

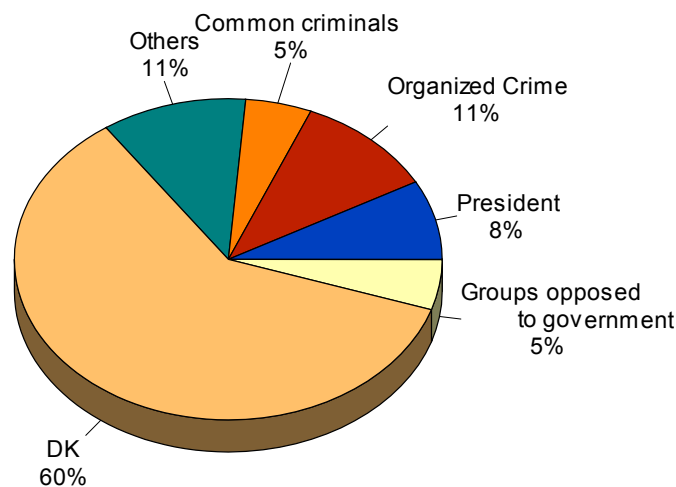
Guatemala

CID-Gallup. Public Opinion Poll COSTA RICA -June, 2009-	Technical Data:	<i>Consultoría Interdisciplinaria en Desarrollo S.A.</i> CID-Gallup
	Date of fieldwork: June 5 through 11, 2009 Type of interview: Personal and telephone, one per household. Number of interviews: 1213 Margin of error: ±2.8 points in total results. Respondent: Adult Guatemalan, resident in the country during the dates of fieldwork Sample type: Random, representative of Guatemalan adult population	

Guatemala - Evaluation of Presidential Job Performance -

President Alvaro Colom of Guatemala is innocent of the murder of lawyer Rodrigo Rosenberg, according to 92 per cent of his fellow citizens. This is one of the results of another national survey conducted by CID/Gallup among a representative sample of 1213 Guatemalans between June 5 and 11. The company has been polling in this Central American nation on a regular basis since 1984, and in its series of surveys measures opinions of presidential job performance, perceptions of national problems, and issues that affect the citizenry.

Graph #1:
Who is guilty of the murder of lawyer Rodrigo Rosenberg?
 -Percentages-



Currently, 53% of respondents have a favorable opinion of the way Colom is handling his job as president, and this is especially true among those who live outside the capital city. His accomplishments in education and health care are among the factors that contribute to this positive rating; his critics, nonetheless, blame him for failing in matters of national security.

The CID/Gallup survey reveals that Colom, who speaks one of the three principal Mayan languages used in his country fluently, and is viewed as a leader opposed to the violence which has troubled Guatemala, is viewed favorably as a person by 55 % of his fellow citizens. Some four million of the country's inhabitants continue to wear traditional dress and to speak these languages. The further the respondent lives away from Guatemala City and the less formal education he or she has received, the more likely the person supports Colom. When asked about Colom's personal traits, 57 % state that the president is hard working, while 52 % claim that he is genuinely concerned about the plight of the poorest members of Guatemalan society.

Because of the violence and that continues to plague this society and the rise in the cost of living, the majority state that the country is headed in the wrong direction.