



# Public Opinion Survey on National Values and Discrimination in Belize

2021

# KEY FINDINGS

Live and Let Live - a campaign rooted in Belizean values - was launched in 2020 with a set of public service announcements aired across all major TV channels, radio stations, and social media.

The Live and Let Live campaign has returned heartening results from a recent survey exploring Belizeans' attitudes towards different groups who typically experience discrimination. In comparison to an identical survey carried out in early 2020, the data shows clear upwards trends towards acceptance, respect, rejection of all forms of discrimination, and an appreciation for being a good neighbor.

## BELIZEAN VALUES

**Belizeans are caring.** For example, more than 95 percent of those surveyed agreed that people living with disabilities should be protected in the workplace.

**Belizeans are neighborly.** More than 58 percent of us are confident that a neighbor would help us if we had a personal or family problem.

**Belizeans agree that women and men should be treated equally.** Almost all respondents in 2021 (more than 98 percent) agreed that women should have access to the same education as men in Belize.

**Belizeans are tolerant of difference.** More than 65 percent of Belizeans report having no issue should they have an LGBT person for a neighbor.

**Belizeans' acceptance of others has increased.** In 2020, when the survey was run for the first time, there were hugely positive results and yet, this year, we have seen it return even more affirmative data.

**Belizeans believe in *live and let live*.** When asked which values we should keep in mind regarding LGBT people, more than 60 percent chose one of the following three: *We are all God's children; We should treat others the way we want to be treated; It is important to respect each other, as Belizeans.*

## DISCRIMINATION

Around a fifth of those responding recognised that women had to fear for their safety at certain times and places.

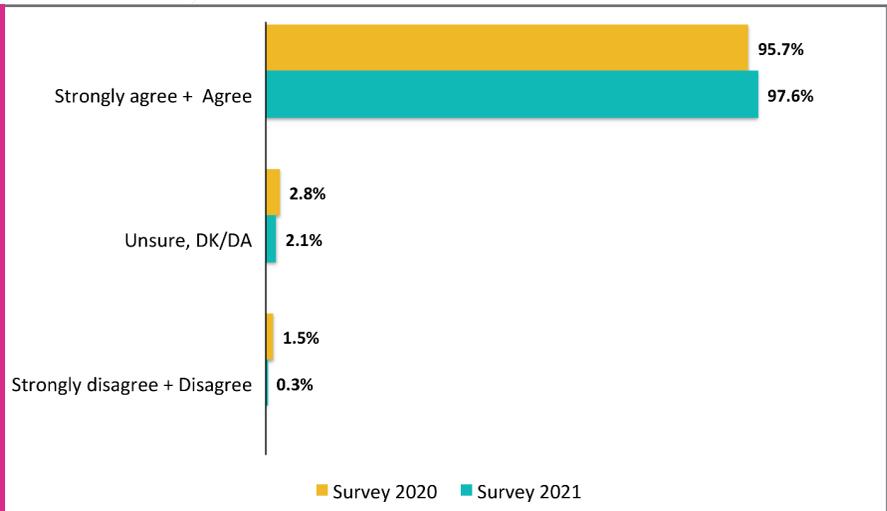
More than a third agreed that LGBT people sometimes had to fear for their safety

Half of the survey respondents agreed that people living with disability are 'treated unfairly compared to most other groups.'

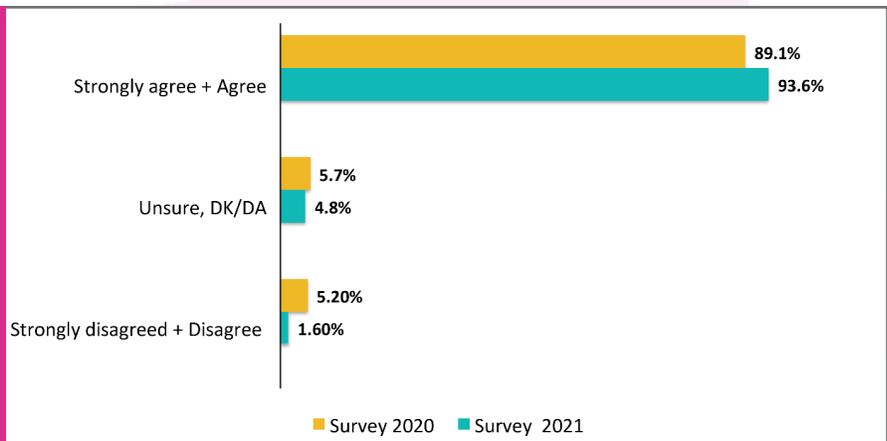
# BELIZEAN VALUES

Belizeans agree that discrimination against anyone is wrong, and that all of us should be afforded the same opportunities.

Treating women with respect means ensuring that all women can work and go about their lives without fear of discrimination.



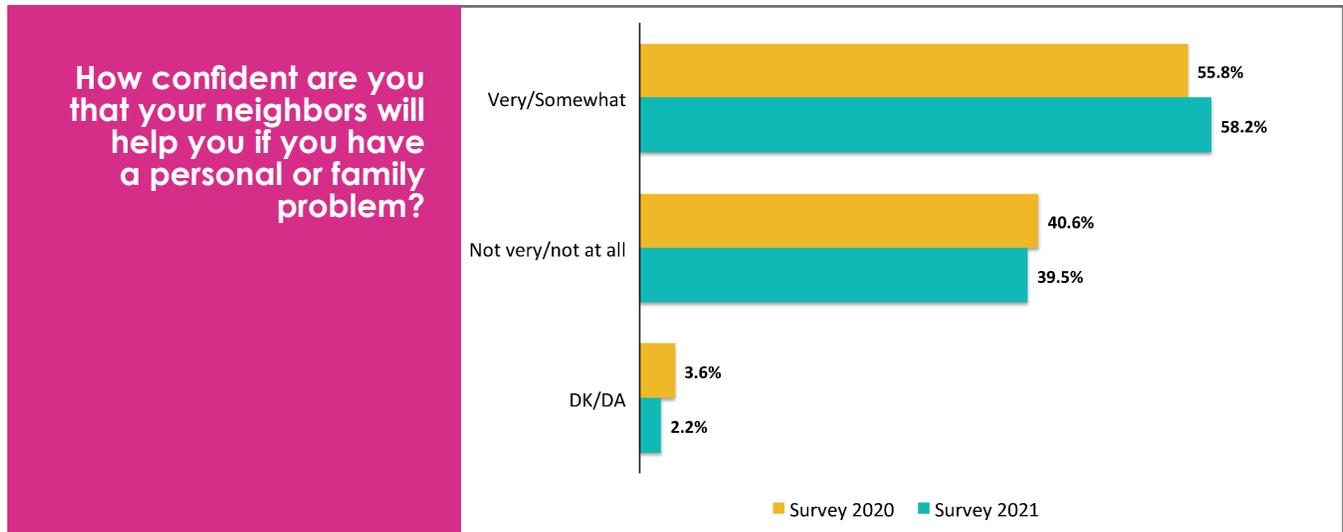
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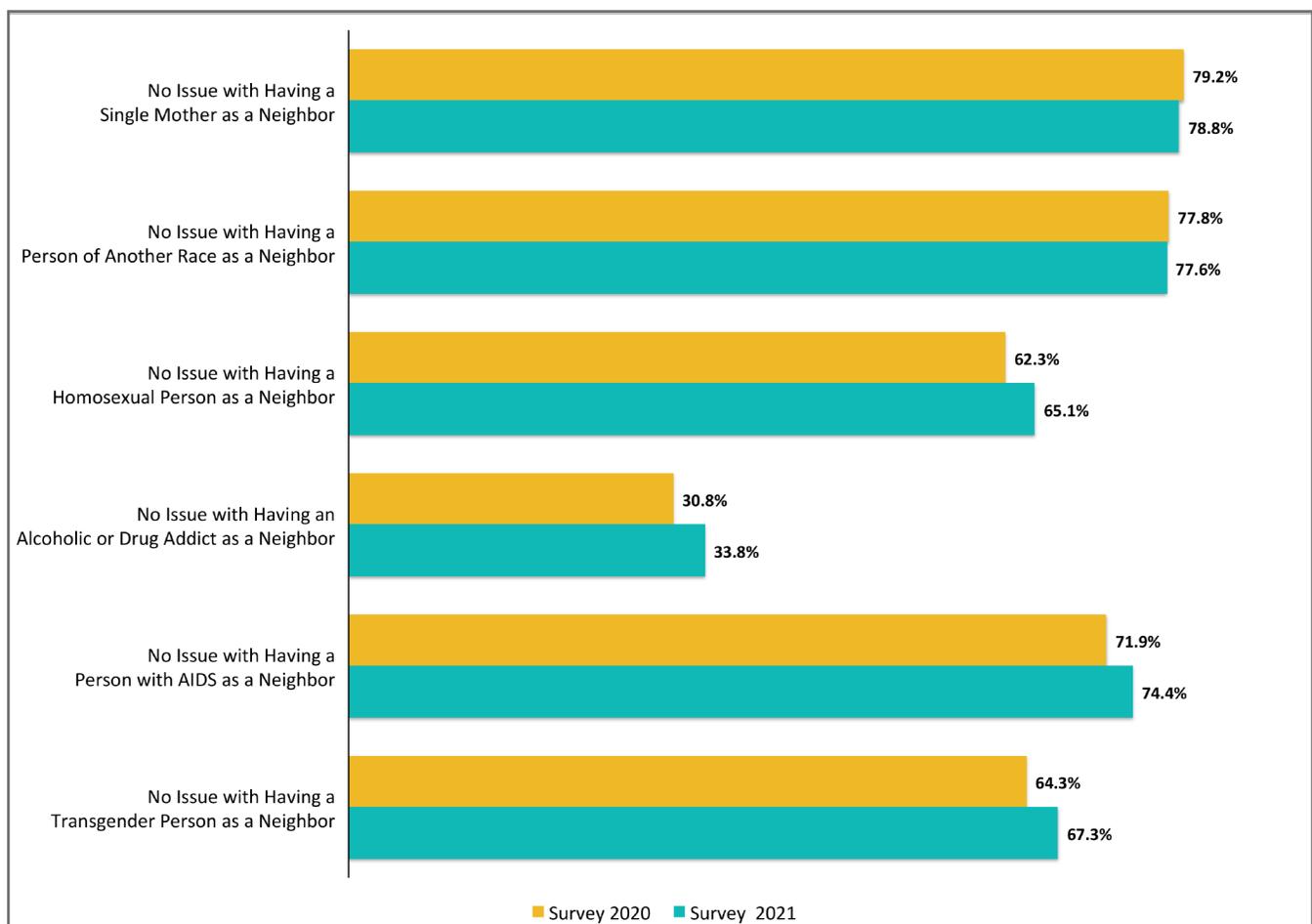
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# NEIGHBORLINESS

People in Belize appreciate good neighborliness; the COVID19 pandemic has only brought us closer together within our communities.

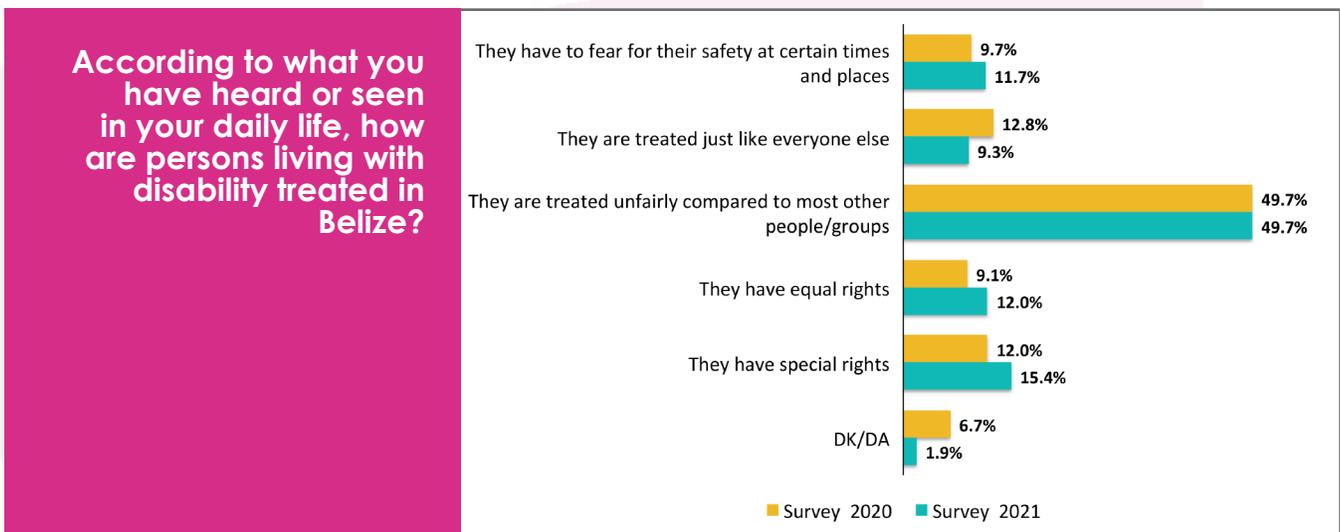
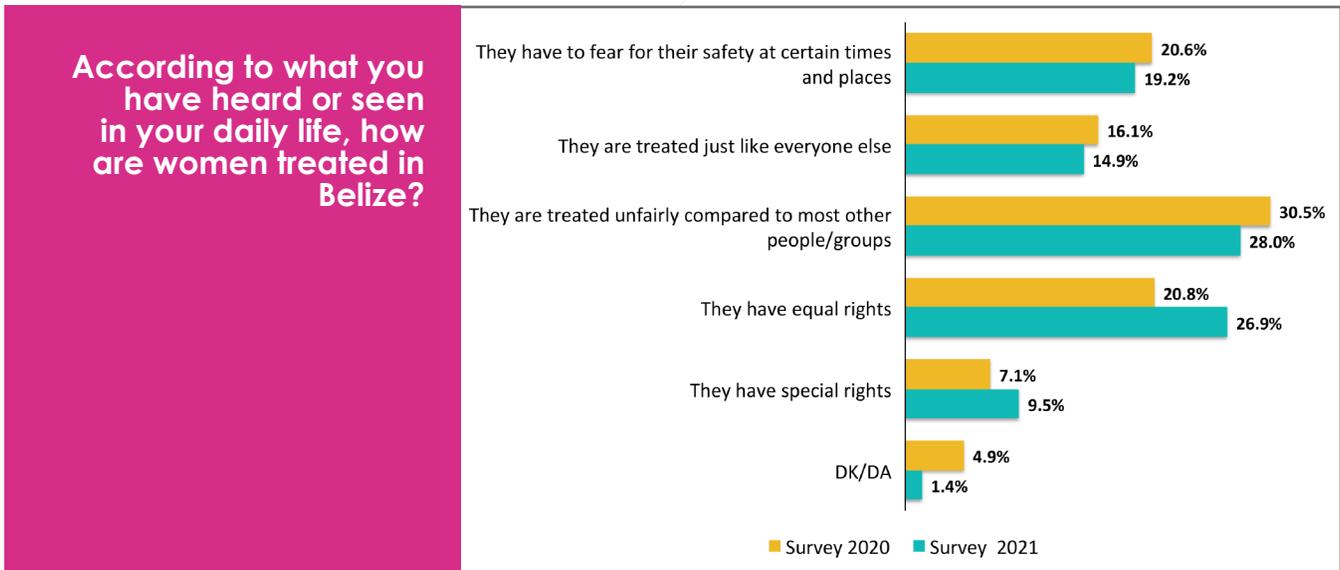


# TOLERANCE & ACCEPTANCE



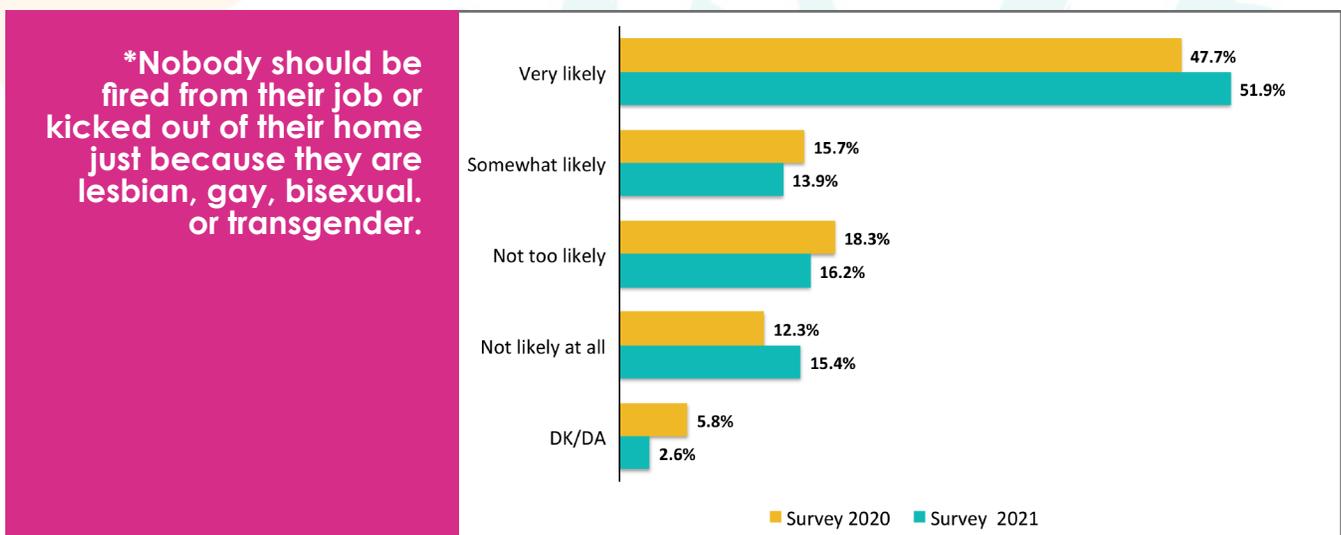
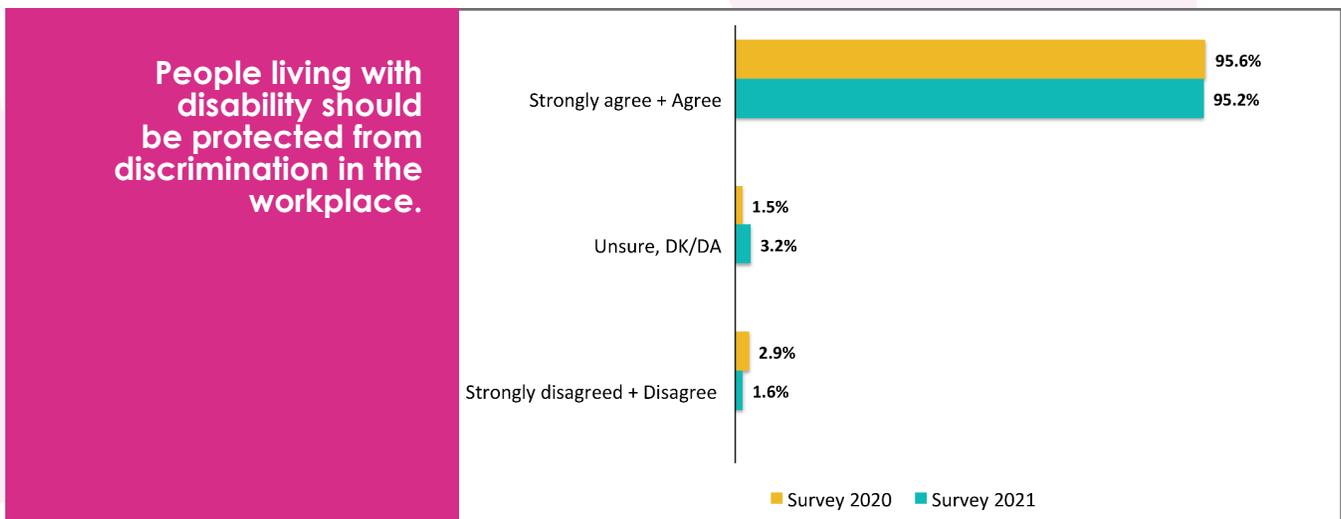
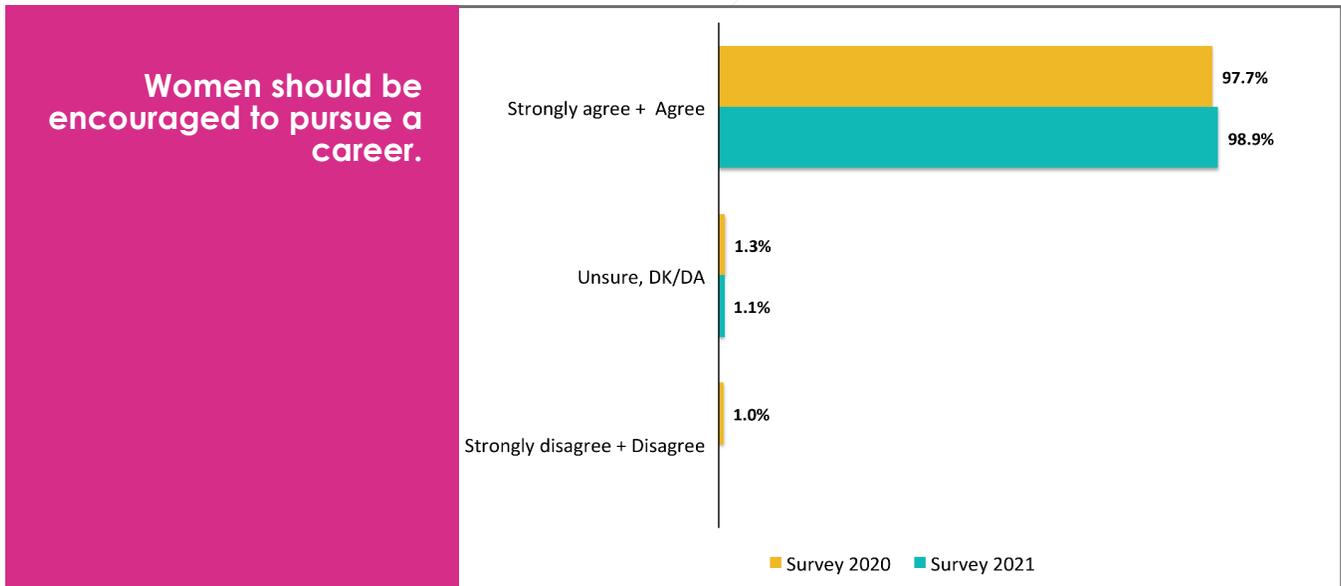
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Many Belizeans appreciate that some groups of their fellow citizens experience discrimination.



# EMPLOYMENT

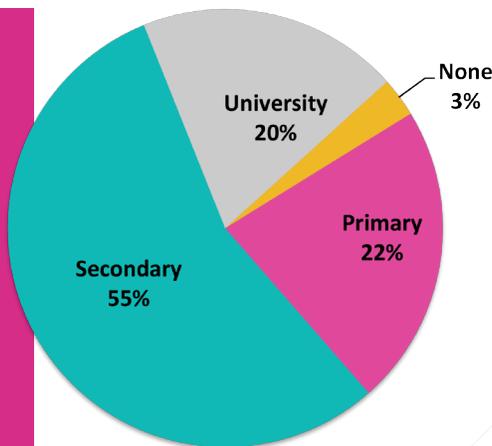
Belizeans think all people should be treated fairly in the workplace.



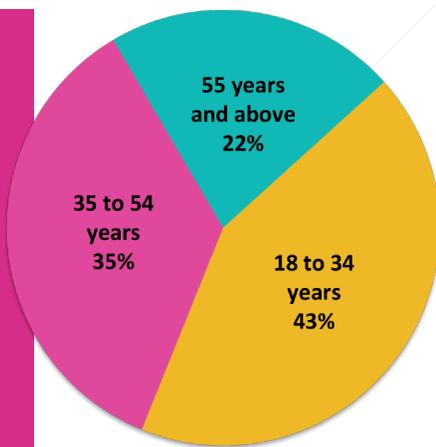
\*Respondents rated 'how likely' they were to support anti-discrimination efforts based on this statement

# DEMOGRAPHICS OF SURVEY GROUP

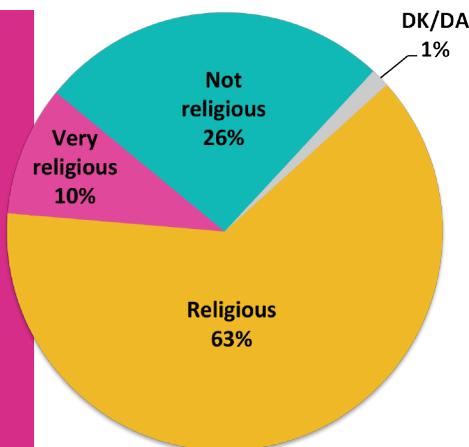
## Education



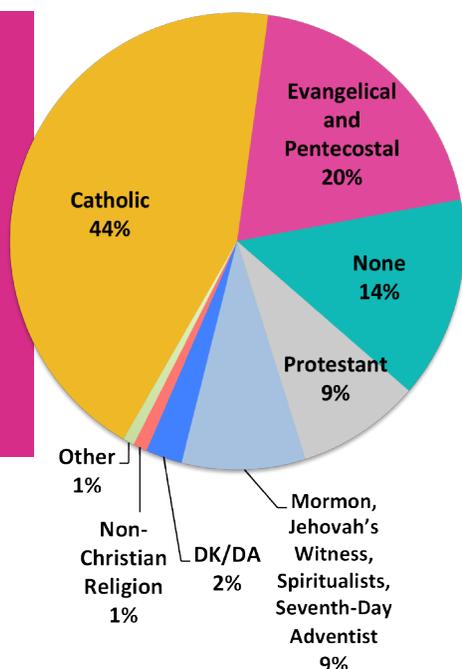
## Age



## Religious Sentiment



## Religion



## Surveying Organization:

Borge Y Asociados - a Central American research and social science agency with over 25 years of experience in the region.

## Commissioned by:

Live and Let Live - a campaign rooted in national values that aims to spark a conversation about the importance of treating all Belizeans with respect.

## Date of Survey:

March 29 to April 13, 2021

## Survey Topics:

Demographics, Belizean values, tolerance and acceptance of marginalized groups, discrimination against specific groups: women & girls, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBT), people living with disability.

## Study Population:

Belizean men and women over 18 years old.

## Sample Size:

600 interviews in total, spread across the most densely populated districts (Belize (City), Cayo, Orange Walk) and taken from the list of registered voters.

## Sampling Method:

Household survey, random sampling of voting centers with probability proportional to size.

## Collection Technique:

Face-to-Face, using mobile devices to record responses.