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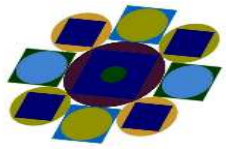


BASOTHO EMBRACE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

Lehakoe Recreational Club

Maseru, Lesotho

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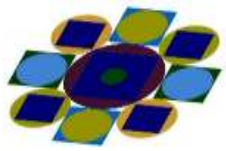


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Equal Rights and Treatment for Women



- 51% in 2012 compared to 40% in 2006 say women should have equal rights and treatment with men
- Only 46% in 2012 say women should remain subject to traditional laws and values, this down from 58% in 2006

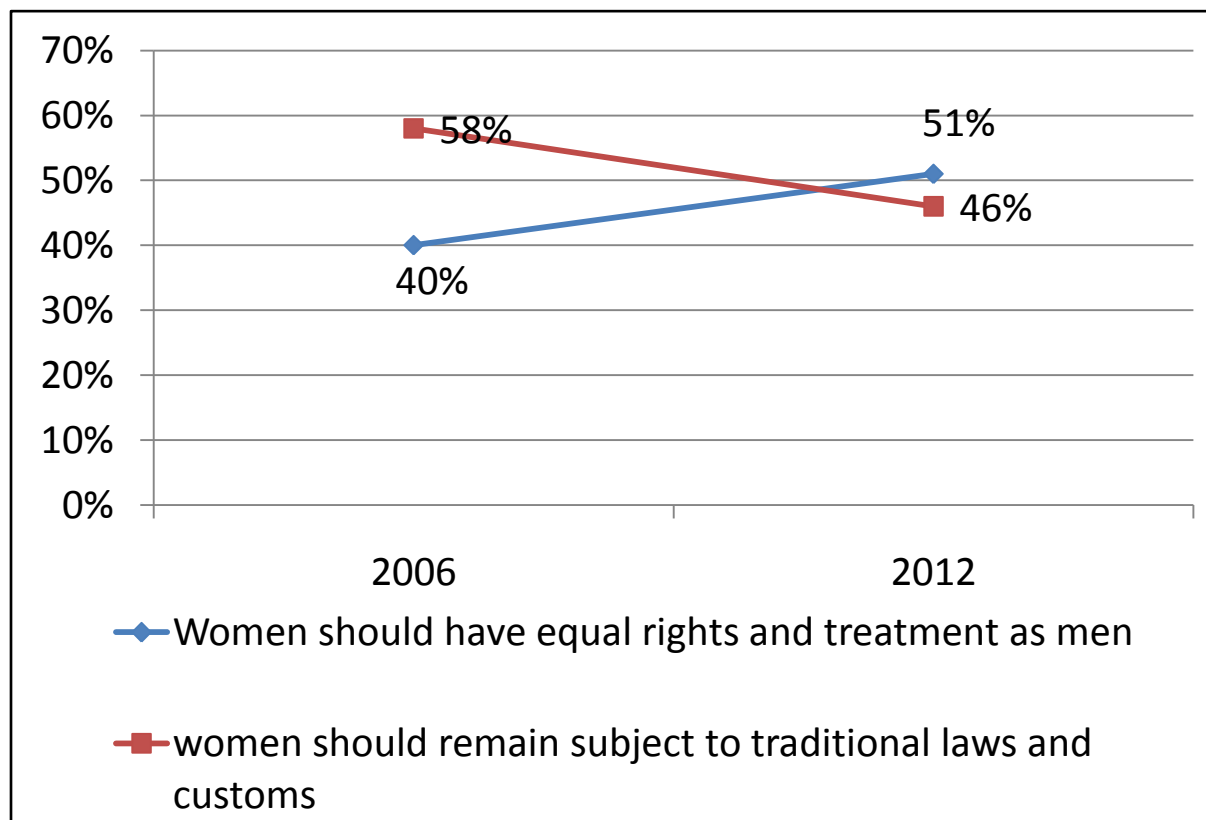


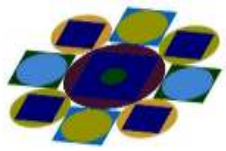
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Equal Rights and Treatment for Women



Q: Choose between statements: In our country, women should have equal rights and receive the same treatment as men do OR Women have always been subject to traditional laws and customs and should remain so. (% choosing each option)



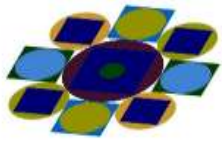


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Women and Political Leadership



- 70% in 2012 said that women should have the same chance of being elected as men.
- Only 27% in 2012 said men make better political leaders
- In 2006, only 51% said women have the same chance of being elected, and 47% said that men make better political leaders than women

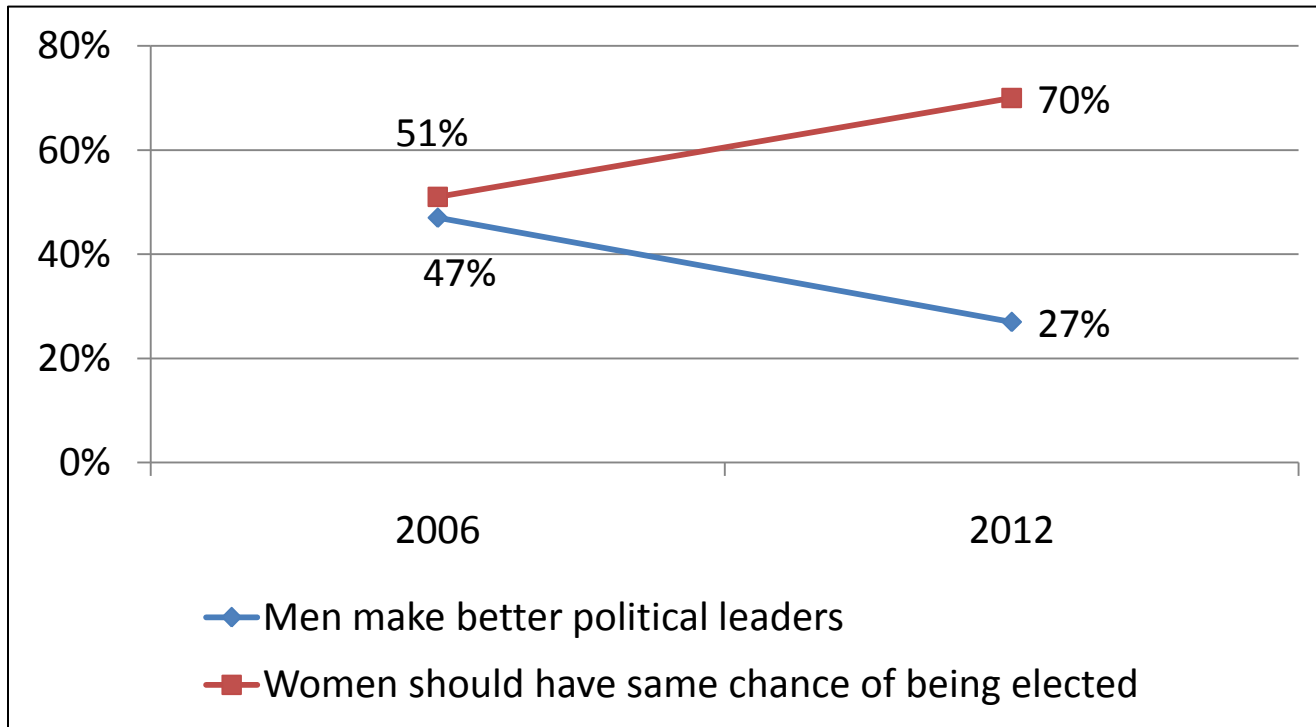


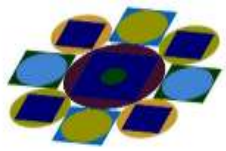
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Gender and Political Leadership



Q: Do you agree or that men make better political leaders? Women should have the same chance of being elected to a political office?(% who agreed with either option)



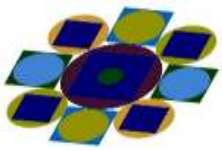


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Which Child Goes to School



- 74% say that where funds are limited, the child with the greatest ability to learn should be given preference for education
- A very small proportion - 8% said that where funds are limited the boy should be given preference for education.

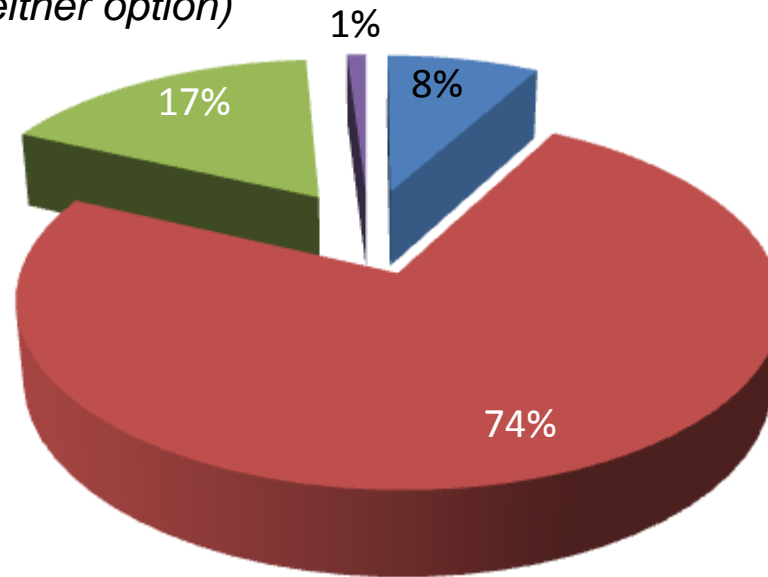


Child with greatest ability should go to school, whether girl or boy

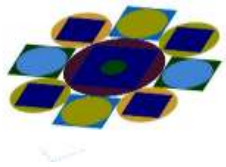


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Q: If funds for education are limited, a boy should always receive an education before a girl or a family should send the child with the greatest ability to learn? (% who agree with either option)



- Those who agree where there are limited funds, a boy should get preference
- Those who agree where funds are limited, the child with the greatest ability to get preference
- Agree with neither
- Don't know

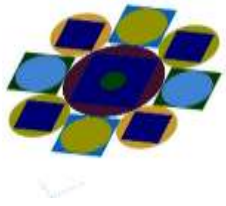


Key Findings



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- Basotho have moved away from traditional attitudes towards women since 2006.
- Equality for women is growing in importance.
- The proportion of Basotho who say men make better leaders than women is decreasing.
- The majority of Basotho say ability and not gender should determine which child (boy or girl) goes to school.



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