

TABLE 8.2 Political Culture Norms and Attitudes by Years of Education Completed (Means)

Variables	Years of Education Completed						Region	Sig ^a
	0–3	4–6	7–9	10–12	13+			
Interest in politics	29.5	33.4	35.7	38.3	47.4	37.8	***	
Democratic attitudes syndrome	61.0	62.9	63.3	65.3	69.0	64.8	***	
Authoritarian attitudes syndrome	27.0	24.9	25.5	22.3	18.5	23.1	***	
Support for the rule of law	66.6	60.2	55.4	56.0	59.0	58.6	***	
Support for citizens taking the law into their own hands	32.6	31.7	33.6	31.6	27.7	31.2	***	
Support for armed rebellion against an elected government	17.0	15.8	15.6	16.0	13.3	15.4	***	
Populist attitudes index	41.3	39.4	38.5	35.6	29.8	36.2	***	
Sense of external efficacy (official responsiveness)	42.3	42.4	42.2	40.4	38.7	40.9	***	
Sense of internal efficacy (personal knowledge of issues)	42.0	44.9	47.7	50.0	57.9	49.4	***	
Support for state ownership of the means of production	61.5	59.5	57.0	56.0	51.5	56.5	***	
Support for active state welfare role	82.4	82.5	82.0	81.1	79.6	81.4	***	
Diffuse support for the polity	57.4	56.8	54.2	53.5	52.7	54.5	***	
Tolerance of gay marriage and office holders	22.1	28.1	33.6	39.4	43.4	35.1	***	
Discriminatory attitudes (2012) ^b	14.5	10.1	8.3	7.2	6.1	8.6	***	
Disagrees that men make better political leaders than women (2012) ^c	61.1	63.9	65.0	67.1	69.5	65.9	***	
Number of cases ^d	3,114	5,369	4,448	8,496	5,573	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.

^bFrom 2012 surveys; data only from Bolivia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Mexico, Honduras, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Nicaragua, Chile, and Venezuela.

^cFrom 2012 surveys; all countries included.

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