

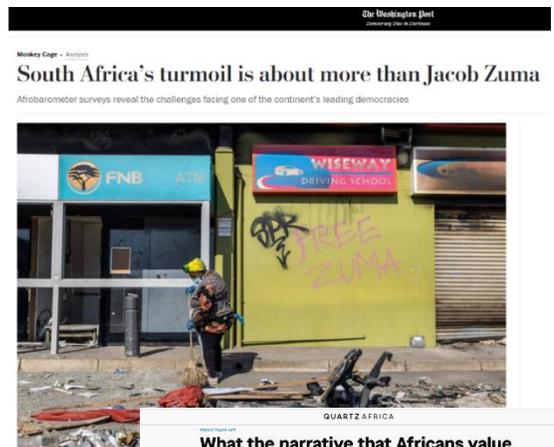
AB update

July 2021 highlights



In the field and around the network

- ✓ With the end of fieldwork in Mozambique – about 100 interviews shy of the target because of security concerns – **AB has completed its Round 8 data collection.** Despite a seven-month interruption and other challenges due to COVID-19, the network managed to conduct more than 40,700 interviews in 34 countries in all regions of the continent.
- ✓ After a **Round 9 Planning Meeting**, national partners are preparing to start fieldwork in August.
- ✓ **New grants:** The University of California San Diego will support AB's gender module in R9, and the World Bank will support AB's capacity-building work.
- ✓ AB continued its Washington Post Monkey Cage series with **timely analyses** on turmoil in Eswatini and South Africa.
- ✓ AB released **Afrobarometer SDG Scorecards** for six more countries with a webinar for East Africa. Scorecards for countries in Southern Africa will be released in August.



In the news

A total of **195 media hits** were recorded in July across various media outlets, including the Economist, Investing.com, MyJoyOnline.com, Vision Guinée, Daily Maverick, Mail & Guardian, Quartz Africa, DW, New Zimbabwe, Washington Post, Business Day, Bloomberg, Sowetan Live, Christian Post. ...

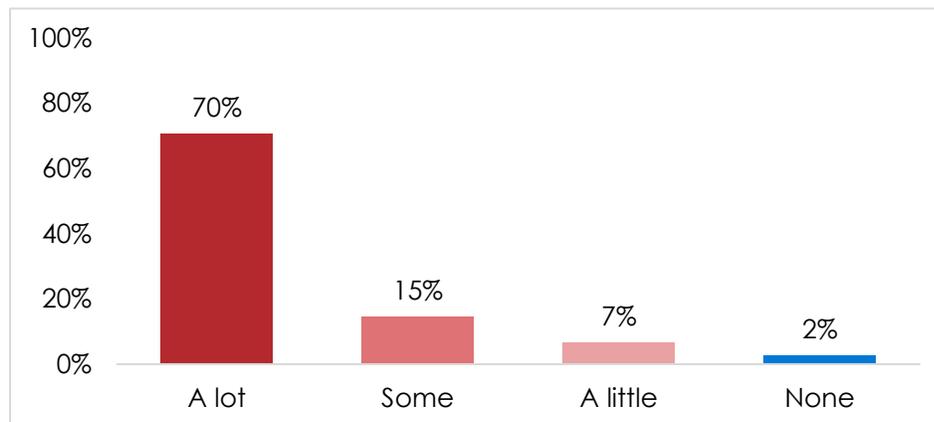
On digital/social media

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| Website | 15,120 users; 5,592 downloads |
| Online data analysis | 3,763 distinct users; 24,955 pages served |
| Twitter | 22,355 followers |
| Facebook | 14,808 followers |



Chart of the month

COVID-19 resources lost to government corruption | South Africa | 2021



Respondents were asked: Considering all of the funds and resources that were available to the government for combating and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, how much do you think was lost or stolen due to corruption among government officials?

Publications

- ✓ Working Paper 187: [Does sensitivity bias lead respondents to misreport their level of trust in political parties? An investigation into Afrobarometer's survey results and methodology](#)
- ✓ Policy Paper 74: [Violent extremism in Africa: Citizen perspectives from the Sahel epicenter and periphery](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 467: [South Africans support government's COVID-19 response but are critical of corruption and skeptical of vaccines](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 466: [Zimbabweans endorse legitimacy of taxation but have difficulty finding out how government uses tax revenues](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 465: [Priority or not? Ugandans continue to cite health as their most important problem, say access is difficult](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 464: [Gone but not forgotten: Most Ugandans want presidential term and age limits reinstated](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 463: [Though alert to its dangers, Zimbabweans embrace social media and demand unrestricted access](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 462: [Les Sénégalais déplorent la hausse du niveau de corruption mais craignent des représailles en cas de dénonciation](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 461: [Ghanaians are united and hospitable but intolerant toward same-sex relationships](#)

Visibility

- ✓ AB's policy brief on "[The future Africans want](#)" inaugurated the "Imagine Africa" series of the EU Institute for Security Studies.
- ✓ AB's "[Africans' durable demand for democracy](#)" was published in the *Journal of Democracy*.
- ✓ A collaboration with the London School of Economics and Political Science culminated in the publication of an AB [working paper](#) by four students analyzing sensitivity bias in AB surveys.
- ✓ AB data were featured in the UNU-WIDER working paper "[Do gifts buy votes? Evidence from sub-Saharan Africa.](#)"
- ✓ Ghana's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration urged African governments to [use AB data in policy-making](#).
- ✓ AB served as a resource for job seekers at the Ghana Job Fair 2021 organized by the Ghanaian-German Centre for Jobs, Migration and Reintegration in collaboration with the Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Ghana and the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations.



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Presentations:

- ✓ On COVID-19 vaccines and health care, to South Africa's Presidency and Department of Health
- ✓ On COVID-19, national health insurance, and health care in South Africa, to the Bhekisisa Centre for Health Journalism
- ✓ On "Patrons or agents? African MPs in their districts," to the 6th Conference of the Standing Group of Parliaments, European Consortium for Political Research

Support for Afrobarometer



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