

# PUBLIC OPINION POLLS ON RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION IN FOUR COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA: AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2008

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COUNTRY	CATHOLIC	PROTES-TANT	OTHERS	NONE	NOTES	SOURCE
GUATEMALA	47.6%	31.7%	2.4%	18.3%	GRAN GUATEMALA*	Sistemas de Información de Mercadotecnia
EL SALVADOR	56.1%	23.5%	2.1%	18.3%	METRO AREA**	Villacorta & Asociados
EL SALVADOR	49.4%	25.3%	1.8%	23.6%	NATIONAL	Villacorta & Asociados
NICARAGUA	41.8%	19.1%	6.2%	32.9%	METRO AREA***	Quant Herrera & Asociados
COSTA RICA	47.2%	24.1%	1.7%	26.9%	GAM****	SIMER, S. A.

**NOTE:** All of the above polls were conducted in each country between 18 August and 5 September of 2008 by the respective companies using a standardized questionnaire prepared by SIMER. S.A. Also, our thanks go to Mr. Arthur Denyer, president of SIMER, for providing us with this information.

\*In Guatemala, the definition of “Gran Guatemala” includes zones 1-20 (excludes Mixco, which is zone 21) of Guatemala City.

\*\*In El Salvador, the “Metro Area” includes the political-administrative limits of the City of San Salvador, plus the cities of Merliot and Santa Tecla.

\*\*\*In Nicaragua, the “Metro Area” includes the political-administrative limits of the City of Managua, and does not include Ciudad Sandino.

\*\*\*\*In Costa Rica, the poll included the “Gran Area Metropolitana – GAM” (Greater Metropolitan Area) of the Central Valley (includes the cities of San José, Cartago, Heredia and Alajuela).

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