This chart shows how exceptional Venezuela’s crime rate is. Venezuela is part of the only four countries in the world with rates averaging higher than 40 homicides per 100,000 inhabitants in the period between 2005 and 2010. The other countries are much smaller, and poorer (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Jamaica). The data is taken from the United Nations.

Furthermore, compared to countries in its income category, Venezuela is a salient outlier: its distance from other countries around its income category is large. No other country near Venezuela’s income category has higher homicide rates.

Notes: Triangles represent Latin American and Caribbean cases.