

# AB update

June 2020 highlights

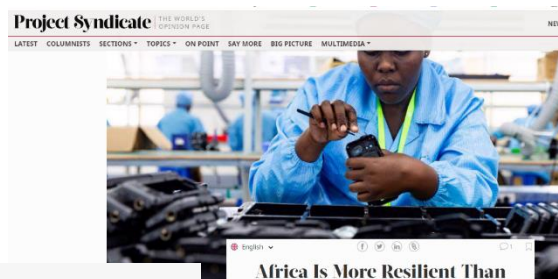


## In the field and around the network

- ✓ The **Hewlett Foundation** awarded AB a major grant to support its work over the next two years.
- ✓ AB signed a strategic partnership MOU with the Germany-based **Center for Evaluation and Development (C4ED)** to collaborate in providing scientific evidence to inform policy and development interventions in Africa.
- ✓ Because of COVID-19, **all data collection remains suspended**. Analysis and electronic dissemination of survey findings, preparations for future fieldwork, and other network activities continue from our homes.
- ✓ Country teams released **Round 8 findings** in Angola, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Lesotho, Ghana, and Côte d'Ivoire. Watch for Ethiopia, Tunisia, and Sierra Leone to follow soon.

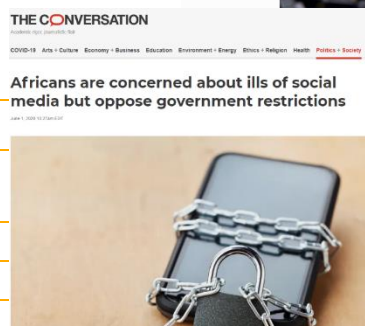
## In the news

A total of 128 media hits were recorded in June across various media outlets, including the Conversation, Washington Post, Burkina24, World Bank Blogs, UNU-WIDER, Guinée Actuelle, SAPO – Cabo Verde Online, Noticias ao Minuto (Portugal), Project Syndicate, MyJoyOnline (Ghana). ...



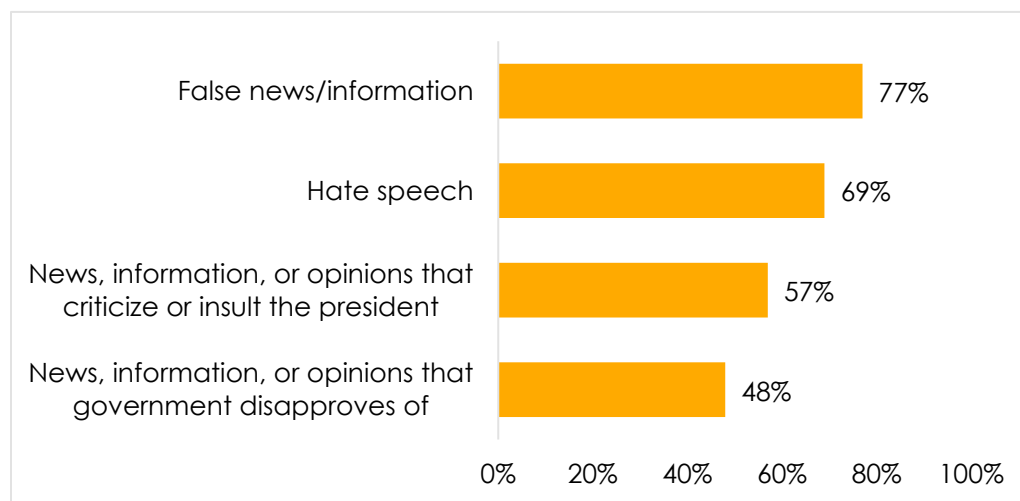
## On digital/social media

Website	11,686 users; 3,822 downloads
Online data analysis	2,041 distinct users
Twitter	241 new followers
Facebook	12,914 total followers



## Chart of the month

### Support for government restrictions on information | Ghana | 2019



**Respondents were asked:**  
Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of the following. (% who "agree" or "strongly agree")

## New publications

- ✓ Working Paper 185: Elder, you're right! Age-group differences in social and political interactions in Africa
- ✓ Policy Paper 66: Africa's digital divide and the promise of e-learning
- ✓ Dispatch 370: In Mozambique, strong regional differences mark fear of extremist and election violence
- ✓ Dispatch 369: La Côte d'Ivoire est-elle surendettée auprès de la Chine? Les avis des citoyens sont divisés
- ✓ Dispatch 368: La corruption en hausse selon les Guinéens, qui craignent des représailles s'ils en parlent
- ✓ Dispatch 367: Radio tops Zimbabweans' news sources – except for 'other people'
- ✓ Dispatch 366: Ghanaians see pros, cons of social media, want access but not fake news
- ✓ Dispatch 365: Zimbabwean vulnerabilities on health care, water

## Visibility

- ✓ AB was featured in the World Bank's Africa Knowledge in Time on COVID-19 Series, using Round 7 (2016/2018) findings to map vulnerabilities and assets in the response to COVID-19.
- ✓ AB publications continued to draw attention to the impact of COVID-19 on Africa. See a list [here](#).
- ✓ AB co-founder and interim CEO E. Gyimah-Boadi joined more than 500 political and civil leaders, Nobel Laureates, and pro-democracy institutions in signing an open letter calling for the defense of democracy against governments using the COVID-19 crisis to tighten their grip on power.
- ✓ AB participated in the "Sharing Strategies to Build Back Better Together" civil society meeting in preparation for the July G20 meeting on COVID-19 economic recovery and the 2021 agenda.
- ✓ **Presentations:**
  - On AB findings on democracy and access to Internet and electricity, in the Relaunching Africa Policy Series organized by TechHer NG
  - On AB data analysis and visualization techniques, in the Institute of Public Relations Ghana Accreditation Course
  - On democracy, development, and how public opinion data can shape policy making, in the West Africa Young Leadership virtual bootcamp organized by CDD-Ghana



## Support for Afrobarometer



Afrobarometer surveys are continuing in 2020 thanks to financial support from Sweden via the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, the Open Society Foundations, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) via the U.S. Institute of Peace, Freedom House, and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Uganda. But voices of support will continue to be essential to ensure Afrobarometer's long-term sustainability.

