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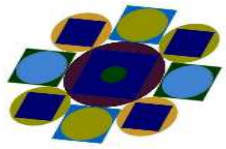


BASOTHO HAVE INCREASED THEIR SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY

Lehakoe Recreational Club

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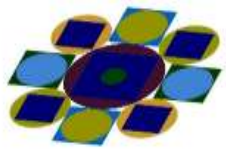


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Disapproval of Non-Democratic Systems of Government



- 70% in 2012 say disapprove a one-party state which is an increase from 55% in 2008
- 83% in 2012 disapprove military rule which is up from 75% in 2008
- 86% do not approve the abolishment of elections and parliament

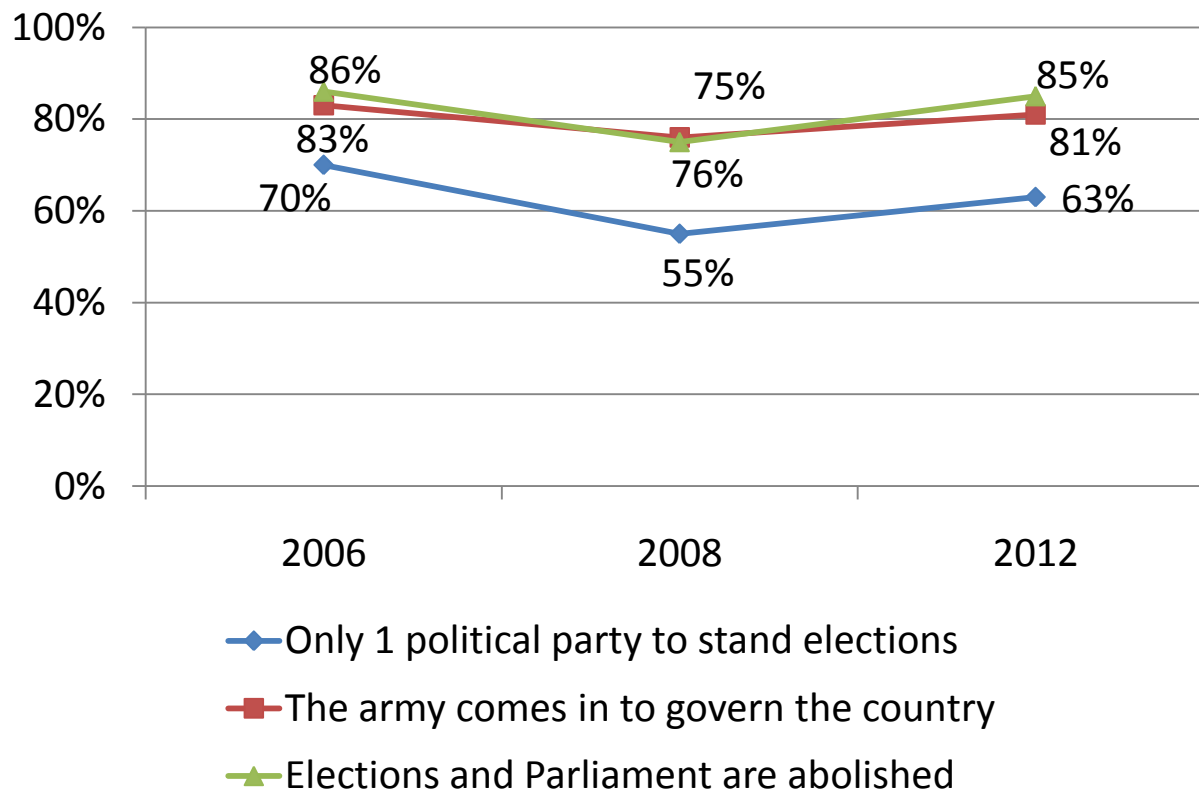


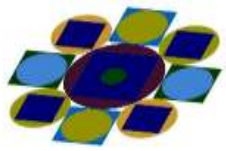
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Disapproval of Non-Democratic Systems of Government



Q: Do you approve or disapprove of the following: only one political party to stand in elections; the army comes to govern the country; elections and parliament are abolished? (% of those who disapprove of each option)



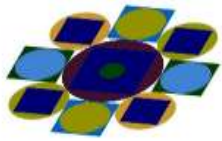


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Preference for Democracy



- 55% in 2012 say democracy is preferable to any other kind of government which is higher than 2008 at 46%
- 62% prefer choosing leaders through regular, open and honest elections
- 69% agreed that many political parties are needed to provide them with real choices in who should govern them



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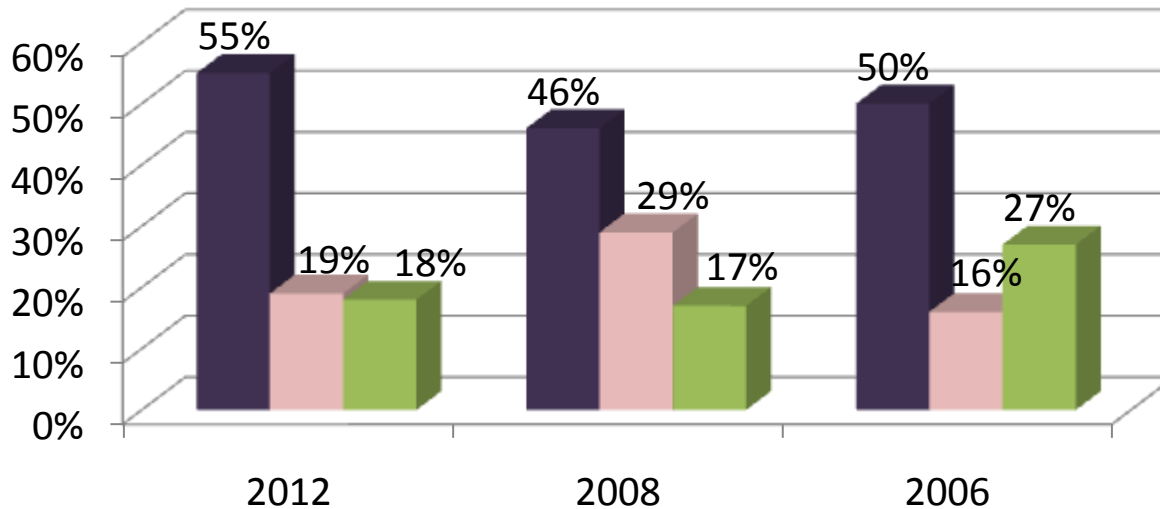
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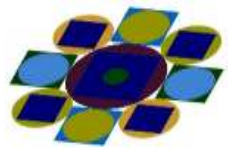
Which of these three statements is closest to your own opinion?

Statement 1: Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government.

Statement 2: In some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable.



- Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government
- In some circumstances, non-democratic govt. Is preferable
- It doesn't matter

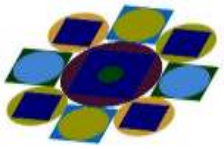


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Satisfaction with Democracy



- **50% in 2012** said Lesotho is a democracy while it was only 37% in 2008
- A smaller proportion (38%) in 2012 said Lesotho is not a democracy which was down from 51% in 2008.
- **50% in 2012** said they are satisfied with democracy which is up from 30% in 2008
- **42%** in 2012 said they were not satisfied with democracy which was down from 58% in 2008

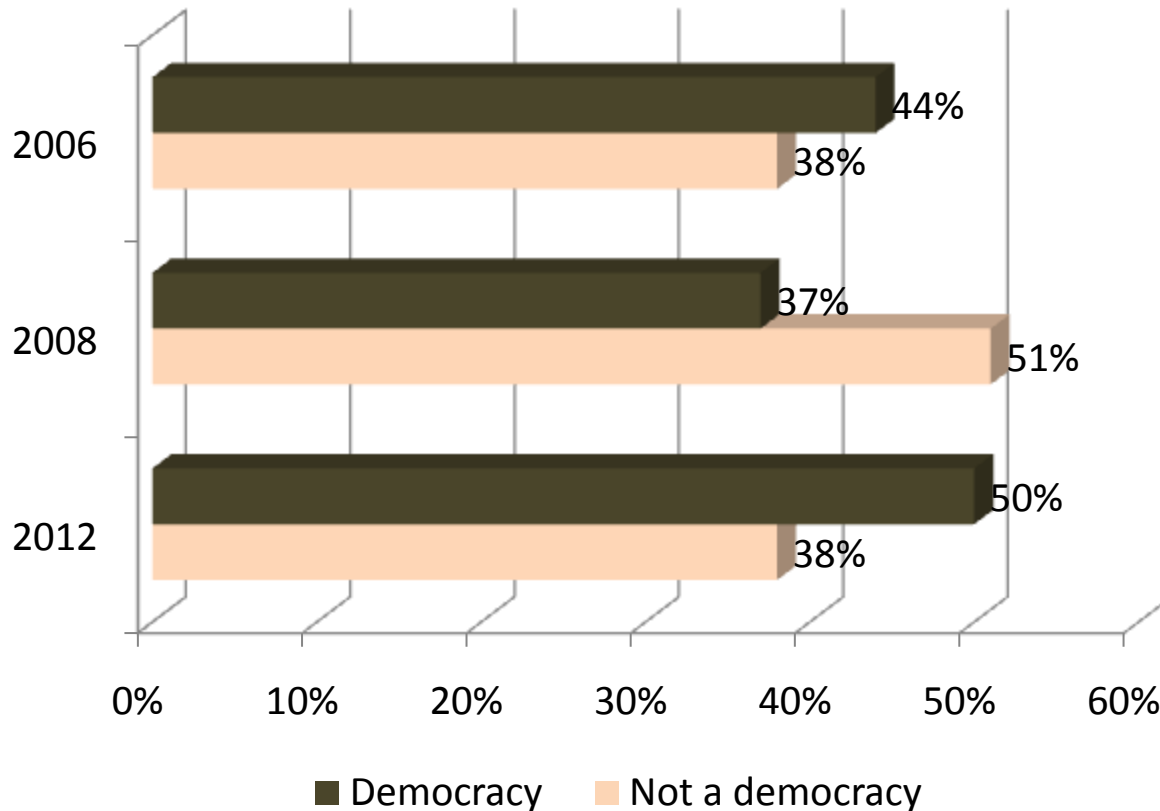


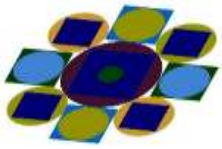
More Basotho Endorse the Country's Democracy



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How much of a democracy is Lesotho today?



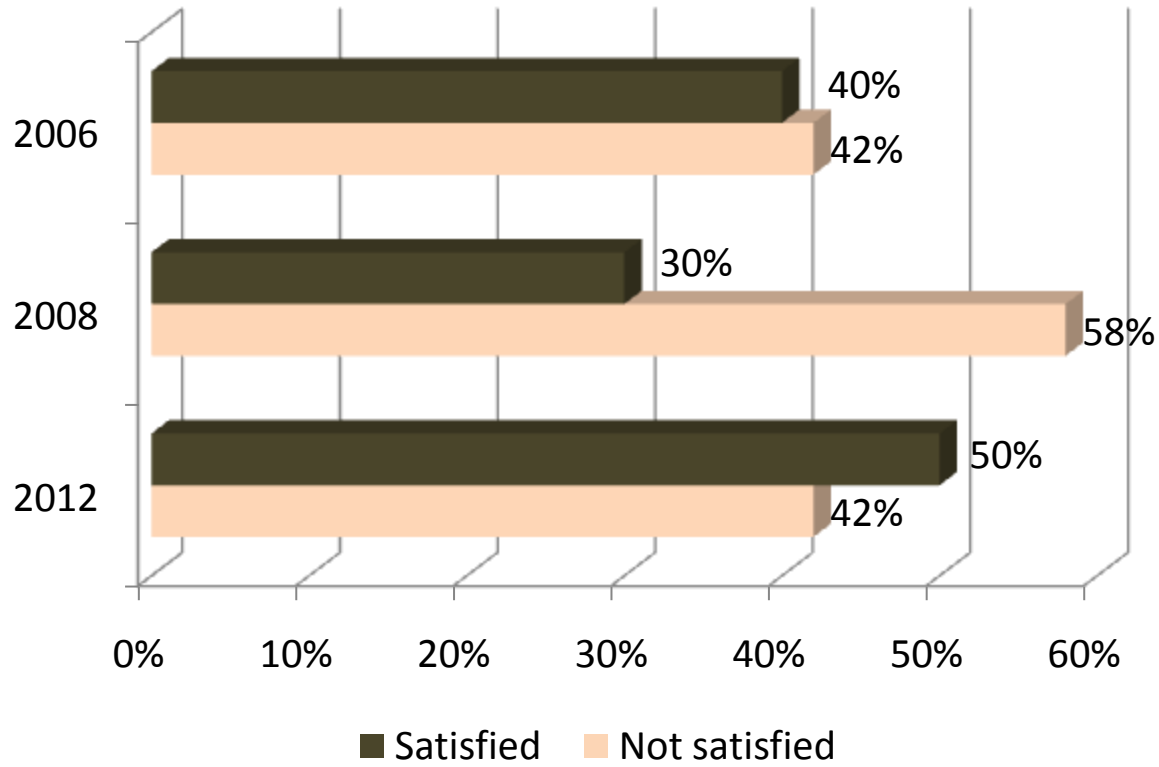


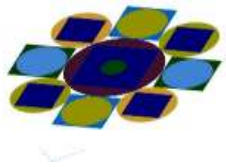
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Satisfaction with Democracy



Overall, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Lesotho:



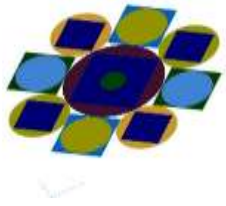


Key Findings



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- Basotho have recovered their faith in democracy in 2012.
- The 2012 survey shows increased support for a democratic system of government when compared to 2008.
- There is widespread rejection of non-democratic alternatives.
- The majority of Basotho in 2012 say Lesotho is a democracy and they are satisfied with democracy in Lesotho.



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