

# Results from the Afrobarometer Round 5 Survey in Zimbabwe

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# What is the Afrobarometer?



- The Afrobarometer (AB) is a comparative series of public opinion surveys that measure public attitudes toward democracy, governance, the economy, leadership, identity, and other related issues.
- The AB is an independent, non-partisan, African-based network of researchers.
- The first round of surveys took place in 1999-2001 in 12 countries. The Network is now conducting “Round 5” surveys in up to 35 countries during 2011-2012.
- **Purpose:** To measure popular perspectives on the social, political, and economic environments in each country where it is implemented and across Africa.
- **Goal:** To give the public a *voice* in policy making processes by providing high-quality public opinion data to policy-makers, policy advocates and civil society organizations, academics, media, donors and investors, and ordinary Africans.



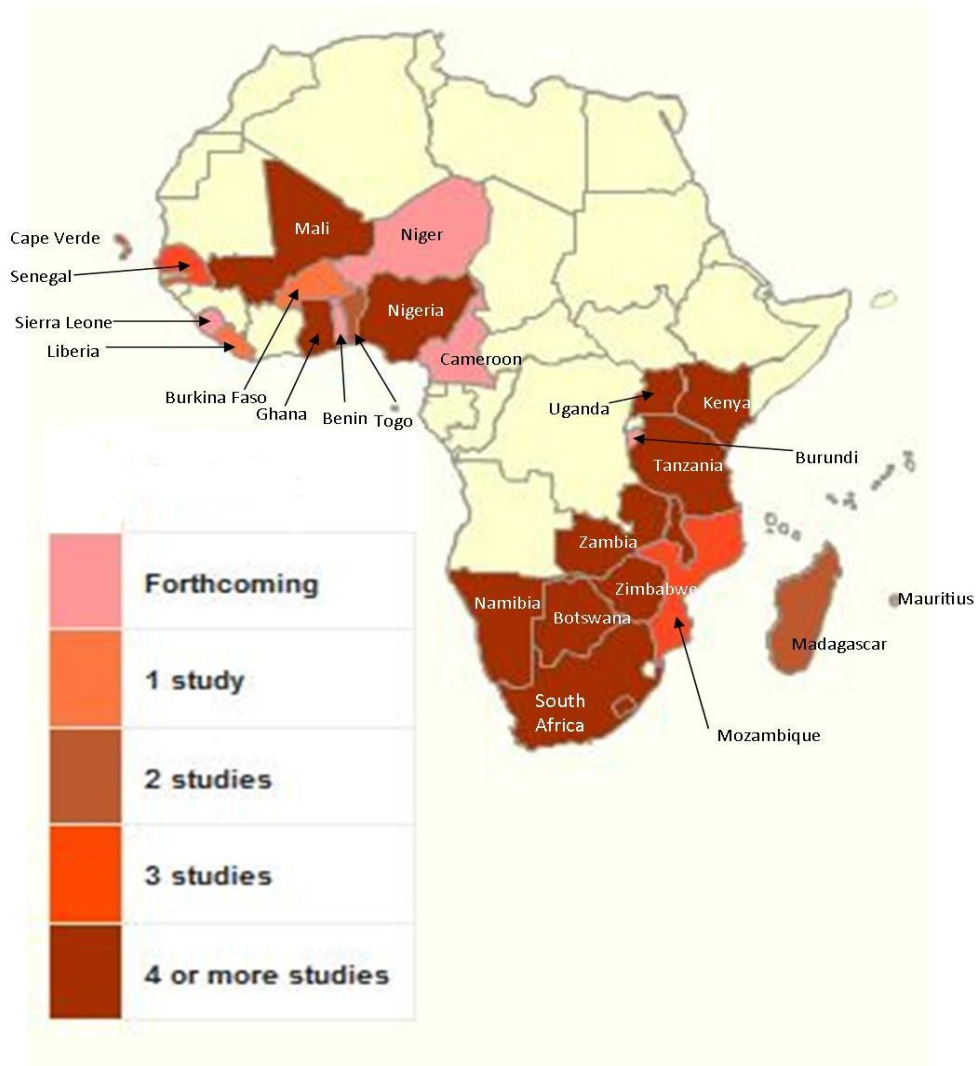
# Country Coverage: 1999-2012



- Round 1, 1999-2001, 12 countries
  - Southern Africa: Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe
  - West Africa: Ghana, Mali, Nigeria
  - East Africa: Tanzania, Uganda
- Round 2, 2002-2003, 16 countries
  - Cape Verde, Kenya, Mozambique, Senegal
- Round 3, 2005-2006, 18 countries
  - Benin, Madagascar
- Round 4, 2008-2009, 20 countries
  - Burkina Faso, Liberia
- Round 5, 2011-2012, 26 countries
  - Burundi, Cameroon, Mauritius, Niger, Togo, and Sierra Leone



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# Who is the Afrobarometer?



An African-led Network of survey researchers and analysts:

- In each country there is a **National Partner** responsible for survey implementation. In Zimbabwe, the National Partner is The Mass Public Opinion Institute (MPOI).
- Four **Core Partners** provide technical assistance and Network management:
  - Center for Democratic Development (CDD), Ghana
  - Institute for Democracy in South Africa (Idasa), South Africa
  - Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of Nairobi, Kenya
  - Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy (IREEP), Benin
- Two **Support Units** for capacity building and quality assurance
  - Michigan State University
  - University of Cape Town



# Survey Methodology



- Nationally representative sample of adult citizens
  - all respondents are randomly selected
  - every adult citizen has an equal and known chance of being selected
- Face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice
- Standard survey instrument across all countries for comparability
- The survey interviewed (successfully) 2 400 adult Zimbabweans ; a sample of this size yields results with a margin of error of +/- 2% at a 95% confidence level.
- Field work for Round 5 in Zimbabwe was conducted between 16 and 30 July 2012 (*6th in a series of surveys held since first round 1999*).
- Afrobarometer's work in Zimbabwe is coordinated by MPOI and the field work carried out by MPOI



# ABR5 Survey in Zimbabwe



- Sampling frame (2011 projected population figures)
- Sample universe: Citizens aged 18 years or older, excluding institutions for example; police camps, and military barracks
- Cluster size: 8 interviews per Enumeration Area (EA)
- Respondent selection: gender quota filled by alternating interviews between males and females
- Survey languages (Shona, Ndebele and English)



# **Afrobarometer Round 5 Zimbabwe Survey Results:**

## **Topic 1: Indigenization**



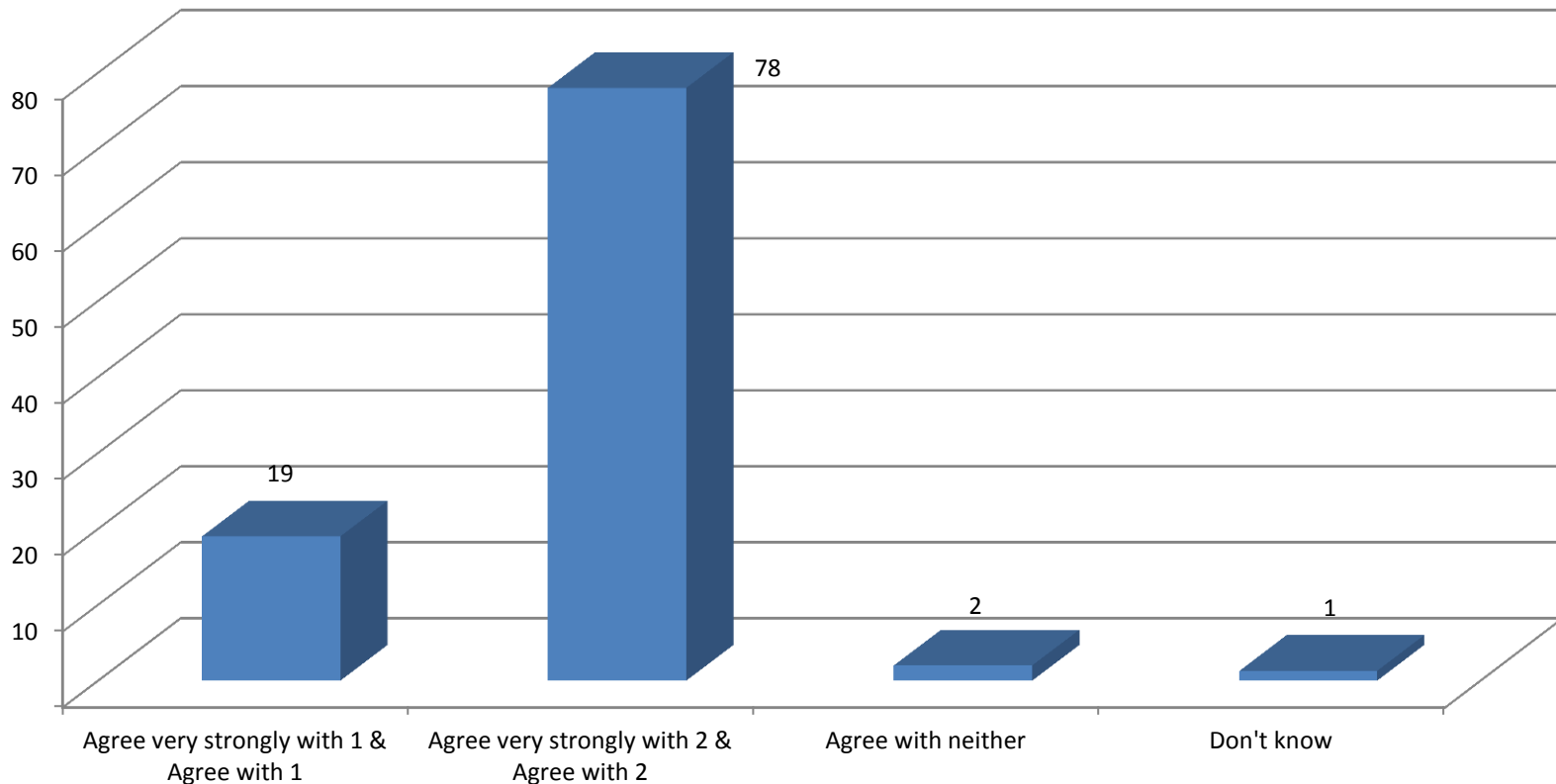


# Key findings on Indigenization

- The common view held by the majority of respondents (78%) is that creating jobs is a far more effective way of empowering all Zimbabweans than taking over ownership of business (19%)
- This view was shared by all Zimbabweans in all the ten provinces and across the political divide.



# Taking over companies vs. Creating jobs



**Which of the following statements is closest to your view:**

**Statement 1:** Indigenizing the economy by taking over foreign-owned companies is the most effective way of empowering all Zimbabweans;

**Statement 2:** Creating jobs would be a more effective way of empowering all Zimbabweans than taking over ownership of business.



## Taking over companies vs. Creating jobs, by Gender & PSU

	Male	Female	Urban	Rural
Agree with 1 & Agree very strongly with 1	19	19	11	23
Agree with 2 & Agree very strongly with 2	79	78	88	74
Agree with neither	2	2	1	2
Don't know	1	2	1	2

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# Taking over companies vs. Creating jobs, by province

	Agree with 1 & Agree very strongly with 1	Agree with 2 & Agree very strongly with 2	Agree with neither	Don't know
Harare	12	87	1	1
Bulawayo	3	95	1	1
Midlands	19	93	5	3
Masvingo	8	90		2
Mashonaland East	32	66	1	
Mashonaland West	27	72		
Mashonaland Central	29	71		
Matebeleland South	22	74	1	3
Matebeleland North	23	70	6	2
Manicaland	15	83	1	
<b>Total</b>	19	78	2	1

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## Taking over companies vs. Creating jobs, by party affiliation

	Agree with 1 & Agree very strongly with 1	Agree with 2 & Agree very strongly with 2	Agree with neither	Don't know
MDC-T	7	90	2	1
ZANU-PF	38	59	2	1
MDC-M		100		
MKD	15	85		
ZAPU-Dabengwa	20	80		
MDC-N		100		
Others	8	92		
Would not vote	10	90	1	1
Refused to answer	12	85	2	2
Don't know	29	66	2	3
<b>Total</b>	19	78	2	1

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# **Afrobarometer Round 5 Zimbabwe Survey Results:**

## **Topic 2: Local Government Performance**



# Key findings on Local Government Performance

- A majority of Zimbabweans disapprove of local government performance in terms of the maintenance of roads (76%) and local markets (51%).
- However, positive ratings were noted in how local governments are performing in terms of handling health standards in restaurants (55%), use of land (48%), and Keeping communities clean (47%).



# Local Government Performance

	Fairly/ very badly	Fairly/very well	Don't Know
Maintenance of roads	76	24	1
Maintenance of local markets	51	44	6
Maintenance of health standards in restaurants	39	55	7
Keeping communities clean	39	47	13
Handling use of land	44	48	7

**How well or badly would you say your local government is handling the following matters or haven't you heard enough about them to say?**





# Maintenance of roads, by province

	Fairly badly & Very badly	Fairly well & Very well	Don't know/Haven't heard enough
Harare	90	10	-
Bulawayo	77	23	-
Midlands	79	17	4
Masvingo	76	24	0
Mashonaland East	60	39	0
Mashonaland West	78	22	-
Mashonaland Central	79	20	-
Matebeleland South	62	38	1
Matebeleland North	71	28	2
Manicaland	74	25	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>

**How well or badly would you say your local government is handling the following matters or haven't you heard enough about them to say?**



## Maintenance of health standards in restaurants, by province

	Fairly badly & Very badly	Fairly well & Very well	Don't know/Haven't heard enough
Harare	56	43	1
Bulawayo	34	66	
Midlands	36	56	8
Masvingo	39	55	7
Mashonaland East	35	62	3
Mashonaland West	37	58	5
Mashonaland Central	34	56	9
Matebeleland South	39	53	8
Matebeleland North	38	48	14
Manicaland	35	50	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>7</b>

**How well or badly would you say your local government is handling the following matters or haven't you heard enough about them to say?**



# **Afrobarometer Round 5**

## **Zimbabwe Survey Results:**

### **Topic 3: Performance of National Government Leaders**

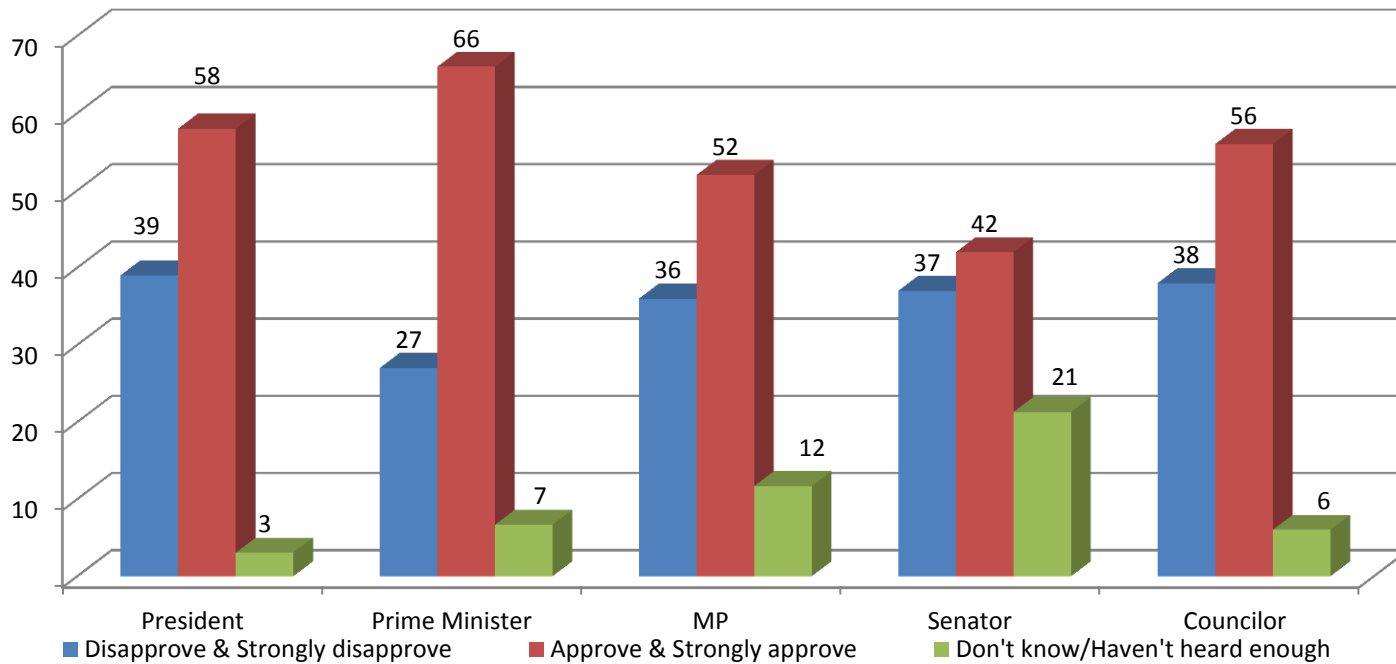


## Key findings on the Performance of National Government Leaders

- More people approve of the way that the Prime Minister (66%) performed his job over the past twelve months as compared to the President (58%).
- Party affiliation seems to influence approval of the way national government leaders performed their job.



# Approval of Performance



**Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past twelve months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say**



# Performance of President, by party affiliation

	Disapprove & Strongly Disapprove	Approve & Strongly Approve	Don't know/Haven't heard enough	Total
MDC-T	74	25	1	30
ZANU-PF	7	92	1	33
MDC-M	72	29	-	0
MKD	69	31	-	1
ZAPU-Dabengwa	60	40	-	0
MDC (Ncube)	79	21	-	1
Others	50	50	-	1
Would not vote	40	55	5	9
Refused to answer	37	57	7	24
Don't know	22	67	10	2
Total	39	58	3	

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past twelve months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say**



# Performance of PM, by party affiliation

	Disapprove & Strongly Disapprove	Approve & Strongly Approve	Don't know/Haven't heard enough	Total
MDC-T	18	80	3	30
ZANU-PF	42	51	7	33
MDC-M	17	83	-	0
MKD	58	42	-	1
ZAPU-Dabengwa	40	40	20	0
MDC (Ncube)	43	50	7	1
Others	27	73	-	1
Would not vote	31	62	7	9
Refused to answer	18	71	11	24
Don't know	17	69	14	3
Total	28	66	7	

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past twelve months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say**



# Conclusions

Regardless of the place of residence and political affiliation, Zimbabweans share the common view that creating jobs is a more effective way of empowering all Zimbabweans as compared to taking over ownership of business.

Rating of the local government performance varied according to types of service delivery. For example, disapproval was higher for local government performance in the maintenance of roads as compared to local markets. Zimbabweans acknowledged the improvements in the performance of local governments in terms of the maintenance of health standards in restaurants, keeping communities clean, and handling use of land.

Approval of how both the President and the Prime Minister performed their job over the past twelve months is moderately higher.





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