



# Public views on Nigeria's international relations

Findings from the Round 6 Afrobarometer survey in Nigeria



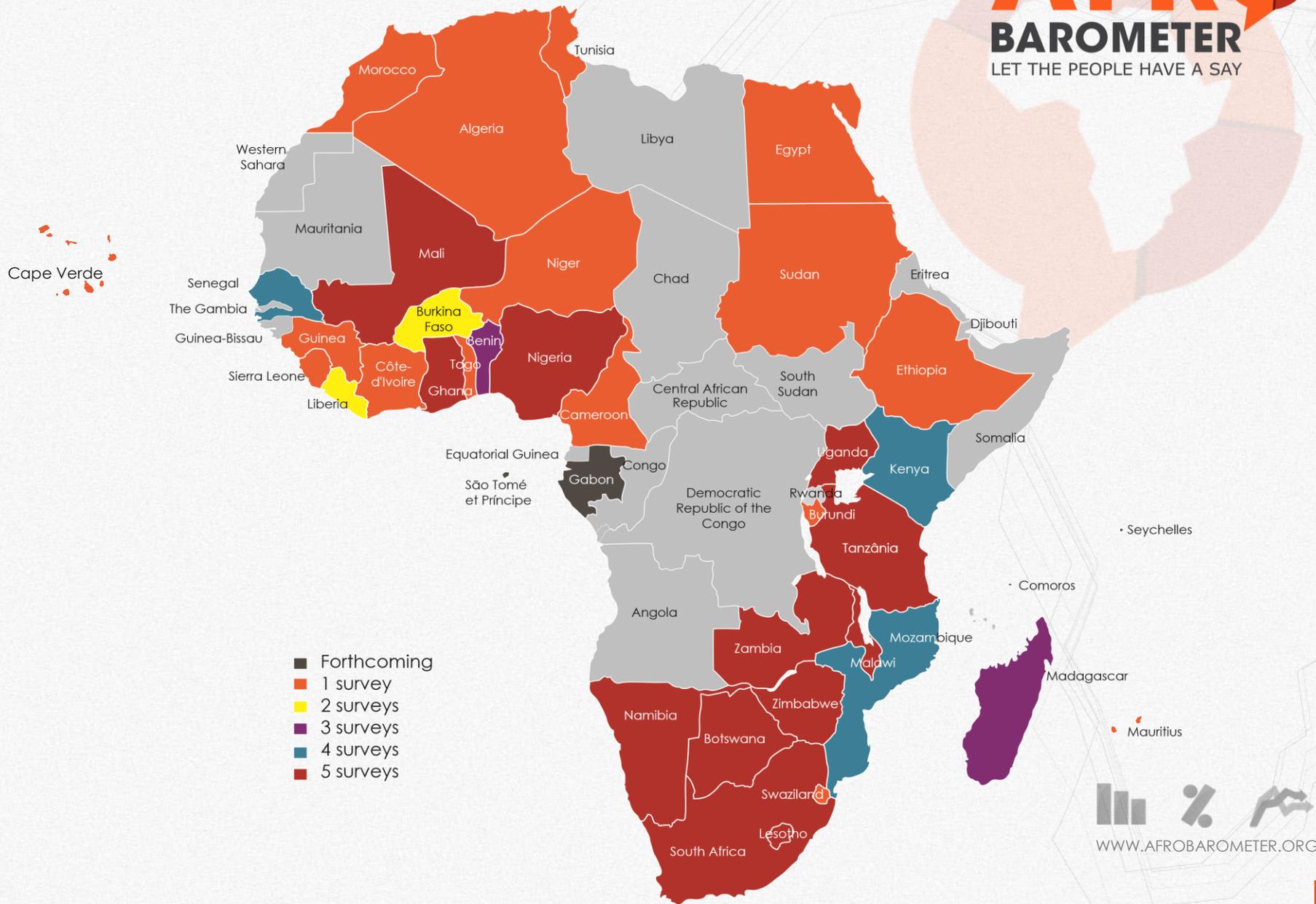
# What is Afrobarometer?



- A pan-African, non-partisan survey research project that measures citizen attitudes on democracy and governance, the economy, civil society, and other topics.
- Started in 12 countries in 1999, expanded to more than 30 African countries in Round 5 (2011-2013).
- **Goal:** To give the public a voice in policy making by providing high-quality public opinion data to policymakers, policy advocates, civil society organisations, academics, news media, donors and investors, and ordinary Africans.
- National partners in each country conduct the survey. In Nigeria, the Afrobarometer Round 6 survey was conducted by Practical Sampling International (PSI) in collaboration with the CLEEN Foundation.

# Where Afrobarometer works

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# Methodology

- Nationally representative sample of adult citizens
  - *All respondents are randomly selected.*
  - *Sample is distributed across regions and urban-rural areas in proportion to their share in the national population.*
    - *Sample covered 33 of Nigeria's 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory.*
    - *It was not possible to conduct interviews in Adamawa, Borno, and Yobe due to unrest in the region, so substitutions of sampling units were made from neighbouring states in the same zone.*
    - *Each zone is represented in the sample in proportion to its share of the national population.*
  - *Every adult citizen has an equal chance of being selected.*
- Face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice.

# Methodology (cont.)



- Standard questionnaire allows comparisons across countries and over time.
- Sample size of 2,400 yields a margin of error of  $\pm 2\%$  at a 95% confidence level.
- Fieldwork for Round 6 in Nigeria was conducted between 5 and 27 December 2014. (For 80 cases, supplementary interviews were conducted on 18 and 19 January 2015.)

# Key findings

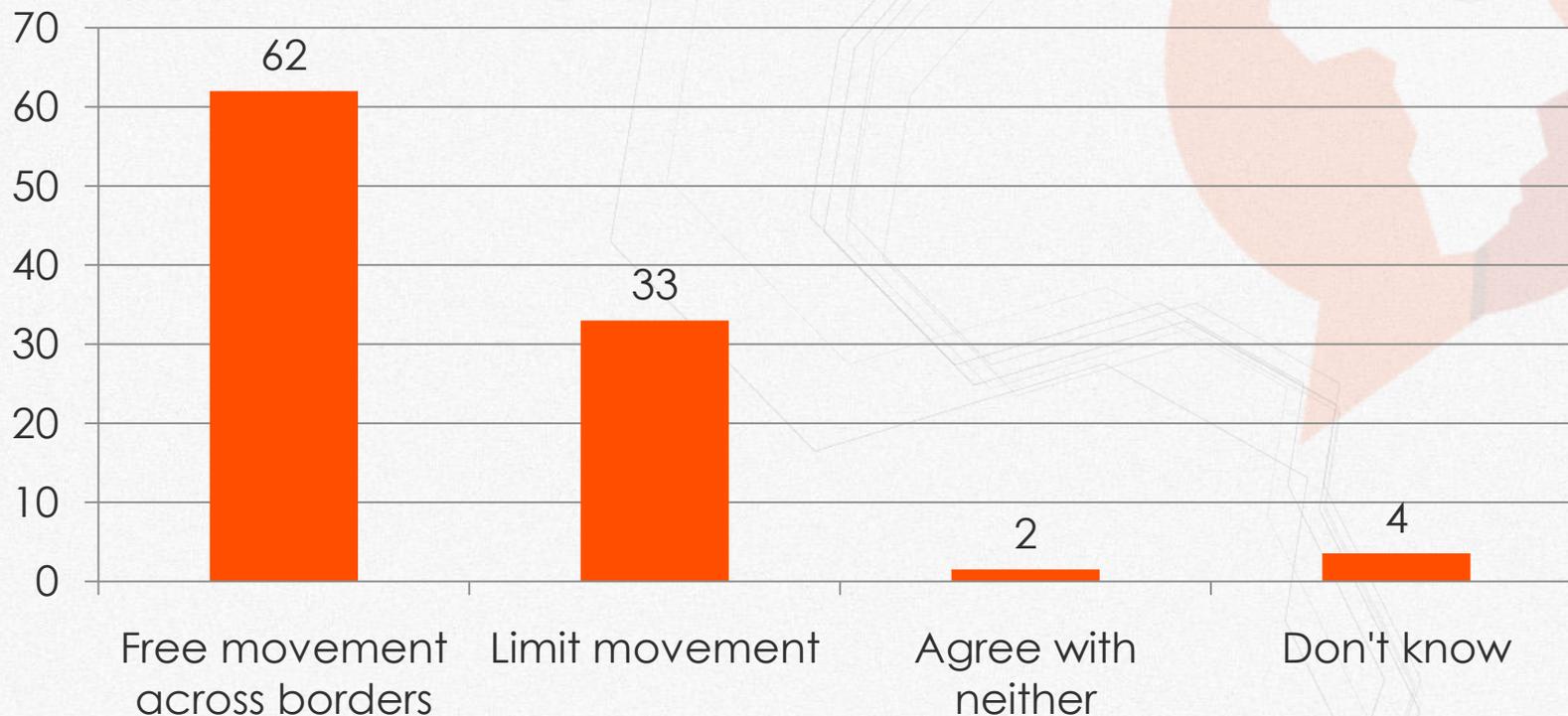
- Six of 10 Nigerians say West Africans should be able to move freely across international borders in order to trade or work in other countries. But more than half say doing so is difficult.
- Nigerians' preferred model for development is the United States.
- Two-thirds of Nigerians perceive China's economic and political influence on Nigeria to be "very positive" or "somewhat positive."
- Two-thirds of Nigerians say they don't receive remittances of money from friends or relatives living outside of the country.



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# Perceptions about border crossing in West Africa

# Free movement across borders in West Africa | 2014

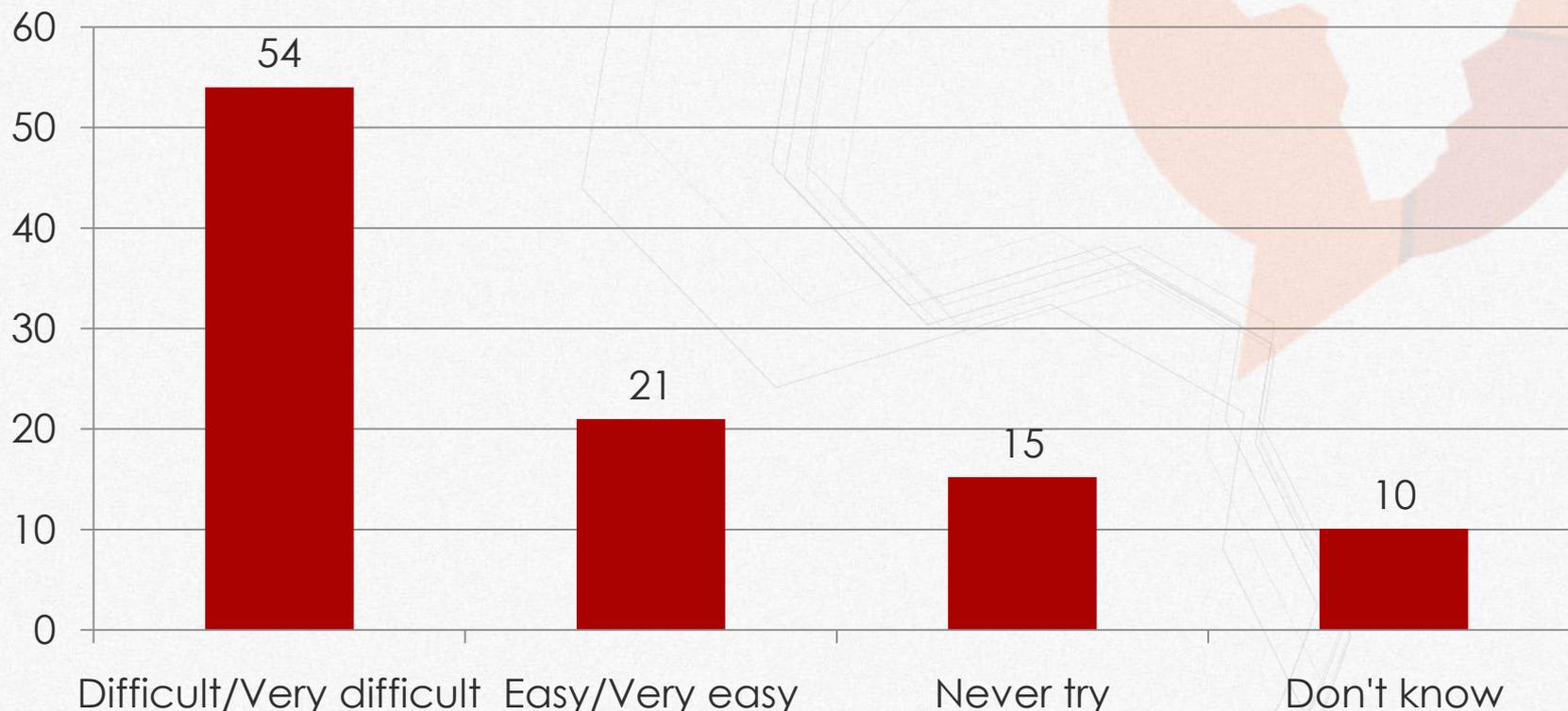


**Respondents were asked:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. (%)

*Statement 1: People living in West Africa should be able to move freely across international borders in order to trade or work in other countries.*

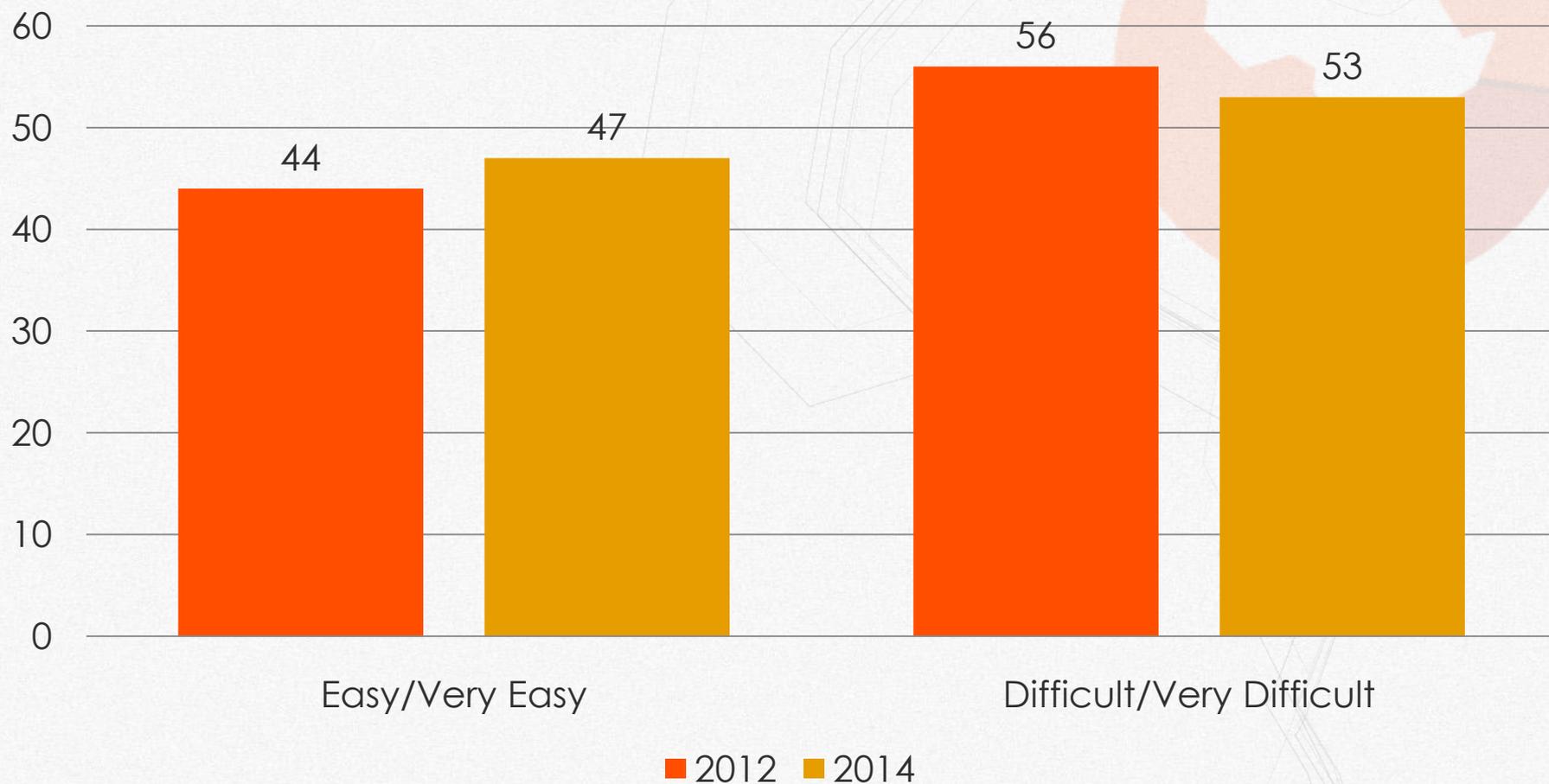
*Statement 2: Because foreign migrants take away jobs, and foreign traders sell their goods at very cheap prices, governments should protect their own citizens and limit the cross-border movement of people and goods.*

## Difficulty of crossing West African borders | Nigeria | 2014



**Respondents were asked:** *In your opinion, how easy or difficult is it for people in West Africa to cross international borders in order to work or trade in other countries, or haven't you heard enough to say? (%)*

## Difficulty of obtaining identity document | 2012-2014



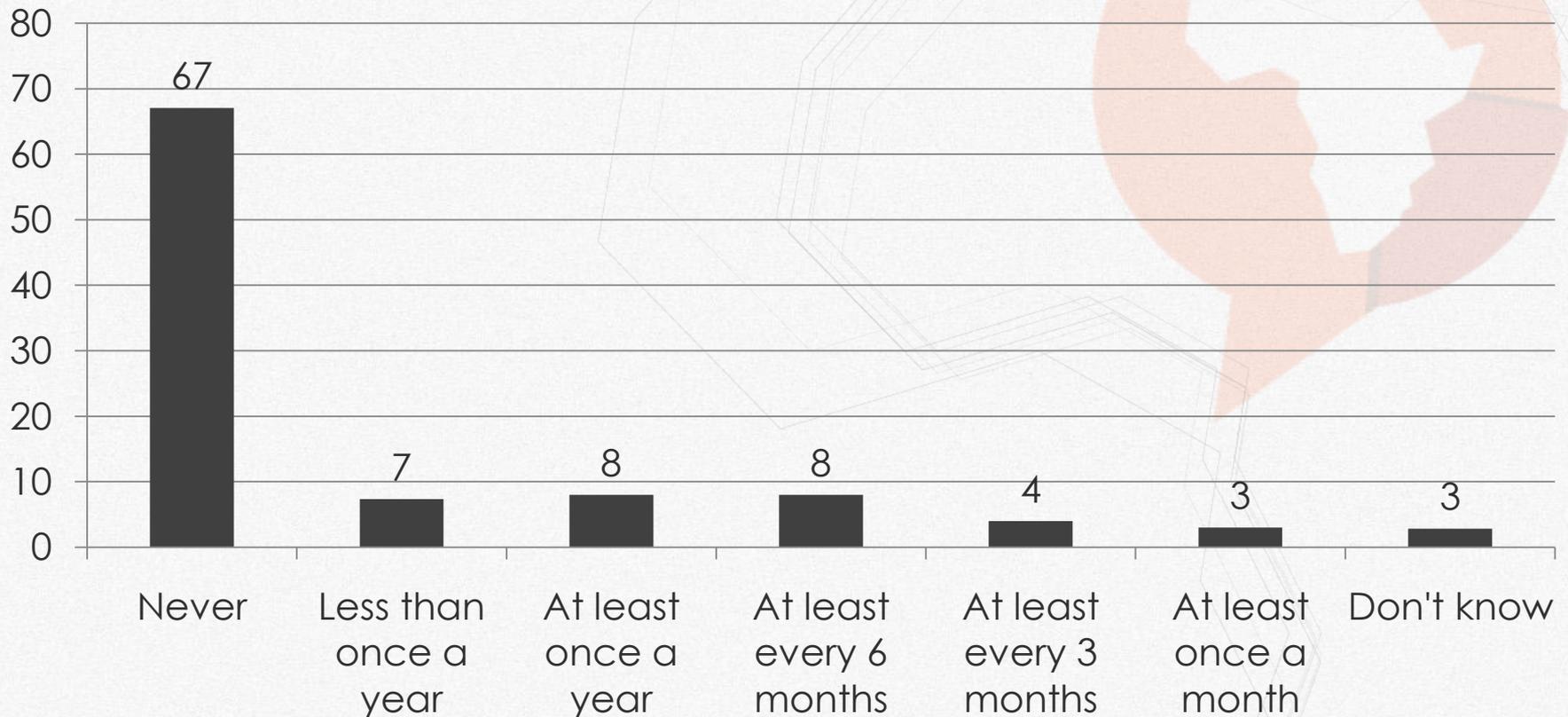
**Respondents were asked:** In the past 12 months, have you tried to get an identity document like a birth certificate, driver's license, passport or voter's card, or a permit, from government? If yes: How easy or difficult was it to obtain the document you needed? (%)



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# Remittance flow to Nigeria

## How often Nigerians received remittances | 2014



**Respondents were asked:** *How often, if at all, do you or anyone in your household receive money remittances from friends or relatives living outside of the country? (%)*

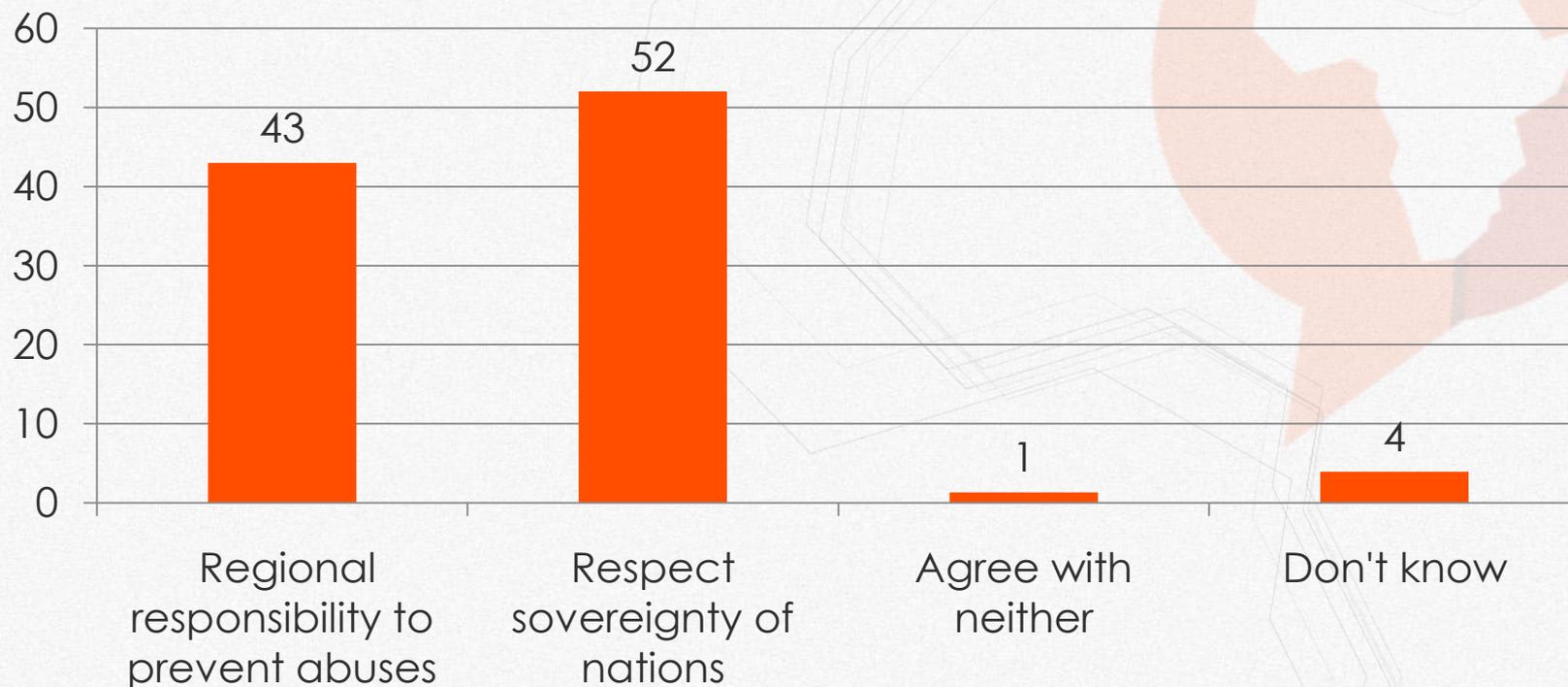


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# Neighbours, ECOWAS, and the African Union

# Responsibility to prevent abuses and respect sovereignty of nations

| Nigeria | 2014

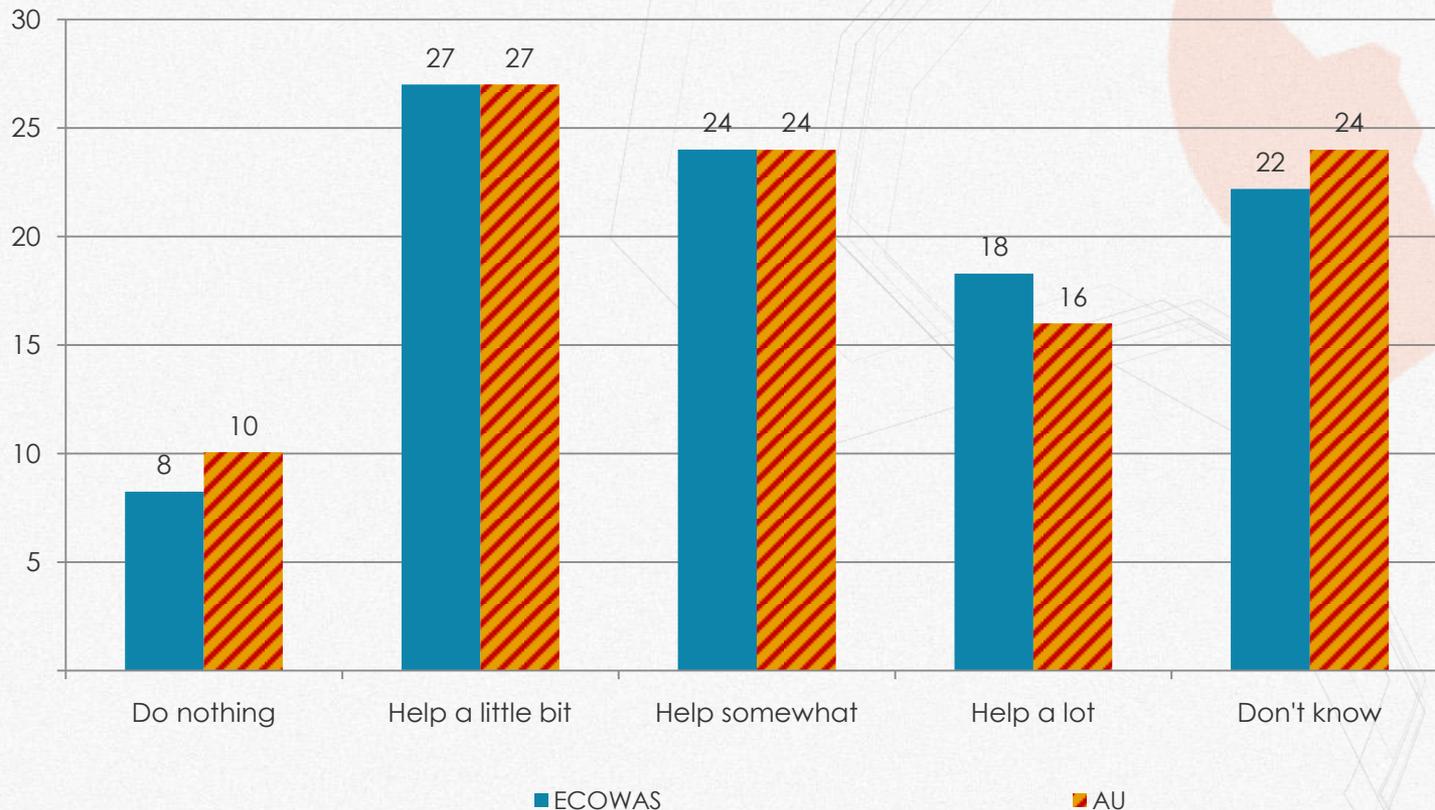


**Respondents were asked:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. (%)

*Statement 1: The governments of each country in West Africa have a duty to try to guarantee free elections and prevent human rights abuses in other countries in the region, for example by using political pressure, economic sanctions or military force.*

*Statement 2: Each country in this region should respect the independence of other countries and allow them to make their own decisions about how their country should be governed.*

# Perceptions of ECOWAS and AU assistance to Nigeria | 2014



**Respondents were asked:** *In your opinion, how much does each of the following do to help your country, or haven't you heard enough to say a) The Economic Community for West African States or ECOWAS b) African Union? (%)*



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# Modelling development

# Best model for development | Nigeria | 2014

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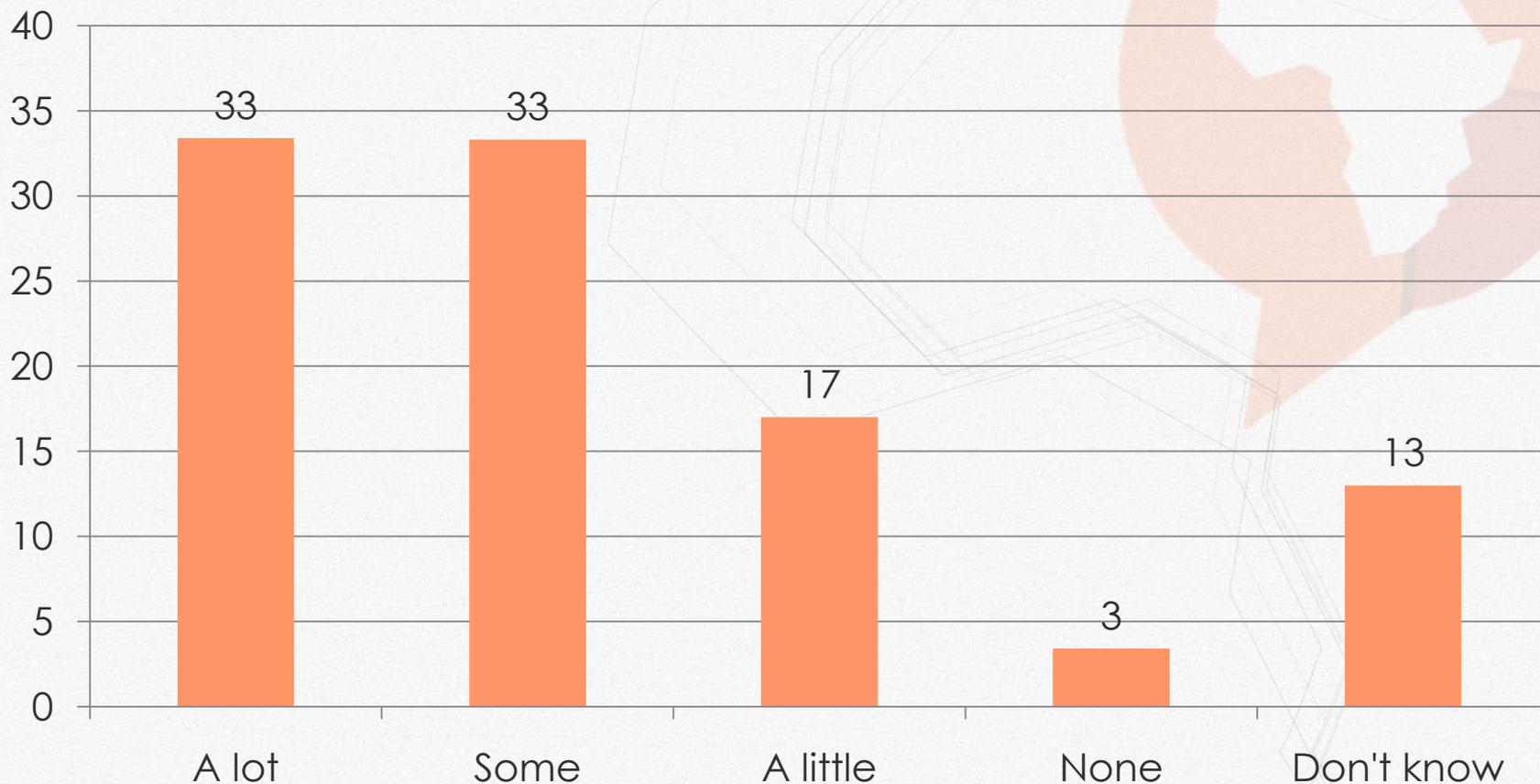
**Respondents were asked:** *In your opinion, which of the following countries, if any, would be the best model for the future development of our country? (%)*



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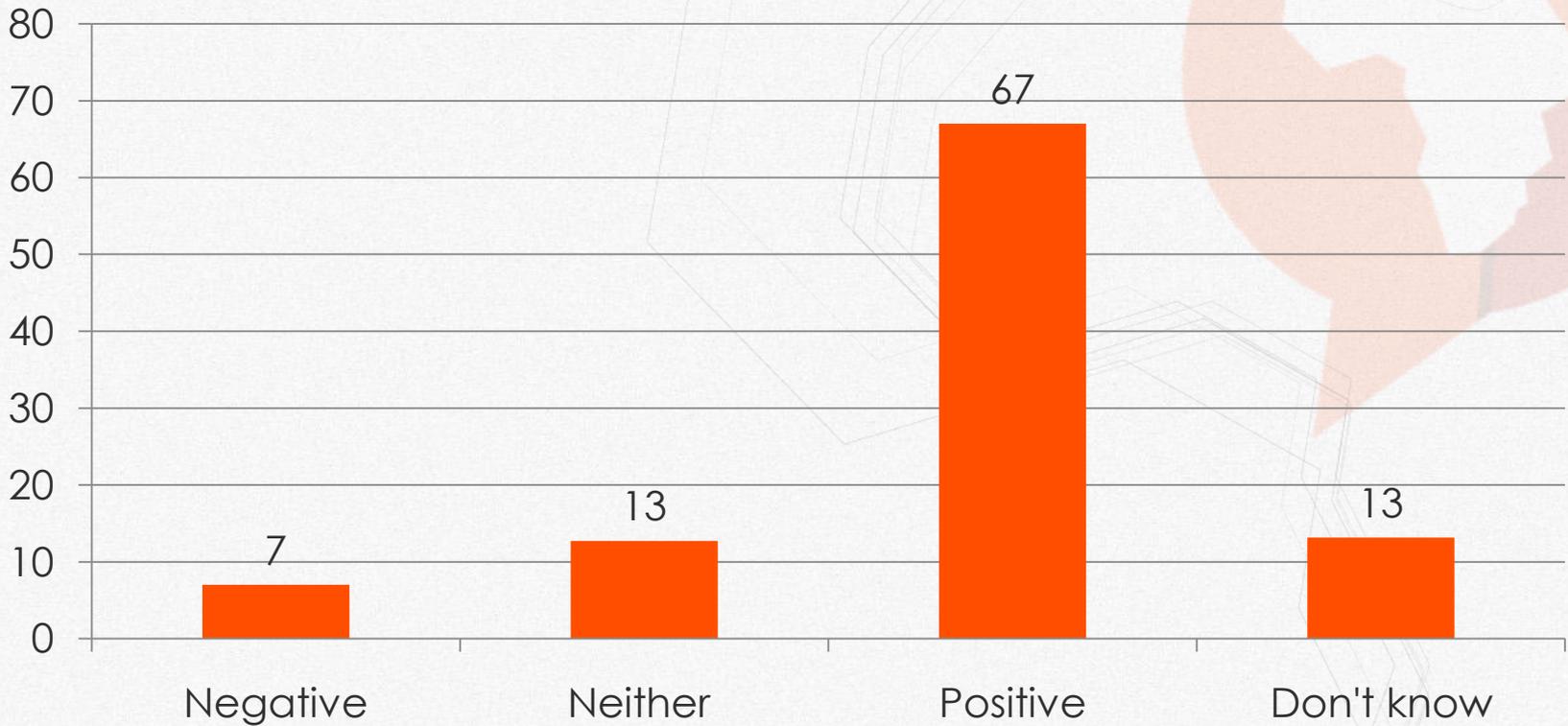
# The 'China question'

## China's influence on Nigeria's economy | 2014



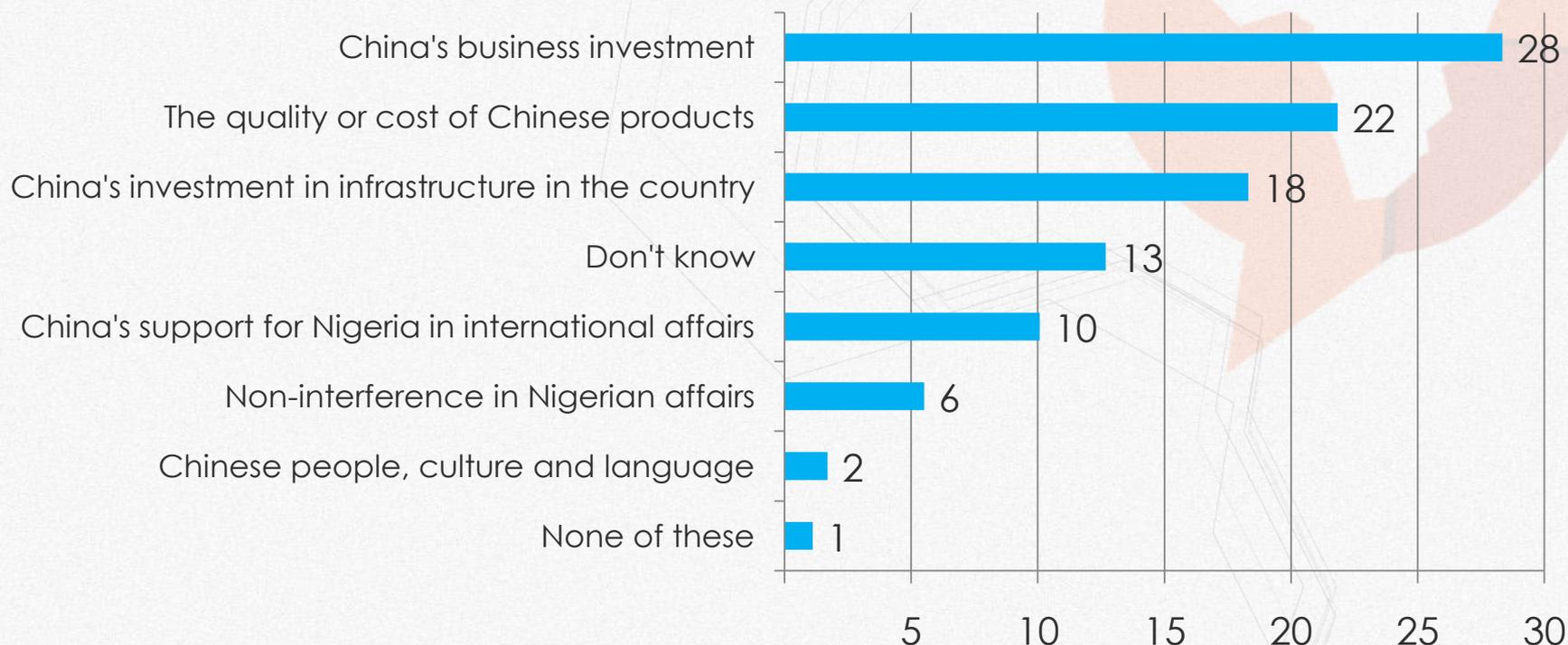
**Respondents were asked:** *How much influence do you think China's economic activities in Nigeria have on our economy, or haven't you heard enough to say?*  
(%)

# Perceptions of China's economic and political influence on Nigeria | 2014



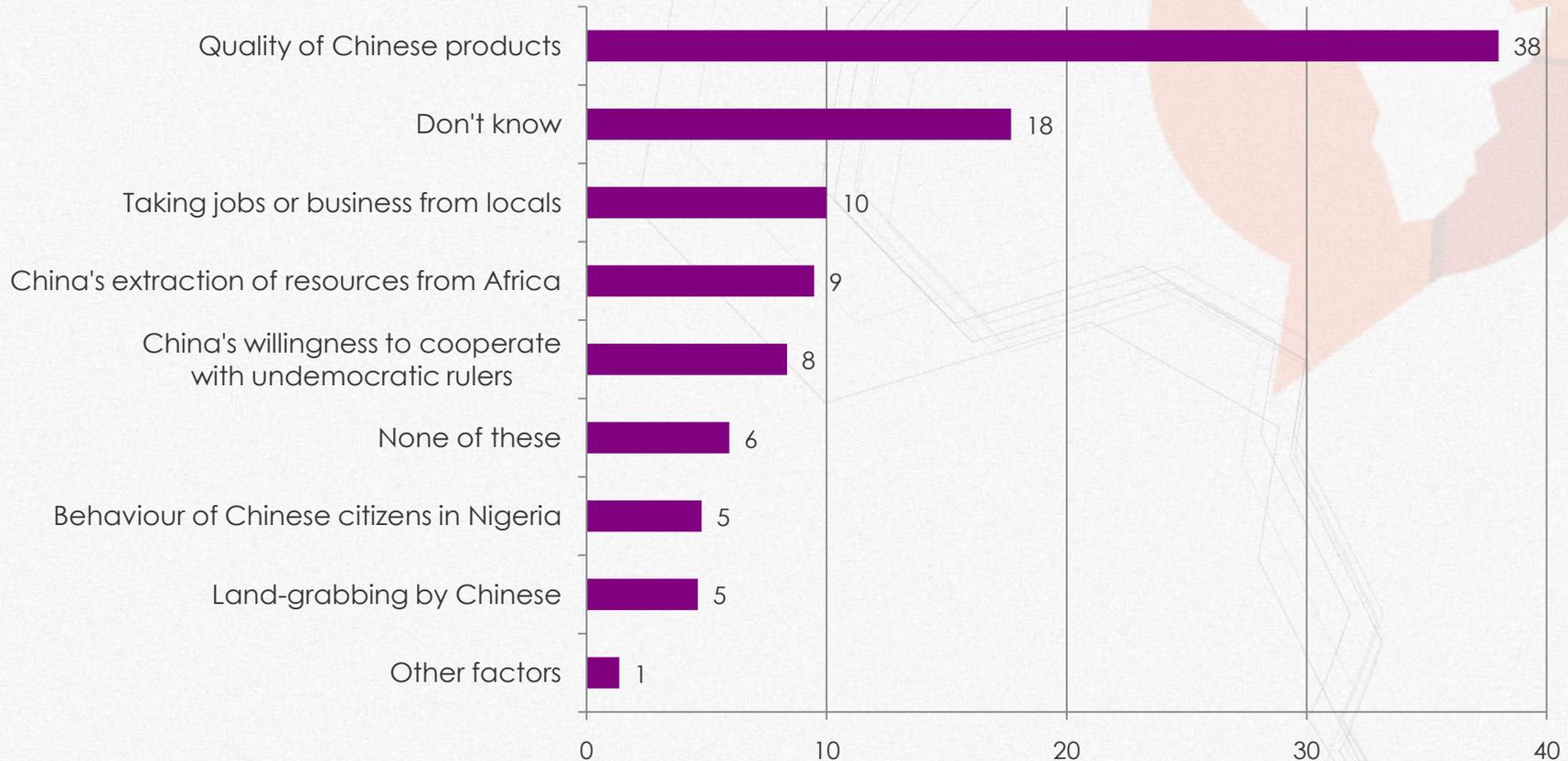
**Respondents were asked:** *In general, do you think that China's economic and political influence on Nigeria is mostly positive, or mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say? (%)*

## Contributors to China's positive image in Nigeria | 2014



**Respondents were asked:** Which of the following factors contributes most to positive image of China in Nigeria, or haven't you heard enough to say? (%)

## Contributors to China's negative image in Nigeria | 2014



**Respondents were asked:** Which of the following factors contributes most to negative images of China in Nigeria, or haven't you heard enough to say? (%)



Thank you