

# Citizens, at their lowest level of trust in justice and democracy

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Daniel Moreno, Roberto Laserna, Juan Cristobal Soruco and Vivian Schwarz, last night in Los Tiempos. | Mauricio Rocabado

## Central Writing

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In 2017, citizens have the lowest level, since 2004, of trust in democracy and justice exercised in the country. The data was exposed in the presentation, last night in Los Tiempos, of the first issue of "Ciudadatos", a quarterly bulletin of the Community of Social Studies and Public Action Citizenship, elaborated with data from the Barometer of the Americas of Lapop.

Researchers from Citizens Daniel Moreno and Vivian Schwarz showed that, in the last survey, the conviction that democracy is the best system of government exceeded 70 percent in 2008, but in 2017 falls to 50 percent, almost in a similar way to the satisfaction of its form of application in the country.

35 percent say that someone in their family was the victim of a bribe request. In 2014, this percentage was only 28 percent. Thus, 20 percent believe that a bribe is justified. Two years ago, only 11 percent believed this. Only 36 percent trust that the courts guarantee a fair trial. In 2010, confidence was 55 percent. 56 percent approve of doing justice by their own hand,

when this sentiment was at 35 percent in 2010.

### **THE ALARM SHOULD BE AWAKENED**

Roberto Laserna, in his capacity as commentator, considered that these data should alarm the population and the Government, taking into account that, as never before, there is a crisis of confidence in democracy and justice, as demonstrated by the last judicial election.