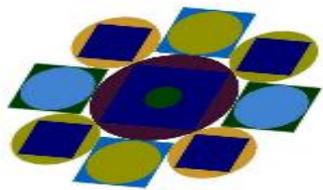




Basotho views on SADC intervention, trust in governance institutions

Findings from Afrobarometer Round 7 survey in Lesotho

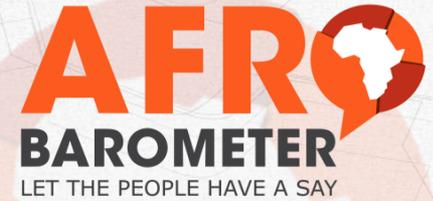


17 April 2018, Maseru, Lesotho

At a glance

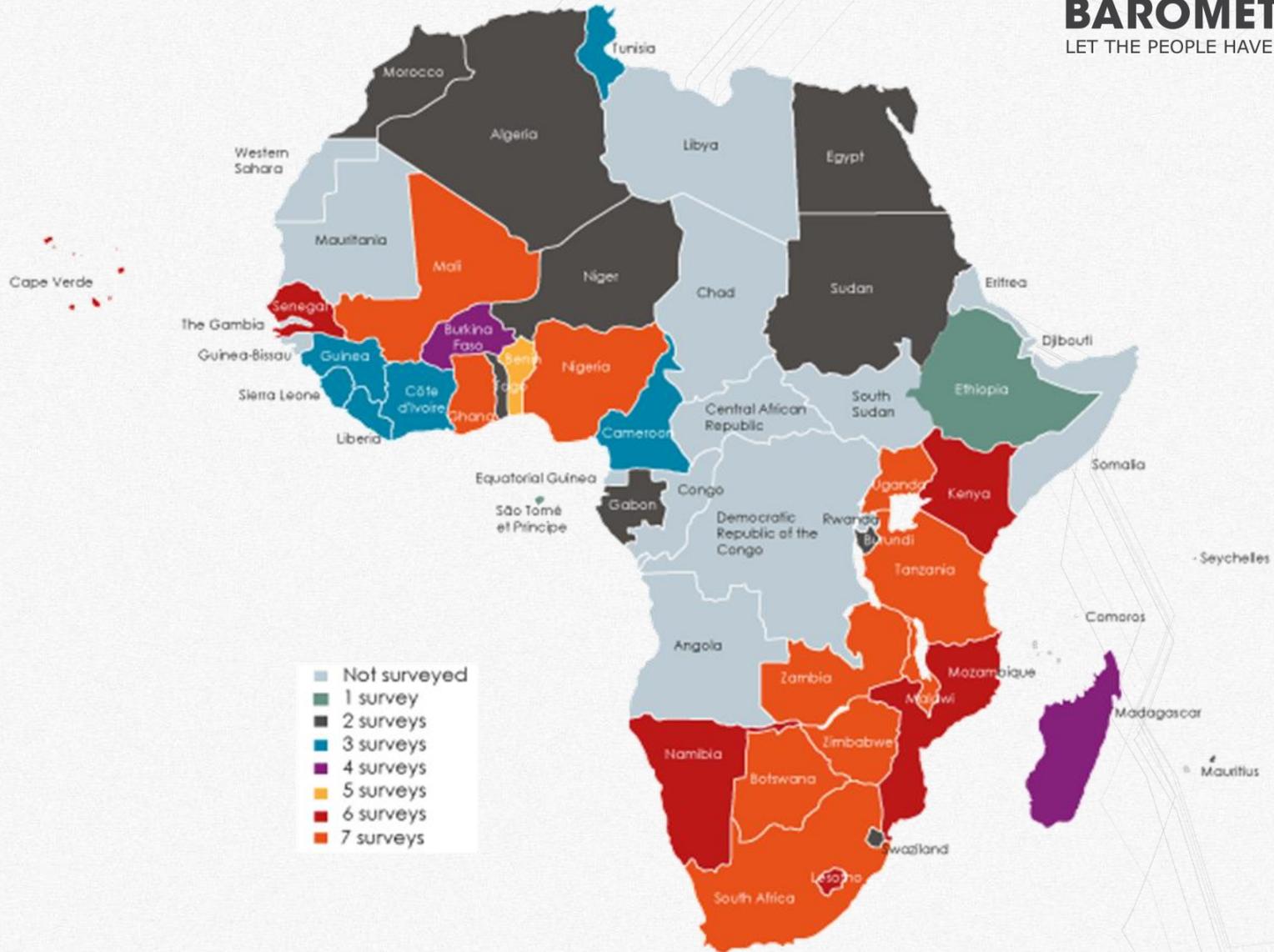
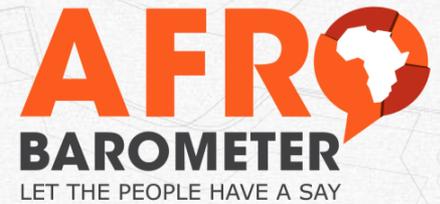
- **SADC intervention:** More than half of Basotho say SADC helps Lesotho.
- **Deployment of SADC troops:** Most Basotho support the deployment of SADC troops in Lesotho to improve political stability.
- **Lesotho reform processes:** Basotho say SADC should be involved in reforming Lesotho's political system and security forces.
- **Trust in the King:** Most Basotho say they trust the King and favour amending the Constitution to give the King more say on issues of national importance.

What is Afrobarometer?

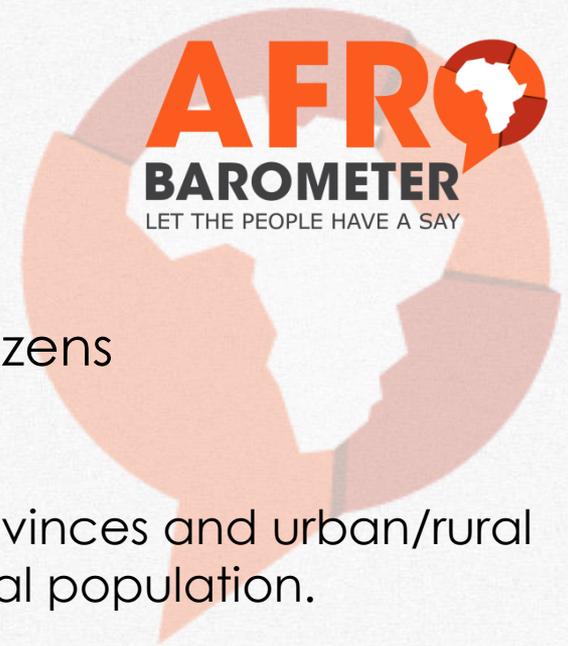


- A pan-African, non-partisan survey research project that measures citizen attitudes on democracy and governance, the economy, civil society, and other topics.
- Started in 12 African countries in 1999, expanded to 36 countries in Round 6 (2014/2015). Round 7 surveys are being conducted in 2017/2018.
- **Goal:** To give the public a voice in policymaking by providing high-quality public opinion data to policymakers, policy advocates, civil society organizations, academics, news media, donors and investors, and ordinary Africans.
- A national partner in each country conducts the survey. In Lesotho, Afrobarometer Round 7 survey was conducted by Advision Lesotho.

Where Afrobarometer works



Methodology



- Nationally representative sample of adult citizens
 - ❑ All respondents are *randomly* selected.
 - ❑ Sample is distributed across regions/states/provinces and urban/rural areas in proportion to their share in the national population.
 - ❑ Every adult citizen has an *equal* chance of being selected.
- Face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice.
- Standard questionnaire allows comparisons across countries and over time.
- Sample size in Lesotho of 1,200 adult citizens yields a margin of error of +/-3% at a 95% confidence level.
- Fieldwork for Round 7 in Lesotho was conducted between 25 November and 11 December 2017.

Survey demographics

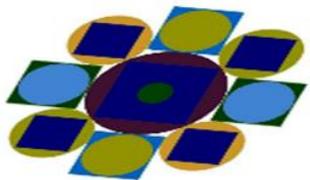
Gender⁹⁶	%
Men	50
Women	50
Residence	
Urban	31
Rural	62
Peri-urban	7
Education	
No formal education	11
Primary	44
Secondary	32
Post-secondary	12
Religion	
Christian	96
Other	4



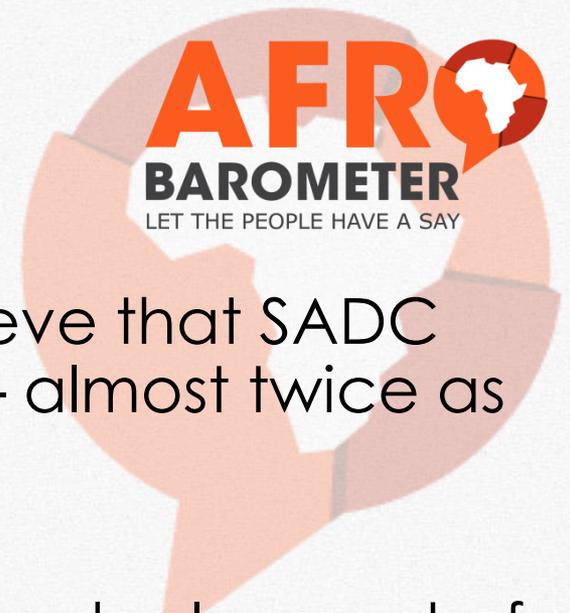
Findings



SADC intervention in Lesotho

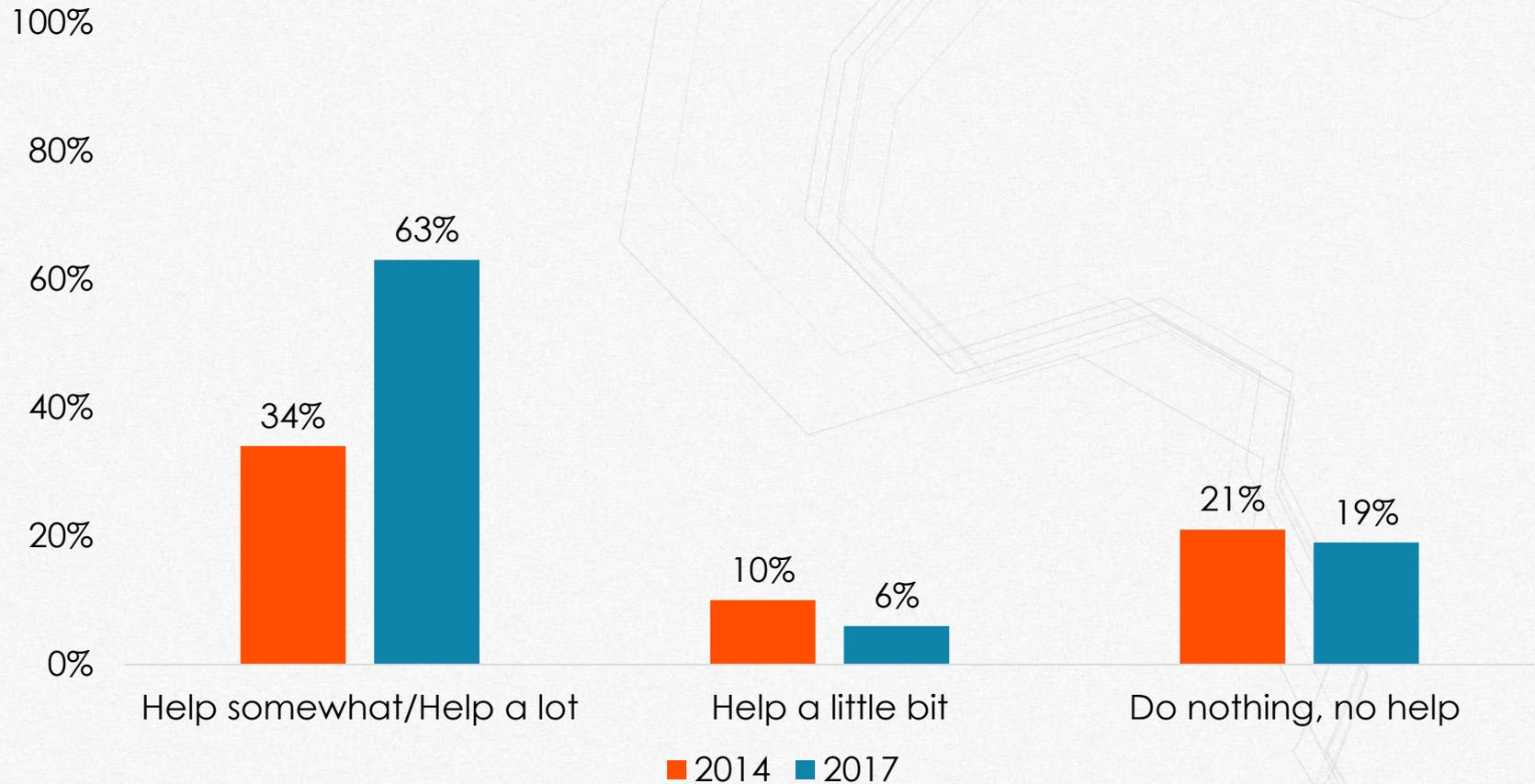


Key findings



- More than six in 10 Basotho (63%) believe that SADC helps Lesotho “somewhat” or “a lot” – almost twice as many as held this view in 2014 (34%).
- Two-thirds (68%) of Basotho support the deployment of SADC troops in Lesotho; only one in five (22%) are opposed.
- Solid majorities of Basotho say SADC should be involved in reforming Lesotho’s political system (63%), electoral system (59%), and security forces (67%).

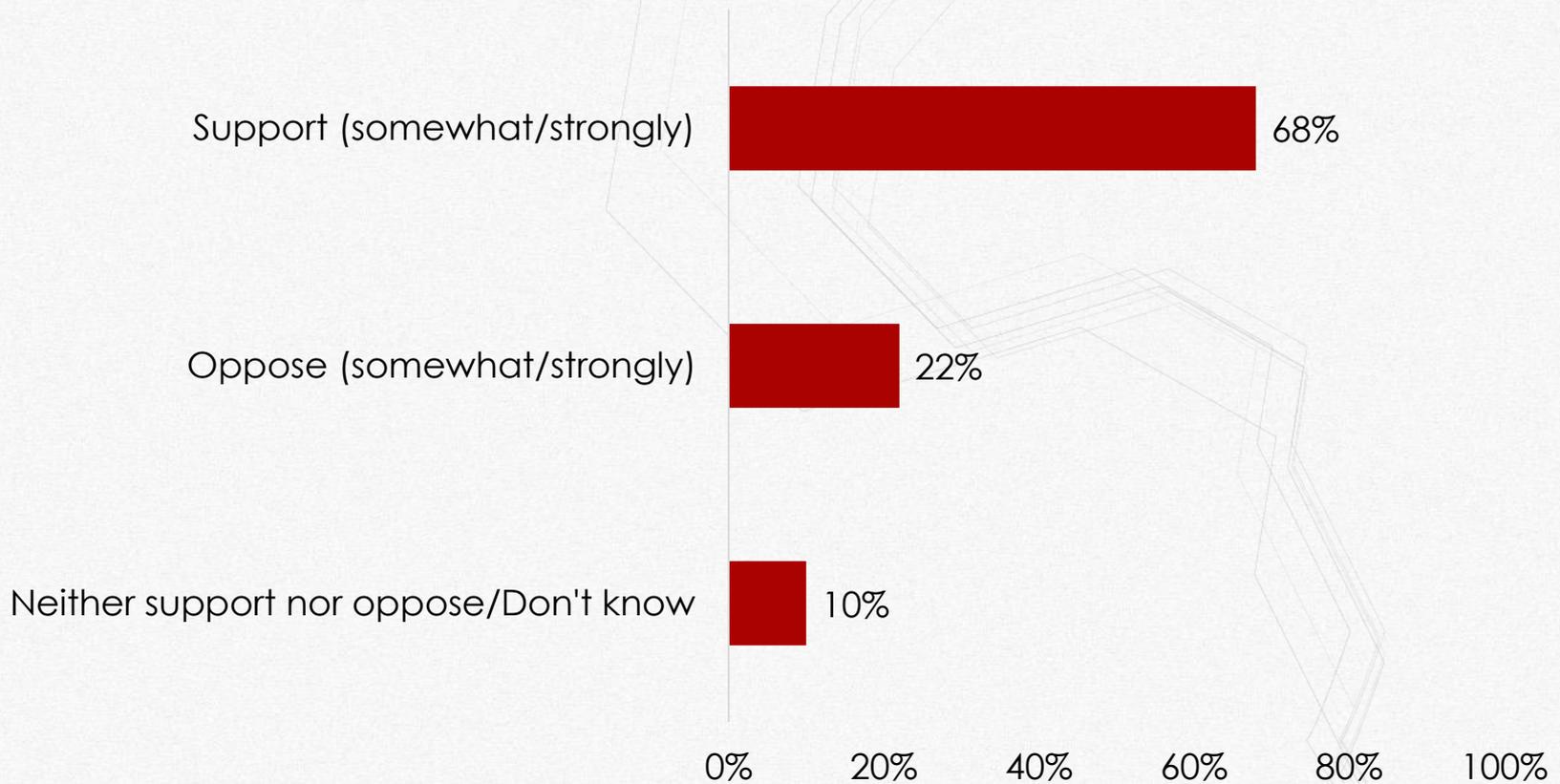
SADC helps Lesotho | Lesotho | 2014-2017



Respondents were asked: *In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help Lesotho, or haven't you heard enough to say: The Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)?*

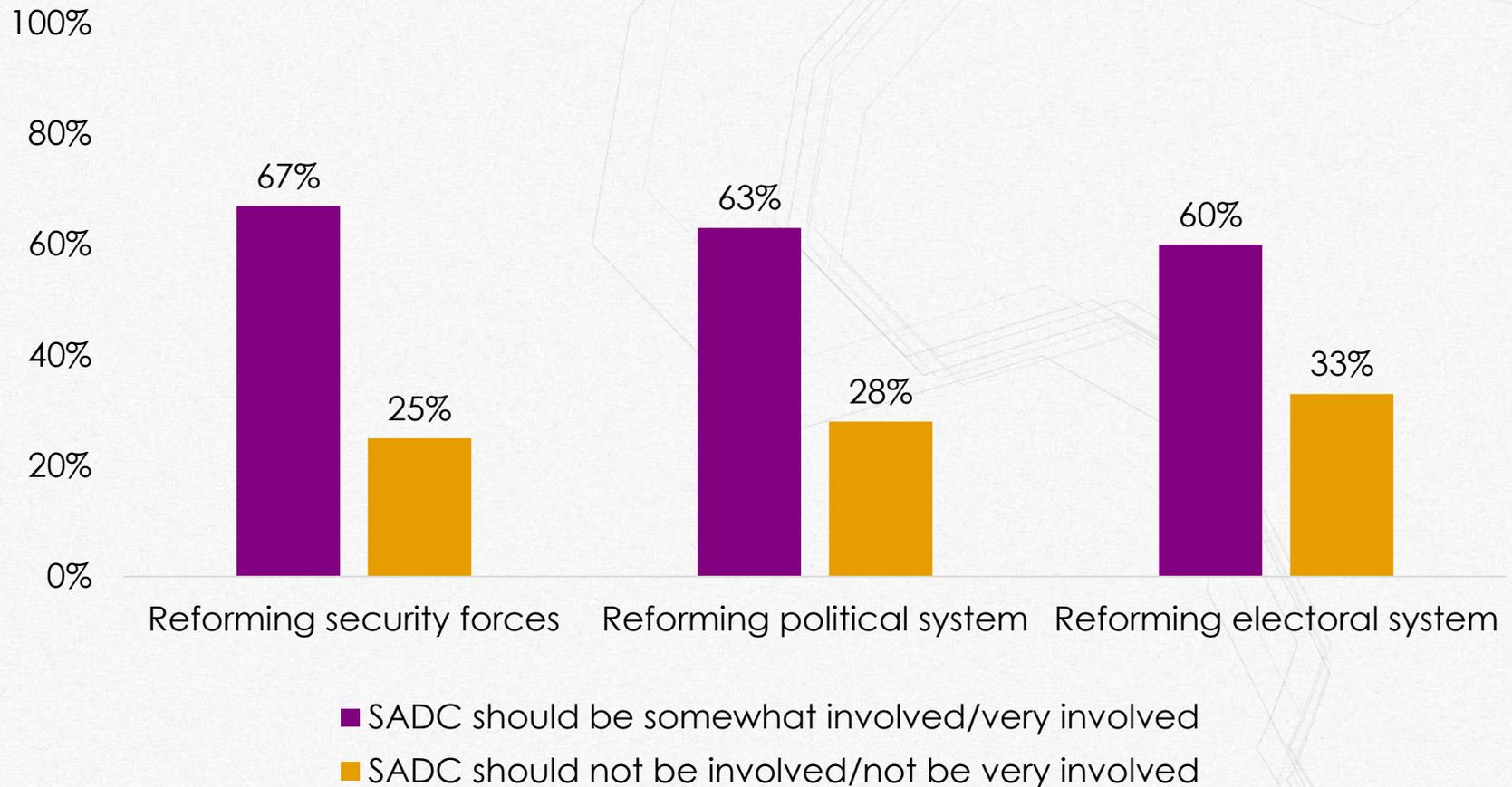
Support for SADC troop deployment in Lesotho

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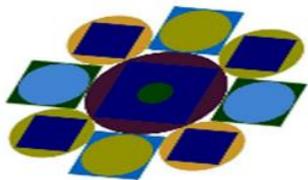
Respondents were asked: Do you support or oppose the proposal to bring SADC troops into Lesotho to improve political stability in the country?

SADC involvement in Lesotho's reform processes | Lesotho | 2017



Respondents were asked: How involved do you think SADC should be in each of the following processes, or haven't you heard enough to say: Reforming Lesotho's political system? Reforming Lesotho's electoral system? Reforming Lesotho's security forces?

Popular trust in the King

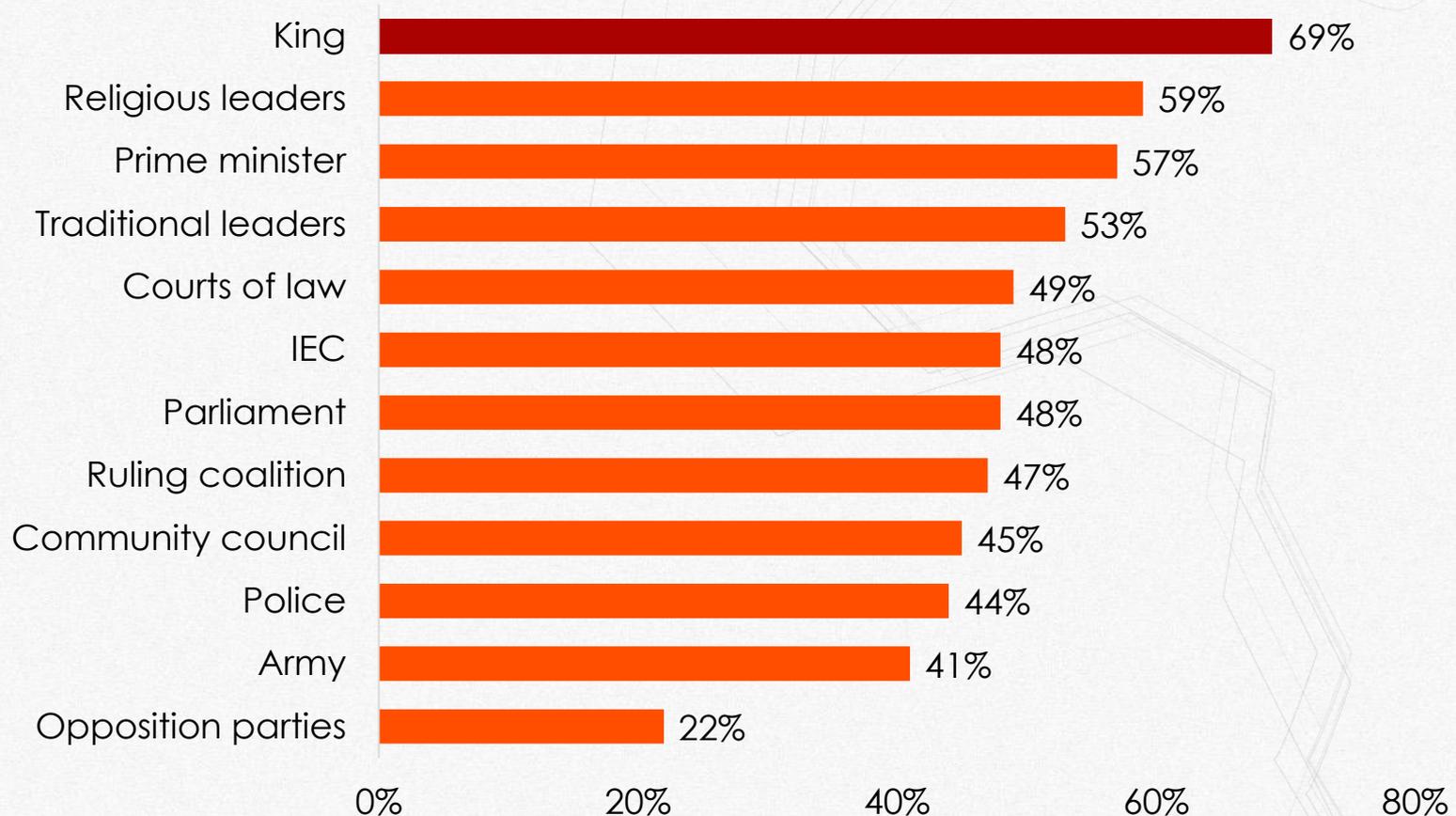


Key findings



- More than two-thirds (69%) of Basotho say they trust the King, including 57% who trust him “a lot.” This is more than they trust other governance institutions in Lesotho.
- Trust in the King is highest among 56- to 65-year-olds (77%) and lowest in the 26-to-35 age group (62%).
- Three-fourths (75%) of Basotho say the Constitution should be amended to allow the King more say on issues of national importance. Most (71%) favour this option “very strongly.”

Popular trust in the King and public institutions/officials | Lesotho | 2017



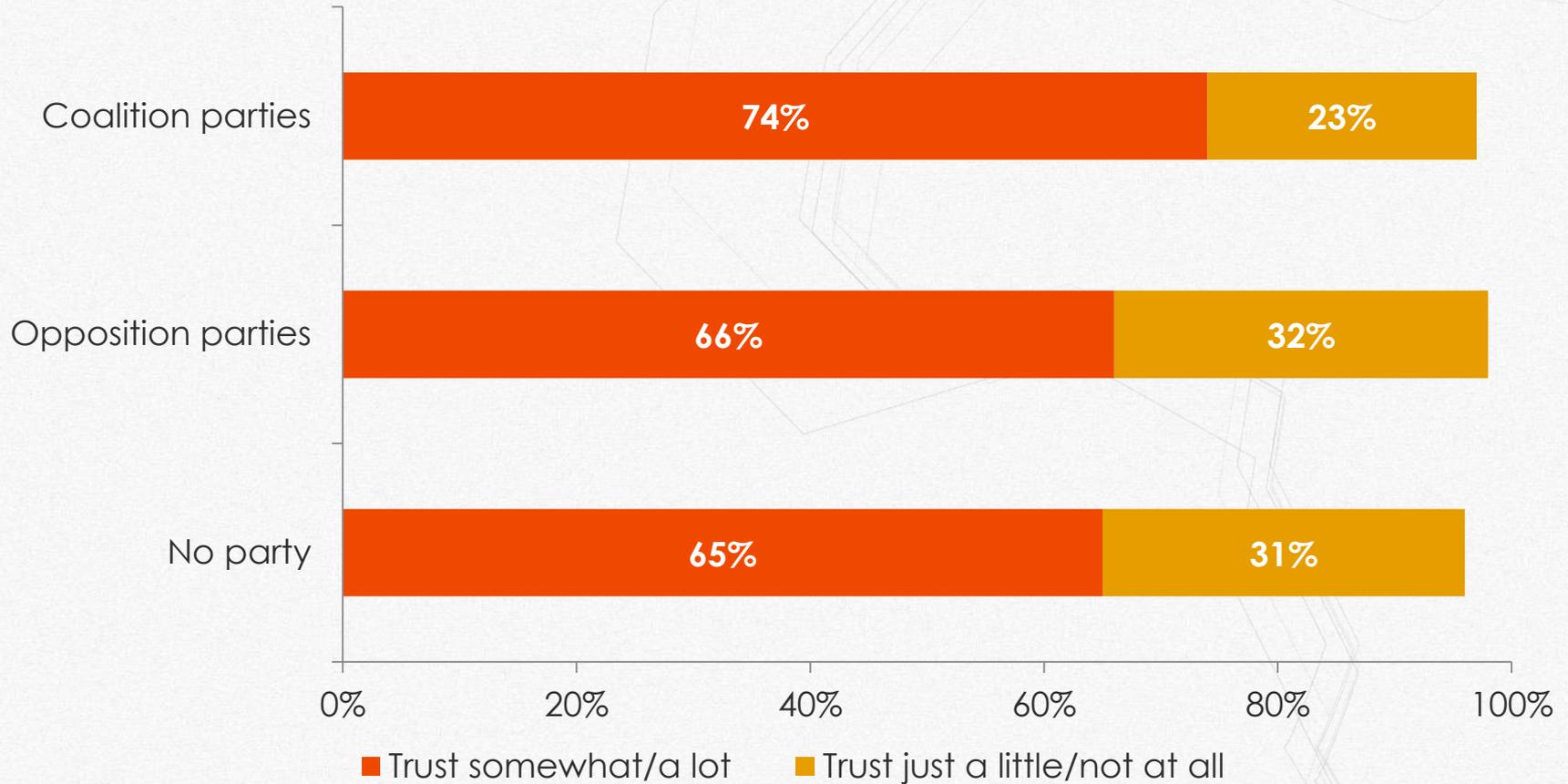
Respondents were asked: How much do you trust the following, or haven't you heard about them enough to say? (% who say "somewhat" or "a lot"?)

Trust in the King by age | Lesotho | 2017

Age	Trust just a little/ not at all	Trust somewhat/ a lot
18-25	26%	72%
26-35	34%	62%
36-45	29%	67%
46-55	24%	71%
56-65	22%	77%
Over 65	28%	67%

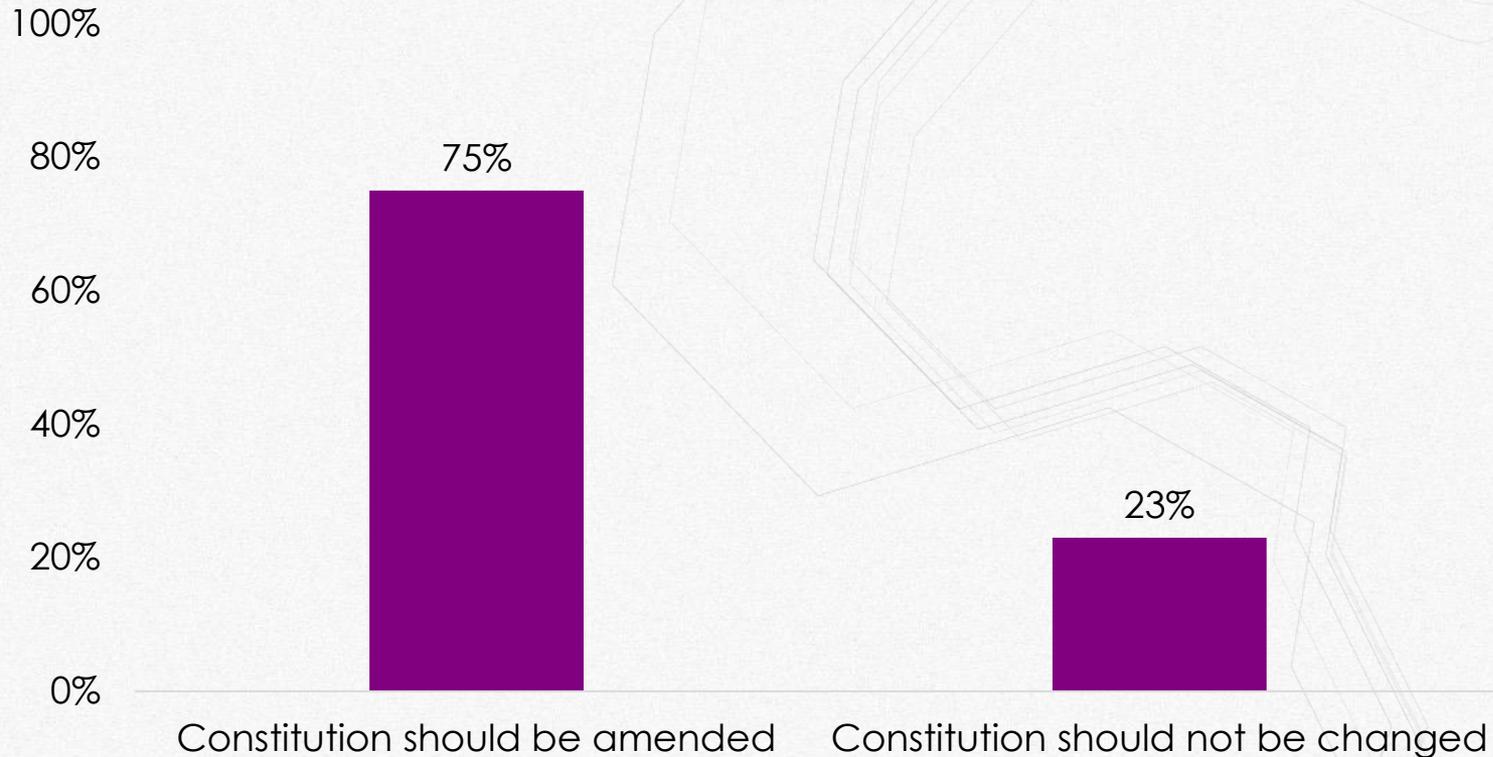
Respondents were asked: How much do you trust the following, or haven't you heard about them enough to say: The King?

Trust in the King | by political affiliation | Lesotho | 2017



Respondents were asked: How much do you trust the following, or haven't you heard about them enough to say: The King?

Should the Constitution be amended to give the King greater say? | Lesotho | 2017



Respondents were asked: Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Statement 1: The Constitution should be amended to allow the King to have more say on issues of national importance.

Statement 2: The current Constitution, which limits the King's role in politics and government, has served the country well and should not be changed.

(% who "agree" or "agree very strongly" with each statement)



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