

TABLE 7.1 Cultural Norms and Attitudes by Gender

Variables	Male	Female	Region	Sig. ^a
Interest in politics	41.2	34.5	37.8	***
Democratic attitudes syndrome	65.9	63.7	64.8	***
Authoritarian attitudes syndrome	23.1	23.0	23.1	NS
Support for the rule of law	57.3	59.8	58.6	***
Support for citizens taking the law into their own hands	32.1	30.4	31.2	***
Support for armed rebellion against an elected government	15.8	15.1	15.4	*
Populist attitudes index	36.0	36.4	36.2	NS
Sense of external efficacy (official responsiveness)	41.2	40.7	40.9	NS
Sense of internal efficacy (personal knowledge of issues)	53.4	45.5	49.4	***
Support for state ownership of the means of production	56.5	56.5	56.5	NS
Support for active state welfare role	81.4	81.3	81.4	NS
Tolerance of gay marriage and gay office seekers	33.1	37.0	35.1	***
Disagrees that men make better political leaders than women (2012)	60.9	70.9	66.0	***
Believes that women office holders would be less likely corrupt than men ^b	63.2	65.3	64.2	NS
Agrees that parties should be required to put women on nomination slates ^b	66.5	70.9	68.0	***
Disagrees that men should get job preference over women when jobs are scarce	58.9	66.1	62.2	***
Believes that a woman would be a better national economic manager than a man ^b	25.8	35.5	30.3	***
Supports abortion in order to save the life of the woman ^b	55.0	56.5	55.7	NS
Number of respondents ^c	13,296	13,704	27,000	

Source: AmericasBarometer 2010 surveys and 2012 surveys; www.LapopSurveys.org.

Notes: Cell values are scores on scales; all 0–100.

^aStatistical significance levels: * = .05, ** = .01, *** = .001, NS = not significantly different. Substantive significance (difference across means of 5 scale points out of 100) indicated by cells shaded in gray.

^bBase sample size approximately 750 per country on this item (all of these items from 2012).

^cNumber varies slightly by variable due to differing numbers of missing cases; normal sample = 1,500 per country for all items unless otherwise indicated.