

Annex 1. Dictionary of Variables used in the Analysis

Variable Name	Indicator of...	Values
a2a	Self reported Socio-economic status at the time of survey	1 (Lowest possible)- 10 (Highest possible)
a2b	Self reported Socio-economic status 10 years ago	1 (Lowest possible)- 10 (Highest possible)
a2c	Self reported expected Socio-economic status 10 years from now	1 (Lowest possible)- 10 (Highest possible)
Argentina, Brazil, ...	Country dummies	0=other; 1= Country name
bluecollar	Blue collar job	0= No; 1= Blue collar comprises: informal, occasional, minor jobs, unqualified workers, agricultural workers, qualified workers, independent workers in minor trading, domestic service.
democracy	What regime do you think is better?	1= Strong hand government; 2= Indifferent; 3= Democracy is better
disabled	Disabled	0= No; 1= Yes
discrimination	Has the individual perceived discrimination for his/ her race, origin or socio-economic condition?	0= No; 1= Yes
edad /edad^2	Age and Age Squared	
exclusionpoverty	Has the individual perceived discrimination for his/her socio-economic condition?	1= Never; 2= Sometimes; 3= Many times
exclusionregion	Has the individual perceived discrimination for his/her regional origin?	1= Never; 2= Sometimes; 3= Many times
exclusiorace	Has the individual perceived discrimination for his/her race?	1= Never; 2= Sometimes; 3= Many times
fatheredu	Education of father	0= none; 1=pre-school; 2= elementary, incomplete; 3= elementary, complete; 4=up to 8th Grade; 5= up to 9th Grade; 6=up to 10th Grade; 7=High school, completed; 8=technical, incomplete; 9= technical, completed; 10=college, incomplete; 11= college, completed; 12= Graduate education; 13= More.
gdpavg	Average GDP growth 2003-2007	
gender	Gender	0= Female; 1= Male
gini	Last Gini coefficient available for the country	
happiness	Considering all aspects in your life, would you say you are...?	1= Not happy at all; 2= Not that happy; 3= Somehow happy; 4= Pretty much happy; 5= Very happy
housewife	Housewife	0= No; 1= Yes
indigenous	Do you consider yourself part of an indigenous group?	0= No; 1= Yes
married	Married status	0= not married; 1= married
migrantorigin	Where were you born?	0=This city; 1=Another city within the country, or abroad
migrantrecent	Where did you live 5 years ago?	0=This city; 1=Another city within the country, or abroad
notlaborforce	Not working, not looking for jobs	0= No; 1= Yes
owneducation	Education level	0= none; 1=pre-school; 2= elementary, incomplete; 3= elementary, complete; 4=up to 8th Grade; 5= up to 9th Grade; 6=up to 10th Grade; 7=High school, completed; 8=technical, incomplete; 9= technical, completed; 10=college, incomplete; 11= college, completed; 12= Graduate education; 13= More.
politicalview	The person interviewed locates himself toward the left, center, right of the political spectrum	1= Left; 2= Center; 3= Right
POUMedub1b	Do you agree or disagree: anyone can succeed in life with hard work	1= Strongly disagree; 2= Disagree; 3= Does not agree nor agree; 4= Agree; 5= Completely agree
POUMfamilyb1a	Do you agree or disagree: what one achieves in life depends on the family's wealth and name	1= Completely agree; 2= Agree; 3= Does not agree nor disagree; 4= Disagree; 5= Strongly disagree

<i>POUMibetterlast10</i>	Is status today better, same or worse than 10 years ago?	1= Worst; 2= Same; 3= Better
<i>POUMindif</i>	Difference between expected status in 10 years and status now	-9 to 9
<i>POUMindiv</i>	Will status in 10 years be better, same or worse than today?	1= Worst; 2= Same; 3= Better
<i>POUMpasti</i>	Difference between status today and status 10 years ago	
<i>POUMpovertyb2b</i>	What is the chance of a poor person to overcome poverty in this country?	
<i>religious</i>	Do you define yourself as...?	1= Non-religious / little religious 2= Somehow religious; 3= Religious / very religious
<i>retired</i>	Retired person	0= No; 1= Yes
<i>socioscalereported</i>	Reclassification of Socio-economic scale	1=Low status; 2= Middle-Low; 3= Middle class; 4= Middle-high; 5=High
<i>student</i>	Student	0= No; 1= Yes
<i>tig</i>	How much do you trust the government?	1= Nothing; 2= Little; 3= Some; 4= Quite; 5= A lot
<i>unemployment</i>	unemployed individuals	0=not unemployed; 1= unemployed
<i>wealth_count</i>	Rasch scale for asset ownership	1 to 7. Goods considered: cable TV, telephone landline, cellphone, computer, access to internet, washing machine, car
<i>whitecollar</i>	White collar job	0= No; 1= White collar comprises: Mid-level administrative employee, independent worker in technical career, mid-level executive, executives...