

TABLE 3.1 (Continued)

Executive coup justification

- *Do you believe that when the country is facing very difficult times it is justifiable for the president of the country to close the Congress and govern without the Congress? (1) Yes it is justified, (2) No it is not justified.*
- *Do you believe that when the country is facing very difficult times it is justifiable for the president of the country to close the Supreme Court and govern without the Supreme Court? (1) Yes it is justified, (2) No it is not justified.*

Support for confrontational political methods

I am going to read you a list of some actions people can take to achieve their political goals and objectives. Please tell me how strongly you approve or disapprove of people taking the following actions. (1= strongly disapprove . . . 10 = strongly approve)

- *Of people participating in the blocking of roads to protest?*
- *Of people seizing private property or land to protest?*
- *Of people participating in a group working to violently overthrow an elected government?*
- *Of people taking the law into their own hands when the government does not punish criminals?*

Populism

Taking into account the current situation of this country . . . I would like you to tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statements: (1 = strongly disagree . . . 7 = strongly agree)

- *It is necessary for the progress of this country that our presidents limit the voice and vote of opposition parties.*
- *When the Congress obstructs the work of our government, our presidents should govern without the Congress.*
- *When the Supreme Court obstructs the work of our government, our presidents should govern without the Supreme Court.*
- *The people should govern directly rather than through elected representatives.*
- *Those who disagree with the majority represent a threat to the country.*