

*Preliminary Report:
Democratic Audit, Haiti 2006*

*Crime Victimization, Government
Performance, and Perception of Individual
Economic Situation*



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Introduction

This document presents selected results of the survey titled “The Political Culture of Democracy, 2006” carried out in Haiti during the months of August and September as part of the 2006 round of surveys conducted by Vanderbilt University’s Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP) in 17 Latin American and Caribbean Countries. The survey is representative at the national level based on a probabilistic sample design. The questionnaire incorporated an array of topics, including democratic values, political tolerance, corruption, crime victimization, government performance, and others. The questionnaire used in Haiti included all the items of the LAPOP core questionnaire applied in the 17 countries, and some additional questions.

We do not recommend direct comparisons of the results compiled here with other surveys conducted in Haiti that are based on a different sample design and/or include questions with a different wording or format. Many surveys carried out in Haiti are not national in nature (often they focus only on urban areas), and results can be sensitive to questionnaire wording.

I. Crime Victimization

Table I.1 VIC1 Have you been a victim of any type of crime in the past 12 months?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 Yes | 273 | 16.8 | 16.9 | 16.9 |
| | 2 No | 1341 | 82.5 | 83.1 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 1614 | 99.3 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK | 11 | .7 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table I.2 reports the type of crime for those who responded “yes” to VIC1. The reader should focus on the “valid percent” column, since this refers to those who reported in VIC1 as being crime victims.

Table I.2 VIC2 What kind of crime were you the victim of?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|---|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 Robbery without physical violence or threat | 36 | 2.2 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| | 2 Robbery with physical violence or threat | 73 | 4.5 | 29.1 | 43.4 |
| | 3 Physical violence without robbery | 37 | 2.3 | 14.7 | 58.2 |
| | 4 Rape or sexual assault | 16 | 1.0 | 6.4 | 64.5 |
| | 5 Kidnapping | 16 | 1.0 | 6.4 | 70.9 |
| | 6 Damage to property | 25 | 1.5 | 10.0 | 80.9 |
| | 7 Home burglary | 48 | 3.0 | 19.1 | 100.0 |
| Total | | 251 | 15.4 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 88 DK | 22 | 1.4 | | |
| | 99 N/A (was not a victim) | 1352 | 83.2 | | |
| | Total | 1374 | 84.6 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table I.3 shows the number and percentage of people who were victimized by crime and decided to report or not to report the incident to an institution.

Table I.3 AOJ1 Did you report the incident to any institution?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 Yes | 145 | 8.9 | 56.9 | 56.9 |
| | 2 Did not report it | 110 | 6.8 | 43.1 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 255 | 15.7 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK/NR | 18 | 1.1 | | |
| | 9 N/A (was not a victim) | 1352 | 83.2 | | |
| | Total | 1370 | 84.3 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table I.4 indicates to which institution those who were victims of a crime reported the incident. Again, focus on the “Valid percent” column.

Table I.4 HAIAOJ1A Before what agency or institution did you report the crime?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 Police | 97 | 6.0 | 67.8 | 67.8 |
| | 2 Asèk/Kasèk | 9 | .6 | 6.3 | 74.1 |
| | 3 Court | 22 | 1.4 | 15.4 | 89.5 |
| | 4 Press | 9 | .6 | 6.3 | 95.8 |
| | 5 Human rights organization | 6 | .4 | 4.2 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 143 | 8.8 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK/DR | 2 | .1 | | |
| | 9 N/A | 1480 | 91.1 | | |
| | Total | 1482 | 91.2 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

II. Government Performance

Table II.1 through II.7 present the opinions of citizens about the performance of the current government in Haiti, using items based on a 7-point scale where 1 means “A little” and 7 “A lot”. For the following graph, we converted all the items to a scale from 1 to 100. The graph shows, for example, that on average Haitians graded the government performance in fighting unemployment with 19.9 points in a scale of from 1 to 100.

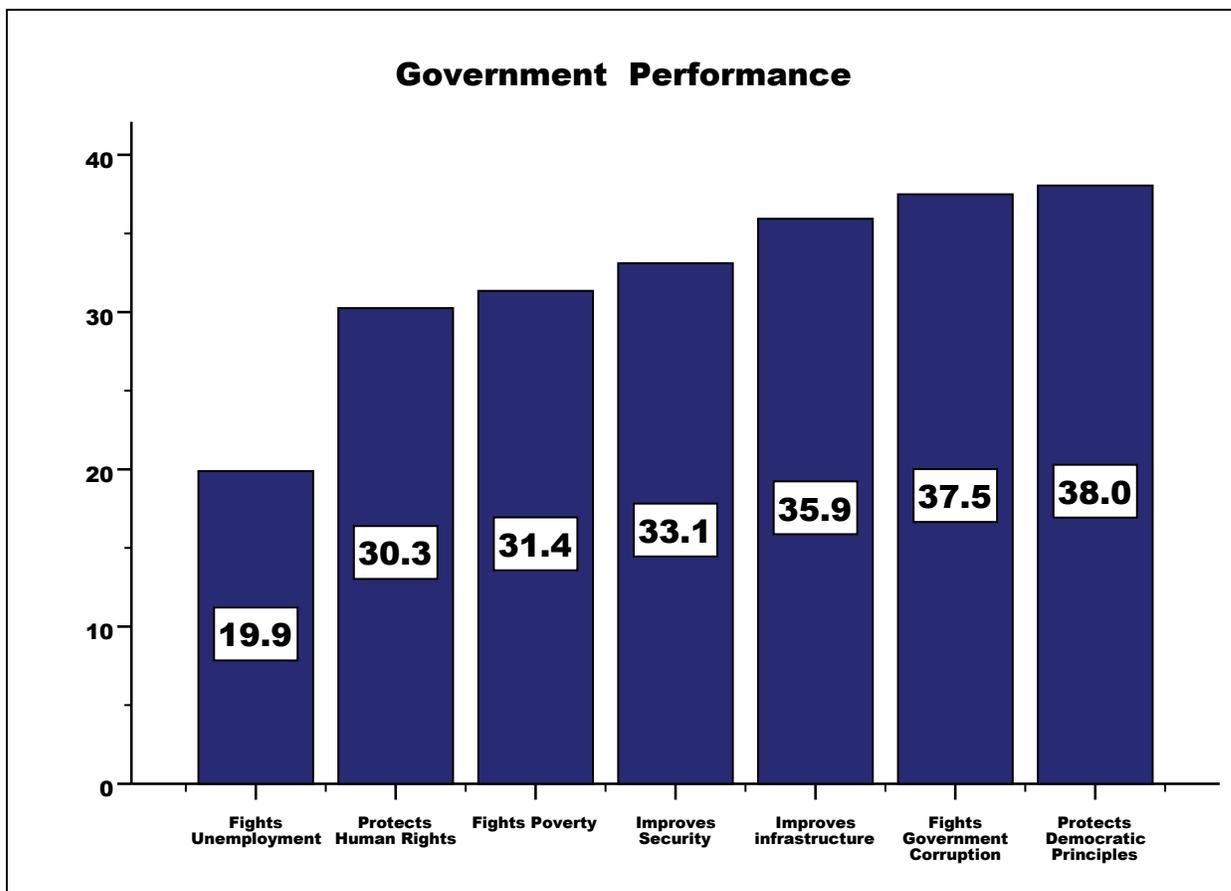


Table II.1 N1 To what extent would you say the current Government fights poverty?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 | 449 | 27.6 | 29.2 | 29.2 |
| | 2 | 264 | 16.2 | 17.1 | 46.3 |
| | 3 | 250 | 15.4 | 16.2 | 62.5 |
| | 4 | 299 | 18.4 | 19.4 | 81.9 |
| | 5 | 185 | 11.4 | 12.0 | 94.0 |
| | 6 | 62 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 98.0 |
| | 7 | 31 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 1540 | 94.8 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK | 85 | 5.2 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table II.2 N3 To what extent would you say the current Government protects democratic principles?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 | 296 | 18.2 | 19.4 | 19.4 |
| | 2 | 227 | 14.0 | 14.9 | 34.3 |
| | 3 | 303 | 18.6 | 19.9 | 54.2 |
| | 4 | 333 | 20.5 | 21.9 | 76.1 |
| | 5 | 227 | 14.0 | 14.9 | 91.0 |
| | 6 | 85 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 96.6 |
| | 7 | 52 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 1523 | 93.7 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK | 102 | 6.3 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table II.3 N9 To what extent would you say the current Government fights government corruption?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 | 333 | 20.5 | 21.6 | 21.6 |
| | 2 | 192 | 11.8 | 12.5 | 34.0 |
| | 3 | 319 | 19.6 | 20.7 | 54.7 |
| | 4 | 336 | 20.7 | 21.8 | 76.5 |
| | 5 | 232 | 14.3 | 15.0 | 91.6 |
| | 6 | 77 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 96.6 |
| | 7 | 53 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 1542 | 94.9 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK | 83 | 5.1 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table II. 4 N10 To what extent would you say the current Government protects human rights?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 | 461 | 28.4 | 29.6 | 29.6 |
| | 2 | 285 | 17.5 | 18.3 | 47.9 |
| | 3 | 312 | 19.2 | 20.0 | 67.9 |
| | 4 | 238 | 14.6 | 15.3 | 83.2 |
| | 5 | 145 | 8.9 | 9.3 | 92.5 |
| | 6 | 77 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 97.4 |
| | 7 | 40 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 1558 | 95.9 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK | 67 | 4.1 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table II. 5 N11 To what extent would you say the current Government improves the security of our citizens?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 | 424 | 26.1 | 27.1 | 27.1 |
| | 2 | 233 | 14.3 | 14.9 | 41.9 |
| | 3 | 307 | 18.9 | 19.6 | 61.5 |
| | 4 | 321 | 19.8 | 20.5 | 82.0 |
| | 5 | 166 | 10.2 | 10.6 | 92.6 |
| | 6 | 57 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 96.2 |
| | 7 | 59 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 1567 | 96.4 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK | 58 | 3.6 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table II.6 N12 To what extent would you say the current Government fights unemployment?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 | 684 | 42.1 | 43.5 | 43.5 |
| | 2 | 336 | 20.7 | 21.4 | 64.9 |
| | 3 | 275 | 16.9 | 17.5 | 82.4 |
| | 4 | 166 | 10.2 | 10.6 | 93.0 |
| | 5 | 73 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 97.6 |
| | 6 | 23 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 99.1 |
| | 7 | 14 | .9 | .9 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 1571 | 96.7 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK | 54 | 3.3 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table II. 7 HAIN13 To what extent would you say the current Government improves the infrastructure (road, market, schools etc..?)

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 | 457 | 28.1 | 29.1 | 29.1 |
| | 2 | 178 | 11.0 | 11.4 | 40.5 |
| | 3 | 245 | 15.1 | 15.6 | 56.1 |
| | 4 | 280 | 17.2 | 17.9 | 74.0 |
| | 5 | 239 | 14.7 | 15.2 | 89.2 |
| | 6 | 97 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 95.4 |
| | 7 | 72 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 1568 | 96.5 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK | 57 | 3.5 | | |
| | Total | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

III. Perception of Individual Economic Situation

Table III.1 IDIO1 How would you describe your overall economic situation?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 Very good | 3 | .2 | .2 | .2 |
| | 2 Good | 72 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.8 |
| | 3 Neither good nor bad (fair) | 406 | 25.0 | 25.9 | 30.6 |
| | 4 Bad | 731 | 45.0 | 46.6 | 77.2 |
| | 5 Very bad | 358 | 22.0 | 22.8 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 1570 | 96.6 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 Doesn't know | 55 | 3.4 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table III. 1 IDIO2 Do you think that your economic situation is better than, the same as, or worse than it was 12 months ago?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 Better | 30 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| | 2 Same | 771 | 47.4 | 49.1 | 51.0 |
| | 3 Worse | 770 | 47.4 | 49.0 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 1571 | 96.7 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 Doesn't know | 54 | 3.3 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table III.3 Q10D The salary that you receive and the total family income:

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|--|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 Is enough, you can save | 126 | 7.8 | 10.4 | 10.4 |
| | 2 Is just enough, you cannot save | 209 | 12.9 | 17.3 | 27.7 |
| | 3 Is not enough, you cannot pay your bills | 602 | 37.0 | 49.8 | 77.5 |
| | 4 Is not enough, you cannot cover your basic needs | 272 | 16.7 | 22.5 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 1209 | 74.4 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK/DR | 416 | 25.6 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table III.4 HAIJEN1 Is there anyone who lives in this household that is between the ages of 18 and 24?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 Yes | 989 | 60.9 | 63.6 | 63.6 |
| | 2 No | 565 | 34.8 | 36.4 | 100.0 |
| | Total | 1554 | 95.6 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK/DR | 71 | 4.4 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table III.5 HAIJEN2 How many people who live in this household are between the ages of 18 and 24?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 | 283 | 17.4 | 27.4 | 27.4 |
| | 2 | 277 | 17.0 | 26.8 | 54.2 |
| | 3 | 218 | 13.4 | 21.1 | 75.3 |
| | 4 | 95 | 5.8 | 9.2 | 84.5 |
| | 5 | 65 | 4.0 | 6.3 | 90.8 |
| | 6 | 43 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 95.0 |
| | 7 More than 7 | 52 | 3.2 | 5.0 | 100.0 |
| Total | | 1033 | 63.6 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK/DR | 9 | .6 | | |
| | 9 N/A | 583 | 35.9 | | |
| | Total | 592 | 36.4 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |

Table III. 6 HAIJEN3 Of those people between the ages of 18 and 24 who live in this household, how many have earned any income in the last two weeks?

| | | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 1 | 114 | 7.0 | 31.5 | 31.5 |
| | 2 | 123 | 7.6 | 34.0 | 65.5 |
| | 3 | 59 | 3.6 | 16.3 | 81.8 |
| | 4 | 44 | 2.7 | 12.2 | 93.9 |
| | 5 | 12 | .7 | 3.3 | 97.2 |
| | 6 | 6 | .4 | 1.7 | 98.9 |
| | 7 More than 7 | 4 | .2 | 1.1 | 100.0 |
| Total | | 362 | 22.3 | 100.0 | |
| Missing | 8 DK/DR | 255 | 15.7 | | |
| | 9 N/A | 1008 | 62.0 | | |
| | Total | 1263 | 77.7 | | |
| Total | | 1625 | 100.0 | | |