
Afro-Latino descendants: The most discriminated

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The poor, indigenous, homosexuals, Afro-descendants and migrants suffer the greatest discrimination in the region.

The resulting scandal after ultra-right-wing Lima newspaper Correo on April 17 published an article that said Quechua-speaking Peruvian Congresswoman Hilaria Supa was unfit to be a lawmaker because of errors in her Spanish writing, has brought discrimination again to the forefront of public discussion.

Discrimination is still common throughout the region.

The 2008 Latinobarómetro — a public opinion poll of 19,000 people in 18 Latin American countries — found that sectors that suffer the worst discrimination in the region are the poor, indigenous, homosexuals, Afro-descendants, the elderly and the disabled.

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Porcentaje de top targets of discrimination (%)

Country

The poor

Indigenous peoples

Paraguay

40

20

Peru

40

4

Argentina

37

3

Chile

36

9

Venezuela

35

6

Brazil

34

1

Mexico

34

22

Uruguay

33

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Honduras

32

1

Dominican Rep.

31

n.d.

Colombia

30

8

Nicaragua

29

1

Costa Rica

28

9

Guatemala

26

37

Bolivia

25

40

Ecuador

25

17

Panama

23

24

El Salvador

18

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