

BINATIONAL POLICY ELITES SURVEY IN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES: GOALS AND METHODS

*Binational Policy Elites Survey
Is polarization isolating us?*

2,000 miles of border

The United States and Mexico share strong interests, but polarization might threaten their bilateral agenda, which is mainly dominated by trade, immigration, and security.



Polarization

Severe polarization is harmful to democracy as it engenders intolerance and discrimination. It also limits the potential for more multifaceted bilateral collaboration.



Measure their degree of interest in the policy problems of the neighboring country and their willingness to participate in their solution.

Identify core political beliefs that prevail among future policy elites and their perception of the other country.



Investigate how existing biases and misconceptions can be changed to promote a mutual better understanding.

PROJECT GOALS

TARGET POPULATION

Students enrolled in master programs preparing them to influence the public sphere (public policy, global affairs, business, law).

- The four bordering states in the U.S.
- Universities throughout Mexico.

TOPICS ADDRESSED

- Rule of law
- Government intervention vs free markets
- Trust
- Corruption
- Social participation
- Views on the neighboring country's public affairs
- Party affiliation and degree of affective polarization

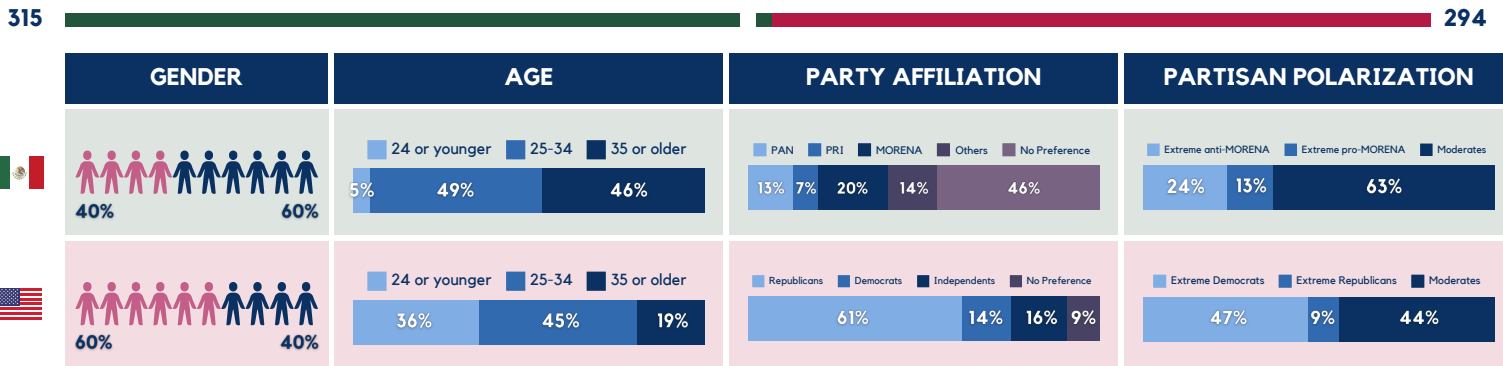
ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE

Data was collected from September 2023 to January 2024, with around 60 questions.

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

A random sample was primed with a non-stereotypical text on a subject from the neighboring country to evaluate if the treatment changed people's prejudices.

THE SAMPLE



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