Data Codebook

for a

Round 6 Afrobarometer Survey

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Benin

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Survey Overview
The Quality of Democracy and Governance in Benin
Afrobarometer Round 6, 2014-2015

Dates of Fieldwork: 25 May to 9 June 2014
Sample size: 1,200
Sampling frame: Base de sondages provisoire du Recensement Général de la Population et de l’Habitat (RGPH) of 2013
Sample universe: Citizens age 18 years or older, excluding institutions
Sample design: Nationally representative, random, clustered, stratified, multistage area probability sample
Stratification: Region, constituency, and urban-rural location
Stages: Rural areas: PSUs (from strata), start points, households, respondents
Urban areas: PSUs (from strata), start points, households, respondents
PSU selection: Probability proportionate to population size (PPPS)
Cluster size: 8 households per PSU
Household selection: Randomly selected start points, followed by walk pattern using 5/10 interval
Respondent selection: Gender quota filled by alternating interviews between men and women; respondents of appropriate gender listed, after which household member draws a numbered card to select individual.
Weighting: Weighted to account for individual selection probabilities
Margin of error: +/- 3% with 95% confidence level
Fieldwork by: Institut de Recherche Empirique en Economie Politique (IREEP)
Survey Languages: French, Fon, Adja, Bariba, Yoruba, Outamari, Peulh, Lopka
(Official translations)
Main researchers: Richard Houessou, Victor Daye, Lucrece Ahandagbe, André Guéguéhoun, Léonard Wantchékon
Outcome rates: Contact rate: 93.80%
Cooperation rate: 80.70%
Refusal rate: 4.20%
Response rate: 75.70%
EA Substitution Rate: 0.67%
**Question Number:** RESPNO  
**Question:** Respondent number  
**Variable Label:** Respondent number  
**Values:** BEN0001-BEN1200  
**Value Labels:** String variable  
**Note:** Assigned by data managers

**Question Number:** BACKCHK  
**Question:** Household back-checked?  
**Variable Label:** Household back-checked?  
**Values:** 1-2  
**Value Labels:** 1=Yes, 2=No  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** URBRUR  
**Question:** PSU/EA  
**Variable Label:** Urban or Rural Primary Sampling Unit  
**Values:** 1-2  
**Value Labels:** 1=urban, 2=rural  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** REGION  
**Question:** Region/Province  
**Variable Label:** Province or region  
**Values:** 100-111  
**Value Labels:** 100= Alibori, 101= Atacora, 102= Atlantique, 103= Borgou, 104= Collines, 105= Couffo, 106= Donga, 107= Littoral, 108= Mono, 109= Ouémé, 110= Plateau, 111= Zou  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** DISTRICT  
**Question:** District  
**Variable Label:** District  
**Values:** String variable  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** EA_SVC_A  
**Question:** Are the following services present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area: Electricity grid that most houses could access?  
**Variable Label:** EA-SVC-A. Electricity grid in the PSU/EA  
**Values:** 0, 1, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_SVC_B  
**Question:** Are the following services present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area: Piped water system that most houses could access?  
**Variable Label:** EA-SVC-B. Piped water system in the PSU/EA  
**Values:** 0, 1, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_SVC_C  
**Question:** Are the following services present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area: Sewage system that most houses could access?
Variable Label: EA-SVC-B. Piped water system in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_SVC_D
Question: Are the following services present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area: Cell phone service?
Variable Label: EA-SVC-D. Cell phone service in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_FAC_A
Question: Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or within easy walking distance: Post-office?
Variable Label: EA-FAC-A. Post office in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_FAC_B
Question: Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or within easy walking distance: School?
Variable Label: EA-FAC-B. School in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_FAC_C
Question: Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or within easy walking distance: Police station?
Variable Label: EA-FAC-C. Police station in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_FAC_D
Question: Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or within easy walking distance: Health clinic?
Variable Label: EA-FAC-D. Health Clinic in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_FAC_E
Question: Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or within easy walking distance: Market stalls (selling groceries and/or clothing)?
Variable Label: EA-FAC-E. Market stalls in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1 Missing
**Source:** SAB
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_FAC_F
**Question:** Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or within easy walking distance: Bank?
**Variable Label:** BEA-FAC-F. Bank in the PSU/EA
**Values:** 0, 1, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1 Missing
**Source:** SAB
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_FAC_G
**Question:** Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or within easy walking distance: Is there any kind of paid transport, such as a bus, taxi, moped, or other form, available on a daily basis?
**Variable Label:** EA-FAC-E. Paid transport in the PSU/EA
**Values:** 0, 1, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1 Missing
**Source:** SAB
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_SEC_A
**Question:** In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see: Any policemen or police vehicles?
**Variable Label:** EA-SEC-A. Police in the PSU/EA
**Values:** 0, 1, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don’t know, -1 Missing
**Source:** SAB
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_SEC_B
**Question:** In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see: Any soldiers or army vehicles?
**Variable Label:** EA-SEC-B. Soldiers/army in the PSU/EA
**Values:** 0, 1, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don’t know, -1 Missing
**Source:** SAB
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_SEC_C
**Question:** In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see: Any roadblocks set up by police or army?
**Variable Label:** EA-SEC-C. Roadblocks by police/army in the PSU/EA
**Values:** 0, 1, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don’t know, -1 Missing
**Source:** SAB
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_SEC_D
**Question:** In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see: Any customs checkpoints?
**Variable Label:** EA_SEC_D. Customs checkpoints in the PSU/EA
**Values:** 0, 1, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don’t know, -1 Missing
**Source:** SAB
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_SEC_E
**Question:** In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see: Any roadblocks or booms set up by the local community?
**Variable Label:** EA_SEC_E. Roadblocks by local community in the PSU/EA  
**Values:** 0, 1, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don’t know, -1 Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_ROAD_A  
**Question:** Thinking of your journey here: Was the road at the start point in the PSU/EA paved/ tarred/ concrete?  
**Variable Label:** EA_ROAD_A. Tarred/paved road  
**Values:** 0, 1, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_ROAD_B  
**Question:** Thinking of your journey here: Was the road to this EA impassible at any point, for example, due to absence of a bridge or a collapsed bridge, broken down vehicle, fallen tree or water-logged section??  
**Variable Label:** EA_ROAD_B. Impassible Road  
**Values:** 0, 1, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** NOCALL_1  
**Question:** Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 1  
**Variable Label:** Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 1  
**Values:** 1-8, 9977  
**Value Labels:** 1=Refused to be interviewed, 2=Person selected was never at home after at least two visits, 3=Household/Premises empty for the survey period after at least two visits, 4=Not a citizen/Spoke only a foreign language, 5=Deaf/Did not speak a survey language, 6=Did not fit gender quota, 7=No adults in household, 8=Other (specify), 9977=Not applicable  
**Source:** Southern Africa Barometer (SAB)  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer, after instructions, “It is your job is to select a random (this means any) household. A household is a group of people who presently eat together from the same spot. Start your walk pattern from the start point that has been randomly chosen by your Field Supervisor. Team members must walk in opposite directions to each other. If A walks towards the sun, B must walk away from the sun; C and D must walk at right angles to A and B. Use a 5 / 10 interval pattern to select a household. That is, walking in your designated direction away from the start point, select the 5th household for the first interview, counting houses on both the right and the left (and starting with those on the right if they are opposite each other). Once you leave your first interview, continue on in the same direction, this time selecting the 10th household, again counting houses on both the right and the left. If the settlement comes to an end and there are no more houses, turn at right angles to the right and keep walking, continuing to count until finding the tenth dwelling.”

**Question Number:** NOCALL_2  
**Question:** Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 2  
**Variable Label:** Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 2  
**Values:** 1-8, 9977  
**Value Labels:** 1=Refused to be interviewed, 2=Person selected was never at home after at least two visits, 3=Household/Premises empty for the survey period after at least two visits, 4=Not a citizen/Spoke only a foreign language, 5=Deaf/Did not speak a survey language, 6=Did not fit gender quota, 7=No adults in household, 8=Other (specify), 9977=Not applicable  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** NOCALL_3
Question: Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 3
Variable Label: Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 3
Values: 1-8, 9977
Value Labels: 1=Refused to be interviewed, 2=Person selected was never at home after at least two visits, 3=Household/Premises empty for the survey period after at least two visits, 4=Not a citizen/Spoke only a foreign language, 5=Deaf/Did not speak a survey language, 6=Did not fit gender quota, 7=No adults in household, 8=Other (specify), 9977=Not applicable
Source: SAB
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: NOCALL_4
Question: Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 4
Variable Label: Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 4
Values: 1-8, 9977
Value Labels: 1=Refused to be interviewed, 2=Person selected was never at home after at least two visits, 3=Household/Premises empty for the survey period after at least two visits, 4=Not a citizen/Spoke only a foreign language, 5=Deaf/Did not speak a survey language, 6=Did not fit gender quota, 7=No adults in household, 8=Other (specify), 9977=Not applicable
Source: SAB
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: NOCALL_5
Question: Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 5
Variable Label: Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 5
Values: 1-8, 9977
Value Labels: 1=Refused to be interviewed, 2=Person selected was never at home after at least two visits, 3=Household/Premises empty for the survey period after at least two visits, 4=Not a citizen/Spoke only a foreign language, 5=Deaf/Did not speak a survey language, 6=Did not fit gender quota, 7=No adults in household, 8=Other (specify), 9977=Not applicable
Source: SAB
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: NOCALL_6
Question: Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 6
Variable Label: Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 6
Values: 1-8, 9977
Value Labels: 1=Refused to be interviewed, 2=Person selected was never at home after at least two visits, 3=Household/Premises empty for the survey period after at least two visits, 4=Not a citizen/Spoke only a foreign language, 5=Deaf/Did not speak a survey language, 6=Did not fit gender quota, 7=No adults in household, 8=Other (specify), 9977=Not applicable
Source: SAB
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: NOCALL_7
Question: Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 7
Variable Label: Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 7
Values: 1-8, 9977
Value Labels: 1=Refused to be interviewed, 2=Person selected was never at home after at least two visits, 3=Household/Premises empty for the survey period after at least two visits, 4=Not a citizen/Spoke only a foreign language, 5=Deaf/Did not speak a survey language, 6=Did not fit gender quota, 7=No adults in household, 8=Other (specify), 9977=Not applicable
Source: SAB
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: PREVINT
Question: Previous interview was with a:
Variable Label: Previous interview, gender
Values: 0, 1, 2,
**Value Labels:** 0=First interview, 1=Male, 2=Female

**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** THISINT
**Question:** This interview must be with a:
**Variable Label:** This interview, gender
**Values:** 1, 2
**Value Labels:** 1=Male, 2=Female

**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** ADULT_CT
**Question:** Total number of adult citizens in household
**Variable Label:** Number of adults in household
**Values:** 1-99, 98, 999, -1
**Value Labels:** 98=Refused to answer, 999= Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4

**Note:** Interviewer was given the following instructions: “Please record the total number of adult women/men (select correct gender, from above table) who are citizens of Benin in the household, i.e., how many names did you write in either the left or the right column above. Enter a two-digit number.”

**Question Number:** CALLS
**Question:** How many calls were made to the household where the interview actually took place?
**Variable Label:** Number of calls
**Values:** 1, 2
**Value Labels:** 1=One call, 2=Two calls

**Source:** SAB

**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** DATEINTR
**Question:** Date of interview
**Variable Label:** Date of interview
**Values:** 25.05.14 - 09.06.14

**Note:** Answered by interviewer. Entered in day, month, and year format

**Question Number:** STRTIME
**Question:** Time interview started
**Variable Label:** Time interview started

**Note:** Answered by interviewer. Entered hour and minute, 24 hour clock

**Question Number:** Q1
**Question:** How old are you?
**Variable Label:** Q1. Age
**Values:** 18-85, 998-999, -1
**Value Labels:** 998=Refused to answer, 999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Question Number:** Q2
**Question:** Which Beninese language is your home language?
**Variable Label:** Q2. Language of respondent
**Values:** 1, 100-107, 998-9999
**Value Labels:** 1=French, 100= Fon, 101= Adja, 102= Bariba, 103= Dendi, 104= Yoruba, 105= Otamari, 106= Peuhl, 107= Lapka, 9995= Other , 9998=Refused to answer, 9999=Don’t know

**Source:** SAB

**Note:** Interviewer was instructed to prompt if necessary with “That is, the language of your group of origin.”

**Question Number:** Q3
**Question:** Let's start with your general view about the current direction of our country. Some people might think the country is going in the wrong direction. Others may feel it is going in the right direction. So let me
ask YOU about the overall direction of the country: Would you say that the country is going in the wrong direction or going in the right direction?

**Variable Label:** Q3. Overall direction of the country

**Values:** 1, 2, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Going in the wrong direction, 2=Going in the right direction 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** NDB, Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q4A

**Question:** In general, how would you describe: The present economic condition of this country?

**Variable Label:** Q4A. Country’s present economic condition

**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Very bad, 2=Fairly bad, 3=Neither good nor bad, 4=Fairly good, 5=Very good, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** NDB, Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q4B

**Question:** In general, how would you describe: Your own present living conditions?

**Variable Label:** Q4B. Your present living conditions

**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Much worse, 2=Worse, 3=Same, 4=Better, 5=Much better, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** NDB, Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q5

**Question:** In general, how do you rate your living conditions compared to those of other Beninese?

**Variable Label:** Q5. Your living conditions vs. others

**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Much worse, 2=Worse, 3=Same, 4=Better, 5=Much better, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q6

**Question:** Looking back, how do you rate economic conditions in this country compared to twelve months ago?

**Variable Label:** Q6. Country’s economic condition compared to 12 months ago

**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Much worse, 2=Worse, 3=Same, 4=Better, 5=Much better, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** NDB, Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q7

**Question:** Looking ahead, do you expect economic conditions in this country to be better or worse in twelve months time?

**Variable Label:** Q7. Country’s economic condition in 12 months time

**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Much worse, 2=Worse, 3=Same, 4=Better, 5=Much better, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round5

**Question Number:** Q8A

**Question:** Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Gone without enough food to eat?

**Variable Label:** Q8a. How often gone without food

**Values:** 0-4, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: NDB

**Question Number:** Q8B
**Question:** Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Gone without enough clean water for home use?
**Variable Label:** Q8b. How often gone without water
**Values:** 0-4, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
**Source:** NDB

**Question Number:** Q8C
**Question:** Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Gone without medicines or medical treatment?
**Variable Label:** Q8c. How often gone without medical care
**Values:** 0-4, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
**Source:** NDB

**Question Number:** Q8D
**Question:** Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Gone without enough fuel to cook your food?
**Variable Label:** Q8d. How often gone without cooking fuel
**Values:** 0-4, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q8E
**Question:** Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Gone without a cash income?
**Variable Label:** Q8e. How often gone without a cash income
**Values:** 0-4, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q8F
**Question:** When you say you went without [insert item] [insert frequency] would you say this occurred:
**Variable Label:** Q8f. Frequency going without food
**Values:** 1-7, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=About once every two or three months 2= About once a month 3=Two or three times a month 4= About once a week 5= Several times a week 6= Every day 7=Not Applicable [DNR] 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
**Source:** SAB

**Note:** Interviewer was instructed to identify the most intense (highest) code circled on Q8. If it is a 2, 3 or 4, i.e., if the respondent went without any item in Q8a-e “several times”, “many times”, or “always,” take the most frequent response given and ask 8F.

**Question Number:** Q9
**Question:** How often, if at all, do you or anyone in your household receive money remittances from friends or relatives living outside of the country?
**Variable Label:** Q9. How often received remittances
**Values:** 0-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 5= At least once a month 4= At least every three months 3= At least every six months 2= At least once a year 1= Less than once a year, 0= Never, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round5

Question Number: Q10A
Question: Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Felt unsafe walking in your neighborhood?
Variable Label: Q10a. How often felt unsafe walking in neighbourhood
Values: 0-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice 2=Several times 3=Many times 4= Always, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from NDB

Question Number: Q10B
Question: Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Feared crime in your own home?
Variable Label: Q10b. How often feared crime in home
Values: 0-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice 2=Several times 3=Many times 4= Always, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from NDB

Question Number: Q11A
Question: During the past year, have you or anyone in your family: Had something stolen from your house?
Variable Label: Q11a. Had something stolen from your house
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Once, 2=Twice, 3=Three or more times, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from NDB

Question Number: Q11B
Question: During the past year, have you or anyone in your family: Been physically attacked?
Variable Label: Q11b. Have been physically attacked
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Once, 2=Twice, 3=Three or more times, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from NDB

Question Number: Q12A
Question: How often do you get news from the following sources: Radio?
Variable Label: Q12a. Radio news
Values: 0-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Less than once a month, 2=A few times a month, 3=A few times a week, 4=Every day, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Zambia96

Question Number: Q12B
Question: How often do you get news from the following sources: Television?
Variable Label: Q12b. Television news
Values: 0-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Less than once a month, 2=A few times a month, 3=A few times a week, 4=Every day, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q12C
Question: How often do you get news from the following sources: Newspapers?
Variable Label: Q12c. Newspaper news
Values: 0-4, 9, 98, -1
Question Number: Q12D  
Question: How often do you get news from the following sources: Internet?  
Variable Label: Q12d. Internet  
Values: 0-4, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Less than once a month, 2=A few times a month, 3=A few times a week, 4=Every day, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
Source: Afrobarometer Round5

Question Number: Q12E  
Question: How often do you get news from the following sources: Social media such as Facebook or Twitter?  
Variable Label: Q12e. Social media  
Values: 0-4, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Less than once a month, 2=A few times a month, 3=A few times a week, 4=Every day, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
Source: Afrobarometer Round5

Question Number: Q13  
Question: How interested would you say you are in public affairs?  
Variable Label: Q13. Interest in public affairs  
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Not at all interested, 1=Not very interested, 2=Somewhat interested, 3=Very interested, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
Source: SAB  
Note: Interviewer was instructed to prompt if necessary with “You know, in politics and government.”

Question Number: Q14  
Question: When you get together with your friends or family, would you say you discuss political matters:  
Variable Label: Q14. Discuss politics  
Values: 0-2, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Occasionally, 2=Frequently, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
Source: Adapted from Zambia96.

Question Number: Q15A  
Question: In this country, how free are you: To say what you think?  
Variable Label: Q15a. Freedom to say what you think  
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 1=Not at all free, 2=Not very free, 3=Somewhat free, 4=Completely free, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
Source: NDB

Question Number: Q15B  
Question: In this country, how free are you: To join any political organization you want?  
Variable Label: Q15b. Freedom to join any political organizations  
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 1=Not at all free, 2=Not very free, 3=Somewhat free, 4=Completely free, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
Source: NDB

Question Number: Q15C  
Question: In this country, how free are you: To choose who to vote for without feeling pressured  
Variable Label: Q15c. Freedom to choose who to vote for  
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Not at all free, 2=Not very free, 3=Somewhat free, 4=Completely free, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** NDB

**Question Number:** Q16

**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Government should be able to ban any organization that goes against its policies.

Statement 2: We should be able to join any organization, whether or not the government approves of it.

**Variable Label:** Q16. Government bans organization vs. join any

**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Uganda00

**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q17

**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: The media should have the right to publish any views and ideas without government control.

Statement 2: The government should have the right to prevent the media from publishing things that it consider harmful to society.

**Variable Label:** Q17. Newspapers free to publish vs. government control

**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Uganda00

**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q18

**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Men make better political leaders than women, and should be elected rather than women.

Statement 2: Women should have the same chance of being elected to political office as men.

**Variable Label:** Q18. Men only as leaders vs. women leaders OK

**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round5

**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q19A

**Question:** Let’s turn to your role in the community. Now I am going to read out a list of groups that people join or attend. For each one, could you tell me whether you are an official leader, an active member, an inactive member, or not a member: A religious group that meets outside of regular worship services?

**Variable Label:** Q19a. Member of religious group

**Values:** 0-3, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=Not a Member, 1=Inactive member, 2=Active member, 3=Official leader, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q19B

**Question:** Let’s turn to your role in the community. Now I am going to read out a list of groups that people join or attend. For each one, could you tell me whether you are an official leader, an active member, an inactive member, or not a member: Some other voluntary association or community group?

**Variable Label:** Q19b. Member of voluntary association or community group

**Values:** 0-3, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:**
0 = Not a member, 1 = Inactive member, 2 = Active member, 3 = Official leader, 9 = Don’t know, 98 = Refused to answer, -1 = Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4

**Question Number:** Q20A
**Question:** Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. If not, would you do this if you had the chance: Attended a community meeting?
**Variable Label:** Q20a. Attend a community meeting
**Values:** 0-4, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 0 = No, would never do this, 1 = No, but would do if had the chance, 2 = Yes, once or twice, 3 = Yes, several times, 4 = Yes, often, 9 = Don’t know, 98 = Refused to answer, -1 = Missing

**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q20B
**Question:** Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. If not, would you do this if you had the chance: Got together with others to raise an issue?
**Variable Label:** Q20b. Join the others to raise an issue
**Values:** 0-4, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 0 = No, would never do this, 1 = No, but would do if had the chance, 2 = Yes, once or twice, 3 = Yes, several times, 4 = Yes, often, 9 = Don’t know, 98 = Refused to answer, -1 = Missing

**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q21
**Question:** Understanding that some people were unable to vote in the most recent national election in 2011, which of the following statements is true for you?
**Variable Label:** Q21. Voting in the most recent national election
**Values:** 0-8, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 0 = You were not registered to vote, 1 = You voted in the elections, 2 = You decided not to vote, 3 = You could not find the polling station, 4 = You were prevented from voting, 5 = You did not have time to vote, 6 = You did not vote because you could not find your name in the voters’ register, 7 = Did not vote for some other reason, 8 = You were too young to vote, 9 = Don’t know/Can’t Remember

**Source:**

**Question Number:** Q22
**Question:** On the whole, how would you rate the freeness and fairness of the last national election, held in 2011. Was it:
**Variable Label:** Q22. Freeness and fairness of the last national election
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 1 = Completely free and fair, 2 = Free and fair, but with minor problems, 3 = Free and fair, with major problems, 4 = Not free and fair, 8 = Do not understand the question, 9 = Don’t know, 98 = Refused to answer, -1 = Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q23A
**Question:** Thinking about the last national election in 2011, did you: Attend a campaign rally?
**Variable Label:** Q23a. Last national election: attend a campaign rally
**Values:** 0, 1, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 0 = No, 1 = Yes, 9 = Don’t know, 98 = Refused to answer, -1 = Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

**Question Number:** Q23B
**Question:** Thinking about the last national election in 2011, did you: Attend a meeting with a candidate or campaign staff?
**Variable Label:** Q23b. Last national election: Attend a campaign meeting?
**Values:** 0, 1, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q23C
Question: Thinking about the last national election in 2011, did you: Try to persuade others to vote for a certain presidential or legislative candidate or political party?
Variable Label: Q23c. Last national election: persuade others to vote for a certain candidate or party
Values: 0, 1, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q23D
Question: Thinking about the last national election in 2011, did you: Work for a candidate or party?
Variable Label: Q23d. Last national election: work for a candidate or party
Values: 0, 1, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q24A
Question: During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A local government councilor?
Variable Label: Q24a. Contact local government councilor
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q24B
Question: During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A Member of Parliament?
Variable Label: Q24b. Contact MP
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q24C
Question: During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: An official of a government agency?
Variable Label: Q24c. Contact official of a government agency
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q24D
Question: During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A political party official?
Variable Label: Q24d. Contact political party official
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q24E
Question: During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: Traditional Leaders?
Variable Label: Q24e. Contact traditional leader
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q24F
Question: During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: Religious Leaders?
Variable Label: Q24f. Contact religious leader
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q25A
Question: Thinking of the last time you contacted any of these leaders. Did you go: Alone or with a group?
Variable Label: Q25a. Contacting alone or in group
Values: 1, 2, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Alone 2=With a group 7=Not Applicable (did not contact any), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4
Notes: Interviewer instructed to do the following: if respondent answered 0=Never for ALL PARTS of Q24, i.e. they NEVER contacted any of these leaders, circle code 7=Not applicable in both parts of Q25

Question Number: Q25B
Question: Thinking of the last time you contacted any of these leaders. Did you go: To discuss a community problem or a personal problem?
Variable Label: Q25b. Contacting for community or personal problem
Values: 1, 2, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Community problem 2=Personal problem 7=Not Applicable (did not contact any), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4
Notes: Interviewer instructed to do the following: if respondent answered 0=Never for ALL PARTS of Q24, i.e. they NEVER contacted any of these leaders, circle code 7=Not applicable in both parts of Q25

Question Number: Q26A
Question: For each of the following actions, please tell me whether you think it is something a good citizen in a democracy should always do, never do, or do only if they choose: Vote in elections
Variable Label: Q26a. Citizens vote
Values: 1-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Never do 2=Do only if they choose 3= Always do 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q26B
Question: For each of the following actions, please tell me whether you think it is something a good citizen in a democracy should always do, never do, or do only if they choose: Avoid criticizing the government
Variable Label: Q26b. Citizens avoid criticizing government
Values: 1-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Never do 2=Do only if they choose 3= Always do 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q26C
Question: For each of the following actions, please tell me whether you think it is something a good citizen in a democracy should always do, never do, or do only if they choose: Complain to government officials when public services are of poor quality
Variable Label: Q26c. Citizens complain for poor services
Values: 1-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Never do 2=Do only if they choose 3= Always do 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q26D
Question: For each of the following actions, please tell me whether you think it is something a good -citizen in a democracy should always do, never do, or do only if they choose: Request personal assistance like help with school fees or funeral expenses from elected leaders
Variable Label: Q26d. Citizens request personal assistance from elected leaders
Values: 1-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Never do 2=Do only if they choose 3= Always do 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q26E
Question: For each of the following actions, please tell me whether you think it is something a good -citizen in a democracy should always do, never do, or do only if they choose: Pay taxes they owe to government
Variable Label: Q26e. Citizens pay taxes
Values: 1-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Never do 2=Do only if they choose 3= Always do 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q26F
Question: For each of the following actions, please tell me whether you think it is something a good -citizen in a democracy should always do, never do, or do only if they choose: Agree with the majority of people in his or her community on political issues.
Variable Label: Q26f. Citizens agree with community on political issues.
Values: 1-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Never do 2=Do only if they choose 3= Always do 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q27A
Question: Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens when they are dissatisfied with government performance. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. If not, would you do this if you had the chance: Joined others in your community to request action from government
Variable Label: Q27a. Join others to request government action
Values: 0-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would do if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Zambia96

Question Number: Q27B
Question: Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens when they are dissatisfied with government performance. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. If not, would you do this if you had the chance: Contacted the media, like calling a radio program or writing a letter to a newspaper
Variable Label: Q27b. Contact media
Values: 0-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would do if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
**Question Number:** Q27C  
**Question:** Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens when they are dissatisfied with government performance. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. If not, would you do this if you had the chance: Contacted a government official to ask for help or make a complaint  
**Variable Label:** Q27c. Contact official for help  
**Values:** 0-4, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would do if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round5

**Question Number:** Q27D  
**Question:** Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens when they are dissatisfied with government performance. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. If not, would you do this if you had the chance: Refused to pay a tax or fee to government  
**Variable Label:** Q27d. Refuse to pay a tax or fee to government  
**Values:** 0-4, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would do if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q27E  
**Question:** Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens when they are dissatisfied with government performance. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. If not, would you do this if you had the chance: Participated in a demonstration or protest march  
**Variable Label:** Q27e. Attend a demonstration or protest march  
**Values:** 0-4, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would do if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round5

**Question Number:** Q28A  
**Question:** There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: Only one political party is allowed to stand for election and hold office?  
**Variable Label:** Q28a. Reject one-party rule  
**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Neither approve nor disapprove, 4=Approve, 5=Strongly approve, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** NDB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q28B  
**Question:** There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: The army comes in to govern the country?  
**Variable Label:** Q28b. Reject military rule  
**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Neither approve nor disapprove, 4=Approve, 5=Strongly approve, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Adapted from NDB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q28C  
**Question:** There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: Elections and Parliament are abolished so that the president can decide everything?  
**Variable Label:** Q28c. Reject one-man rule  
**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Neither approve nor disapprove, 4=Approve, 5=Strongly approve, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing.

**Source:** SAB

**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q29a  
**Question:** What, if anything, does “democracy” mean to you?  
**Variable Label:** Q29a. Understand democracy  
**Values:** 1-3

**Value Labels:** 1=Understood “democracy” in [English/French/Portuguese] 2=Required local language translation 3=Did not understand the word or question, even in local language  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Note 1:** Interviewer is instructed to read the question in the language of the interview, but always state the word “democracy” in English/French/Portuguese. Only translate ‘democracy’ into local language if respondent does not understand the term in the official national language. Record whether respondent understood word in English/French/Portuguese or required a local language translation. Be sure to ask ALL questions of ALL respondents, even if they have difficulty understanding the term “democracy”.

**Note 2:** Interviewer is instructed not read options. Accept up to three answers. If respondent offers more than three options, ask “Which three of these are the most important?”; if respondent offers one or two answers, ask “Anything else?” Write verbatim responses in blanks in [English/French/Portuguese]. DO NOT select codes – codes will be assigned by Field Supervisors.

**Question Number:** Q29b  
**Question:** What, if anything, does “democracy” mean to you? First verbatim response  
**Variable Label:** Q29b. Democracy- 1st response (verbatim)

**Question Number:** Q29c  
**Question:** What, if anything, does “democracy” mean to you? Second verbatim response  
**Variable Label:** Q29c. Democracy- 2nd response (verbatim)

**Question Number:** Q29d  
**Question:** What, if anything, does “democracy” mean to you? Third verbatim response  
**Variable Label:** Q29d. Democracy- 3rd response (verbatim)

**Question Number:** Q29e  
**Question:** What, if anything, does “democracy” mean to you? First verbatim response  
**Variable Label:** Q29e. Democracy- 1st response (code)  
**Values:** 0-19, 9999, -1


**Question Number:** Q29f  
**Question:** What, if anything, does “democracy” mean to you? Second verbatim response  
**Variable Label:** Q29f. Democracy- 2nd response (code)  
**Values:** 1-19, 9996, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Positive Replies: Civil liberties / personal freedoms (eg freedom of speech, religion, movement, etc…), 2=Positive Replies: Government by, for, of the people / popular rule, 3=Positive Replies: Voting / elections / multiparty competition, 4=Positive Replies: Peace / unity / power sharing, 5=Positive replies...

**Question Number:** Q29g
**Question:** What, if anything, does “democracy” mean to you? Third verbatim response
**Variable Label:** Q29g. Democracy- 3rd response (code)
**Values:** 1-19, 996, -1

**Question Number:** Q30
**Question:** 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.
Statement 3: For someone like me, it doesn’t matter what kind of government we have.
**Variable Label:** Q30. Support for democracy
**Values:** 1-3, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
**Source:** Latinobarometer (LB)

**Note:** Interviewer was instructed to “read the question in the language of the interview, but always read ‘democracy’ in English. Translate ‘democracy’ into local language only if respondent does not understand English term.”

**Question Number:** Q31
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: It is more important to have a government that can get things done, even if we have no influence over what it does.
Statement 2: It is more important for citizens to be able to hold government accountable, even if that means it makes decisions more slowly.
**Variable Label:** Q31. Government gets things done but no citizen influence vs. government accountable to citizens
**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q32
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: We should choose our leaders in this country through regular, open and honest elections.
Statement 2: Since elections sometimes produce bad results, we should adopt other methods for choosing this country’s leaders.
**Variable Label:** Q32. Choose leaders through elections vs. other methods  
**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 2  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q33  
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.  
Statement 1: Political parties create division and confusion; it is therefore unnecessary to have many political parties in Benin.  
Statement 2: Many political parties are needed to make sure that Beninese have real choices in who governs them.  
**Variable Label:** Q33. Political parties divisive vs. many parties needed  
**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 2  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q34  
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.  
Statement 1: Parliament should ensure that the President explains to it on a regular basis how his government spends taxpayers’ money.  
Statement 2: The President should be able to devote his full attention to developing the country rather than wasting time justifying his actions.  
**Variable Label:** Q34. President monitored by parliament vs. free to act on own  
**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q35  
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.  
Statement 1: After losing an election, opposition parties should monitor and criticize the government in order to hold it accountable.  
Statement 2: Once an election is over, opposition parties and politicians should accept defeat and cooperate with government to help it develop the country.  
**Variable Label:** Q35. Opposition parties examine government vs. cooperate  
**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1= Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q36  
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.  
Statement 1: The news media should constantly investigate and report on government mistakes and corruption.  
Statement 2: Too much reporting on negative events, like government mistakes and corruption, only harms the country.  
**Variable Label:** Q36. Media checks government vs. avoid negative reporting  
**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Question Number: Q37
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. Statement 1: Members of Parliament represent the people; therefore they should make laws for this country, even if the President does not agree. Statement 2: Since the President represents all of us, he should pass laws without worrying about what Parliament thinks. 
Variable Label: Q37. Parliament makes laws vs. president does
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1

Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q38
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. Statement 1: Since the President was elected to lead the country, he should not be bound by laws or court decisions that he thinks are wrong. Statement 2: The President must always obey the laws and the courts, even if he thinks they are wrong. 
Variable Label: Q38. President free to act vs. obey the laws and courts
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1

Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 2
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q39
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. Statement 1: The Constitution should limit the president to serving a maximum of two terms in office. Statement 2: There should be no constitutional limit on how long the president can serve. 
Variable Label: Q39. Presidential two term limit vs. no term limits
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1

Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q40
Question: In your opinion how much of a democracy is Benin today?
Variable Label: Q40. Extent of democracy
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, 98, -1

Value Labels: 1=Not a democracy, 2=A democracy, with major problems, 3=A democracy, but with minor problems, 4=A full democracy, 8=Do not understand question/ do not understand what ‘democracy’ is, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Ghana 97
Note: Interviewer was instructed to “read the question in the language of the interview, but always read ‘democracy’ in English. Translate ‘democracy’ into local language only if respondent does not understand English term.”

Question Number: Q41
Question: Overall, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Benin? Are you:
Variable Label: Q41. Satisfaction with democracy
Values: 0-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Benin is not a democracy, 1=Not at all satisfied, 2=Not very satisfied, 3=Fairly satisfied, 4=Very satisfied, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Eurobarometer
Note: Interviewer was instructed to “Read the question in the language of the interview, but always read “democracy” in English Translate “democracy” into local language only if respondent does not understand English term.”

Question Number: Q42A
Question: For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: The courts have the right to make decisions that people always have to abide by.
Variable Label: Q42a. Courts make binding decisions
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 2
Note: The interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q42B
Question: For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: The police always have the right to make people obey the law.
Variable Label: Q42b. People must obey the law
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 2
Note: The interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q42C
Question: For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: The tax authorities always have the right to make people pay taxes.
Variable Label: Q42c. People must pay taxes
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 2
Note: The interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q43
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. Statement 1: It is important to obey the government in power, no matter who you voted for. Statement 2: It is not necessary to obey the laws of a government that you did not vote for.
Variable Label: Q43. Obey government always vs. only if vote for it
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q44
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. Statement 1: Citizens must pay their taxes to the government in order for our country to develop. Statement 2: The government can find enough resources for development from other sources without having to tax the people.
Variable Label: Q44. Citizens must pay taxes vs. no need to tax the people
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q45A
Question: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Does the news media abuse its freedoms by printing or saying things it knows are not true?
Variable Label: Q45a. How often news media abuse their freedom
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q45B
Question: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Does competition between political parties lead to violent conflict?
Variable Label: Q45b. How often party competition leads to conflict
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

Question Number: Q45C
Question: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Does the President ignore the courts and laws of the country?
Variable Label: Q45c. How often president ignores laws
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

Question Number: Q45D
Question: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Are opposition parties or their supporters silenced by the government?
Variable Label: Q45d. How often opposition parties silenced by government
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q45E
Question: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Does the President ignore parliament and just do what he wants?
Variable Label: Q45e. How often president ignore parliament
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q46
Question: In this country, how effective is the news media in revealing government mistakes and corruption?
Variable Label: Q46. How effective the news media reveals government mistakes and corruption
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all effective, 1=Not very effective, 2=Somewhat effective, 3=Very effective, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q47A
Question: Think about how elections work in practice in this country. How well do elections: Ensure that the Representatives to the National Assembly reflect the views of voters.
Variable Label: Q47a. Elections ensure voters' views are reflected
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0= Not at all well, 1= Not very well, 2= Well, 3= Very well, 9=Don't know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q47B
Question: Think about how elections work in practice in this country. How well do elections: Enable voters to remove from office leaders who do not do what the people want.
Variable Label: Q47b. Elections enable voters to remove leaders from office
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0= Not at all well, 1= Not very well, 2= Well, 3= Very well, 9=Don't know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q48A
Question: In your opinion, how often do the following things occur in this country’s elections: Votes are counted fairly
Variable Label: Q48a. Elections: fair count of votes
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0= Never, 1= Sometimes, 2=Often, 3= Always 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: World Values Survey

Question Number: Q48B
Question: In your opinion, how often do the following things occur in this country’s elections: Opposition candidates are prevented from running for office
Variable Label: Q48b. Elections: opposition prevented from running
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0= Never, 1= Sometimes, 2=Often, 3= Always 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: World Values Survey

Question Number: Q48C
Question: In your opinion, how often do the following things occur in this country’s elections: The media provides fair coverage of all candidates
Variable Label: Q48c. Elections: fair media coverage
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0= Never, 1= Sometimes, 2=Often, 3= Always 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6 adapted from World Values Survey electoral integrity module

Question Number: Q48D
Question: In your opinion, how often do the following things occur in this country’s elections: Voters are bribed
Variable Label: Q48d. Elections: voters are bribed
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0= Never, 1= Sometimes, 2=Often, 3= Always 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: World Values Survey

Question Number: Q48E
Question: In your opinion, how often do the following things occur in this country’s elections: Voters are offered a genuine choice in the elections
Variable Label: Q48e. Elections: voters have genuine choice
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0= Never, 1= Sometimes, 2=Often, 3= Always 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: World Values Survey

Question Number: Q48F
Question: In your opinion, how often do the following things occur in this country’s elections: Voters are threatened with violence at the polls
Variable Label: Q48f. Elections: voters threatened  
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 0= Never, 1= Sometimes, 2= Often, 3= Always 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused to answer, -1= Missing  
Source: World Values Survey

Question Number: Q49  
Question: During election campaigns in this country, how much do you personally fear becoming a victim of political intimidation or violence?  
Variable Label: Q49. How much fear political intimidation or violence  
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 0= A lot, 1= Somewhat, 2= A little bit, 3= Not at all, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused to answer, -1= Missing  
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q50  
Question: Do you think that the leaders of political parties in this country are more concerned with serving the interests of the people, or more concerned with advancing their own political ambitions, or haven’t you heard enough to say?  
Variable Label: Q50. Leaders serve interests of people or their own  
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 1= More to serve their own political ambitions – strongly agree, 2= More to serve their own political ambitions - agree 3= Neither agree nor disagree 4= More to serve the people – agree 5= More to serve the people – strongly agree 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused to answer, -1= Missing  
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q51A  
Question: In your opinion, how often, in this country: do people have to be careful of what they say about politics?  
Variable Label: Q51a. How often careful what you say  
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 0= Never, 1= Rarely, 2= Often, 3= Always, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused to answer, -1= Missing  
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q51B  
Question: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Are people treated unequally under the law?  
Variable Label: Q51b. How often people treated unequally  
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 0= Never, 1= Rarely, 2= Often, 3= Always, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused to answer, -1= Missing  
Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

Question Number: Q51C  
Question: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Do officials who commit crimes go unpunished?  
Variable Label: Q51c. How often officials unpunished  
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 0= Never, 1= Rarely, 2= Often, 3= Always, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused to answer, -1= Missing  
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q51D  
Question: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Do ordinary people who break the law go unpunished?  
Variable Label: Q51d. How often ordinary people unpunished  
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 0= Never, 1= Rarely, 2= Often, 3= Always, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused to answer, -1= Missing  
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q52A  
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The President?
Variable Label: Q52a. Trust president
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Zambia96

Question Number: Q52B
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Parliament?
Variable Label: Q52b. Trust parliament/national assembly
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q52C
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The Commission électorale nationale autonome (CENA)?
Variable Label: Q52c. Trust national electoral commission
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q52D
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The Tax Department?
Variable Label: Q52d. Trust tax department
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q52E
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Your Municipal or District Assembly?
Variable Label: Q52e. Trust your elected local government council
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q52F
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The Ruling Party?
Variable Label: Q52f. Trust the ruling party
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q52G
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Opposition Political Parties?
Variable Label: Q52g. Trust opposition political parties
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Question Number: Q52H
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The Police?
Variable Label: Q52h. Trust police
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Zambia 96

Question Number: Q52I
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The army?
Variable Label: Q52i. Trust army
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q52J
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Courts of law?
Variable Label: Q52j. Trust courts of law
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Zambia 96

Question Number: Q52K
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Traditional leaders
Variable Label: Q52k. Trust traditional leaders
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Zambia 96

Question Number: Q52L
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Religious leaders
Variable Label: Q52l. Trust religious leaders
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Zambia 96

Question Number: Q53A
Question: How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The President and Officials in his Office?
Variable Label: Q53a. Corruption: office of the Presidency
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
**Question Number:** Q53B  
**Question:** How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Members of Parliament?  
**Variable Label:** Q53b. Corruption: Members of Parliament  
**Values:** 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q53C  
**Question:** How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Government Officials?  
**Variable Label:** Q53c. Corruption: government officials  
**Values:** 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarmometer Round 4

**Question Number:** Q53D  
**Question:** How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Local/ Municipal government councilors?  
**Variable Label:** Q53d. Corruption: local government councilors  
**Values:** 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q53E  
**Question:** How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Police?  
**Variable Label:** Q53e. Corruption: police  
**Values:** 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q53F  
**Question:** How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Tax Officials (e.g. Ministry of Finance officials or Local Government tax collectors)?  
**Variable Label:** Q53f. Corruption: tax officials  
**Values:** 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q53G  
**Question:** How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Judges and Magistrates?  
**Variable Label:** Q53g. Corruption: judges and magistrates  
**Values:** 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q53H  
**Question:** How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Traditional Leaders?
Variable Label: Q53h. Corruption: Traditional leaders
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don't know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q53i
Question: How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Religious Leaders?
Variable Label: Q53i. Corruption: Religious leaders
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don't know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q53j
Question: How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Business Executives?
Variable Label: Q53j. Corruption: Business executives
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don't know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q54
Question: In your opinion, over the past year, has the level of corruption in this country increased, decreased, or stayed the same?
Variable Label: Q54. Level of corruption
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Increased a lot, 2=Increased somewhat, 3=Stayed the same, 4=Decreased somewhat, 5=Decreased a lot, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Transparency International
Note: Interviewer is asked to probe for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q55A
Question: In the past 12 months have you had contact with a public school? [If yes] How easy or difficult was it to obtain the services you needed from teachers or school officials?
Variable Label: Q55a. Difficulty to obtain public school services
Values: 1-4, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very easy, 2=Easy, 3=Difficult, 4=Very difficult, 7=No contact (DNR), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
Note: Interviewer is asked to do the following: If 'no', circle 7 for both parts and continue to next question. If yes, continue with parts A and B below

Question Number: Q55B
Question: And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a teacher or school official in order to get the services you needed from the schools?
Variable Label: Q55b. Pay bribe for public school services
Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No contact (DNR), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q55C
Question: In the past 12 months have you had contact with a public clinic or hospital? [If yes] How easy or difficult was it to obtain the medical care you needed?
Variable Label: Q55c. Difficulty to obtain medical treatment
Values: 1-4, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very easy, 2=Easy, 3=Difficult, 4=Very difficult, 7= No contact (DNR), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
Note: Interviewer is asked to do the following: If ‘no’, circle 7 for both parts and continue to next question. If yes, continue with parts C and D below

Question Number: Q55D
Question: And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a health worker or clinic or hospital staff in order to get the medical care you needed?
Variable Label: Q55d. Pay bribe for treatment at public clinic or hospital
Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7= No contact (DNR), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q55E
Question: 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?
Variable Label: Q55e. Difficulty to obtain identity document
Values: 1-4, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very easy, 2=Easy, 3=Difficult, 4=Very difficult, 7= No contact (DNR), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
Note: Interviewer is asked to do the following: If ‘no’, circle 7 for both parts and continue to next question. If yes, continue with parts E and F below

Question Number: Q55F
Question: And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a government official in order to get the document you needed?
Variable Label: Q55f. Pay bribe for document or permit
Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7= No contact (DNR), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q55G
Question: In the past 12 months have you tried to get water, sanitation or electric services from government? [If yes] How easy or difficult was it to obtain the document you needed?
Variable Label: Q55g. Difficulty to obtain household services
Values: 1-4, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very easy, 2=Easy, 3=Difficult, 4=Very difficult, 7= No contact (DNR), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
Note: Interviewer is asked to do the following: If ‘no’, circle 7 for both parts and continue to next question. If yes, continue with parts G and H below

Question Number: Q55H
Question: And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a government official in order to get the document you needed?
Variable Label: Q55h. Pay bribe for water or sanitation services
Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7= No contact (DNR), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
**Question Number:** Q55I

**Question:** In the past 12 months have you requested assistance from the police? [If yes] How easy or difficult was it to obtain the assistance you needed?

**Variable Label:** Q55i. Difficulty to obtain help from the police

**Values:** 1=Very easy, 2=Easy, 3=Difficult, 4=Very difficult, 7=No contact (DNR), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Note:** Interviewer is asked to do the following: If ‘no’, circle 7 for both parts and continue to next question. If yes, continue with parts I and J below

**Question Number:** Q55J

**Question:** And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a police officer in order to get the assistance you needed, or to avoid a problem like passing a checkpoint or avoiding a fine or arrest?

**Variable Label:** Q55j. Pay bribe to avoid problem with police

**Values:** 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No contact (DNR), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q55K

**Question:** In the past 12 months have you had contact with the courts? [If yes] How easy or difficult was it to obtain the assistance you needed from the courts?

**Variable Label:** Q55k. Difficulty to obtain assistance from courts

**Values:** 1=Very easy, 2=Easy, 3=Difficult, 4=Very difficult, 7=No contact (DNR), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Note:** Interviewer is asked to do the following: If ‘no’, circle 7 for both parts and continue to next question. If yes, continue with parts K and L below

**Question Number:** Q55L

**Question:** In the past 12 months have you had contact with the courts? And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a judge or court official in order to get the assistance you needed from the courts?

**Variable Label:** Q55l. Pay bribe to get assistance from courts

**Values:** 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No contact (DNR), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q56

**Question:** If you ever paid a bribe for any of the services discussed above, did you report any of the incidents you mentioned to a government official or someone in authority?

**Variable Label:** Q56. Reported payment of bribes to government

**Values:** 0, 1, 7, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 7=Not Applicable, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6 and Transparency International

**Note:** Interviewer asks the question if respondent ever reported paying a bribe on Q55B, Q55D, Q55F, Q55H, Q 55J or -Q55L

**Question Number:** Q57A

**Question:** [If yes on 56] Which of the following happened the most recent time that you reported a bribery incident? Authorities took action against the government officials involved.

**Variable Label:** Q57a. Bribery: authorities took action

**Values:** 0, 1, 7, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, didn`t happen, 1=Yes, happened, 7=Not Applicable (no incidents reported), 9=Don`t know 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6 and Transparency International

**Note:** Interviewer asks the question if respondent ever reported paying a bribe on Q55B, Q55D, Q55F, Q55H, Q55J or Q55L

**Question Number:** Q57B

**Question:** [If yes on 56] Which of the following happened the most recent time that you reported a bribery incident? You suffered retaliation or other negative consequences as a result of reporting the incident.

**Variable Label:** Q57b. Bribery: suffered retaliation

**Values:** 0, 1, 7, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=No, didn`t happen, 1=Yes, happened, 7=Not Applicable (no incidents reported), 9=Don`t know 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6 and Transparency International

**Note:** Interviewer asks the question if respondent ever reported paying a bribe on Q55B, Q55D, Q55F, Q55H, Q55J or Q55L

**Question Number:** Q58

**Question:** Some people say that many incidents of corruption are never reported. Based on your experience, what do you think is the main reason why many people do not report corruption when it occurs?

**Variable Label:** Q58. Main reason for not reporting corruption

**Values:** 0-11, 9999, 9998, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=Most people do report incidents of corruption, 1=People don`t have enough time to report it, 2=People don`t know where to report it, 3=People don`t know how to report it, 4=Nothing will be done / It wouldn`t make a difference , 5=It`s too expensive to report (e.g., due to travel or phone charges) 6=Corruption is normal/ Everyone does it / everyone is involved, 7=People are afraid of the consequences, 8=The officials where they would report to are also corrupt / officials are involved in the corruption, 9=It`s government`s money, not the people`s, so it`s not our problem, 10=Because they will implicate themselves as bribe-givers, 11=Corruption is too difficult to prove, Post Code=Other [specify], 9999= Don`t know, 9998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q59A

**Question:** How much of the time do you think the following try their best to listen to what people like you have to say: Members of Parliament?

**Variable Label:** Q59a. MPs listen

**Values:** 0-3, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=Never 1=Only sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don`t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q59B

**Question:** How much of the time do you think the following try their best to listen to what people like you have to say: Local / Municipal government councilors?

**Variable Label:** Q59b. Local government councilors listen

**Values:** 0-3, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=Never 1=Only sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don`t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q60pt1

**Question:** In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?

**Variable Label:** Q60pt1. Most important problems – 1st response

**Values:** 0-32, 9995, 9998-9999, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=Nothing/no problems, 1=Management of the economy, 2=Wages, income and salaries, 3=Unemployment, 4=Poverty/destitution, 5=Rates and taxes, 6=Loans /credit , 7=Farming/agriculture,
8=Food shortage/famine, 9=Drought, 10=Land, 11=Transportation, 12=Communications, 13=Infrastructure/roads, 14=Education, 15=Housing, 16=Electricity, 17=Water supply, 18=Orphans/street children/homeless children, 19=Services (other), 20=Health, 21=AIDS, 22=Sickness/disease, 23=Crime and security, 24=Corruption, 25=Political violence, 26=Political instability/political divisions/ethnic tensions, 27=Discrimination/inequality, 28=Gender issues/women's rights, 29=Democracy/political rights, 30=War(international), 31=Civil War, 32=Agricultural marketing, 9995=Other (i.e, some other problem), 9998=Refused to answer, 9999=Don't know, -1=Missing .

**Source:** SAB

**Note:** Interviewer was instructed to “Accept up to three answers. If respondent offers more than three options, ask ‘Which three of these are the most important?’; if respondent offers one or two answers, ask ‘Anything else?’”

### Question Number: Q60pt2

**Question:** In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?

**Variable Label:** Q60pt2. Most important problems – 2nd response

**Values:** 1-32, 9995-9996, 9998, -1

**Value Labels:**
1=Management of the economy, 2=Wages, income and salaries, 3=Unemployment, 4=Poverty/destitution, 5=Rates and taxes, 6=Loans /credit , 7=Farming/agriculture, 8=Food shortage/famine, 9=Drought, 10=Land, 11=Transportation, 12=Communications, 13=Infrastructure/roads, 14=Education, 15=Housing, 16=Electricity, 17=Water supply, 18=Orphans/street children/homeless children, 19=Services (other), 20=Health, 21=AIDS, 22=Sickness/disease, 23=Crime and security, 24=Corruption, 25=Political violence, 26=Political instability/political divisions/ethnic tensions, 27=Discrimination/inequality, 28=Gender issues/women's rights, 29=Democracy/political rights, 30=War(international), 31=Civil War, 32=Agricultural marketing, 9995=Other (i.e, some other problem), 9996=No further reply, 9998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing .

**Source:** SAB

**Note:** Interviewer was instructed to “Accept up to three answers. If respondent offers more than three options, ask ‘Which three of these are the most important?’; if respondent offers one or two answers, ask ‘Anything else?’”

### Question Number: Q60pt3

**Question:** In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?

**Variable Label:** Q60pt3. Most important problems – 3rd response

**Values:** 1-32, 9995-9996, 9998, -1

**Value Labels:**
1=Management of the economy, 2=Wages, income and salaries, 3=Unemployment, 4=Poverty/destitution, 5=Rates and taxes, 6=Loans /credit , 7=Farming/agriculture, 8=Food shortage/famine, 9=Drought, 10=Land, 11=Transportation, 12=Communications, 13=Infrastructure/roads, 14=Education, 15=Housing, 16=Electricity, 17=Water supply, 18=Orphans/street children/homeless children, 19=Services (other), 20=Health, 21=AIDS, 22=Sickness/disease, 23=Crime and security, 24=Corruption, 25=Political violence, 26=Political instability/political divisions/ethnic tensions, 27=Discrimination/inequality, 28=Gender issues/women's rights, 29=Democracy/political rights, 30=War(international), 31=Civil War, 32=Agricultural marketing, 9995=Other (i.e, some other problem), 9996=No further reply, 9998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing .

**Source:** SAB

**Note:** Interviewer was instructed to “Accept up to three answers. If respondent offers more than three options, ask ‘Which three of these are the most important?’; if respondent offers one or two answers, ask ‘Anything else?’”

### Question Number: Q61A

**Question:** Thinking of the problem you mentioned first, in your opinion, how well or badly would you say the current government is handling this problem, or haven’t you heard enough to say?

**Variable Label:** Q61a. Handling first problem

**Values:** 1-4, 7, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:**
1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 7=Not Applicable [Only if respondent answered 999=Don’t know or 0=Nothing, no problems on Q60], 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q61B
**Question:** In your opinion, is there any other political party that could do a better job in solving this problem?

**Variable Label:** Q61b. Other political party could solve this problem

**Values:** 0, 1, 7, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:**
- 0 = No
- 1 = Yes
- 7 = Not Applicable [Only if respondent answered 999 = Don’t know or 0 = Nothing, no problems on Q60]
- 9 = Don’t know
- 98 = Refused to answer
- -1 = Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q62
**Question:** Which of the following do you see as the most important difference between the ruling party and opposition parties in Benin?

**Variable Label:** Q62. Main difference between ruling and opposition parties

**Values:** 0-9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:**
- 0 = There is no difference [Do not read]
- 1 = The honesty or integrity of party leaders
- 2 = The religion of party leaders or members
- 3 = The economic and development policies each party wants to implement
- 4 = The experience of party leaders and their ability to get things done
- 5 = The ethnicity of party leaders or members
- 6 = The personalities of party leaders
- 7 = The regional identity of party leaders or members
- 8 = None of these / Some other answer
- 9 = Don’t know
- 98 = Refused to answer
- -1 = Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q63A
**Question:** Looking at the ruling and opposition political parties in this country, which would you say is most able to address each of the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say? Controlling prices

**Variable Label:** Q63a. Ruling vs. opposition: controlling prices

**Values:** 1-3, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:**
- 1 = Ruling Party
- 2 = Opposition party or parties
- 3 = Neither of them (DNR)
- 9 = Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough
- 98 = Refused to answer
- -1 = Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q63B
**Question:** Looking at the ruling and opposition political parties in this country, which would you say is most able to address each of the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say? Creating jobs

**Variable Label:** Q63b. Ruling vs. opposition: creating jobs

**Values:** 1-3, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:**
- 1 = Ruling Party
- 2 = Opposition party or parties
- 3 = Neither of them (DNR)
- 9 = Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough
- 98 = Refused to answer
- -1 = Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q63C
**Question:** Looking at the ruling and opposition political parties in this country, which would you say is most able to address each of the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say? Improving basic health services

**Variable Label:** Q63c. Ruling vs. opposition: Improving basic health services

**Values:** 1-3, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:**
- 1 = Ruling Party
- 2 = Opposition party or parties
- 3 = Neither of them (DNR)
- 9 = Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough
- 98 = Refused to answer
- -1 = Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q63D
**Question:** Looking at the ruling and opposition political parties in this country, which would you say is most able to address each of the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say? Fighting corruption in government

**Variable Label:** Q63d. Ruling vs. opposition: Fighting corruption in government

**Values:** 1-3, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Ruling Party, 2=Opposition party or parties, 3=Neither of them (DNR), 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q64
**Question:** Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: The political opposition in Benin presents a viable alternative vision and plan for the country.

**Variable Label:** Q64. Political opposition is viable alternative

**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disagree 2=Disagree 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree 9=Don’t know [DNR], 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q65A
**Question:** If the government of this country could increase its spending, which of the following areas do you think should be the top priority for additional investment? [Read out options]

**Variable Label:** Q65a. First priority for investment

**Values:** 0-6, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** First priority 1= Education, 2=Infrastructure, like roads and bridges 3= Security, like the police and military, 4=Healthcare, 5=Agricultural development, 6=Energy supply, 0=None of the above, 9= [Do not read] Don’t Know / Can’t remember

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q65B
**Question:** And which would be your second priority?

**Variable Label:** Q65b. Second priority for investment

**Values:** 0-6, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** Second priority 1= Education, 2=Infrastructure, like roads and bridges 3= Security, like the police and military, 4=Healthcare, 5=Agricultural development, 6=Energy supply, 0=None of the above, 9= [Do not read] Don’t Know / Can’t remember

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q65C
**Question:** If the government decided to make people pay more taxes or user fees in order to increase spending on public health care, would you support this decision or oppose it?

**Variable Label:** Q65c. Pay more taxes to increase health spending

**Values:** 1-6, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly oppose, 2=Somewhat oppose, 3=Neither support nor oppose, 4=Somewhat support, 5=Strongly support , 6=It depends (e.g., on size of the increase) [Do not read], 9=Don’t know [Do not read]

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q66A
**Question:** Now let’s speak about the present government of this country. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Managing the economy?

**Variable Label:** Q66a. Handling managing the economy

**Values:** 1-4, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing

**Source:** SA8

**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q66B
**Question:** Now let’s speak about the present government of this country. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Improving the living standards of the poor.
Variable Label: Q66b. Handling improving living standards of the poor
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q66C
Question: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Creating jobs?
Variable Label: Q66c. Handling creating jobs
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: NDB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q66D
Question: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Keeping prices down?
Variable Label: Q66d. Handling keeping prices down
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: NDB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q66E
Question: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Narrowing gaps between rich and poor?
Variable Label: Q66e. Handling narrowing income gaps
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q66F
Question: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Reducing crime?
Variable Label: Q66f. Handling reducing crime
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very Badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: NDB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q66G
Question: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Improving basic health services?
Variable Label: Q66g. Handling improving basic health services
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: NDB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.
**Question Number:** Q66H  
**Question:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Addressing educational needs?  
**Variable Label:** Q66h. Handling addressing educational needs  
**Values:** 1-4, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** NDB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q66I  
**Question:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Providing water and sanitation services?  
**Variable Label:** Q66i. Handling providing water and sanitation services  
**Values:** 1-4, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q66J  
**Question:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Ensuring everyone has enough to eat?  
**Variable Label:** Q66j. Handling ensuring enough to eat  
**Values:** 1-4, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q66K  
**Question:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Fighting corruption in government?  
**Variable Label:** Q66k. Handling fighting corruption  
**Values:** 1-4, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q66L  
**Question:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Maintaining roads and bridges?  
**Variable Label:** Q66l. Handling and maintaining roads and bridges  
**Values:** 1-4, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q66M  
**Question:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Providing a reliable supply of electricity?  
**Variable Label:** Q66m. Handling providing reliable electric supply  
**Values:** 1-4, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q67A
Question: What about local government? I do not mean the national government. I mean your Metropolitan, Municipal or District Assembly. 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: Maintaining local roads?
Variable Label: Q67a. Local govt. handling maintaining roads
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 3
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q67B
Question: What about local government? I do not mean the national government. I mean your Metropolitan, Municipal or District Assembly. 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: Maintaining local market places?
Variable Label: Q67b. Local govt. handling maintaining local markets
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q68A
Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people have performed their jobs over the past twelve months, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: President Yayi Boni
Variable Label: Q68a. Performance: President
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=disapprove, 3=Approve, 4=Strongly approve, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q68B
Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people have performed their jobs over the past twelve months, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Your Member of Parliament?
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=disapprove, 3=Approve, 4=Strongly approve, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q68C
Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people have performed their jobs over the past twelve months, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Your Elected Local Government Councilor?
Variable Label: Q68c. Performance: local government councilor
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=disapprove, 3=Approve, 4=Strongly approve, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.
Question Number: Q68D
Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people have performed their jobs over the past twelve months, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Your Traditional Leader?
Variable Label: Q68d. Performance: traditional leader
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=disapprove, 3=Approve, 4=Strongly approve, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q69A
Question: Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, Members of Parliament do their jobs?
Variable Label: Q69a. Who responsible: MPs do jobs
Values: 0-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=The President/Executive, 1=The Parliament/Local Council, 2=Their political party, 3=The voters, 4=No one, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q69B
Question: Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, local government councilors do their jobs?
Variable Label: Q69b. Who responsible: local councilors do jobs
Values: 0-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=The President/Executive, 1=The Parliament/Local Council, 2=Their political party, 3=The voters, 4=No one, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q69C
Question: Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, the president does his job?
Variable Label: Q69c. Who responsible: president does job
Values: 0-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=The President/Executive, 1=The Parliament/Local Council, 2=Their political party, 3=The voters, 4=No one, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q70A
Question: Based on your experience, how easy or difficult is it to obtain the following services from government? Or do you never try and get these services from government: To find out what taxes and fees you are supposed to pay to the government?
Variable Label: Q70a. Difficulty to find out what taxes or fees to pay
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very difficult, 2=Difficult, 3=Easy, 4=Very easy, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q70B
Question: Based on your experience, how easy or difficult is it to obtain the following services from government? Or do you never try and get these services from government: To avoid paying the income or property taxes that you owe to government?
Variable Label: Q70b. Difficulty to avoid paying taxes
Values: 1-4, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very difficult, 2=Difficult, 3=Easy, 4=Very easy, 7=Don’t have to pay taxes, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.
**Question Number:** Q71A  
**Question:** Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: ordinary people can make a difference in the fight against corruption?  
**Variable Label:** Q71a. People can fight corruption  
**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Transparency International  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q71B  
**Question:** What is the most effective thing that an ordinary person like you can do the help combat corruption in this country?  
**Variable Label:** Q71b. Most effective way to combat corruption  
**Values:** 0-8, 9999, 9998, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Nothing / Ordinary people cannot do anything, 1=Refuse to pay bribes, 2=Report corruption when you see or experience it, 3=Vote for clean candidates or parties or for parties that promise to fight corruption, 4=Speak out about the problem, for example, by calling a radio program or writing a letter, 5=Talk to friends and relatives about the problem, 6=Sign a petition asking for a stronger fight against corruption, 7=Join or support an organization that is fighting corruption, 8=Participate in protest marches or demonstrations against corruption. Post Code: Other, 9999=Don’t know [Do not read], 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6 and Transparency International

**Question Number:** Q72  
**Question:** In the last 5 years, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family been directly involved in an administrative, civil or criminal case that has come before a government court or tribunal as a claimant, as a respondent or defendant, or as a witness?  
**Variable Label:** Q72. Contact with government court or tribunal  
**Values:** 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Once, 2=Twice, 3=Three or more times, 9=Don’t know/ Can’t remember, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q73A  
**Question:** Have you encountered any of these problems in your experience with government courts in the past 5 years? You were unable to pay necessary costs and fees  
**Variable Label:** Q73a. Problems with courts: too expensive  
**Values:** 0-3, 7, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 7=No experience with government courts in last 5 years [DNR], 0=Never, 1=Once or Twice, 2=A Few Times, 3=Often, 9=Don’t Know[DNR], 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q73B  
**Question:** Have you encountered any of these problems in your experience with government courts in the past 5 years? You could not understand the legal processes and procedures  
**Variable Label:** Q73b. Problems with courts: too complex  
**Values:** 0-3, 7, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 7=No experience with government courts in last 5 years [DNR], 0=Never, 1=Once or Twice, 2=A Few Times, 3=Often, 9=Don’t Know[DNR], 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q73C  
**Question:** Have you encountered any of these problems in your experience with government courts in the past 5 years? You could not obtain legal counsel or advice
Variable Label: Q73c. Problems with courts: no advice
Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 7=No experience with government courts in last 5 years [DNR], 0=Never, 1=Once or Twice, 2=A Few Times, 3=Often, 9=Don't Know [DNR], 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q73D
Question: Have you encountered any of these problems in your experience with government courts in the past 5 years? The judge or magistrate did not listen to your side of the story
Variable Label: Q73d. Problems with courts: judge did not listen
Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 7=No experience with government courts in last 5 years [DNR], 0=Never, 1=Once or Twice, 2=A Few Times, 3=Often, 9=Don't Know [DNR], 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q73E
Question: Have you encountered any of these problems in your experience with government courts in the past 5 years? There were long delays in handling or resolving the case
Variable Label: Q73e. Problems with courts: long delays
Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 7=No experience with government courts in last 5 years [DNR], 0=Never, 1=Once or Twice, 2=A Few Times, 3=Often, 9=Don't Know [DNR], 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q74A
Question: Sometimes people do not take a case to the government courts, even if they think they have a legitimate complaint and deserve justice. In your opinion, what would be the most important reason that people like yourself would not take a case to court? And what would be the second most important reason?
Variable Label: Q74a. 1st reason for not taking case to court
Values: 0-18, 9999, 9998, -1
Value Labels: 0=Most people do take cases to court when they have a legitimate complaint, 1=They cannot find a lawyer, 2=Lawyers are too expensive, 3=Absence of legal aid services / absence of free legal help, 4=Court costs are too expensive, 5=Judges, prosecutors or court officials will demand money or a bribe to hear the case, 6=People don’t have enough time to go to court, 7=The distance to the courts is too far, 8=They don’t speak the language spoken in the court, 9=They don’t know their legal rights and remedies, 10=They don’t know how to take a case to court, 11=They think the processes are too complex / don’t understand the legal process, 12=They expect the case to take too long, 13=They think the judges and court officials are incompetent, 14=They do not expect fair treatment, 15=They do not think the judges or courts are independent, 16=Don’t trust the courts, 17=The courts favor the rich / powerful, 18= They prefer to go to traditional leaders / local council / other non-government forum, Some other answer (1st response) Post Code: Specify, 9999=Don’t know
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q74B
Question: Sometimes people do not take a case to the government courts, even if they think they have a legitimate complaint and deserve justice. In your opinion, what would be the most important reason that people like yourself would not take a case to court? And what would be the second most important reason?
Variable Label: Q74b. 2nd reason for not taking case to court
Values: 0-18, 9996, 9998, -1
Value Labels: 2nd response: 0=Most people do take cases to court when they have a legitimate complaint, 1=They cannot find a lawyer, 2=Lawyers are too expensive, 3=Absence of legal aid services / absence of free legal help, 4=Court costs are too expensive, 5=Judges, prosecutors or court officials will demand money or a bribe to hear the case, 6=People don’t have enough time to go to court, 7=The distance to the courts is too far, 8=They don’t speak the language spoken in the court, 9=They don’t know their legal rights and remedies, 10=They don’t know how to take a case to court, 11=They think the processes are too complex / don’t understand the legal process, 12=They expect the case to take too long, 13=They think the
judges and court officials are incompetent, 14=They do not expect fair treatment, 15=They do not think the judges or courts are independent,16=Don’t trust the courts, 17=The courts favor the rich / powerful, 18= They prefer to go to traditional leaders / local council / other non-government forum, Some other answer (2nd response) Post Code: Specify, 9996=No further answer
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q75A
Question: I am now going to ask you about a range of different actions that some people take. For each of the following, please tell me whether you think the action is not wrong at all, wrong but understandable, or wrong and punishable: Not paying for the services they receive from government?
Variable Label:
Values: 1-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Not wrong at all, 2= Wrong but understandable, 3= Wrong and punishable, 9= Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q75B
Question: I am now going to ask you about a range of different actions that some people take. For each of the following, please tell me whether you think the action is not wrong at all, wrong but understandable, or wrong and punishable: Not paying the taxes they owe on their income?
Variable Label: Q75b. Right or wrong: not paying the taxes
Values: 1-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Not wrong at all, 2= Wrong but understandable, 3= Wrong and punishable, 9= Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q76
Question: 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.
Variable Label: Q76. Free movement across borders vs. limit movement
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2= Agree with Statement 1, 3= Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 3= Agree with Statement 2, 5= Agree with Neither, 9= Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q77
Question: 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.
Variable Label: Q77. Regional responsibility to prevent abuses vs. respect sovereignty of nations
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2= Agree with Statement 1, 3= Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 3= Agree with Statement 2, 5= Agree with Neither, 9= Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q78
Question: 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?
Variable Label: Q78. Difficulty of crossing borders
Values: 1-4, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Very difficult, 2= Difficult, 3= Very Easy, 4= Very easy, 7= Never try, 9= Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q79A
Question: In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help your country, or haven’t you heard enough to say?
ECOWAS
Variable Label: Q79a. Regional organisation helps country
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0= Don’t help 1= Help a little, 2= Help somewhat , 3= Help a lot, 9= Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q79B
Question: In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help your country, or haven’t you heard enough to say? African Union
Variable Label: Q79b. African Union helps country
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0= Don’t help 1= Help a little, 2= Help somewhat , 3= Help a lot, 9= Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q80A
Question: In your opinion, which of the following countries, if any, would be the best model for the future development of our country?
Variable Label: Q80a. Model country for development
Values: 0-6, 9999, 998, -1
Value Labels: 0=None of these [Do not read], 1=United States, 2=China 3=[Former Colonial Power, i.e., UK, France or Portugal], 4=India, 5=South Africa, 6=We should follow our own country’s model, Post Code=Other country [Specify] , 9999=Don’t know [Do not read], 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q80B
Question: Which of the following do you think has the most influence on Benin, or haven’t you heard enough to say?
Variable Label: Q80b. Country with most influence
Values: 0-7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=None of these have much influence, 1=United States, 2=China, 3= France, 4=India, 5=South Africa, 6=International organizations like the United Nations or the World Bank, 7=Some other country or organization, 9=Don’t know / Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q81A
Question: Now let’s talk about the role that China plays in our country. How much influence do you think China’s economic activities in Benin have on our economy, or haven’t you heard enough to say?
Variable Label: Q81a. China's influence on economy
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1= A little, 2= Some, 3=A lot, 9=Don’t know / Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q81B
Question: Now let’s talk about the role that China plays in our country. In general, do you think that China’s economic and political influence on Benin is mostly positive, or mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say?
Variable Label: Q81b. China's influence: positive or negative
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Very negative, 2= Somewhat negative, 3=Neither positive nor negative, 4= Somewhat positive, 5=Very positive, 9=Don’t know / Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q81C
Question: Now let’s talk about the role that China plays in our country. Which of the following factors contributes most to positive image of China in Benin, or haven’t you heard enough to say?
Variable Label: Q81c. Positive image of China
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=China’s support for Benin in international affairs, 2=China’s policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of African countries, 3=China’s investment in infrastructure or other development in Benin, 4=China’s business investment, 5=The cost of Chinese products, 6=An appreciation of the Chinese people, culture and language, 7=Some other factor , 0=None of these , 9=Don’t know / Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q81D
Question: Now let’s talk about the role that China plays in our country. Which of the following factors contributes most to negative images of China in Benin, or haven’t you heard enough to say?
Variable Label: Q81d. Negative image of China
Values: 0-7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=China’s extraction of resources from Africa, 2=Land grabbing by Chinese individuals or businesses, 3=China’s willingness to cooperate with undemocratic rulers in Africa, 4=Chinese economic activities taking jobs or business from Beninese, 5=The quality of Chinese products, 6=The behavior of Chinese citizens in Benin, 7=Some other factor, 0=None of these, 9=Don’t know / Haven’t heard enough [Do not read], 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q81E
Question: Now let’s talk about the role that China plays in our country. In your opinion, does China’s economic development assistance to Benin do a good job or a bad job of meeting the country’s needs, or haven’t you heard enough to say?
Variable Label: Q81e. China’s assistance does a good job at meeting country’s needs
Values: 1-5, 7, 9999, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very bad job, 2=Somewhat bad job, 3=Neither good nor bad job, 4=Somewhat good job, 5=Very good job, 7=China doesn’t give development assistance to Benin, 9999=Don’t know / Haven’t heard enough, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q82BEN_R1
Question: What do you consider the most important consequences of the free primary education?
Variable Label: Q82BEN_R1. The most important consequences of free education_1st answer
Values: 0-8, 100-108, -1, 9996, 9999
Value Labels: 0= No effect, 1= Numbers of pupils have increased in the classrooms, 2= The quality of education has deteriorated, 3= Increased tuition fees or other associated costs, 4= The pupils are underperforming, 5= More girls went to school, 6= Parents valued education, 7= Learning materials have become free, 8= Nothing to say, 100= The parents are relieved, 101= Lack of teachers, 102= Too many strikes, 103= Lack of classrooms, 104= Free education is not effective, 105= Difficulties paying teachers, 106= Girls become pregnant, 107= Corruption in the school, 108= Lack of teaching materials and accompanying measures, 9996= other, 9999= Don’t know, -1= Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin
Note: Interviewer: Do not read options. Code from responses. Accept up two answers. If respondent offers more than two options, ask “what are the two most important?” “If respondent offers one, ask “anything else?”
**Question Number:** Q82BEN_R1
**Question:** What do you consider the most important consequences of the free primary education?
**Variable Label:** Q82BEN_R1other. Other important consequences of 1st answer
**Values:** String Variable

**Question Number:** Q82BEN_R2
**Question:** What do you consider the most important consequences of the free primary education?
**Variable Label:** Q82BEN_R2. The most important consequences of free education_2nd answer
**Values:** 0-8, 100-108, -1, 9996, 9999
**Value Labels:**
0 = No effect,
1 = Numbers of pupils have increased in the classrooms,
2 = The quality of education has deteriorated,
3 = Increased tuition fees or other associated costs,
4 = The pupils are under-performing,
5 = More girls went to school,
6 = Parents valued education,
7 = Learning materials have become free,
8 = Nothing to say,
100 = The parents are relieved,
101 = Lack of teachers,
102 = Too many strikes,
103 = Lack of classrooms,
104 = Free education is not effective,
105 = Difficulties paying teachers,
106 = Girls become pregnant,
107 = Corruption in the school,
108 = Lack of teaching materials and accompanying measures,
9996 = other,
9999 = Don't know,
-1 = Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin

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**Question Number:** Q83BEN_A
**Question:** How do you think your Municipal / communal council puts into practice the following actions, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say? A. Inform the population of the Council’s agenda
**Variable Label:** Q83BEN_A: Local Council: Inform citizens of action plans
**Values:** 1-4, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:**
1 = Very Badly,
2 = Fairly Badly,
3 = Fairly Well,
4 = Very Well,
9 = Don’t know / Haven’t heard enough,
98 = Refused,
-1 = Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin

**Question Number:** Q83BEN_B
**Question:** How do you think your Municipal / communal council puts into practice the following actions, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say? B. Inform people of the Council’s Budget (i.e. resources and jobs)
**Variable Label:** Q83BEN_B: Local Council: Inform citizens about the budget
**Values:** 1-4, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:**
1 = Very Badly,
2 = Fairly Badly,
3 = Fairly Well,
4 = Very Well,
9 = Don’t know / Haven’t heard enough,
98 = Refused,
-1 = Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin

**Question Number:** Q83BEN_C
**Question:** How do you think your Municipal / communal council puts into practice the following actions, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say? C. Allow citizens like you participate in decision-making of council
**Variable Label:** Q83BEN_C: Local Council: Participative decision-making
**Values:** 1-4, 9, 98, -1
**Value Labels:**
1 = Very Badly,
2 = Fairly Badly,
3 = Fairly Well,
4 = Very Well,
9 = Don’t know / Haven’t heard enough,
98 = Refused,
-1 = Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin

**Question Number:** Q83BEN_D
**Question:** How do you think your Municipal / communal council puts into practice the following actions, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say? D. Consult others (including heads customary, civil society, community) before taking decisions
**Variable Label:** Q83BEN_D: Local Council: Consult others before decision-making
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Very Badly, 2= Fairly Badly, 3= Fairly Well, 4= Very Well, 9= Don’t know / Haven’t heard enough, 98= Refused, -1= Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin

Question Number: Q83BEN_E
Question: How do you think your Municipal / communal council puts into practice the following actions, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say? Provide effective resources of Complaints management for counselors or officials
Variable Label: Q83BEN_E: Local Council: Provide effective means of managing complaints
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Very Badly, 2= Fairly Badly, 3= Fairly Well, 4= Very Well, 9= Don’t know / Haven’t heard enough, 98= Refused, -1= Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin

Question Number: Q83BEN_F
Question: How do you think your Municipal / communal council puts into practice the following actions, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say? Ensure that local resources are used for public purposes, not for private interests
Variable Label: Q83BEN_F: Local Council: Ensure resources are used for public interest
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Very Badly, 2= Fairly Badly, 3= Fairly Well, 4= Very Well, 9= Don’t know / Haven’t heard enough, 98= Refused, -1= Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin

Question Number: Q83BEN_G
Question: How do you think your Municipal / communal council puts into practice the following actions, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say? Conduct activities in favor of marginalized group (e.g. disabilities people, youth, women)
Variable Label: Q83BEN_G: Local Council: Provide activities to help marginalised groups
Values: 1-4, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Very Badly, 2= Fairly Badly, 3= Fairly Well, 4= Very Well, 9= Don’t know / Haven’t heard enough, 98= Refused, -1= Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin

Question Number: Q84BEN_A
Question: Compared to non-public health centers (e.g. the confessional health centers, NGOs, etc.), appreciate each of the following in public health centers or haven’t you enough experience with one of the types of center (public or non-public) to say? The reception
Variable Label: Q84BEN_A. Appraisal state Health Centre: The reception
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Much Better, 2= Better, 3= Same, 4= Worse, 5= Much worse, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused, -1= Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin
Note: Interviewer was asked to read out options and probe for strength.

Question Number: Q84BEN_B
Question: Compared to non-public health centers (e.g. the confessional health centers, NGOs, etc.), appreciate each of the following in public health centers or haven’t you enough experience with one of the types of center (public or non-public) to say? The cost of providing health care
Variable Label: Q84BEN_B. Appraisal state Health Centre: The cost of care provisions
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Much Better, 2= Better, 3= Same, 4= Worse, 5= Much worse, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused, -1= Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin
Note: Interviewer was asked to read out options and probe for strength.
Question Number: Q84BEN_C
Question: Compared to non-public health centers (e.g. the confessional health centers, NGOs, etc.), appreciate each of the following in public health centers or haven’t you enough experience with one of the types of center (public or non-public) to say? The quality of health care
Variable Label: Q84BEN_C. Appraisal state Health Centre: The quality of health care
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Much Better, 2= Better, 3= Same, 4= Worse, 5= Much worse, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused, -1= Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin
Note: Interviewer was asked to read out options and probe for strength.

Question Number: Q84BEN_D
Question: Compared to non-public health centers (e.g. the confessional health centers, NGOs, etc.), appreciate each of the following in public health centers or haven’t you enough experience with one of the types of center (public or non-public) to say? The satisfaction of care received
Variable Label: Q84BEN_D. Appraisal state Health Centre: The Satisfaction of care services received
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Much Better, 2= Better, 3= Same, 4= Worse, 5= Much worse, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused, -1= Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin
Note: Interviewer was asked to read out options and probe for strength.

Question Number: Q84BEN_E
Question: Compared to non-public health centers (e.g. the confessional health centers, NGOs, etc.), appreciate each of the following in public health centers or haven’t you enough experience with one of the types of center (public or non-public) to say? The quality of infrastructure (e.g. buildings, health facilities, the cleanliness)
Variable Label: Q84BEN_E. Appraisal state Health Centre: The quality of infrastructure
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Much Better, 2= Better, 3= Same, 4= Worse, 5= Much worse, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused, -1= Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin
Note: Interviewer was asked to read out options and probe for strength.

Question Number: Q84BEN_F
Question: Compared to non-public health centers (e.g. the confessional health centers, NGOs, etc.), appreciate each of the following in public health centers or haven’t you enough experience with one of the types of center (public or non-public) to say? The quality of the meals provided to hospital patients
Variable Label: Q84BEN_F. Appraisal state Health Centre: The quality of the food offered to patients
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Much Better, 2= Better, 3= Same, 4= Worse, 5= Much worse, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused, -1= Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin
Note: Interviewer was asked to read out options and probe for strength.

Question Number: Q85BEN_A
Question: Do you think each of the following to women has decreased, increased or remained the same in your home or in your community over the past year, or Haven’t you heard enough about them to say? Harassment in the Workplace
Variable Label: Q85BEN_A. Gender: Harassment in the workplace
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1= Risen, 2= Much risen, 3= Same, 4= Weakened, 5= Much weakened, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused, -1= Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin
Note: Interviewer was asked to read out options and probe for strength.

Question Number: Q85BEN_B
**Question**: Do you think each of the following to women has decreased, increased or remained the same in your home or in your community over the past year, or Haven’t you heard enough about them to say? Genital Mutilation

**Variable Label**: Q85BEN_B. Gender: Genital Mutilation

**Values**: 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels**: 1= Risen, 2= Much risen, 3= Same, 4= Weakened, 5= Much weakened, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused, -1= Missing

**Source**: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin

**Note**: Interviewer was asked to read out options and probe for strength.

**Question Number**: Q85BEN_C

**Question**: Do you think each of the following to women has decreased, increased or remained the same in your home or in your community over the past year, or Haven’t you heard enough about them to say? Physical Violence (such as corporal punishment)

**Variable Label**: Q85BEN_C. Gender: Physical Abuse

**Values**: 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels**: 1= Risen, 2= Much risen, 3= Same, 4= Weakened, 5= Much weakened, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused, -1= Missing

**Source**: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin

**Note**: Interviewer was asked to read out options and probe for strength.

**Question Number**: Q85BEN_D

**Question**: Do you think each of the following to women has decreased, increased or remained the same in your home or in your community over the past year, or Haven’t you heard enough about them to say? Psychological Violence (e.g. insults)

**Variable Label**: Q85BEN_D. Gender: Psychological violence

**Values**: 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels**: 1= Risen, 2= Much risen, 3= Same, 4= Weakened, 5= Much weakened, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused, -1= Missing

**Source**: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin

**Note**: Interviewer was asked to read out options and probe for strength.

**Question Number**: Q85BEN_E

**Question**: Do you think each of the following to women has decreased, increased or remained the same in your home or in your community over the past year, or Haven’t you heard enough about them to say? Sexual Violence

**Variable Label**: Q85BEN_E. Gender: Sexual Violence

**Values**: 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels**: 1= Risen, 2= Much risen, 3= Same, 4= Weakened, 5= Much weakened, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused, -1= Missing

**Source**: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin

**Note**: Interviewer was asked to read out options and probe for strength.

**Question Number**: Q85BEN_F

**Question**: Do you think each of the following to women has decreased, increased or remained the same in your home or in your community over the past year, or Haven’t you heard enough about them to say? Rape

**Variable Label**: Q85BEN_F. Gender: Rape

**Values**: 1-5, 9, 98, -1

**Value Labels**: 1= Risen, 2= Much risen, 3= Same, 4= Weakened, 5= Much weakened, 9= Don’t know, 98= Refused, -1= Missing

**Source**: Afrobarometer Round 6 in Benin

**Note**: Interviewer was asked to read out options and probe for strength.

**Question Number**: Q86 not asked in Benin

**Question Number**: Q87

**Question**: Let us get back to talking about you. What is your ethnic community, cultural group or tribe?
Variable Label: Q87. Tribe or ethnic group  
Values: 100-107, 9990, 9995, 9998-9999, -1  
Value Labels: 100=Fon, 101=Adja, 102=Bariba, 103=Dendi, 104=Yoruba, 105=Datamari, 106=Peulh, 107=Yoa, 9990=Beninese only or doesn't think in those terms, 9995=Others, 9998=Refused to answer, 9999=Don't know, -1=Missing  
Source: SAB  
Note: Interviewer entered respondent's exact response. If respondent did not identify any group on this question – that is, if they “Refused to answer” (9998), said “Don’t know” (9999), or “Beninese only” (9990) – then the interviewer marked “Not applicable” for questions Q88A-Q88B and continued to question 89.

Question Number: Q88A  
Question: How often, if ever, are _________s [R’s Ethnic Group] treated unfairly by the government?  
Variable Label: Q88a. Ethnic group treated unfairly  
Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 7=Not applicable, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
Source: SAB  
Note: Interviewer entered respondent’s exact response. If respondent did not identify any group on this question – that is, if they “Refused to answer” (9998), said “Don’t know” (9999), or “Beninese only” (9990) – then the interviewer marked “Not applicable” for questions Q88A-Q88B and continued to question 89.

Question Number: Q88B  
Question: Let us suppose that you had to choose between being a Beninese and being a _________ [R’s Ethnic Group]. Which of the following best expresses your feelings?  
Variable Label: Q88b. Ethnic or national identity  
Values: 1-5, 7, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 1=I feel only (R’s ethnic group), 2=I feel more (R’s ethnic group) than Beninese, 3=I feel equally Beninese and (R’s ethnic group), 4=I feel more Beninese than (R’s ethnic group), 5=I feel only Beninese, 7=Not applicable, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
Source: SAB  
Note: Interviewer entered respondent’s exact response. If respondent did not identify any group on this question – that is, if they “Refused to answer” (9998), said “Don’t know” (9999), or “Beninese only” (9990) – then the interviewer marked “Not applicable” for questions Q88A-Q88B and continued to question 89.

Question Number: Q89A  
Question: For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbors, dislike it, or not care: People of different religion.  
Variable Label: Q89a. Neighbours: people of different religion  
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 1=Strongly dislike 2=Somewhat dislike, 3=Won't care, 4=Somewhat like, 5=Strongly like, 9=Don’t know [DNR], 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q89B  
Question: For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbors, dislike it, or not care: People from other ethnic groups.  
Variable Label: Q89b. Neighbours: people of different ethnicity  
Values: 1-5, 9, 98, -1  
Value Labels: 1=Strongly dislike 2=Somewhat dislike, 3=Won't care, 4=Somewhat like, 5=Strongly like, 9=Don’t know [DNR], 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
**Question Number:** Q89C  
**Question:** For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbors, dislike it, or not care: Homosexuals.  
**Variable Label:** Q89c. Neighbours: homosexuals  
**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:**  
1 = Strongly dislike  
2 = Somewhat dislike  
3 = Would not care  
4 = Somewhat like  
5 = Strongly like  
9 = Don’t know [DNR]  
98 = Refused to answer  
-1 = Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q89D  
**Question:** For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbors, dislike it, or not care: People who have HIV/AIDS.  
**Variable Label:** Q89d. Neighbours: people with HIV/AIDS  
**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:**  
1 = Strongly dislike  
2 = Somewhat dislike  
3 = Would not care  
4 = Somewhat like  
5 = Strongly like  
9 = Don’t know [DNR]  
98 = Refused to answer  
-1 = Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q89E  
**Question:** For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbors, dislike it, or not care: Immigrants or foreign workers.  
**Variable Label:** Q89e. Neighbours: immigrants and foreign workers  
**Values:** 1-5, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:**  
1 = Strongly dislike  
2 = Somewhat dislike  
3 = Would not care  
4 = Somewhat like  
5 = Strongly like  
9 = Don’t know [DNR]  
98 = Refused to answer  
-1 = Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q90A  
**Question:** Do you feel close to any particular political party?  
**Variable Label:** Q90a. Close to political party  
**Values:** 0-1, 8-9, -1  
**Value Labels:**  
0 = No, (not close to any party)  
1 = Yes, (feels close to a party)  
8 = Refused to answer  
9 = Don’t know  
-1 = Missing  
**Source:** Zambia 96

**Question Number:** Q90B  
**Question:** Which party is that?  
**Variable Label:** Q90b. Which party  
**Values:** 100- 105, 9995-9999, -1  
**Value Labels:**  
100 = Force Cauris pour un Bénin Emergent (FCBE de Yayi Boni)  
101 = Union fait la Nation  
102 = RB (Lehady Soglo)  
103 = PRD  
104 = UPR  
105 = Alliance ABT  
9995 = Other  
9997 = Not applicable  
9998 = Refused to answer  
9999 = Don’t know  
-1 = Missing  
**Source:** Zambia 96

**Question Number:** Q91A  
**Question:** Which of these things do you personally own: Radio?  
**Variable Label:** Q91a. Own radio  
**Values:** 0-1, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:**  
0 = No (Don’t own)  
1 = Yes (Do own)  
9 = Don’t know  
98 = Refused to answer  
-1 = Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q91B  
**Question:** Which of these things do you personally own: Television?  
**Variable Label:** Q91b. Own television  
**Values:** 0-1, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:**  
0 = No (Don’t own)  
1 = Yes (Do own)  
9 = Don’t know  
98 = Refused to answer  
-1 = Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3
**Question Number:** Q91C  
**Question:** Which of these things do you personally own: Motor vehicle, car or motorcycle?  
**Variable Label:** Q91c. Own motor vehicle, car, or motorcycle  
**Values:** 0-1, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No (Don’t own), 1=Yes (Do own), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q91D  
**Question:** Which of these things do you personally own: Mobile phone?  
**Variable Label:** Q91d. Own mobile phone  
**Values:** 0-1, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No (Don’t own), 1=Yes (Do own), 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q92A  
**Question:** How often do you use: A computer?  
**Variable Label:** Q92a. How often use a computer  
**Values:** 0-4, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Less than once a month, 2=A few times a month, 3=A few times a week, 4=Every day, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4

**Question Number:** Q92B  
**Question:** How often do you use: The Internet?  
**Variable Label:** Q92b. How often use the internet  
**Values:** 0-4, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Less than once a month, 2=A few times a month, 3=A few times a week, 4=Every day, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4

**Question Number:** Q93A  
**Question:** Please tell me whether each of the following are available inside your house, inside your compound, or outside your compound: your main source of water for household use?  
**Variable Label:** Q93a. Source of water for household use  
**Values:** 1-3, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Inside the house, 2=Inside the compound, 3=Outside the compound, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4

**Question Number:** Q93B  
**Question:** Please tell me whether each of the following are available inside your house, inside your compound, or outside your compound: A toilet or latrine  
**Variable Label:** Q93b. Location of toilet or latrine  
**Values:** 0-3, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0= None, no latrine available, 1=Inside the house, 2=Inside the compound, 3=Outside the compound, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

**Question Number:** Q94  
**Question:** Do you have an electric connection to your home from the mains? [If yes] How often is the electricity actually available?  
**Variable Label:** Q94. Electric connection from mains  
**Values:** 0-5, 9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0= No mains electric supply or connection to the home, [If yes], 1=Never, 2=Occasionally, 3=About half of the time, 4= Most of the time, 5= All of the time, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

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Question Number: Q95
Question: Do you have a job that pays a cash income? If yes, is it full-time or part-time? If no, are you presently looking for a job?
Variable Label: Q95. Employment status
Values: 0-3, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=No (not looking), 1=No (looking), 2=Yes, part time, 3= Yes, full time, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q96A
Question: What is your main occupation? (If unemployed, retired or disabled, what was your last main occupation?)
Variable Label: Q96a. Occupation of respondent
Values: 0-12 95, 99, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never had a job, 1=Student, 2=Housewife / homemaker, 3=Agriculture / farming / fishing / forestry, 4=Trader / hawker / vendor, 5=Retail / Shop, 6=Unskilled manual worker (e.g., cleaner, laborer, domestic help, unskilled manufacturing worker), 7=Artisan or skilled manual worker (e.g., trades like electrician, mechanic, machinist or skilled manufacturing worker), 8=Clerical or secretarial, 9=Supervisor / Foreman / Senior Manager, 10=Security services (police, army, private security), 11=Mid-level professional (e.g., teacher, nurse, mid-level government officer), 12=Upper-level professional (e.g., banker/finance, doctor, lawyer, engineer, accountant, professor, senior-level government officer), 95=Other, 99=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q96B
Question: Do you work for yourself, for someone else in the private sector or the non-governmental sector, or for government?
Variable Label: Q96b. Employer of respondent
Values: 1-4, 7, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Works for self, 2=Private sector, 3=Non Governmental Organizations or civil society sector, 4=Government, 7=Not applicable [i.e., if answer to Q96A was unemployed, or student], 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q97
Question: What is your highest level of education?
Variable Label: Q97. Education of respondent
Values: 0-9 99, 98, -1
Value Labels: 0=No formal schooling, 1=Informal schooling only (including Koranic schooling), 2=Some primary schooling, 3=Primary school completed, 4=Intermediate school or Some secondary school / high school, 5=Secondary school / high school completed, 6=Post-secondary qualifications, other than university e.g. a diploma or degree from a polytechnic or college, 7=Some university, 8=University completed, 9=Post-graduate, 99=Don’t know [Do not read], 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q98A
Question: What is your religion, if any?
Variable Label: Q98a. Religion of respondent
Values: 0-34, 9995, 9998-9999, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Christian only (i.e., respondents says only “Christian”, without identifying a specific sub-group), 2=Roman Catholic, 3=Orthodox, 4=Coptic, 5=Anglican, 6=Lutheran, 7=Methodist, 8=Presbyterian, 9=Baptist, 10=Quaker/Friends, 11=Mennonite, 12=Evangelical, 13=Pentecostal (e.g., “Born Again” and/or “Saved”), 14=Independent (e.g., “African Independent Church”), 15=Jehovah’s Witness, 16=Seventh Day Adventist, 17=Marmon, 18=Muslim only (i.e., respondents says only “Muslim”, without identifying a specific sub-group), 19=Sunni only (i.e., respondents says only “Sunni Muslim”, without identifying a specific sub-group), 20=Ismaeli, 21=Mouridiya Brotherhood, 22=Tijaniya Brotherhood, 23=Qadiriya Brotherhood, 24=Shia, 25=Traditional/ethnic religion, 26=Hindu, 27=Bahai, 28=Agnostic (Do not know if there is a God), 29=Atheist (Do not believe in a God), 30= Dutch Reformed, 31=Calvinist, 32=
Church of Christ, 33= Zionist Christian Church, 34= Jewish, 9995=Other, 9998=Refused to answer, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q98B
Question: People practice their religion in different ways. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you personally engage in religious practices like prayer, reading a religious book, or attending a religious service or a meeting of a religious group? Would you say you do so:
Variable Label: Q98b. Religious practice
Values: 0-7, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=A few times a year, 2=About once a month, 3=About once a week, 4=A few times a week, 5=About once a day, 6=More than once a day, 7=Respondent has no religion, 9=Don’t know [DNR], -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q99
Question: If a presidential election were held tomorrow, which party’s candidate would you vote for?
Variable Label: Q99. Vote for which party
Values: 100-107, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
Value Labels: 100= Force Cauris pour un Bénin Emergent (FCBE de Yayi Boni) , 101= Union fait la Nation, 102= RB (Lehady Soglo) , 103= PRD , 104= Alliance ABT , 105= Pascal Irené KOUKPAKI (PIK) , 106= Général GBIAN Robert (GGR) 107= UPR , 108= General AMOUSSOU Fernand , 9995=Other, 9997=Would not vote, 9998=Refused to answer, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: Zambia 96

Question Number: Q100
Question: Just one more question: Who do you think sent us to do this interview?
Variable Label: Q100. Perceived survey sponsor
Values: 0-10, 95, 98-99, -1
Value Labels: 0=No one, 1=“Afrobarometer” or [insert name of AB National Partner] [i.e., the correct response], 2=Research Company / Organization / Programme[but not AB or correct national partner], 3=Non-government or religious organization, 4=University / School / College, 5=Private company, 6=Media, 7=Political party or politician, 8= Government (including any government official, government agency or ministry or any other part of government named by the respondent), 9=International organization or another country, 10=God, 95=Other , 98=Refused to answer, 99=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

Note: Interviewer entered verbatim response

Question Number: ENDTIME
Question: Time interview ended
Variable Label: Time interview ended
Note: Answered by interviewer. Entered hour and minute, 24 hour clock

Question Number: LENGTH
Question: Length of interview
Variable Label: Length of interview
Note: Answered by interviewer in minutes

Question Number: Q101
Question: Respondent’s gender
Variable Label: Q101. Gender of respondent
Values: 1, 2
Value Labels: 1=Male, 2=Female
Source: SAB
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q102
Question: Respondent’s race
**Variable Label:** Q102. Race of respondent  
**Values:** 1-6, 95, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Black/African, 2=White/European, 3=Colored/Mixed Race, 4=Arab/Lebanese/North African, 5=South Asian (Indian, Pakistani, etc.), 6=East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Indonesian, etc.), Other=95, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q103  
**Question:** What was the primary language used in the interview?  
**Variable Label:** Q103. Language of interview  
**Values:** 1-4, 9995, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=French, 100=Fon, 101=Adja, 102=Bariba, 103=Dendi, 104=Yoruba, 105=Otamari, 106=Peulh, 107=Lopka, 9995=Other, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q104  
**Question:** In what type of shelter does the respondent live?  
**Variable Label:** Q104. Type of shelter of respondent  
**Values:** 1-5, 7-8, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Non-traditional / formal house, 2=Traditional house / hut, 3=Temporary structure / shack, 4=Flat in a block of flats, 5=Single room in a larger dwelling structure or backyard, 7=Hostel in an industrial compound or farming compound, 8=Other, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

**Question Number:** Q105  
**Question:** What was the roof of the respondent’s home or shelter made of?  
**Variable Label:** Q105. Roof of respondent’s home  
**Values:** 1-9, 98, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Metal, tin or zinc, 2=Tiles, 3=Shingles, 4=Thatch or grass, 5=Plastic sheets, 6=Asbestos, 7=Multiple materials, 8=Some other material, 9=Could not tell/could not see, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

**Question Number:** Q106  
**Question:** Were there any other people immediately present who might be listening during the interview?  
**Variable Label:** Q106. Others present  
**Values:** 1-5, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=No one, 2=Spouse only, 3=Children only, 4=A few others, 5=Small crowd, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Nigeria00  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q107A  
**Question:** Did the respondent check with others for information to answer any question?  
**Variable Label:** Q107a. Check with others  
**Values:** 0, 1, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Nigeria00  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q107B  
**Question:** Do you think anyone influenced the respondent's answers during the interview?  
**Variable Label:** Q107b. Influence by others  
**Values:** 0, 1, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB99  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer
Question Number: Q107C
Question: Were you approached by community and/or political party representatives?
Variable Label: Q107c. Approached by community/ party representatives
Values: 0, 1, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q107D
Question: Did you feel threatened during the interview?
Variable Label: Q107d. Feel threatened
Values: 0, 1, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q107E
Question: Were you physically threatened during the interview?
Variable Label: Q107e. Physically threatened
Values: 0, 1, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q108
Question: What proportion of the questions do you feel the respondent had difficulty answering?
Variable Label: Q108. Proportion difficulty answering
Values: 0-4, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Few, 2=Some, 3=Most, 4=All, -1=Missing
Source: Nigeria00
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q109A
Question: Which questions did the respondent have trouble answering: First question?
Variable Label: Q109a. Trouble answering- first response
Values: 0-100, -1
Value Labels: 0-100, -1=Missing
Source: Nigeria00
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q109B
Question: Which questions did the respondent have trouble answering: Second question?
Variable Label: Q109b. Trouble answering- second response
Values: 0-100, -1
Value Labels: 0-100, -1=Missing
Source: Nigeria00
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q109C
Question: Which questions did the respondent have trouble answering: Third question?
Variable Label: Q109c. Trouble answering- third response
Values: 0-100, -1
Value Labels: 0-100, -1=Missing
Source: Nigeria00
Note: Answered by interviewer
**Question Number:** Q110A  
**Question:** What was the respondent’s attitude toward you during the interview? Was he or she: friendly, in between, or hostile?  
**Variable Label:** Q110a. Respondent friendly  
**Values:** 1-3, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Friendly, 2=In between, 3=Hostile, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q110B  
**Question:** What was the respondent’s attitude toward you during the interview? Was he or she: interested, in between, or bored?  
**Variable Label:** Q110b. Respondent interested  
**Values:** 1-3, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Interested, 2=In between, 3=Bored, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q110C  
**Question:** What was the respondent’s attitude toward you during the interview? Was he or she: cooperative, in between, or uncooperative?  
**Variable Label:** Q110c. Respondent cooperative  
**Values:** 1-3, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Cooperative, 2=In between, 3=Uncooperative, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q110D  
**Question:** What was the respondent’s attitude toward you during the interview? Was he or she: patient, in between, or impatient?  
**Variable Label:** Q110d. Respondent patient  
**Values:** 1-3, 1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Patient, 2=In between, 3=Impatient, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q110E  
**Question:** What was the respondent’s attitude toward you during the interview? Was he or she: at ease, in between, or suspicious?  
**Variable Label:** Q110e. Respondent at ease  
**Values:** 1-3, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=At ease, 2=In between, 3=Suspicious, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q110F  
**Question:** What was the respondent’s attitude toward you during the interview? Was he or she: honest, in between, or misleading?  
**Variable Label:** Q110f. Respondent honest  
**Values:** 1-3, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Honest, 2=In between, 3=Misleading, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q112  
**Question:** Interviewer’s number  
**Variable Label:** Q112. Interviewer’s number  
**Values:** BEN12-BEN75
**Source:** SAB
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q113  
**Question:** Interviewer’s age  
**Variable Label:** Q113. Interviewer’s age  
**Values:** 20-36  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q114  
**Question:** Interviewer’s gender  
**Variable Label:** Q114. Interviewer’s gender  
**Values:** 1, 2, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Male, 2=Female, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q115  
**Question:** Do you come from a rural or urban area?  
**Variable Label:** Q115. Interviewer urban or rural  
**Values:** 1, 2, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Rural, 2=Urban, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q116  
**Question:** Interviewer’s home language  
**Variable Label:** Q116. Interviewer’s home language  
**Values:** 1, 100-107, 9995, 9999, -1  
**Value Labels:** 100=Fon, 101=Adja, 102=Bariba, 103=Dendi, 104=Yoruba, 105=Dimar, 106=Peulh, 107=Lopka, 9995=Others, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t Know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q116A1  
**Question:** Interviewer’s ethnic community, cultural group or tribe  
**Variable Label:** Q116A1. Interviewer’s ethnic community, cultural group or tribe  
**Values:** 100-107, 9995, 9999, -1  
**Value Labels:** 100=Fon, 101=Adja, 102=Bariba, 103=Dendi, 104=Yoruba, 105=Dimar, 106=Peulh, 107=Yoa, 9990=Beninese only or doesn’t think in those terms, 9995=Others, 9998=Refused to answer, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q117  
**Question:** Interviewer’s highest level of education  
**Variable Label:** Q117. Interviewer’s education  
**Values:** 3-9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 3=Primary school completed, 4=Some secondary/high school, 5=High school completed, 6=Post secondary qualifications other than university e.g. a diploma or degree from a polytechnic or college, 7=Some university, 8=University completed, 9=Post graduate, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** withinwt  
**Variable Label:** Within country weighting factor
**Note:** The weighting variable adjusts the distribution of the sample based on individual selection probabilities (i.e., based on region, gender, urban-rural distribution, and size of household and enumeration area).

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