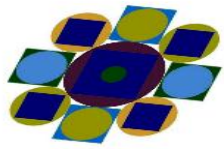


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For Basotho, Family Relationships are Key to Citizenship

**National Identity More Important
than Ethnic Group Membership**

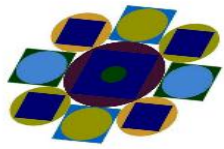


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How the Majority Defines Citizenship

- **81%** say a person born in Lesotho with one non-Mosotho parent has a right to be a citizen of Lesotho
- **72%** say a wife of a Mosotho man has a right to be a citizen of Lesotho even if she was born outside of Lesotho.
- **51%** say the husband of a Mosotho woman, even if not born in Lesotho, has a right to be a citizen of Lesotho.

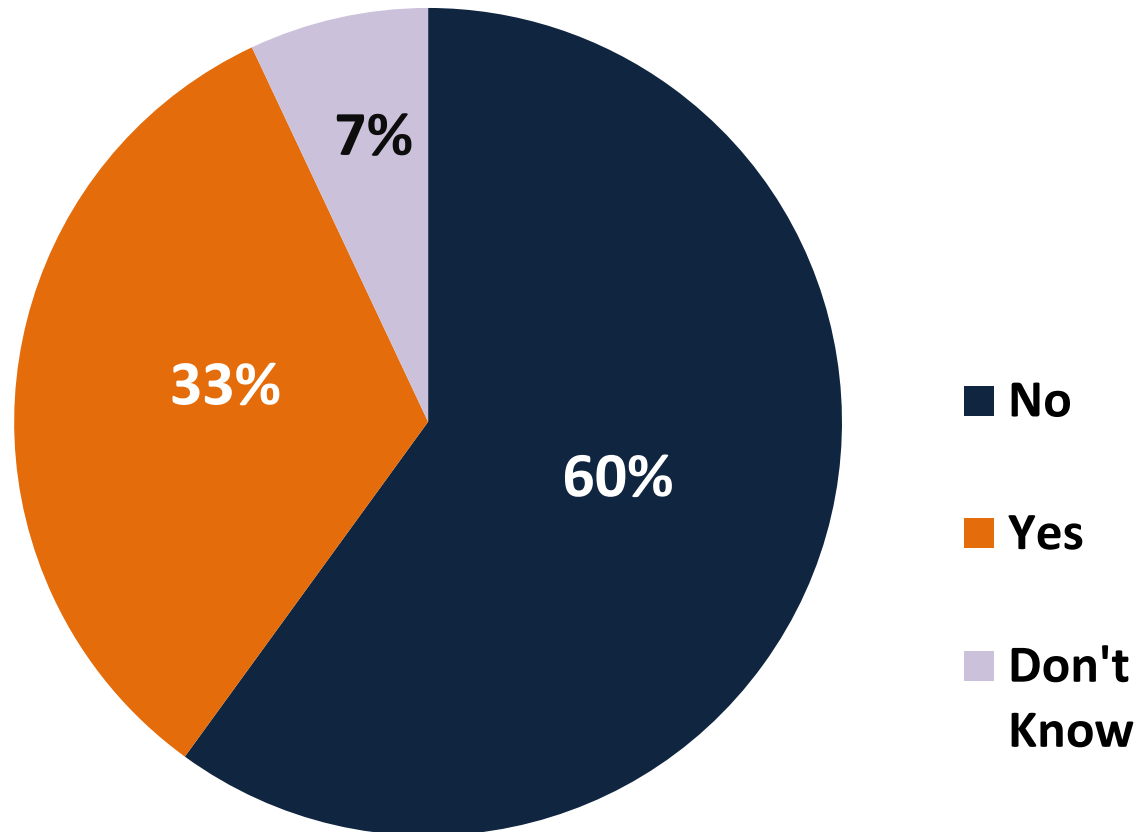


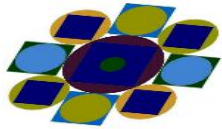
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Basotho Reject Dual Citizenship



Should a person be a citizen of Lesotho and another country?





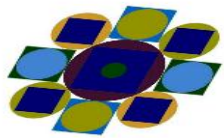
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Opinion Divided on Rights of Foreign Workers, Children of Foreign Parents

- **47%** say a person who has lived and worked in Lesotho for many years and wishes to remain has a right to citizenship.
 - **49%** say no.
- **48%** say a person born in Lesotho of two non-Basotho parents has a right to citizenship
 - **49%** say no.

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Citizenship Rights

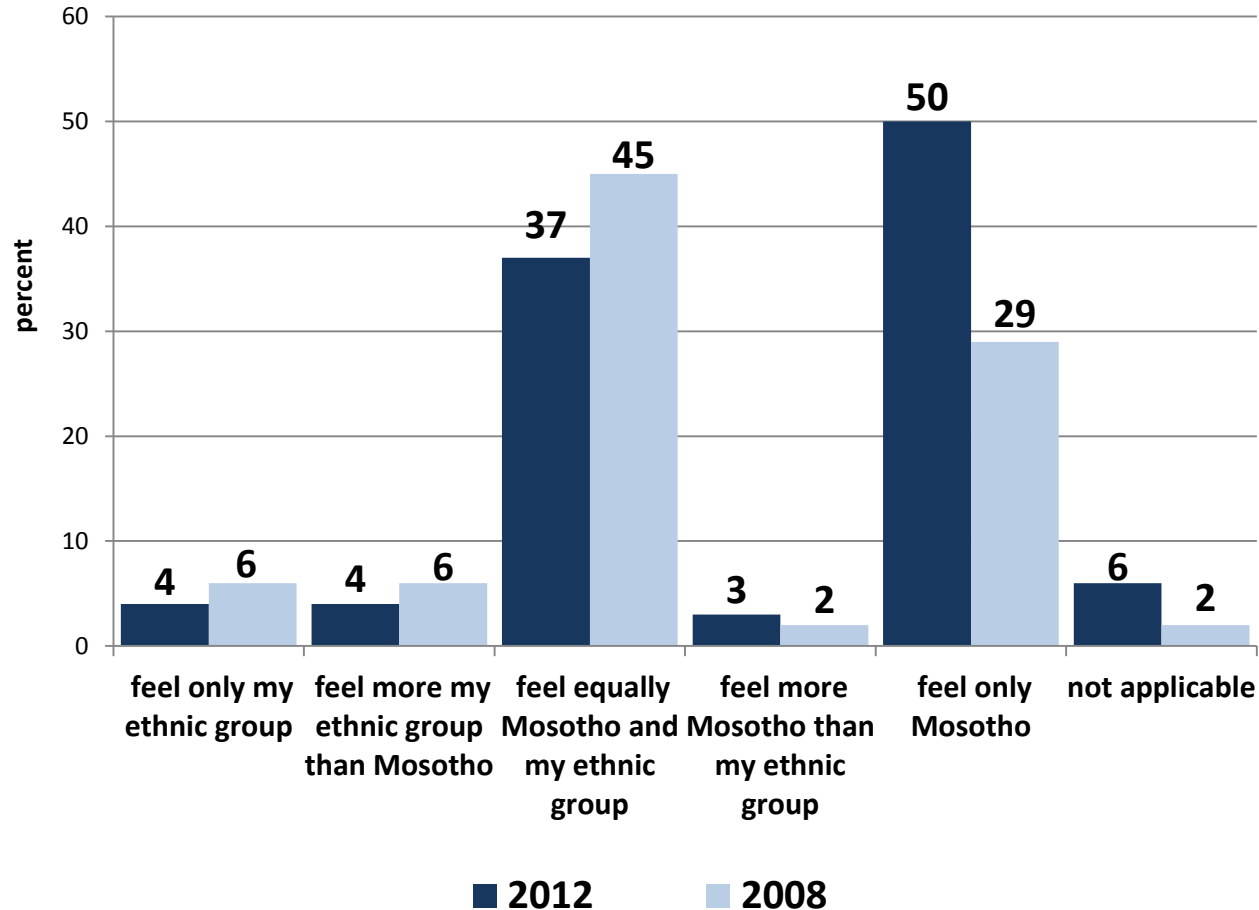
Which person has a right to Lesotho Citizenship?	Yes	No
Born in Lesotho, one Mosotho, one foreign parent	81%	17%
Born in Lesotho, two foreign parents	48%	49%
Wife of a Mosotho man born outside Lesotho	72%	24%
Husband of a Mosotho woman born outside Lesotho	51%	44%
Foreign born, lived in Lesotho for many years	49%	47%
A person who wishes to have dual citizenship	33%	60%

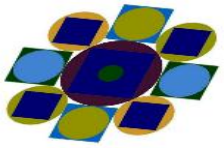


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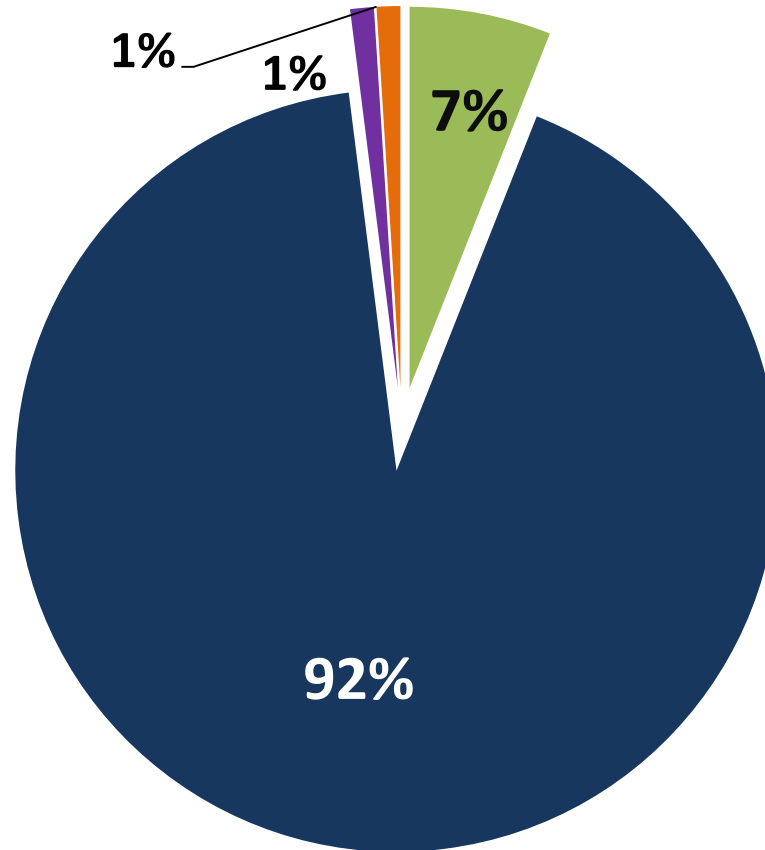


Basotho Value National Identity





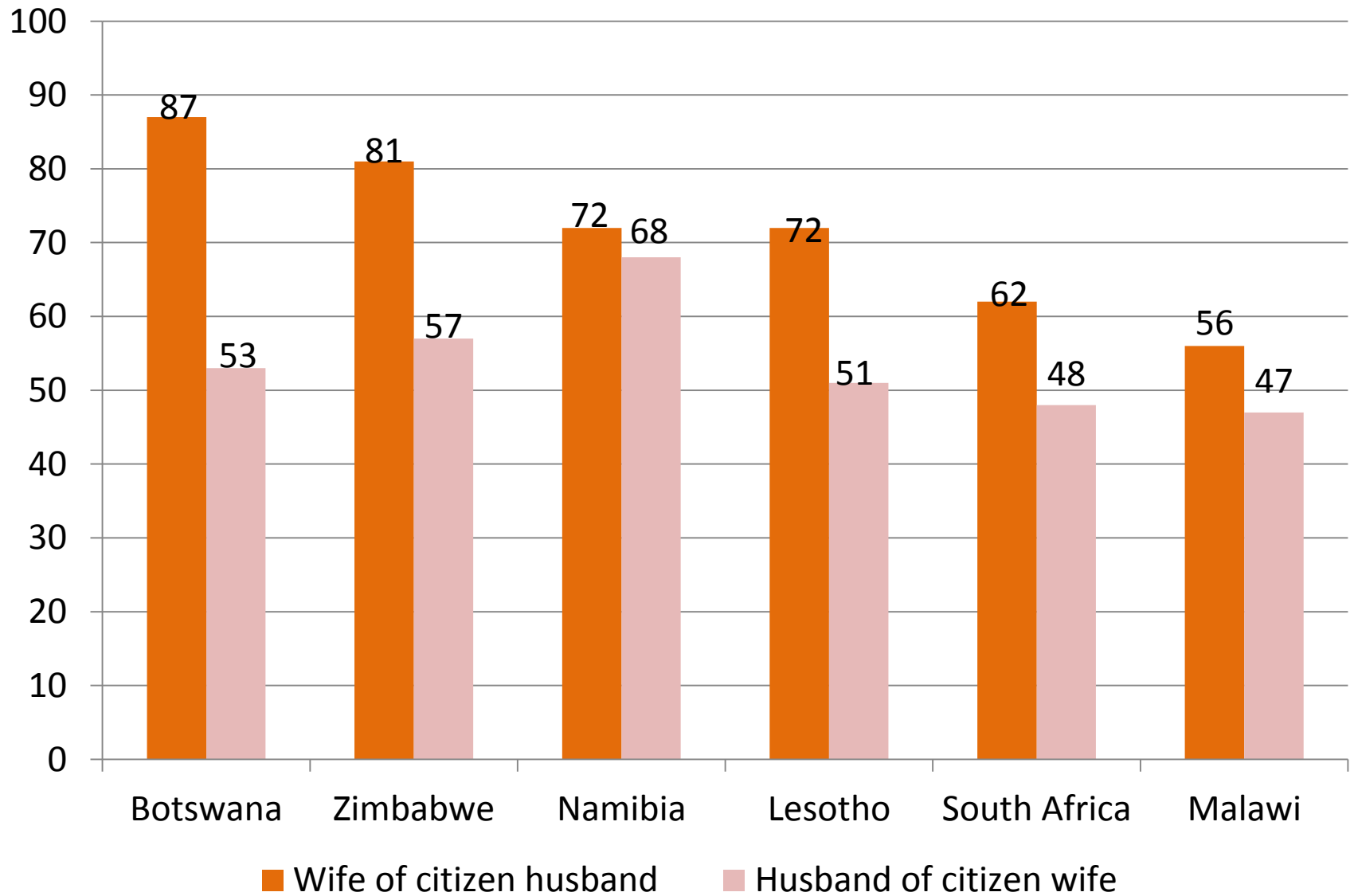
Proud to be Called a Mosotho



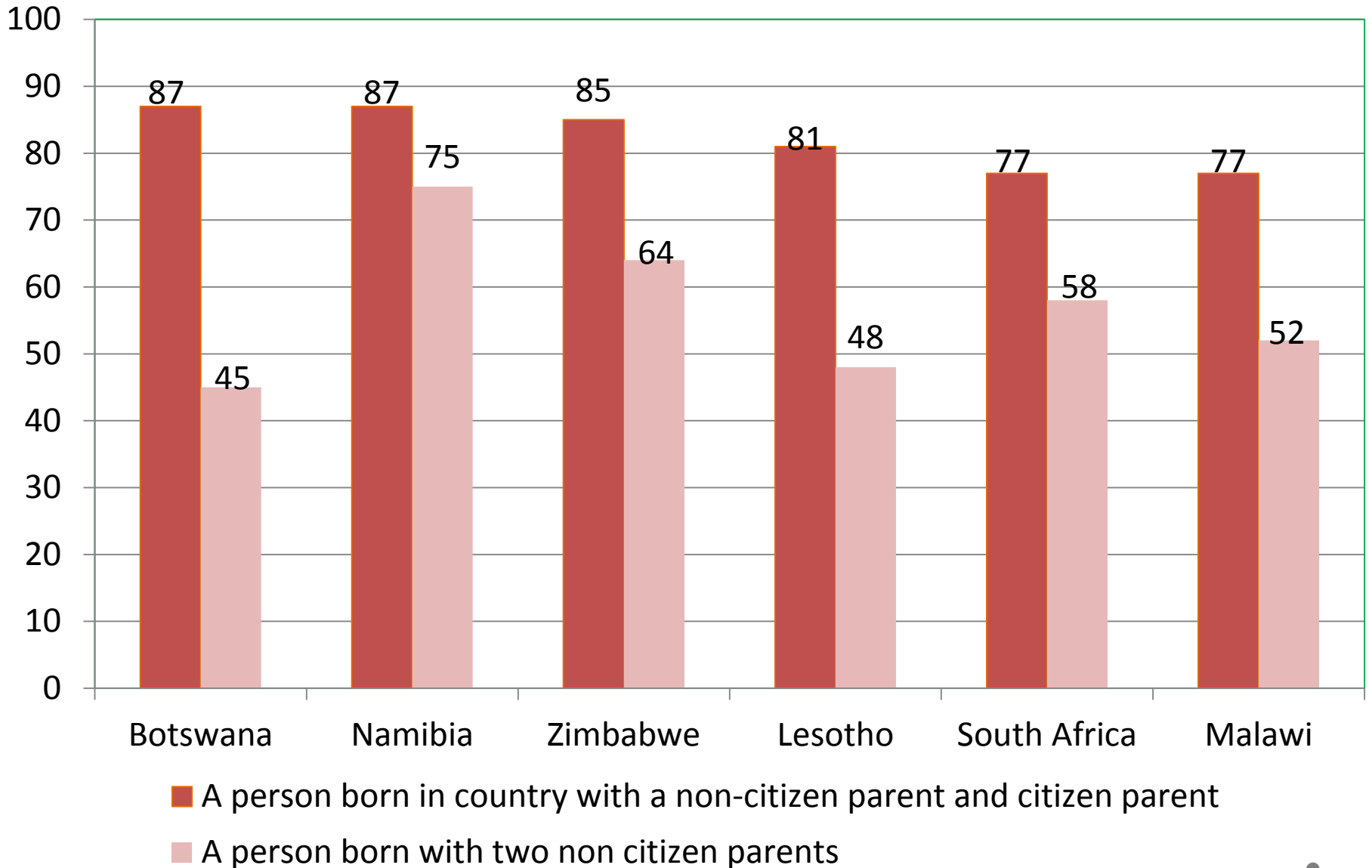
■ Disagree ■ Agree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Don't know

CITIZENSHIP – REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

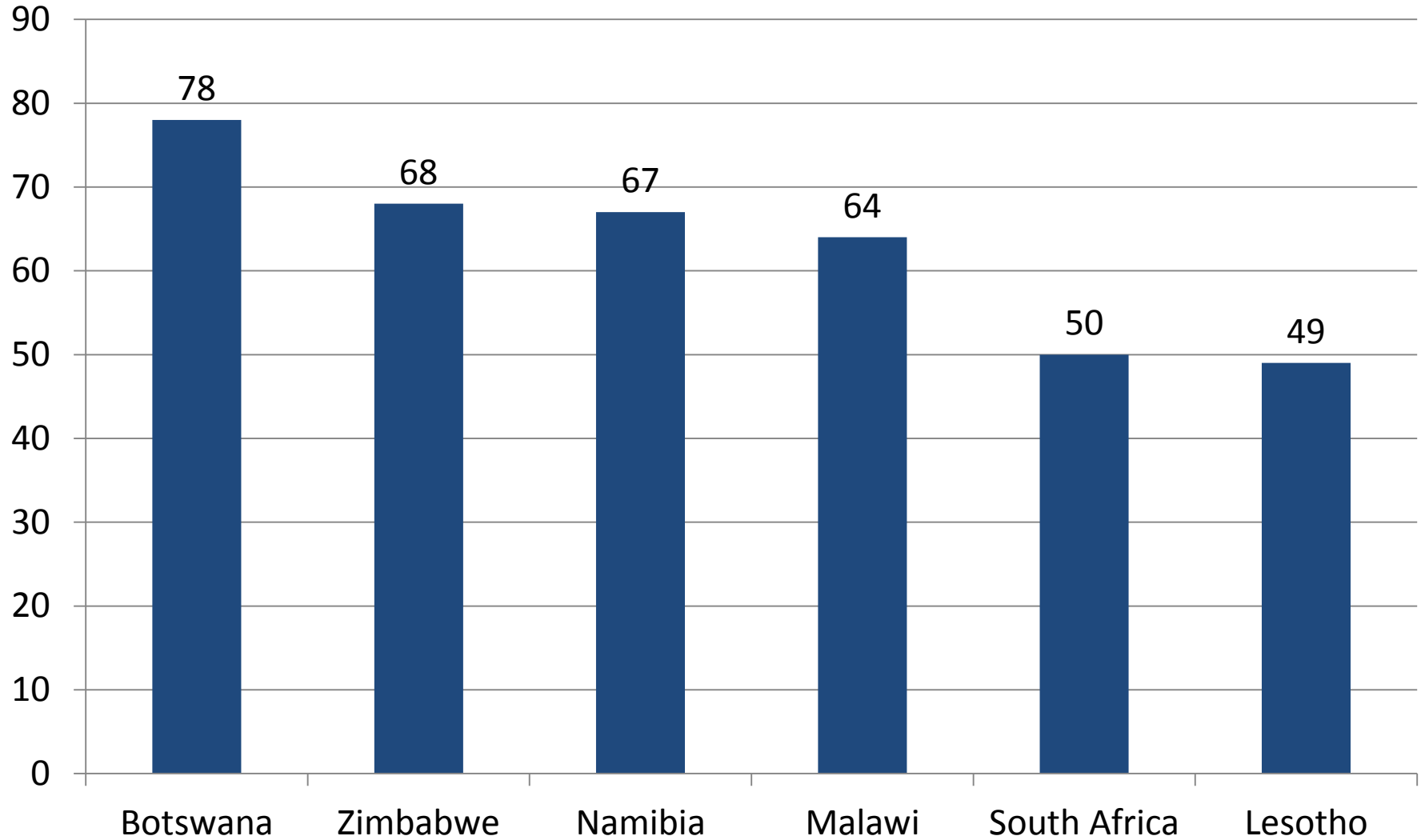
Marriage Relationship and Support for Citizenship



Family Relationship and Support for Citizenship

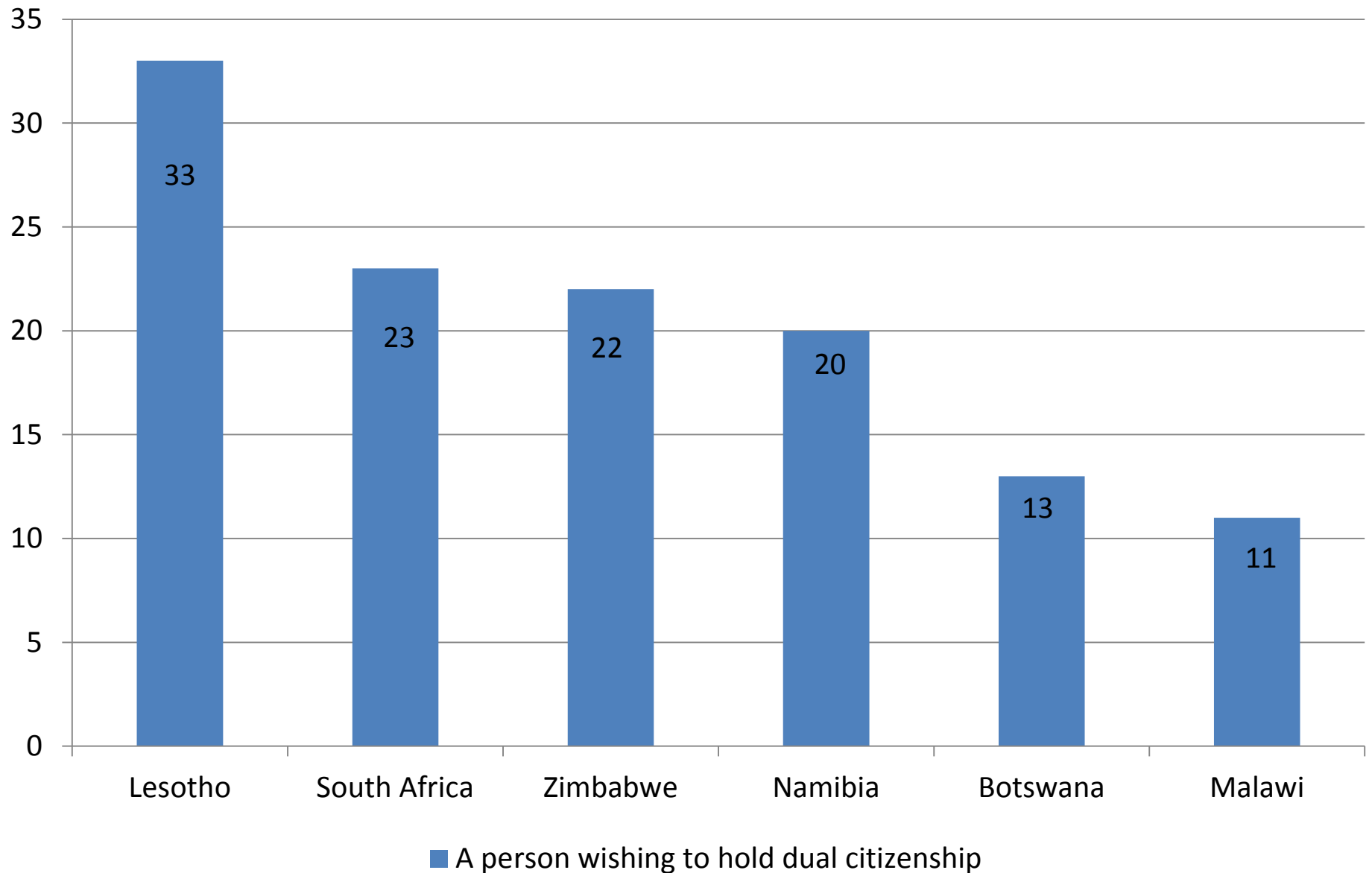


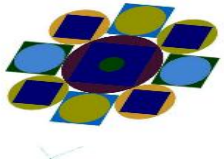
Workers in Country and Support for Citizenship



■ A person born in another country, but has lived and worked in your country for years

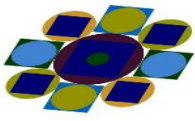
Support for Dual Citizenship





Key Findings

- Foreign-born spouses of Basotho and people born in Lesotho with at least one Mosotho parent should have the right to citizenship, according a majority of people polled by Afrobarometer.
- Basotho value their national identity more than their ethnic group identity.
- The survey results show overwhelming pride in being called Basotho. This pride in nationality may underlie attitudes on who has the right to citizenship and how one balances his ethnic and national identities.



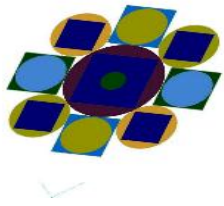
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For Further Consideration

The issue of dual citizenship for Basotho needs further investigation and discussion at different public fora. Recently, debates on local radio shows and news media showed that some Basotho do not make a distinction between dual citizenship for Basotho and incorporation of Lesotho into South Africa.

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