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Tanzanians commend government performance on corruption but say people who report corruption risk retaliation

Most Tanzanians say the level of corruption in the country decreased over the past 12 months, the most recent Afrobarometer surveys shows.

An overwhelming majority of citizens say the government is doing a good job of fighting corruption.

Even so, many Tanzanians see corruption among the police and other public servants, and a majority say citizens risk retaliation or other negative consequences if they report incidents of corruption.

Afrobarometer surveys

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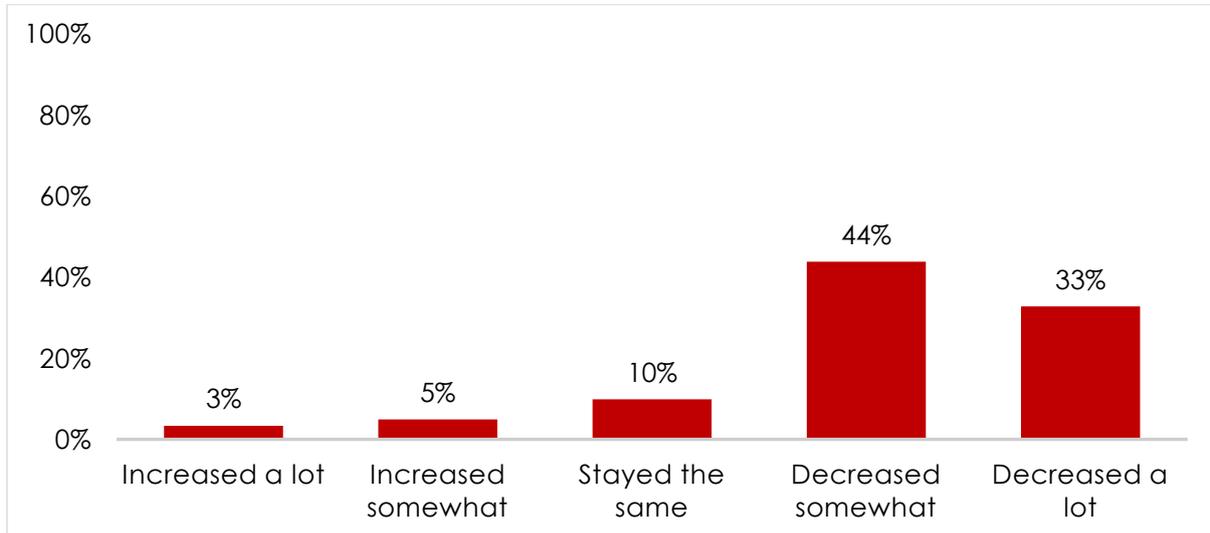
The Afrobarometer team in Tanzania, led by REPOA, interviewed a nationally representative, random, a stratified probability sample of 2,398 adults in February-March 2021. A sample of this size yields country-level results with a margin of error of +/-2 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. Previous surveys were conducted in Tanzania in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2014, and 2017.

Key findings

- More than three-fourths (77%) of Tanzanians say corruption in the country decreased during the year preceding the survey, including 33% who say it decreased "a lot" (Figure 1).
- Among key public institutions the survey asked about, the police are most widely perceived as corrupt (Figure 2). Almost one in four citizens (23%) say "most" or "all" police are involved in corruption, while 41% say "some of them" are. About one in 10 respondents say most/all judges and magistrates (11%), civil servants (10%), and tax officials (9%) are corrupt.
- More than eight in 10 Tanzanians (83%) say the government is performing "fairly well" or "very well" in the fight against corruption (Figure 3).
- Six in 10 Tanzanians (62%) say people face the risk of retaliation or other negative consequences if they report acts of corruption to the authorities (Figure 4).

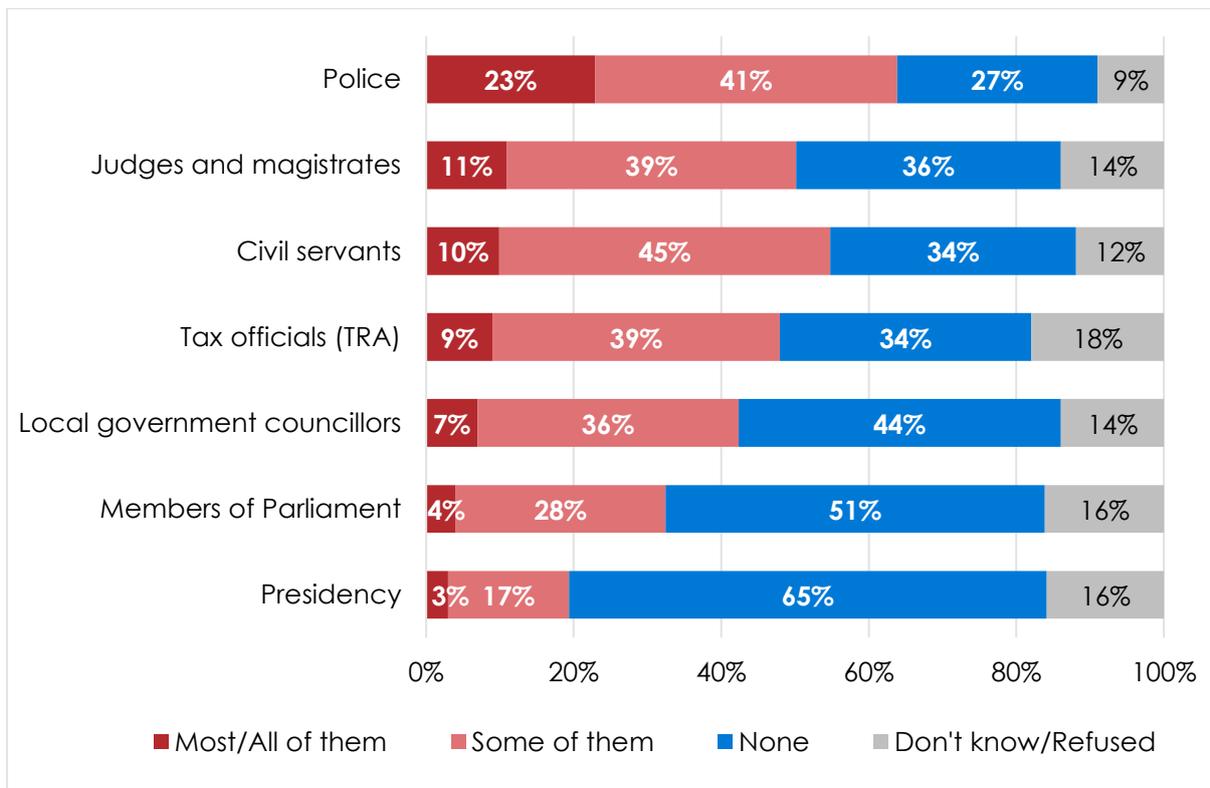
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Figure 1: Level of corruption | Tanzania | 2021



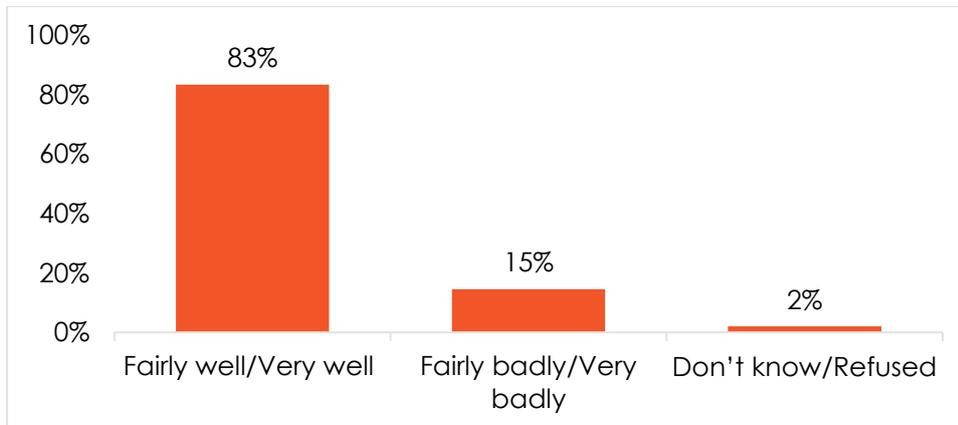
Respondents were asked: In your opinion, over the past year, has the level of corruption in this country increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Figure 2: Perceived corruption in government | Tanzania | 2021



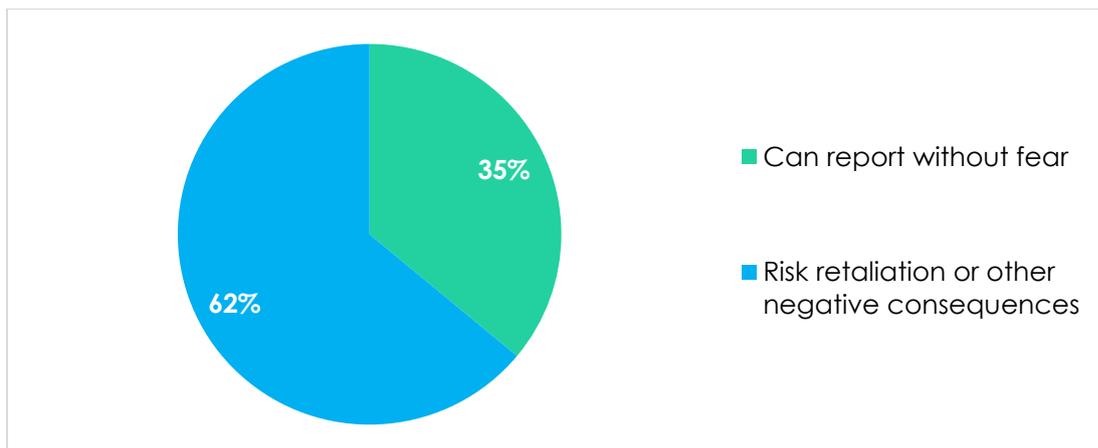
Respondents were asked: How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say?

Figure 3 : Government performance in fighting corruption | Tanzania | 2021



Respondents were asked: 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?

Figure 4: Can citizens report corruption without fear? | Tanzania | 2021



Respondents were asked: In this country, can ordinary people report incidents of corruption without fear, or do they risk retaliation or other negative consequences if they speak out?

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