

AB update

February 2021 highlights



In the field and around the network

- ✓ National partners in the **Gambia** and **Morocco** completed fieldwork, for a total of 27 countries in Round 8 so far. Cameroon, Sudan, and Tanzania started fieldwork. Coming up: Madagascar and others as COVID-19 permits. ...
- ✓ New survey findings explore perceptions and experiences of **COVID-19** in Benin and Mauritius. More to come. ...
- ✓ AB hosted the first "**Barometers Brown Bag**" (B3) webinar on telephone survey methods, with the Arab Barometer and LAPOP (Latin American Public Opinion Project).

In the news

A total of 103 media hits were recorded in February across various media outlets, including Africa Briefing, MSN France, Namibian Broadcasting Corp., DW, A Semana (Cabo Verde), Mail & Guardian, The Conversation, Front Page Africa, Le Mauricien, Sunday Standard (Botswana). ...

On digital/social media

Website	16,588 users; 4,746 downloads (2,512 publications, 2,196 data)
Online data analysis	3,794 distinct users; 40,795 pages served
Twitter	20,603 followers
Facebook	14,019 followers

Chart of the month

Change in support for elections | 15 countries | 2011-2020

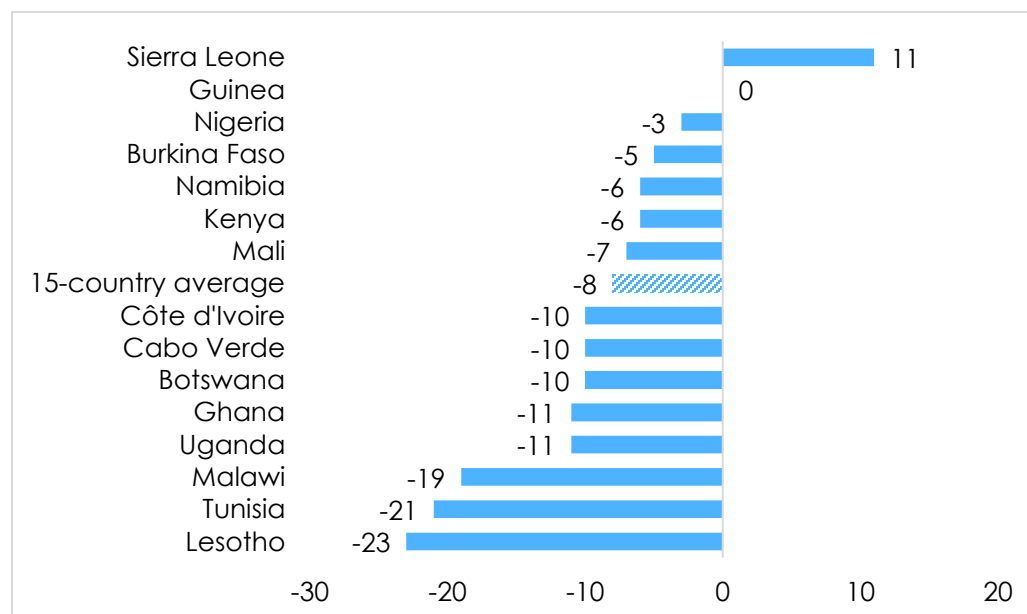


Figure shows **change, in percentage points**, between survey rounds in 2011/2013 and 2019/2020 in the proportion of respondents who "agree" or "agree very strongly" that leaders should be chosen through elections. Click [here](#) for more on elections.



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REMINDER: Applications for our 2nd online seminar, COVID-19, Well-Being, and Democratic Governance, hosted by @UCTdcpa close this Friday 5 March. Head over to our site to find out how to apply: bit.ly/3o2C0Ib



Publications

- ✓ Dispatch 428: Troubling tax trends - Fewer Africans support taxation, more say people avoid paying
- ✓ Dispatch 427: Mauritians praise government's COVID-19 response but suspect corruption, distrust politicians
- ✓ Dispatch 426: With high prevalence of lived poverty, Ethiopians rate government's economic performance as poor
- ✓ Dispatch 425: Support for elections weakens among Africans; many see them as ineffective in holding leaders accountable
- ✓ Dispatch 424: Most Sierra Leoneans approve of measures against sexual violence, want more to be done
- ✓ Dispatch 423: Les Béninois approuvent la réponse gouvernementale à la pandémie de COVID-19 mais souhaitent une assistance plutôt équitable

Visibility

- ✓ Namibian President Hage G. Geingob cited an AB report on corruption in urging the country to intensify the fight against corruption.
- ✓ The U.S. State Department cited AB in announcing Francis Ben Kaifala, head of Sierra Leone's Anti-corruption Commission, which has repeatedly highlighted AB findings on corruption, as one of its International Anticorruption Champions.
- ✓ Citing AB data on corruption in the judicial system, Ghana Supreme Court Justice Gertrude Torkornoo advocated for a more robust national conversation on corruption.
- ✓ AB Board Chairman E. Gyimah-Boadi discussed the state of democracy in Africa as a featured speaker at the Denver Democracy Summit.
- ✓ AB continued its bi-weekly series in the Washington Post Monkey Cage with cross-country analyses on elections and taxation.

Presentations:

- ✓ On what Africans think about China, at the Hoover Institution/CDD-Ghana joint program on "Strengthening the Capacity of African Civil Society to Counter PRC Propaganda and Disinformation"
- ✓ On vulnerabilities and capabilities of African governments confronting a pandemic, to the African Politics Research Group, University of Edinburgh
- ✓ On perceptions of immigration in Southern Africa, at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University
- ✓ On Kenyans' views on identity and trust, to the Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Spain to Kenya, Somalia, and Uganda
- ✓ On Ethiopians' support for the rule of law, to the Governance Technical Working Group/UNDP



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