	freq
1	1	1234
2	2	559
3	3	892
4	4	922
5	5	2498
6	6	937
7	7	794
8	8	817
9	9	406
10	10	1141
11	NA	92112

### Interest in politics

Variable name: p\_interest

Variable type: ordered factor

Description: Self-rating in response to statement, "You feel that you understand the most important political issues of this country. From 1:7, (1=strongly disagree, 7=strongly agree). NA = don't know/no response.

values	labels	freq
1	1	8600
2	2	7970
3	3	11910
4	4	15797
5	5	14099
6	6	7808
7	7	6733
8	NA	29395

### Rating of economic situation

Variable name: p\_economy

Variable type: ordered factor

Description: Assessment of national economic situation compared to prior year, 1 = better, 2 = same, 3 = worse. NA = don't know/no response.

values	labels	freq
1	1	9515
2	2	26678
3	3	37736
4	NA	28383

### Support for populist-style rule

Variable name: d\_populism

Variable type: ordered factor

Description: Level of agreement with statement, "The people should govern directly rather than through elected representatives". From 1:7 (1 = strongly disagree, 7 = strongly agree). NA = don't know/no response.

values	labels	freq
1	1	8029
2	2	4329
3	3	5192
4	4	5892
5	5	5111
6	6	3257
7	7	4106
8	NA	66396

### Support for limiting political opposition

Variable name: d\_opposition

Variable type: ordered factor

Description: Level of agreement with statement, "It is necessary for the progress of this country that our presidents/prime minister limit the voice and vote of opposition parties". From 1:7 (1 = strong disagree, 7 = strongly agree). NA = don't know/no response.

values	labels	freq
1	1	8518
2	2	4478
3	3	5928
4	4	7627
5	5	5913
6	6	3026
7	7	3622
8	NA	63200

### Level of satisfaction with democracy

Variable name: d\_satisfaction

Variable type: ordered factor

Description: Rating of personal satisfaction with how democracy works in (country), 1 = very satisfied, 2 = satisfied, 3 = dissatisfied, 4 = very dissatisfied. NA = don't know/no response.

values	labels	freq
1	1	5018
2	2	30418
3	3	35169
4	4	9031
5	NA	22676

### **Support for democracy**

Variable name: d\_support

Variable type: ordered factor

Description: Level of agreement with statement, "Democracy may have problems, but it is better than any other form of government." From 1:7 (1 = strongly disagree, 7 = strongly agree). NA = don't know/no response.

values	labels	freq
1	1	7174
2	2	5366
3	3	10767
4	4	18454
5	5	21255
6	6	14437
7	7	20947
8	NA	3912