

Table: Left-Right Scale in Latin America, 1996-2009

	1996	1997	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average (1996-2007)	2009	Shift to Left or Right	
Argentina	5.7	5.6	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.3	5.6	5.58	5.5	-0.08	L
Bolivia	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.6	5.2	5.1	5.1	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.2	4.93	4.7	-0.23	L
Brazil	5.1	4.8	5.2	5.0	5.7	5.3	5.5	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.19	5.6	0.41	R
Chile	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.3	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.97	4.7	-0.27	L
Colombia	5.7	6.2	5.3	5.5	6.4	7.0	6.1	5.6	6.1	5.6	5.8	5.94	6.3	0.36	R
Costa Rica	6.0	6.1	5.5	6.4	6.9	7.4	5.7	5.2	5.6	6.3	6.1	6.11	6.3	0.19	R
Dominican Rep.*								5.9	5.8	7.1	6.2	6.25	5.6	-0.65	L
Ecuador	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.1	5.37	4.5	-0.87	L
El Salvador	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.3	6.4	6.5	5.9	5.9	6.3	5.3	5.2	5.73	4.4	-1.33	L
Guatemala	4.8	4.2	5.2	5.0	5.8	6.3	6.1	4.9	5.3	5.3	4.6	5.23	5.1	-0.13	L
Honduras	7.1	7.2	7.0	5.6	8.1	7.6	6.6	5.8	6.0	6.2	5.8	6.64	6.5	-0.14	L
Mexico	4.6	5.3	5.5	5.4	5.8	4.9	5.0	4.8	5.1	5.6	5.3	5.21	5.3	0.09	R
Nicaragua	5.3	5.5	5.1	4.5	5.4	6.3	5.9	5.3	5.5	5.0	5.1	5.35	4.9	-0.45	L
Panama	4.0	5.5	7.4	5.9	6.1	5.3	5.1	4.1	4.8	4.6	5.2	5.27	6.3	1.03	R
Paraguay	5.9	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.0	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.36	5.1	-0.26	L
Peru	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.4	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.32	5.1	-0.22	L
Uruguay	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.7	4.8	5.09	4.6	-0.49	L
Venezuela	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.5	5.6	5.3	5.12	4.8	-0.32	L
Latin America	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.42	5.3	-0.12	L

Source: Latinobarómetro; responses to the survey question: "In politics, people normally speak of 'left' and 'right.' On a scale where 0 is left and 10 is right, where would you place yourself?"

*A single survey was conducted for 1999–2000.

**This column represents the difference between the 2009 figure and the average of the preceding years. If the 2009 figure is higher than the average of the preceding years, the country has shifted to the right; if lower, it has shifted to the left.

***The Dominican Republic was included in the Latinobarómetro survey for the first time in 2004.