

ONLINE APPENDIX

Table A1. «Bridging» Cases Across Countries

Country	n	$\theta = -2$	$\theta = +2$
Argentina	1,410	5	195
Belize	1,504	15	18
Bolivia	3,018	41	476
Brazil	2,482	33	86
Chile	1,893	6	230
Colombia	1,506	10	99
Costa Rica	1,500	10	157
Dominican Republic	1,500	25	111
Ecuador	3,000	18	233
El Salvador	1,550	20	210
Guatemala	1,504	48	87
Guyana	1,540	7	59
Haiti	1,752	4	139
Honduras	1,596	16	67
Jamaica	1,504	6	79
Mexico	1,562	32	150
Nicaragua	1,540	59	57
Panama	1,536	7	90
Paraguay	1,502	7	143
Peru	1,500	3	212
Suriname	1,516	10	161
Trinidad & Tobago	1,503	2	70
Uruguay	1,500	1	204
Venezuela	1,500	8	108
Total	40,990	394	3,446

Data: AmericasBarometer Surveys, 2010.

Table A2. Multilevel Linear Models of Features of Questions as Correlates of Political Knowledge

Independent Variable	Additive Scale	Standardized Scale	Factor Scale	IRT Anchoring	IRT Bridging
Country-level:					
Number of provinces/states	-.37* (.11)	-.04 (.02)	-.04* (.02)	-.04 (.02)	-.07* (.03)
Answer multiple of 10 (yes=1)	12.35* (5.69)	.00 (1.08)	.03 (1.06)	.01 (1.27)	-1.10 (1.52)
Term longer than 4 years (yes=1)	-4.64 (4.32)	-1.47 (1.05)	-4.95 (1.06)	-1.78 (.124)	-1.44 (1.23)
Months since last election	-.13 (.14)	.05* (.02)	.05* (.02)	.06* (.03)	.02 (.03)
Merchandise imports, 2009	-.02 (.17)	.02 (.03)	.02 (.02)	.02 (.03)	.00 (.03)
Individual-level:					
Wealth	2.86* (.24)	1.73* (.13)	1.72* (.13)	2.04* (.15)	1.92* (.13)
Employed (yes=1)	3.64* (.70)	2.14* (.39)	2.11* (.40)	2.51* (.45)	2.37* (.34)
Education	2.12* (.13)	1.26* (.06)	1.27* (.06)	1.51* (.08)	2.34* (.14)
Urban (yes=1)	3.87* (.32)	2.34* (.48)	2.44* (.44)	2.76* (.52)	1.76* (.52)
Age	.06* (.03)	.04* (.02)	.03* (.02)	.04 (.02)	.11* (.01)
Male (yes=1)	4.84* (.69)	2.89* (.41)	2.99* (.40)	3.42* (.47)	2.97* (.25)
Media exposure	3.90* (.42)	2.33* (.25)	2.40* (.28)	2.69* (.30)	2.17* (.25)
Political interest	1.62* (.32)	1.00* (.18)	.93* (.19)	1.18* (.22)	1.23* (.20)
Internal efficacy	.51* (.11)	.33* (.07)	.31* (.08)	.40* (.08)	.36* (.08)
Constant	26.43* (11.22)	36.08* (2.60)	34.91* (2.60)	22.30* (3.15)	10.10* (3.03)
Respondents	38,384	38,384	38,384	38,384	38,384
Countries	24	24	24	24	24
Variance. Explained (Constant)	.17	.10	.11	.10	.09

*p<.05. Standard errors in parentheses.

Source: The AmericasBarometer (2010) by the Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP), www.LapopSurveys.org.

Data for country-level variables: Various sources (described in the text).

Table A3. Multilevel Linear Models of Correlates of Political Knowledge for «Bridging» and «Non-Bridging» Cases

Independent Variable	Bridging cases	Non-Bridging cases
Country-level:		
Level of Democracy, 2009	-.05 (.18)	.14 (.12)
Avg. Investment in Telecommunications, 2000-2009	.00 (.00)	.01* (.00)
Proportionality Index, 2009	.13 (.11)	-.19* (.05)
Fractionalization Index, 2009	3.48* (1.44)	-1.51* (.70)
GDP per capita, 2009	.30* (.10)	-.46* (.07)
Individual-level:		
Wealth	.31* (.13)	.449* (.044)
Employed (yes=1)	1.04* (.36)	2.00* (.42)
Education	5.58* (.08)	.88* (.09)
Urban (yes=1)	.14 (.34)	2.56* (.46)
Age	-.09* (.01)	.02 (.02)
Male (yes=1)	.14 (.28)	3.05* (.44)
Media exposure	.74* (.17)	2.19* (.25)
Political interest	-0.37* (.10)	1.06* (.19)
Internal efficacy	-.08 (.07)	.32* (.07)
Constant	1.00	28.37*
	(3.61)	(1.77)
Respondents	3,574	34,810
Countries	24	24
Variance. Explained (Constant)	.26	.37

*p<.05. Standard errors in parentheses.

Data: AmericasBarometer Surveys, 2010.

Data for country-level variables: Various sources (described in the text).

Table A4. Multilevel Linear Models Controlling for Features of Questions as Correlates of Political Knowledge

Independent Variable	Additive Scale	IRT Scale
Country-level:		
Democracy	2.28* (.80)	.48* (.20)
Telecommunications	.01 (.01)	.01* (.00)
Proportionality	-.45 (.33)	-.32* (.07)
Fractionalization	-18.09* (5.50)	-4.01* (1.35)
GDP <i>per capita</i>	-1.76* (.37)	-.74* (.07)
Number of provinces/states	-.41* (.06)	-.08* (.02)
Answer multiple of 10 (yes=1)	12.51* (4.88)	-.45 (1.11)
Term longer than 4 years (yes=1)	2.05 (4.45)	-.12 (1.07)
Months since last election	-.13 (.13)	-.01 (.02)
Merchandise imports	.18 (.12)	.03 (.02)
Individual-level:		
Wealth	2.86* (.24)	1.92* (.13)
Employed (yes=1)	3.65* (.70)	2.39* (.40)
Education	2.12* (.13)	2.34* (.14)
Urban (yes=1)	3.87* (.77)	1.77* (.52)
Age	.06* (.03)	.12* (.02)
Male (yes=1)	4.84* (.69)	2.96* (.40)
Media exposure	3.90* (.42)	2.17* (.25)
Political interest	1.62* (.32)	1.23* (.20)
Internal efficacy	.51* (.11)	.37* (.08)
Constant	36.04* (13.08)	19.43* (3.17)
Respondents	38,384	38,384
Countries	24	24
Variance. Explained (Constant)	.39	.50

*p<.05. Standard errors in parentheses.

Data: AmericasBarometer Surveys, 2010.

Data for country-level variables: Various sources (described in the text).