

TABLE 3.1 **AmericasBarometer Questions on Authoritarianism, Populism, and Confrontational Political Tactics**

### **Authoritarianism**

- *There are people who say that we need a strong leader who does not have to be elected by the vote of the people. Others say that although things may not work, electoral democracy or the popular vote is always best. What do you think? (1) We need a strong leader who does not have to be elected, or (2) Electoral democracy is the best.*
- *Which of the following statements do you agree with the most? (1) For people like me it doesn't matter whether a regime is democratic or nondemocratic, or (2) Democracy is preferable to any other form of government, or (3) Under some circumstances an authoritarian government may be preferable to a democratic one.*
- *Do you think that our country needs a government with an iron fist, or that problems can be resolved with everyone's participation? (1) Iron fist, or (2) Participation of all.*

### **Military coup justification**

*Some people say that under some circumstances it would be justified for the military of this country to take power by a coup d'etat. In your opinion, would a military coup be justified under the following circumstances? (1) Would be justified, or (2) would not be justified.*

- *When there is high unemployment?*
- *When there is a lot of crime?*
- *When there is a lot of corruption?*

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