
This survey was carried out in December 2005 ó January 2006 as part of the Latin America Public Opinion Project of LAPOP. It was conducted by Vanderbilt University, and the field work was carried out by IDRA, an Albanian survey firm, in collaboration with Casals and Associates.

The 2005 survey consisted of face-to-face interviews with members of three respondent groups: public officials, the voting ó age public in the 10 major Albanian cities (Tiranë, Berat, Durrës, Elbasan, Fier, Gjirokastër, Korçë, Lushnjë, Shkodër and Vlorë), the voting ó age in the nation as a whole, which included the 10 major cities as well as some larger towns and rural areas. The 10-city surveys and the national survey have 1200 cases each, which provides for a sampling of error of $\pm 2.8\%$. The public officials sample has a total N of 577 and the estimate margin of error for this survey is $\pm 4.0\%$. The judges sample consisted of all of the judges in Albania, who would respond to the survey. We got 155 of them (out of over 300) to cooperate (131 district, 23 appeal and one military appeals court).

The sample design -for the national and ten-city samples- was based on geographic and populations considerations. In the ten-city sample, a multistage random sample was constructed by taking a series of simple random samples in stages. The first stratunBT1 0 0 1 041 0 0 1 295-9(7(ted)sa 0 61