

TABLE 7.2 Cultural Norms and Attitudes by Age

Variables	16–25	26–35	36–55	56 and Older	Region	Sig. ^a
Interest in politics	37.6	38.1	38.7	35.8	37.8	***
Democratic attitudes syndrome	64.3	64.4	65.2	65.2	64.8	**
Authoritarian attitudes syndrome	24.4	23.9	22.1	22.0	23.0	***
Support for the rule of law	54.0	56.8	60.7	63.8	58.6	***
Support for citizens taking the law into their own hands	36.3	32.7	28.7	26.5	31.2	***
Support for armed rebellion against an elected government	18.5	15.9	14.2	12.6	15.4	***
Populist attitudes index	37.2	36.6	35.7	35.0	36.2	***
Sense of external efficacy (official responsiveness)	39.7	39.8	41.4	43.5	40.9	***
Sense of internal efficacy (personal knowledge of issues)	47.2	49.6	50.7	49.7	49.4	***
Support for state ownership of the means of production	56.1	56.1	56.9	56.7	56.5	NS
Support for active state welfare role	80.3	81.1	81.6	82.6	81.4	***
Tolerance of gay marriage and office seekers	39.4	38.1	33.5	27.4	35.1	***
Women are better political leaders than men ^b	66.8	66.6	66.0	64.0	65.9	***
Number of respondents ^c	6,965	6,334	9,159	4,542	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 (from 2012 surveys).

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