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Seligson founded and directs the Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP), which conducts the AmericasBarometer surveys that currently cover twenty countries in the Americas, and for which he has received over \$4 million in grant funding over the past few years. LAPOP has conducted over sixty surveys of public opinion, mainly focused on democracy, in primarily Latin America, but more recently has included projects in Africa and the Balkans (see <http://www.LapopSurveys.org>). Prior to joining the faculty at Vanderbilt, he held the Daniel H. Wallace Chair of Political Science and also served as director of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. He has been a Fulbright fellow and has received grants and fellowships from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Mellon Foundation, the Howard Heinz Foundation, USAID, and others. He has published over numerous books, articles, and monographs, and his most recent book is *Development and Underdevelopment, the Political Economy of Global Inequality* (co-edited with John Passé-Smith, third edition 2003). Having consulted for USAID, the World Bank, the UNDP, and the IDB, he also serves on the National Academy of Sciences panel studying the impact of foreign assistance and democracy, is an appointed member of the Organization of American States (OAS) Advisory Board of Inter-American Program on Education for Democratic Values and Practices, and is a founding member of the International Advisory Board (IAB) of the AfroBarometer.

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