

AB update

October 2021 highlights



In the field and around the network

- ✓ Round 9 data collection started in Namibia (photo at right) and will proceed in Angola, Gabon, Kenya, and Nigeria in November. Preparations are also underway in Ghana, Uganda, and Côte d'Ivoire.
- ✓ In the run-up to December's global Summit for Democracy, AB launched a weekly series in the Washington Post Monkey Cage, focusing first on Africans' resilient demand for democratic governance and the impact of China's investments on democratic attitudes.



In the news

A total of **318 media hits** were recorded in October across various media outlets, including the New York Times, Conversation, Brookings, Daily Maverick, New Zimbabwe, Center for American Progress, Phys.org, Mail & Guardian, Daily Mail, IOL, Angola 24 Horas. ...

Monkey Cage - Africa
China has invested deeply in Africa. We checked to see whether that is undermining democracy.

The second in Afrobarometer's special democracy summit series on Africa.

On digital/social media

Website	19,958 users; 6,321 downloads
Online data analysis	4,669 distinct users; 37,361 pages
Twitter	23,406 followers
Facebook	14,841 fans
LinkedIn	2,243 followers



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Topics

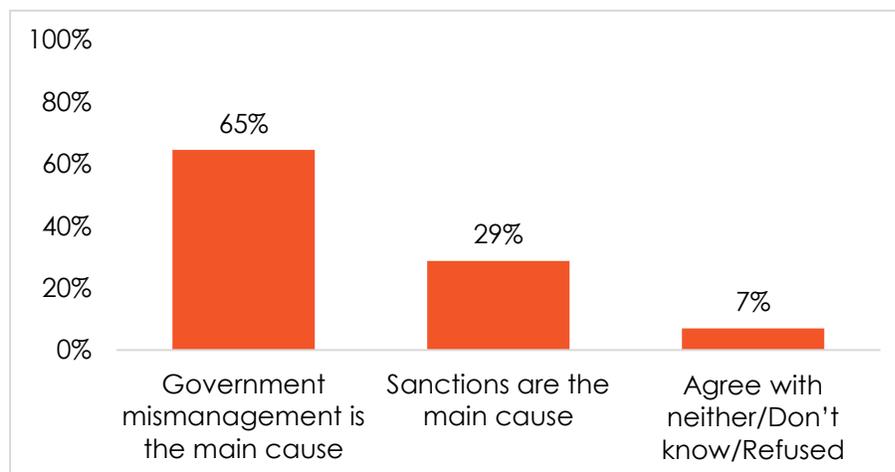
Climate change literacy lessons from Africa: Knowledge is key

by University of Connecticut



Chart of the month

Cause of economic meltdown: Sanctions or mismanagement? | Zimbabwe | 2021



Respondents were asked:

Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: Sanctions imposed by the West on Zimbabwe are the main cause for the country's economic meltdown.

Statement 2: Government's mismanagement of the economy is the main cause for Zimbabwe's economic meltdown.

(% who "agree" or "strongly agree" with each statement)

Publications

- ✓ Working Paper 189: [How does exposure to conflict events shape social trust? A spatiotemporal approach](#)
- ✓ Policy Paper 77: [Bilan de la politique ivoirienne en éducation: insuffisante](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 483: [Zimbabweans blame government, not sanctions, for country's economic meltdown](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 484: [Amid insurgency, Mozambicans express fear, growing disapproval of government response](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 485: [Liberians want a free media – within limits – and unrestricted access to social media](#)
- ✓ Dispatch 482: [In Eswatini, economic conditions worsen; citizens cite poor government performance](#)

Visibility

- ✓ CEO Joseph Asunka introduced AB's work to a variety of audiences, including:
 - As featured speaker on "[Responding to African priorities in U.S.-Africa relations: Insights from Afrobarometer](#)," at the **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace**.
 - In a sit-down with **TV3 Ghana** on African research and Ghanaian political issues.
 - As a guest in the **Democracy & Media** podcast series.
- ✓ AB Board Chair E. Gyimah-Boadi provided "[A view from the top](#)" at the Financial Times' "**Africa Summit**" FT Live event.
- ✓ The **Millennium Challenge Corporation** (MCC) draws on AB data on corruption, government effectiveness, and the rule of law for its 2022 country scorecards.
- ✓ Ambassador Johnnie Carson, chair of AB's International Advisory Council, highlighted the importance of Afrobarometer's work at a luncheon hosted at the **House of Lords**, London, by Baroness D'Souza, a firm AB supporter.
- ✓ AB's work was featured in the webinar "**Sino-Africa cooperation: Lessons and evidence for reform**," hosted by CDD-Ghana and the Hoover Institution (Stanford University) in partnership with the Institute for Development Studies (University of Nairobi).
- ✓ The **Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics** draws on AB data in its "[Political culture in Africa](#)" entry, by Robert Nyenhuis and Robert Mattes.
- ✓ AB continued its series in the Continent with a page on [term limits](#).

Presentations:

- ✓ On AB Round 8 highlights, to the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office
- ✓ On Africans' views on parliamentarians, in a World Bank briefing in Washington, D.C.
- ✓ On democracy, the rule of law, and poverty, to the Chatham House Forum on Angola
- ✓ On political parties and electoral behaviour in Benin, at a workshop at Omar Bongo University in Libreville, Gabon
- ✓ On tracking progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals, at an APRM and UNDESA Workshop on "Accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and AU Agenda 2063 in Africa: Building resilient institutions for the SDGs in the time of COVID-19"

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