AB update

February 2022 highlights

In the field and around the network

- ✓ AB's Round 9 fieldwork was completed in **Malawi** and got started in Angola, Lesotho, and Tunisia. Up next: Togo, Mauritius, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone. …
- ✓ AB launched its 2022 **Staff Development Fellowships** to support network members in honing and expanding their skill sets.
- ✓ AB has joined the **Network of Non-State Actors** launched by the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) to support the implementation of national, regional, and continental governance instruments, including Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030.

In the news

A total of **354 media hits** were recorded in February across various media outlets, including the Kenya Broadcasting Corp., Graphic Online, MSN.com, Christian Science Monitor, Star, Investing.com, Mail & Guardian, Ghana Report. …

On digital/social media

Website	19,195 users; 6,416 downloads
Online data analysis	5,563 distinct users; 38,278 pages
Twitter	24,577 followers
Facebook	14,910 fans
LinkedIn	2,860 followers
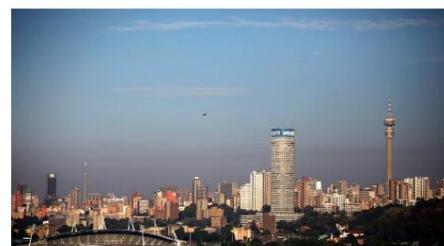
Chart of the month

Should government be able to limit sharing of certain kinds of information?
| 34 countries | 2019/2021

False news/information	77
Hate speech	71
News, information, or opinions that criticize or insult the president	61
News, information, or opinions that government disapproves of	47
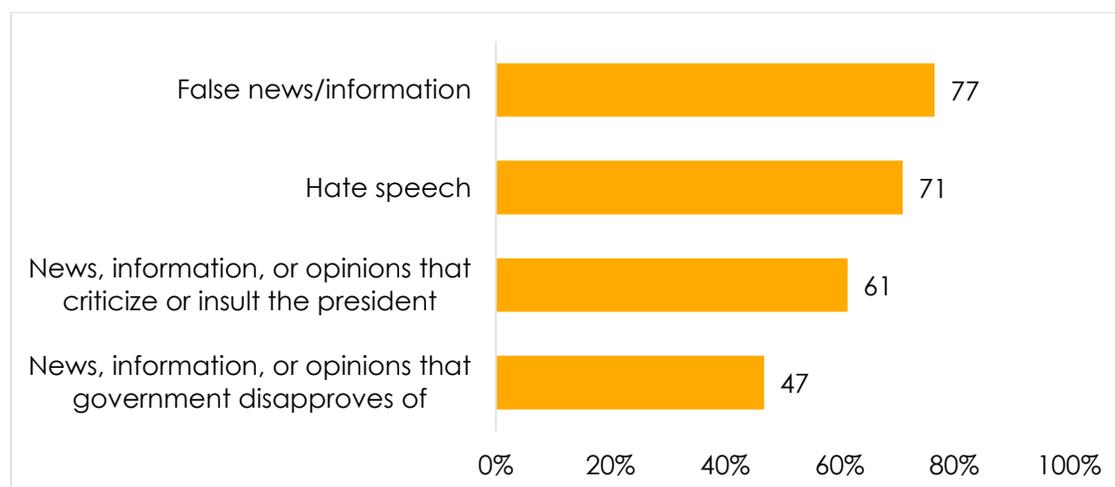
Respondents were asked: Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of … (% who "agree" or "strongly agree")

Publications

- ✓ Policy Paper 79: <u>Broad support for multiparty elections, little faith in electoral institutions: Uganda in comparative perspective</u>
- ✓ Policy Paper 78: <u>Footing the bill? Less legitimacy, more avoidance mark African views on taxation</u>
- ✓ Dispatch 509: <u>Promise and peril: In changing media landscape, Africans are concerned about social media but opposed to restricting access</u>
- ✓ Dispatch 508: <u>Les Tunisiens sont favorables au protectionnisme mais soutiennent les investissements étrangers</u>
- ✓ Dispatch 507: <u>Local government councillors and MPs falling short of Zimbabweans' expectations</u>
- ✓ Dispatch 506: <u>Sudanese approve of COVID-19 lockdown but critical of government's pandemic performance</u>
- ✓ Dispatch 505: <u>Moroccans support media's watchdog role but endorse government restrictions on information</u>

Visibility

- ✓ Brookings' <u>Foresight Africa 2022</u> highlights Afrobarometer data on development, health, gender, and other topics.
- ✓ AB continued its series in <u>Continent</u> and published Pan-Africa Profiles on <u>taxation</u> and the <u>media</u>.

Presentations:

- ✓ Introducing the World Bank's Chief Economists of Government and Economists for Transformation (E4T) networks to AB data and analysis
- ✓ On mapping China's influence in the global South, at the University of Notre Dame and Atlantic Council
- ✓ In the Current Research in the Study of Politics Speaker Series, University of Delaware
- ✓ On criteria for question selection, to the Praia Group on Governance Statistics Task Team on Participation in Political and Public Affairs, United Nations Department of Social and Economic Affairs, Statistics Division
- ✓ On "Insights on capturing and sharing of governance data in a network," at the launch of the APRM's Network of Non-State Actors
- ✓ On "Judicial integrity in Africa: Evidence from Afrobarometer," to the Judicial Institute for Africa
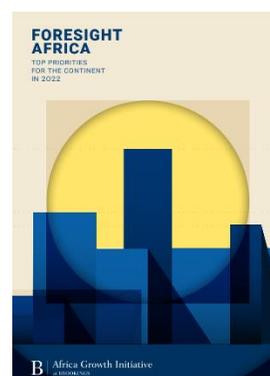
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