

## *Honduras: “A Divided Nation”*

**CID-Gallup.**  
Public Opinion Poll  
Honduras  
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### Technical Data:

**Dates of fieldwork:** June 30 to July 4, 2009  
**Type of interview:** One per household, personal.  
**Number of Interviews:** 1,204  
**Margin of error:** ±2.8 points in total results (95% level of confidence).  
**Respondent:** Adult Hondurans 18 years of age and older.  
**Sample type:** Random representation of the national population.  
**Geographic Area:** The entire country, except the Bay Islands and Gracias a Dios



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According to **Public Opinion Poll No. 71** conducted by CID-Gallup Latin America just two days following the ouster of President “Mel” Zelaya, Hondurans are divided as to whether he should have been removed.

### ▪ *A Divided Nation*

46 percent of respondents disagree with the removal whereas 41 percent are for it. The remaining 13 percent of undecided reflect the mixed sentiments of many Hondurans. However, the division is less pronounced within the Liberal party, where the majority believes Zelaya should not have been removed from the presidency. In general, the more educated the respondent, the less likely they agree with the removal of the first commander.

However, residents of the two primary cities, Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula, for the most part believe Zelaya deserved to be ousted.

### ▪ *Political Apathy*

The tense political situation has undoubtedly impacted voter’s perspective of state institutions and the upcoming November presidential elections. Hondurans have grown more apathetic about the elections since the coup. Only 43 percent of eligible voters intend on voting and almost half believe the elections will be fraudulent. This lack of confidence does not bode well for democracy in Honduras. As people turn away from government, more are moving towards the traditional institutions such as the church and the military for answers and guidance. These difficult circumstances have casted a dark cloud over the normally upbeat period leading up to a presidential election.

**Table #1:**  
*Certainty of voting in presidential elections by party affiliation.*  
**-Percentages-**

Opinion	Total	P (TS)			
		National	Liberal	Other	Neither/DK/NR
<i>Total</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>
Very Certain	31	37	36	34	14
Certain	12	13	14	8	6
Somewhat Certain	22	24	21	21	21
Uncertain	30	22	23	12	50
DK/NR	6	4	5	—	9
Scale/a	2.49	2.67	2.64	2.29	1.82

Scale: 4 – Very Certain 1 – Uncertain

**Graph #1:**  
*Agreement over whether the actions of Mel Zelaya justified his removal.*  
**-Percentages-**

