Data Codebook
for a
Round 8 Afrobarometer Survey
in
Lesotho

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**Question Number:** RESPNO
**Question:** Respondent number
**Variable Label:** Respondent number
**Values:** LES0001-LES1200
**Value Labels:** String variable
**Note:** Assigned by data managers
**Question Number:** URBRUR  
**Question:** PSU/EA  
**Variable Label:** Urban or Rural Primary Sampling Unit  
**Values:** 1, 2, 3  
**Value Labels:** 1=Urban, 2=Rural, 3=Peri-Urban  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** REGION  
**Question:** Region/Province  
**Variable Label:** Province or region  
**Values:** 340-349  
**Value Labels:** 340=Maseru, 341=Mafeteng, 342=Mohale's Hoek, 343=Quthing, 344=Qacha's Nek, 345=Mokhotlong, 346=Butha-Buthe, 347=Leribe, 348=Berea, 349=Thaba Tseka  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** ECOZONE  
**Question:** Ecozone  
**Variable Label:** Ecological Zone  
**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-C. Sewage 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: Mobile phone service?  
**Variable Label:** EA-SVC-D. Mobile 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_SVC_E  
**Question:** Are the following services present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area: Borehole or tubewell?  
**Variable Label:** EA-SVC-D. Borehole or tubewell 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 in 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 in 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 in 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 in 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 in 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 in easy walking distance: Bank, money transfer point, mobile banking services or ATM?
**Variable Label:** EA-FAC-F. Bank or money services 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 in 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-G. 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 private security providers or by the local community?
**Variable Label:** EA-SEC-E. Roadblocks by private security/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:

**Variable Label:** EA-ROAD-A. Road surface at start point

**Values:** 1-6, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Earth, 2=Gravel, 3=Stone, 4=Muram, 5=Paved/Tarred, 6=Concrete, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7

**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_ROAD_B

**Question:** Thinking of your journey here: What was the most common surface of the road over the last 5 kilometers before arriving at the start point of the PSU/EA?

**Variable Label:** EA-ROAD-B. Road surface last 5 km

**Values:** 1-6, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Earth, 2=Gravel, 3=Stone, 4=Muram, 5=Paved/Tarred, 6=Concrete, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7

**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_ROAD_C

**Question:** Thinking of your journey here: What was the condition of the road in the last 5 kilometers before reaching the start point of the PSU/EA? Was the road in excellent or good condition and easy to traverse, or was it in poor or very poor condition, that is, difficult to traverse due to potholes, waterlogging, or other issues, or was it impassable at any point (e.g., due to a collapsed bridge, fallen tree, flooding, etc.)?

**Variable Label:** EA-ROAD-C. Road condition last 5 km

**Values:** 1-6, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Impassable, 2=Very poor, 3=Poor, 4=Fair, 5=Good, 6=Very good, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7

**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, 9997

**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), 9997=Not applicable/Interview was successful

**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, 9997

**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), 9997=Not applicable/Interview was successful

**Source:** SAB
**Question Number:** NOCALL_3  
**Question:** Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 3  
**Variable Label:** Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 3  
**Values:** 1-8, 9997  
**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), 9997=Not applicable/Interview was successful  
**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, 9997  
**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), 9997=Not applicable/Interview was successful  
**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, 9997  
**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), 9997=Not applicable/Interview was successful  
**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, 9997  
**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), 9997=Not applicable/Interview was successful  
**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, 9997  
**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), 9997=Not applicable/Interview was successful  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** NOCALL_8
**Question**: Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 8

**Variable Label**: Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 8

**Values**: 1-8, 9997

**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), 9997=Not applicable/Interview was successful

**Source**: SAB

**Note**: Answered by interviewer

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**Question Number**: NOCALL_9

**Question**: Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 9

**Variable Label**: Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 9

**Values**: 1-8, 9997

**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), 9997=Not applicable/Interview was successful

**Source**: SAB

**Note**: Answered by interviewer

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**Question Number**: NOCALL_10

**Question**: Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 10

**Variable Label**: Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 10

**Values**: 1-8, 9997

**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), 9997=Not applicable/Interview was successful

**Source**: SAB

**Note**: Answered by interviewer

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**Question Number**: DATEINTR

**Question**: Date of interview

**Variable Label**: Date of interview

**Values**: 23.02.20 – 09.03.20

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

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**Question Number**: STRTIME

**Question**: Time interview started

**Variable Label**: Time interview started

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

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**Question Number**: Q1

**Question**: How old are you?

**Variable Label**: Q1. Age

**Values**: 18-110, 998, 999, -1

**Value Labels**: 998=Refused, 999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

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**Question Number**: Q2

**Question**: What is the primary language you speak in your home now?

**Variable Label**: Q2. Language spoken in home

**Values**: 1, 340-342, 9995, 9998, 9999, -1

**Value Labels**: 1=English, 340= Sesotho, 341= Sephuthi, 342= Sethepu, 9995=Other, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source**: Afrobarometer Round 7

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**Question Number**: Q2OTHER
**Question:** What is the primary language you speak in your home now?
**Variable Label:** Q2other. Language spoken in home (verbatim)
**Values:** String variable
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7

**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, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Going in the wrong direction, 2=Going in the right direction, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -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, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Very bad, 2=Fairly bad, 3=Neither good nor bad, 4=Fairly good, 5=Very good, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -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, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Very bad, 2=Fairly bad, 3=Neither good nor bad, 4=Fairly good, 5=Very good, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** NDB, Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q5
**Question:** How often, if ever, are people like you treated unfairly by the government based on your economic status, that is, how rich or poor you are?
**Variable Label:** Q5. Treated unfairly by government based on economic status.
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q6A
**Question:** Looking back, how do you rate economic conditions in this country compared to twelve months ago?
**Variable Label:** Q6a. Country’s economic condition compared to 12 months ago
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Much worse, 2=Worse, 3=Same, 4=Better, 5=Much better, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** NDB, Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q6B
**Question:** Looking ahead, do you expect economic conditions in this country to be better or worse in twelve months’ time?
**Variable Label:** Q6b. Country’s economic condition in 12 months’ time
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Much worse, 2=Worse, 3=Same, 4=Better, 5=Much better, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5
**Question Number:** Q7A
**Question:** Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Enough food to eat?
**Variable Label:** Q7a. How often gone without food
**Values:** 0-4, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** NDB

**Question Number:** Q7B
**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:** Q7b. How often gone without water
**Values:** 0-4, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** NDB

**Question Number:** Q7C
**Question:** Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Medicines or medical treatment?
**Variable Label:** Q7c. How often gone without medical care
**Values:** 0-4, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** NDB

**Question Number:** Q7D
**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:** Q7d. How often gone without cooking fuel
**Values:** 0-4, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q7E
**Question:** Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: A cash income?
**Variable Label:** Q7e. How often gone without a cash income
**Values:** 0-4, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q8A
**Question:** Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Felt unsafe walking in your neighbourhood?
**Variable Label:** Q8a. How often felt unsafe walking in neighbourhood
**Values:** 0-4, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** Adapted from NDB

**Question Number:** Q8B
**Question:** Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Feared crime in your own home?
**Variable Label:** Q8b. How often feared crime in home
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from NDB

Question Number: Q9
Question: When you get together with your friends or family, would you say you discuss political matters:
Variable Label: Q9. Discuss politics
Values: 0-2, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Occasionally, 2=Frequently, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q10A
Question: In this country, how free are you: To say what you think?
Variable Label: Q10a. Freedom to say what you think
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Not at all free, 2=Not very free, 3=Somewhat free, 4=Completely free, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: NDB

Question Number: Q10B
Question: In this country, how free are you: To join any political organization you want?
Variable Label: Q10b. Freedom to join political organization
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Not at all free, 2=Not very free, 3=Somewhat free, 4=Completely free, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: NDB

Question Number: Q10C
Question: In this country, how free are you: To choose who to vote for without feeling pressured?
Variable Label: Q10c. Freedom to choose who to vote for
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Not at all free, 2=Not very free, 3=Somewhat free, 4=Completely free, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: NDB

Question Number: Q11A
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: Q11a. Attend a community meeting
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q11B
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: Q11b. Join others to raise an issue
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Question Number: Q11C
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: Q11c. Attend a demonstration or protest march
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q12A
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 community councilor?
Variable Label: Q12a. Contact local government councilor
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q12B
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: Q12b. Contact MP
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q12C
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: Q12c. Contact political party official
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q12D
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 traditional leader?
Variable Label: Q12d. Contact traditional leader
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q13
Question: Let’s talk about the last national election held in 2017. People are not always able to vote in elections, for example, because they weren’t registered, they were unable to go, or someone prevented them from voting. How about you? In the last national election held in 2017, did you vote, or not, or were you too young to vote? Or can’t you remember whether you voted?
Variable Label: Q13. Voting in the most recent national election.
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=I did not vote, 1=I was too young to vote, 2=I can’t remember whether I voted, 3=I voted in the election, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: N/A

Question Number: Q14
Question: On the whole, how would you rate the freeness and fairness of the last national election, held in 2017. Was it:
Variable Label: Q14. Freeness and fairness of the last national election
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, 98, -1
Value Labels: 1=Not free and fair, 2=Free and fair, with major problems, 3=Free and fair, but with minor problems, 4=Completely free and fair, 8=Do not understand the question, 9=Don’t know, 98=Refused, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q15A
Question: Thinking about the last national election in 2071: Did you attend a campaign rally?
Variable Label: Q15a. Last national election: attend a campaign rally
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q15B
Question: Thinking about the last national election in 2017: Did you work for a candidate or party?
Variable Label: Q15b. Last national election: work for a candidate or party
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q15C
Question: Thinking about the last national election in [20xx]: Did any representative of a political party contact you during the campaign?
Variable Label: Q15c. Last national election: contacted by a political party rep
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_1
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 1st response
Values: 340-354, 9995, 9996, 9997, 9998, 9999, -1
Value Labels: 340=Democratic Congress (DC), 341=All Basotho Convention (ABC), 342=Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD), 343=Basotho National Party (BNP), 344=Popular Front for Democracy (PFD), 345=National Independent Party (NIP), 346=Lesotho People’s Congress (LPC), 347=Basotho Democratic National Party (BDNP), 348=Marematsia Freedom Party (MFP), 349=Basotho Congress Party (BCP), 350=Basotho Batho Democratic Party (BBDP), 351=Lesotho Workers’ Party (LWP), 352=Alliance of Democrats (AD), 353=Movement for Economic Change (MEC), 354=Reformed Congress of Lesotho (RCL), 9995=Other, 9996=No further reply, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_2
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 2nd response
Values: 340-354, 9995, 9996, 9997, 9998, 9999, -1
Value Labels: 340=Democratic Congress (DC), 341=All Basotho Convention (ABC), 342=Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD), 343=Basotho National Party (BNP), 344=Popular Front for Democracy (PFD), 345=National Independent Party (NIP), 346=Lesotho People’s Congress (LPC), 347=Basotho Democratic National Party (BDNP), 348=Marematsia Freedom Party (MFP), 349=Basotho Congress Party (BCP), 350=Basotho Batho Democratic Party (BBDP), 351=Lesotho Workers’ Party (LWP), 352=Alliance of Democrats (AD), 353=Movement for Economic Change (MEC), 354=Reformed Congress of Lesotho (RCL), 9995=Other, 9996=No further reply, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_3
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 3rd response
Values: 340-354, 9995, 9996, 9997, 9998, 9999, -1
Value Labels: 340 = Democratic Congress (DC), 341 = All Basotho Convention (ABC), 342 = Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD), 343 = Basotho National Party (BNP), 344 = Popular Front for Democracy (PFD), 345 = National Independent Party (NIP), 346 = Lesotho People’s Congress (LPC), 347 = Basotho Democratic National Party (BDNP), 348 = Marematlou Freedom Party (MFP), 349 = Basotho Congress Party (BCP), 350 = Basotho Batho Democratic Party (BBDP), 351 = Lesotho Workers’ Party (LWP), 352 = Alliance of Democrats (AD), 353 = Movement for Economic Change (MEC), 354 = Reformed Congress of Lesotho (RCL), 9995 = Other, 9996 = No further reply, 9997 = Not applicable, 9998 = Refused, 9999 = Don’t know, -1 = Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_4
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 4th response
Values: 340–354, 9995, 9996, 9997, 9998, 9999, -1

Value Labels: 340 = Democratic Congress (DC), 341 = All Basotho Convention (ABC), 342 = Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD), 343 = Basotho National Party (BNP), 344 = Popular Front for Democracy (PFD), 345 = National Independent Party (NIP), 346 = Lesotho People’s Congress (LPC), 347 = Basotho Democratic National Party (BDNP), 348 = Marematlou Freedom Party (MFP), 349 = Basotho Congress Party (BCP), 350 = Basotho Batho Democratic Party (BBDP), 351 = Lesotho Workers’ Party (LWP), 352 = Alliance of Democrats (AD), 353 = Movement for Economic Change (MEC), 354 = Reformed Congress of Lesotho (RCL), 9995 = Other, 9996 = No further reply, 9997 = Not applicable, 9998 = Refused, 9999 = Don’t know, -1 = Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_5
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 5th response
Values: 340–354, 9995, 9996, 9997, 9998, 9999, -1

Value Labels: 340 = Democratic Congress (DC), 341 = All Basotho Convention (ABC), 342 = Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD), 343 = Basotho National Party (BNP), 344 = Popular Front for Democracy (PFD), 345 = National Independent Party (NIP), 346 = Lesotho People’s Congress (LPC), 347 = Basotho Democratic National Party (BDNP), 348 = Marematlou Freedom Party (MFP), 349 = Basotho Congress Party (BCP), 350 = Basotho Batho Democratic Party (BBDP), 351 = Lesotho Workers’ Party (LWP), 352 = Alliance of Democrats (AD), 353 = Movement for Economic Change (MEC), 354 = Reformed Congress of Lesotho (RCL), 9995 = Other, 9996 = No further reply, 9997 = Not applicable, 9998 = Refused, 9999 = Don’t know, -1 = Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_6
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 6th response
Values: 340–354, 9995, 9996, 9997, 9998, 9999, -1

Value Labels: 340 = Democratic Congress (DC), 341 = All Basotho Convention (ABC), 342 = Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD), 343 = Basotho National Party (BNP), 344 = Popular Front for Democracy (PFD), 345 = National Independent Party (NIP), 346 = Lesotho People’s Congress (LPC), 347 = Basotho Democratic National Party (BDNP), 348 = Marematlou Freedom Party (MFP), 349 = Basotho Congress Party (BCP), 350 = Basotho Batho Democratic Party (BBDP), 351 = Lesotho Workers’ Party (LWP), 352 = Alliance of Democrats (AD), 353 = Movement for Economic Change (MEC), 354 = Reformed Congress of Lesotho (RCL), 9995 = Other, 9996 = No further reply, 9997 = Not applicable, 9998 = Refused, 9999 = Don’t know, -1 = Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_7
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 7th response
Values: 340–354, 9995, 9996, 9997, 9998, 9999, -1

Question Number: Q15D_OTHER
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15dother. Which parties contacted? Other (verbatim)
Values: String variable
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q16A
Question: During the last national election campaign in [20XX], how often did the media provide fair coverage of all candidates?
Variable Label: Q16a. Last national election: media covers all candidates fairly
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q16B
Question: During the last national election in 2017, how often, if ever, did a candidate or someone from a political party offer you something, like food, a gift, or money, in return for your vote?
Variable Label: Q16b. Last national election: offered food, gift or money for vote
Values: 0-9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q17A
Question: In the last national election in 2017, how often did each of the following things happen: People’s votes were not accurately counted or not fairly reflected in the results?
Variable Label: Q17a. Last national election: votes not accurately counted
Values: 0-2, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=A few times, 2=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q17B
Question: In the last national election in 2017, how often did each of the following things happen? People voted more than once?
Variable Label: Q17b. Last national election: people voted more than once
Values: 0-2, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=A few times, 2=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q17C
Question: How likely do you think it is that powerful people can find out how you voted, even though there is supposed to be a secret ballot in this country?
Variable Label: Q17c. Last national election: powerful find out your vote
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all likely, 1=Not very likely, 2=Somewhat likely, 3=Very likely, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q17D
Question: During the last national election campaign in 2017, how much did you personally fear becoming a victim of political intimidation or violence?
Variable Label: Q17d. Last national election: fear political intimidation or violence
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=A lot, 1=Somewhat, 2=A little bit, 3=Not at all, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Question Number: Q18A
Question: During the last national election in 2017, did you witness: Police or soldiers, rather than election officials, assisting people to cast their ballot?
Variable Label: Q18a. Last national election: police or soldiers assist people to cast ballot
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q18B
Question: During the last national election in [20xx], did you witness: Anyone from the security forces or a political party trying to intimidate voters?
Variable Label: Q18b. Last national election: voter intimidation
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q18C
Question: 18C. With regard to the last national election in 2017, to what extent do you think the results announced by the [Independent Electoral Commission] accurately reflected the actual results as counted?
Variable Label: Q18c. Last national election: announced results reflect counted results
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Not accurate at all, 2=Not very accurate, with major discrepancies, 3=Mostly accurate, but with some minor discrepancies, 4=Completely accurate, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q19A
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. Statement 1: The 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: Q19a. Government bans organizations vs. join any
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Uganda00
Note: Before this question, interviewer said: “Let’s talk for a moment about the kind of society you would like to have in this country.” Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?“

Question Number: Q19B
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 disapproves of.
Variable Label: Q19b. Media free to publish vs. government control
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Uganda00
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q20A
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: Q20a. Reject one-party rule
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Neither approve nor disapprove, 4=Approve, 5=Strongly approve, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: NDB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q20B
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: Q20b. Reject military rule
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Neither approve nor disapprove, 4=Approve, 5=Strongly approve, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from NDB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q20C
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 Prime Minister can decide everything?
Variable Label: Q20c. Reject one-man rule.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Neither approve nor disapprove, 4=Approve, 5=Strongly approve, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q20D_LES
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 King can govern the country?
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Neither approve nor disapprove, 4=Approve, 5=Strongly approve, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q21
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: Q21. Support for democracy
Values: 1-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Statement 3: Doesn’t matter, 2=Statement 2: Sometimes non-democratic preferable, 3=Statement 1: Democracy preferable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -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: Q22
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: Q22. Govt gets things done vs. Govt accountable to citizens
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q22
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 parliament that can pass laws quickly, even if we have no influence over what it does. Statement 2: It is more important for citizens to give their input into the formulation of laws, even if that means it slows down the lawmaking process.
Variable Label: Q22-les. Parliament gets things done vs accountable to citizens
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q23
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. Statement 1: In order for our country to do well, we should listen more to the wisdom of our elders. Statement 2: In order for our country to do well, we should listen more to fresh ideas from young people.
Variable Label: Q23 Listen to wisdom of elders vs. fresh ideas from young people
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q24
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: Q24. Choose leaders through elections vs. other methods
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 2
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q25
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 Lesotho. Statement 2: Many political parties are needed to make sure that Basotho have real choices in who governs them.
Variable Label: Q25. Political parties divisive vs. many parties needed
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 2
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q26
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. Statement 1: Our elected officials should listen to constituents’ views and do what they demand. Statement 2: Our elected leaders should follow their own ideas in deciding what is best for the country.
Variable Label: Q26. Elected officials follow constituent demands vs follow own ideas
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q27
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2
Statement 1: Our elected leaders need to focus on empowering our most capable citizens.
Statement 2: Our elected leaders should focus on helping people who have been left behind by economic and social change.
Variable Label: Q27. Elected leaders empower most capable citizens vs. help people left behind by economic and social change
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q28
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2
Statement 1: Experts with specialized education or skills are needed to help make the most important decisions for our country.
Statement 2: The people and their elected representatives know what is best; they do not need the advice of experts to run the country.
Variable Label: Q28. Experts needed for most important decisions vs no need for experts
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q29
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2
Statement 1: Parliament should ensure that the Prime Minister explains to it on a regular basis how his government spends taxpayers’ money.
Statement 2: The Prime Minister should be able to devote his full attention to developing the country rather than wasting time justifying his actions.
Variable Label: Q29. President monitored by parliament vs. free to act on own
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q30
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: Since the Prime Minister was elected to lead the country, he should not be bound by laws or court decisions that he thinks are wrong.
Statement 2: The Prime Minister must always obey the laws and the courts, even if he thinks they are wrong.
Variable Label: Q30. President free to act vs. obey the laws and courts
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: N/A
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”
Question Number: Q31
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: Whichever party or group wins elections should be able to pursue the policies they prefer, without needing to compromise with others.
Statement 2: In a democracy, it is important to make compromises between the preferences and needs of different groups.
Variable Label: Election winner pursues preferred policies vs. compromise w/others.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
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: A government that enjoys the support of the people should be free to do whatever the people want, even if it is outside the law.
Statement 2: The actions of any government, no matter how popular it is, must always follow the law.
Variable Label: Q32. Popular govt free to do whatever people want vs always follow the law.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
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: 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: Q33. Media checks government vs. avoid negative reporting
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
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: The Constitution should limit the Prime Minister to serving a maximum of two terms in office.
Statement 2: There should be no constitutional limit on how long the Prime Minister can serve.
Variable Label: Q34. Presidential two term limit vs. no term limits
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q35A
Question: Should there be a minimum age for candidates for Prime Minister?
Variable Label: Q35a. Minimum age for candidate for president
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, no minimum, 1=Yes, should be a minimum, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q35B
Question: If yes, what should the minimum age be?
**Variable Label:** Q35b. Suggested minimum age for presidential candidate.
**Values:** 18-70, 997, 998, 999, -1
**Value Labels:** 997=Not applicable, 998=Refused, 999=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q35C
**Question:** Should there be a maximum age for candidates for Prime Minister?
**Variable Label:** Q35c. Maximum age for presidential candidate.
**Values:** 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, no maximum, 1=Yes, should be a maximum, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q35D
**Question:** If yes, what should the maximum age be?
**Variable Label:** Q35d. Suggested maximum age for presidential candidate
**Values:** 18-100, 997, 998, 999, -1
**Value Labels:** 997=Not applicable, 998=Refused, 999=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q36
**Question:** In your opinion how much of a democracy is Lesotho today?
**Variable Label:** Q36. 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, -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:** Q37
**Question:** Overall, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Lesotho? Are you:
**Variable Label:** Q37. Satisfaction with democracy
**Values:** 0-4, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=The country is not a democracy, 1=Not at all satisfied, 2=Not very satisfied, 3=Fairly satisfied, 4=Very satisfied, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -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:** Q38A
**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:** Q38a. MPs listen
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Only sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q38B
**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 the community council?
**Variable Label:** Q38b. Local government councilors listen
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Only sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3
**Question Number:** Q38C  
**Question:** How much of the time do you think the following try their best to listen to what people like you have to say: Traditional leaders?  
**Variable Label:** Q38c. Traditional leaders listen  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Only sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q39A  
**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:** Q39a. Tax authorities have right to enforce taxes  
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 2  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q39B  
**Question:** For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: Information held by public authorities is only for use by government officials; it should not have to be shared with the public.  
**Variable Label:** Q39b. Government information for official use only  
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q40A  
**Question:** In your opinion, how often, in this country: Does competition between political parties lead to violent conflict?  
**Variable Label:** Q40a. How often party competition leads to conflict  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 2

**Question Number:** Q40B  
**Question:** In your opinion, how often, in this country: Does the Prime Minister ignore the courts and laws of this country?  
**Variable Label:** Q40b. How often president ignores laws  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 2

**Question Number:** Q40C  
**Question:** In your opinion, how often, in this country: Does the Prime Minister ignore Parliament and just do what he wants?  
**Variable Label:** Q40c. How often president ignores parliament  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

**Question Number:** Q40D  
**Question:** In your opinion, how often, in this country: Do people have to be careful of what they say about politics?  
**Variable Label:** Q40d. How often careful what you say  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q40E
**Question:** In your opinion, how often, in this country: Are people treated unequally under the law?
**Variable Label:** Q40e. How often people treated unequally
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 2

**Question Number:** Q40F
**Question:** In your opinion, how often, in this country: Do officials who commit crimes go unpunished?
**Variable Label:** Q40f. How often officials unpunished
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4

**Question Number:** Q40G
**Question:** In your opinion, how often, in this country: Do ordinary people who break the law go unpunished?
**Variable Label:** Q40g. How often ordinary people unpunished
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4

**Question Number:** Q40H_LES
**Question:** In your opinion, how often, in this country: Do the police abuse or torture people in their custody?
**Variable Label:** Q40h-LES. How often police abuse, torture people in custody
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

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**Question Number:** Q41A
**Question:** How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The Prime Minister?
**Variable Label:** Q41a. Trust president
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing

**Source:** Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q41A1_LES
**Question:** How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The King?
**Variable Label:** Q41a1-LES. Trust the King
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing

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**Question Number:** Q41B
**Question:** How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Parliament?
**Variable Label:** Q41b. Trust parliament/national assembly
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing

**Source:** Adapted from Zambia96

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**Question Number:** Q41C  
**Question:** How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Independent Electoral Commission or IEC?  
**Variable Label:** Q41c. Trust national electoral commission  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Adapted from Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q41D  
**Question:** How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Your community council?  
**Variable Label:** Q41d. Trust your elected local government council  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Adapted from Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q41E  
**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:** Q41e. Trust the ruling party  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Adapted from Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q41F  
**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:** Q41f. Trust opposition political parties  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Adapted from Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q41G  
**Question:** How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The Police?  
**Variable Label:** Q41g. Trust police  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q41H  
**Question:** How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The Lesotho Defence Force?  
**Variable Label:** Q41h. Trust army  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

**Question Number:** Q41I  
**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: Q41i. Trust courts of law  
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
Source: Zambia96  

Question Number: Q41J  
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The Lesotho Revenue Authority?  
Variable Label: Q41j. The tax/revenue office  
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8  

Question Number: Q41K  
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Traditional leaders?  
Variable Label: Q41k. Trust traditional leaders  
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
Source: Zambia96  

Question Number: Q41L  
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Religious leaders?  
Variable Label: Q41l. Trust religious leaders  
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
Source: Zambia96  

Question Number: Q41M_LES  
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The Directorate on Corruption and Economic Offences, or DCEO?  
Variable Label: Q41m-LES. Trust Directorate on Corruption and Economic Offences  
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
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Question Number: Q42A  
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 Prime Minister and Officials in his Office?  
Variable Label: Q42a. Corruption: office of the Presidency  
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
Source: SAB  

Question Number: Q42B  
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: Q42b. Corruption: Members of Parliament  
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing
Question Number: Q42C
Question: How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Civil servants?
Variable Label: Q42c. Corruption: Civil servants
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q42D
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 you community council?
Variable Label: Q42d. Corruption: local government councilors
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q42E
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: Q42e. Corruption: police
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q42F
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: Q42f. Corruption: judges and magistrates
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q42G
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, like officials from the Lesotho Revenue Authority?
Variable Label: Q42g. Corruption: tax officials
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q42H
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: Q42h. Corruption: traditional leaders
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
**Question Number:** Q42I
**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:** Q42i. Corruption: religious leaders

**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing

**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q43A
**Question:** In your opinion, over the past year, has the level of corruption in this country increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

**Variable Label:** Q43a. Level of corruption

**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Increased a lot, 2=Increased somewhat, 3=Stayed the same, 4=Decreased somewhat, 5=Decreased a lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Transparency International

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

**Question Number:** Q43B
**Question:** 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?

**Variable Label:** Q43b. Ordinary people can report corruption without fear

**Values:** 0, 1, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=Can report without fear, 1=Risk retaliation or other negative consequences, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7

**Question Number:** Q44A
**Question:** Now I would like to talk to you about experiences that some people have in accessing certain essential government services. In the past 12 months have you had contact with a public school?

**Variable Label:** Q44a. Contact with public school

**Values:** 0, 1, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7

**Question Number:** Q44B
**Question:** How easy or difficult was it to obtain the services you needed from teachers or school officials?

**Variable Label:** Q44b. Difficulty to obtain public school services

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

**Value Labels:** 1=Very easy, 2=Easy, 3=Difficult, 4=Very difficult, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Note:** Interviewer was instructed: If respondent answered 1=Yes to part A, ask parts B and C. If respondent answered 0=No, 8=Refused or 9=Don’t know to part A, select 7=NA for parts B and C and continue to part D.

**Question Number:** Q44C
**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:** Q44c. Pay bribe for public school services

**Values:** 0-3, 7-9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q44D
**Question:** In the past 12 months have you had contact with a public clinic or hospital?
Variable Label: Q44d. Contact with public clinic or hospital
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

Question Number: Q44E
Question: How easy or difficult was it to obtain the medical care you needed?
Variable Label: Q44e. Difficulty to obtain medical care
Values: 1-4, 7-9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very easy, 2=Easy, 3=Difficult, 4=Very difficult, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
Note: Interviewer was instructed: If respondent answered 1=Yes to part D, ask parts E and F. If respondent answered 0=No, 8=Refused or 9=Don’t know to part D, select 7=NA for parts E and F and continue to part G.

Question Number: Q44F
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: Q44f. Pay bribe for medical care
Values: 0-3, 7-9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q44G
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?
Variable Label: Q44g. Tried to obtain identity document
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

Question Number: Q44H
Question: How easy or difficult was it to obtain the document you needed?
Variable Label: Q44h. Difficulty to obtain identity document
Values: 1-4, 7-9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very easy, 2=Easy, 3=Difficult, 4=Very difficult, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
Note: Interviewer was instructed: If respondent answered 1=Yes to part G, ask parts H and I. If respondent answered 0=No, 8=Refused or 9=Don’t know to part G, select 7=NA for parts H and I and continue to part J.

Question Number: Q44I
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: Q44i. Pay bribe for identity document
Values: 0-3, 7-9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q44J
Question: In the past 12 months have you requested assistance from the police?
Variable Label: Q44j. Requested police assistance
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7
Question Number: Q44K
Question: How easy or difficult was it to obtain the assistance you needed?
Variable Label: Q44k. Difficulty to obtain police assistance
Values: 1-4, 7-9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very easy, 2=Easy, 3=Difficult, 4=Very difficult, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
Note: Interviewer was instructed: If respondent answered 1=Yes to part J, ask parts K and L. If respondent answered 0=No, 8=Refused or 9=Don’t know to part J, select 7=NA for parts K and L and continue to part M.

Question Number: Q44L
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.
Variable Label: Q44l. Pay bribe to receive police assistance
Values: 0-3, 7-9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q44M
Question: In the past 12 months, how often have you encountered the police in other situations, like at checkpoints, during identity checks or traffic stops, or during an investigation?
Variable Label: Q44m. Contact with police in other situations
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

Question Number: Q44N
Question: 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 avoid a problem during one of these encounters.
Variable Label: Q44n. Pay bribe to avoid problem with police
Values: 0-3, 7-9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7
Note: Interviewer was instructed: If respondent answered 0=Never, 8=Refused or 9=Don’t know to part M, select 7=NA for part N and continue to Q45. Otherwise ask:

Question Number: Q45
Question: Now let us talk about the tax system in this country. Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: It is better to pay higher taxes if it means that there will be more services provided by government.
Statement 2: It is better to pay lower taxes, even if it means there will be fewer services provided by government.
Variable Label: Q45. Higher taxes w/more services vs. lower taxes w/fewer services.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q46A
Question: Based on your experience, how easy or difficult is it to do each of the following: To find out what taxes and fees you are supposed to pay to the government?
Variable Label: Q46a. Difficulty to find out what taxes or fees to pay
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very easy, 2=Easy, 3=Difficult, 4=Very difficult, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q46B
Question: Based on your experience, how easy or difficult is it to do each of the following: To find out how government uses the revenues from people’s taxes and fees?
Variable Label: Q46b. Difficulty to find out how government uses tax revenues.
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very easy, 2=Easy, 3=Difficult, 4=Very difficult, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q46C
Question: Do you think that the amount of taxes that ordinary people in Lesotho are required to pay to the government is too little, too much, or about the right amount?
Variable Label: Q46c. Taxes for ordinary people: too little, too much, or right amount.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Far too little, 2=Somewhat too little, 3=About the right amount, 4=Somewhat too much, 5=Far too much, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q46D
Question: Do you think that the amount of taxes that rich people in Lesotho are required to pay to the government is too little, too much, or about the right amount?
Variable Label: Q46d. Taxes for the rich: too little, too much, or right amount.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Far too little, 2=Somewhat too little, 3=About the right amount, 4=Somewhat too much, 5=Far too much, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q47A
Question: Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Government should make sure small traders and other people working in the informal sector pay taxes on their businesses?
Variable Label: Q47a. Government should ensure informal sector pays taxes.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q47B
Question: Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: It is fair to tax rich people at a higher rate than ordinary people in order to help pay for government programs to benefit the poor.
Variable Label: Q47b. Fair for rich to pay higher taxes.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q47C
Question: Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: The government usually uses the tax revenues it collects for the well-being of citizens.
**Variable Label:** Q47c. Taxes used by government for the well-being of citizens.  
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q47D  
**Question:** In your opinion, how often, in this country, do people avoid paying the taxes that they owe the government?  
**Variable Label:** Q47d. How often people avoid paying taxes  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

**Question Number:** Q48pt1  
**Question:** In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?  
**Variable Label:** Q48pt1. Most important problems – 1st response  
**Values:** 0-33, 9995, 9998, 9999, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Nothing/no problems, 1=Management of the economy, 2=Wages, incomes, and salaries, 3=Unemployment, 4=Poverty/desitution, 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, 33=Climate change, 9995=Other, 9998=Refused, 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:** Q48pt1OTHER  
**Question:** In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?  
**Variable Label:** Q48pt1other. MIP – 1st response (verbatim)  
**Values:** String variable  
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q48pt2  
**Question:** In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?  
**Variable Label:** Q48pt2. Most important problems – 2nd response  
**Values:** 1-33, 9995, 9996, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Management of the economy, 2=Wages, income and salaries, 3=Unemployment, 4=Poverty/desitution, 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, 33=Climate change, 9995=Other, 9996=No further reply, -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:** Q48pt2OTHER
**Question:** In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?
**Variable Label:** Q48pt2other. MIP – 2nd response (verbatim)
**Values:** String variable
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q48pt3
**Question:** In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?
**Variable Label:** Q48pt3. Most important problems – 3rd response
**Values:** 1-33, 9995, 9996, -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, 33=Climate change, 9995=Other, 9996=No further reply, -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:** Q48pt3OTHER
**Question:** In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?
**Variable Label:** Q48pt3other. MIP – 3rd response (verbatim)
**Values:** String variable
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q49A
**Question:** If the government decided to make people pay more taxes in order to support programs to help young people, would you support this decision or oppose it?
**Variable Label:** Q49a. Support more taxes for youth programs
**Values:** 1-6, 8, 9, -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), 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

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

**Question Number:** Q49B
**Question:** If the government could increase its spending on programs to help young people, which of the following areas do you think should be the highest priority for additional investment?
**Variable Label:** Q49b. Priorities for investment in youth programs
**Values:** 0-6, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:**
0=None of the above/Some other program, 1=Job creation, 2=Education, 3=Jobs training, 4=Business loans, 5=Social services for youth, for example to improve health and prevent drug abuse, 6=Government should not increase its spending on programs to help young people, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8
**Question Number:** Q50A  
**Question:** Now let’s speak about the performance of 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:** Q50a. Handling managing the economy  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q50B  
**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 the living standards of the poor?  
**Variable Label:** Q50b. Handling improving living standards of the poor  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q50C  
**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:** Q50c. Handling creating jobs  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** NDB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q50D  
**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 stable?  
**Variable Label:** Q50d. Handling keeping prices stable  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** NDB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q50E  
**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:** Q50e. Handling narrowing income gaps  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q50F  
**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:** Q50f. Handling reducing crime  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: NDB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q50G
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: Q50g. Handling improving basic health services
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: NDB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q50H
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: Q50h. Handling addressing educational needs
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: NDB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q50I
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: Q50i. Handling providing water and sanitation services
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q50J
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: Q50j. Handling fighting corruption
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q50K
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: Q50k. Handling maintaining roads and bridges
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q50L
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: Q50l. Handling providing a reliable supply of electricity
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing 
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4 
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q50M
Question: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Preventing or resolving violent conflict?
Variable Label: Q50m. Handling preventing or resolving violent conflict
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7 
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q50N
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 the needs of young people?
Variable Label: Q50n. Handling addressing needs of young people
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7 
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q50O
Question: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Protecting rights and promoting opportunities for disabled people?
Variable Label: Q50o. Handling protecting rights, promoting opportunities for disabled
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7 
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q51A
Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Prime Minister Thomas Thabane?
Variable Label: Q51a. Performance: President
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Approve, 4=Strongly approve, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: SAB 
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q51B
Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Your Member of Parliament?
Variable Label: Q51b. Performance: MP/National Assembly rep
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Approve, 4=Strongly approve, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: SAB 
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.
**Question Number:** Q51C
**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 community councilor?

**Variable Label:** Q51c. Performance: local government councilor

**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Approve, 4=Strongly approve, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing

**Source:** SAB

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

**Question Number:** Q51D
**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:** Q51d. Performance: traditional leader

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

**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Approve, 4=Strongly approve, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing

**Source:** SAB

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

**Question Number:** Q52A
**Question:** Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, Members of Parliament do their jobs?

**Variable Label:** Q52a. Who responsible: MPs do jobs

**Values:** 0-4, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=The Prime Minister/Executive, 1=The Parliament/Community council, 2=Their political party, 3=The voters, 4=No one, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q52B
**Question:** Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, the Prime Minister does his job?

**Variable Label:** Q52b. Who responsible: president does job?

**Values:** 0-4, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=The Prime Minister/Executive, 1=The Parliament/Community council, 2=Their political party, 3=The voters, 4=No one, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q53A
**Question:** Think about how elections work in practice in this country. How well do elections: Ensure that representatives to Parliament reflect the views of voters?

**Variable Label:** Q53a. Elections ensure voters’ views are reflected

**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=Not at all well, 1=Not very well, 2=Well, 3=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q53B
**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:** Q53b. Elections enable voters to remove leaders from office.

**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=Not at all well, 1=Not very well, 2=Well, 3=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

**Question Number:** Q53C
**Question:** How often do you think that communities that do not vote for the ruling party suffer negative consequences, such as lack of government support for local services or development projects?
Variable Label: Q53c. Negative consequences if communities don’t vote for ruling party
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 4=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q54A
Question: In any society, people will sometimes disagree with one another. These disagreements occasionally escalate into physical violence. Please tell me whether, in the past two years, you have ever personally feared any of the following types of violence? [If yes] Have you actually personally experienced this type of violence in the past two years? Violence among people in your neighbourhood or village?
Variable Label: Q54a. Feared violence in neighbourhood
Values: 0-2, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, never, 1=Yes, feared but didn’t experience, 2=Yes, feared and experienced, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

Question Number: Q54B
Question: In any society, people will sometimes disagree with one another. These disagreements occasionally escalate into physical violence. Please tell me whether, in the past two years, you have ever personally feared any of the following types of violence? [If yes] Have you actually personally experienced this type of violence in the past two years? Violence at a political rally or public protest?
Variable Label: Q54b. Feared violence during political event or public protest
Values: 0-2, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, never, 1=Yes, feared but didn’t experience, 2=Yes, feared and experienced, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

Question Number: Q54C- not asked

Question Number: Q55A
Question: Now let us talk about the media and how you get information about politics and other issues. How often do you get news from the following sources: Radio?
Variable Label: Q55a. Radio news
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Zambia96

Question Number: Q55B
Question: How often do you get news from the following sources: Television?
Variable Label: Q55b. Television news
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q55C
Question: How often do you get news from the following sources: Print newspapers?
Variable Label: Q55c. Newspaper news
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Zambia96

Question Number: Q55D
Question: How often do you get news from the following sources: Internet?
Variable Label: Q55d. Internet news
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q55E
Question: How often do you get news from the following sources: Social media such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp or others?
Variable Label: Q55e. Social media news
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q56
Question: In your opinion, how free is the news media in this country to report and comment on the news without censorship or interference by the government?
Variable Label: Q56. How free is news media
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0= Not at all free, 1= Not very free, 2= Somewhat free, 3= Completely free, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q57A
Question: Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: government officials?
Variable Label: Q57a. Spread false information: government officials
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1- Rarely, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q57B
Question: Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: politicians and political parties?
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1- Rarely, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q57C
Question: Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: news media and journalists?
Variable Label: Q57c. Spread false information: news media and journalists.
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1- Rarely, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q57D
Question: Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: social media users?
Variable Label: Q57d. Spread false information: social media users.
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1- Rarely, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q57E
Question: Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: activists and interest groups?
Variable Label: Q57e. Spread false information: activists and interest groups.
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1-Rarely, 2=Sometimes, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q58A
Question: Let’s talk about whether the government should be able to limit the sharing of news, information, or opinions on radio and TV, in newspapers, or on the internet and social media. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: News or information that is false.
Variable Label: Q58a. Govt can prohibit sharing: news or information that is false
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q58B
Question: Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: News, information, or opinions that the government disapproves of.
Variable Label: Q58b. Govt can prohibit sharing: news, information, or opinions that the government disapproves of.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q58C
Question: Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: News, information, or opinions that criticize or insult the president.
Variable Label: Q58c. Govt can prohibit sharing: criticism of president.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q58D
Question: Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: Hate speech, that is, news, information, or opinions designed to attack or vilify certain groups in society.
Variable Label: Q58d. Govt can prohibit sharing: hate speech.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q58E_LES
Question: Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: News, information, or opinions that criticize or insult the King
Variable Label: Q58e-LES. Government prohibits: news, information, or opinions that criticize, insult King
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
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Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.
Question Number: Q59A
Question: Have you heard about social media, for example, Facebook, Twitter, and WhatsApp?
Variable Label: Q59a. Heard about social media
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q59B
Question: Regardless of whether you personally use social media yourself, please tell me whether you agree or disagree that social media: Makes people more informed about current events?
Variable Label: Q59b. Social media: makes people more informed
Values: 1-5, 7, 8, 9 -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refuse, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion. Interviewer was instructed: If the answer to Q59A was “0=No or” “9=Don’t know,” , select 7=NA for all parts B-F and continue to Q60.

Question Number: Q59C
Question: Regardless of whether you personally use social media yourself, please tell me whether you agree or disagree that social media: Makes people more likely to believe false news.
Variable Label: Q59c. Social media: makes people more likely to believe false news.
Values: 1-5, 7, 8, 9 -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refuse, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion. Interviewer was instructed: If the answer to Q59A was “0=No or” “9=Don’t know,” , select 7=NA for all parts B-F and continue to Q60.

Question Number: Q59D
Question: Regardless of whether you personally use social media yourself, please tell me whether you agree or disagree that social media: Helps people have more impact on political processes?
Variable Label: Q59d. Social media: helps people have more impact on politics.
Values: 1-5, 7, 8, 9 -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refuse, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion. Interviewer was instructed: If the answer to Q59A was “0=No or” “9=Don’t know,” , select 7=NA for all parts B-F and continue to Q60.

Question Number: Q59E
Question: Regardless of whether you personally use social media yourself, please tell me whether you agree or disagree that social media: Makes people more intolerant of those who have different political opinions?
Variable Label: Q59e. Social media: makes people more intolerant.
Values: 1-5, 7, 8, 9 -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refuse, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion. Interviewer was instructed: If the answer to Q59A was “0=No or” “9=Don’t know,” , select 7=NA for all parts B-F and continue to Q60.

Question Number: Q59F
Question: Overall, do you think that the effects of social media on society are mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say?
Variable Label: Q59f. Effects of social media on society
Values: 1-5, 7, 8, 9, -1
**Question Number:** Q60  
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.  
Statement 1: Unrestricted access to the Internet and social media helps people to be more informed and active citizens, and should be protected.  
Statement 2: Information shared on the Internet and social media is dividing Basotho, so access should be regulated by government.  
**Variable Label:** Q60. Unrestricted access to the Internet vs regulated access  
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q61  
**Question:** Now let’s talk about how our country should relate to other countries in Southern Africa and the world. Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose statement 1 or Statement 2.  
Statement 1: People living in Southern Africa should be able to move freely across international borders in order to trade or work in other countries.  
Statement 2: In order to protect their own citizens, governments should limit the cross-border movement of people and goods.  
**Variable Label:** Q61. Allow free movement in region vs limit cross-border movement.  
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q62  
**Question:** In your opinion, how easy or difficult is it for people in Southern Africa to cross international borders in order to work or trade in other countries, or haven’t you heard enough to say?  
**Variable Label:** Q62. Difficulty to move across borders  
**Values:** 1-4, 7-9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very difficult, 2=Difficult, 3=Easy, 4=Very easy, 7=Never try, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q63  
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.  
Statement 1: It is important that as an independent nation, we finance development from our own resources, even if it means paying more taxes.  
Statement 2: We should use external loans for the development of the country, even if it increases our indebtedness to foreign countries and institutions.  
**Variable Label:** Q63. Finance development from own resources vs use external loans.  
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking, “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”
**Question Number:** Q64A  
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.  
Statement 1: When other countries give loans or development assistance to Lesotho, they should enforce strict requirements on how the funds are spent.  
Statement 2: When other countries give Lesotho loans or development assistance, they should allow our government to make its own decisions about how to use the resources.  
**Variable Label:** Q64a. Strict spending requirements on external loans vs govt decides  
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking, “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q64B  
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.  
Statement 1: When other countries give loans or development assistance to Lesotho, they should enforce strict requirements to make sure our government promotes democracy and respects human rights.  
Statement 2: Even if other countries give Lesotho loans or development assistance, our government should make its own decisions about democracy and human rights.  
**Variable Label:** Q64b. Strict democracy conditions on external loans vs govt decides.  
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking, “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q65A  
**Question:** To your knowledge, does China give loans or development assistance to our country’s government, or haven’t you had a chance to hear about this?  
**Variable Label:** Q65a. Know if country receives assistance from China  
**Values:** 0, 1, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8  
**Note:** Interviewer was instructed that if the response to Q65A was 0=No or 9=DK they should select code 7=Not applicable.

**Question Number:** Q65B  
**Question:** Do you think that our government is required to repay China for the loans and development assistance it provides to Lesotho, or haven’t you heard enough to say?  
**Variable Label:** Q65b. Government required to repay China for loans.  
**Values:** 0, 1, 7, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8  
**Note:** Interviewer was instructed that if the response to Q65A was 0=No or 9=DK they should select code 7=Not applicable.

**Question Number:** Q65C  
**Question:** Do you think our government has borrowed too much money from China, or haven’t you heard enough to say?  
**Variable Label:** Q65c. Government borrowed too much money from China  
**Values:** 0, 1, 7, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8  
**Note:** Interviewer was instructed that if the response to Q65A was 0=No or 9=DK they should select code 7=Not applicable.

**Question Number:** Q65D  
**Question:** When the government of China gives loans or development assistance to Lesotho, do you think they put more requirements or fewer requirements on our government compared to other donor countries, or haven’t you heard enough to say?
Variable Label: Q65d. China puts more or less conditions on assistance.
Values: 0-4, 7, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Far fewer requirements, 1=Somewhat fewer requirements, 2=About the same number of requirements, 3=Somewhat more requirements, 4=Many more requirements, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q66
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: In order to develop, our country must rely on trade with the rest of the world, including by opening our borders to foreign imports.
Statement 2: In order to develop, our country must rely on local production and protect local producers from foreign competition.
Variable Label: Q66. Open trade for development vs protect local producers.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q67
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: The government should only allow citizens and companies of our own country to trade in consumer goods, even if this means we will have fewer goods or higher prices.
Statement 2: The government should continue to permit foreigners and foreign corporations to set up retail shops in this country to ensure we have a wide choice of low-cost consumer goods.
Variable Label: Q67. Only nationals trade vs allow foreigners to trade.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q68
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: Communities are stronger when they are made up of people from different ethnic groups, races, or religions.
Statement 2: Communities are stronger when they are made up of people who are similar to each other, that is, people from the same ethnic group, race, or religion.
Variable Label: Q68. Diverse communities stronger vs similar communities stronger.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q69A
Question: In your opinion, which of the following countries, if any, would be the best model for the future development of our country, or is there some other country in Africa or elsewhere, that should be our model?
Variable Label: Q69a. Best country model for development
Values: 0-7, 340, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=None of these, 1=United States, 2=China, 3=Former colonial power (Britain), 4= Rwanda, 5=South Africa, 6=Ethiopia, 7=We should follow our own country’s model, 340= Botswana, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Question Number: Q69AOTHER
Question: In your opinion, which of the following countries, if any, would be the best model for the future development of our country, or is there some other country in Africa or elsewhere, that should be our model?
Variable Label: Q69aother. Best model for the development (verbatim)
Values: String variable
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q69B
Question: How much influence do you think China’s economic activities in Lesotho have on our economy, or haven’t you heard enough to say?
Variable Label: Q69b. Influence of China on country
Values: 0, 3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=A little, 2=Some, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q70A
Question: In general, do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following organizations on Lesotho is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say? African Union
Variable Label: Q70a. Influence of organization: African Union
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very negative, 2=Somewhat negative, 3=Neither positive nor negative, 4=Somewhat positive, 5=Very positive, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q70B
Question: In general, do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following organizations on Lesotho is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say? SADC
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very negative, 2=Somewhat negative, 3=Neither positive nor negative, 4=Somewhat positive, 5=Very positive, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q70C
Question: In general, do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following organizations on Lesotho is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say? United Nations agencies
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very negative, 2=Somewhat negative, 3=Neither positive nor negative, 4=Somewhat positive, 5=Very positive, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q70D
Question: And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Lesotho is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say? Britain
Variable Label: Q70d. Influence of country: Former colonial power (Britain).
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very negative, 2=Somewhat negative, 3=Neither positive nor negative, 4=Somewhat positive, 5=Very positive, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.
Question Number: Q70E
Question: And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Lesotho is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say? China

Variable Label: Q70e. Influence of country: China.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very negative, 2=Somewhat negative, 3=Neither positive nor negative, 4=Somewhat positive, 5=Very positive, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q70F
Question: And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Lesotho is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say? United States

Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very negative, 2=Somewhat negative, 3=Neither positive nor negative, 4=Somewhat positive, 5=Very positive, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q70G
Question: And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Lesotho is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say? South Africa

Variable Label: Q70g. Influence of country: Regional Superpower (South Africa).
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very negative, 2=Somewhat negative, 3=Neither positive nor negative, 4=Somewhat positive, 5=Very positive, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q70H
Question: And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Lesotho is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say? Russia

Variable Label: Q70h. Influence of country: Russia
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very negative, 2=Somewhat negative, 3=Neither positive nor negative, 4=Somewhat positive, 5=Very positive, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q71
Question: In thinking about the future of the next generation in our country, which of these international languages, if any, do you think is most important for young people to learn?

Variable Label: Q71. Most important international language.
Values: 0-6, 340, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=None of these/No international language needed, 1=English, 2=French, 3=Portuguese, 4=Arabic, 5=Chinese, 6=Kiswahili, 340= Sesotho, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q71OTHER
Question: In thinking about the future of the next generation in our country, which of these international languages, if any, do you think is most important for young people to learn?
**Variable Label:** Q71 other. Most important international language (verbatim).
**Values:** String variable
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q72A
**Question:** Have you heard about climate change, or haven’t you had the chance to hear about this yet?
**Variable Label:** Q72a. Heard about climate change
**Values:** 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7

**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion. Interviewer was instructed to select 7=Not applicable if the response to Q72A was 0=No or 9=Don’t know.

**Question Number:** Q72B
**Question:** Do you think climate change is making life in Lesotho better or worse, or haven’t you heard enough to say?
**Variable Label:** Q72b. Climate change: affecting country
**Values:** 1-5, 7-9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Much better, 2=Somewhat better, 3=Neither/no change/about the same, 4=Somewhat worse, 5=Much worse, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7

**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion. Interviewer was instructed to select 7=Not applicable if the response to Q72A was 0=No or 9=Don’t know.

**Question Number:** Q73
**Question:** Let’s talk for a moment about the kind of society you would like to have in this country. Some people say that, in order to enjoy security from violence in our society, we must limit the amount of freedom that citizens are allowed to enjoy. Others say that political liberty is too important to sacrifice and must always be maintained, even if it threatens the security of the country.

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

Statement 1: Even if faced with threats to public security, people should be free to move about the country at any time of day or night.

Statement 2: When faced with threats to public security, the government should be able to impose curfews and set up special roadblocks to prevent people from moving around.

**Variable Label:** Q73. Free to move when public security threatened vs impose curfews
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7

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

**Question Number:** Q74
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Government should be able to monitor private communications, for example on mobile phones, to make sure that people are not plotting violence.

Statement 2: People should have the right to communicate in private without a government agency reading or listening to what they are saying.

**Variable Label:** Q74. Government should monitor private communication vs right to privacy
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7

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

**Question Number:** Q75
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Freedom of religion and worship are absolute, meaning that government should never limit what is said in a place of worship.

Statement 2: Government should have the power to regulate what is said in places of worship, especially if preachers or congregants threaten public security.
Variable Label: Q75. Absolute freedom of religion vs government regulates what is said
Values: 1, 5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking, “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q76A-LES
Question: For each of the following government organs, please tell me whether you think it performs its duties as a neutral body guided by law, or would you say it makes decisions that favour certain people, parties or interests, or haven’t you heard enough to say? The Police
Variable Label: Q76a-les. Performs duties impartially: Police
Values: 1, 2, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1= Favours particular people, parties or interest, 2= Performs duties as a neutral body, guided only by law, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho
Note: Interviewer read out response options

Question Number: Q76B-LES
Question: For each of the following government organs, please tell me whether you think it performs its duties as a neutral body guided by law, or would you say it makes decisions that favour certain people, parties or interests, or haven’t you heard enough to say? The Directorate on Corruption and Economic Offences or DCEO
Variable Label: Q76b-les. Performs duties impartially: DCEO
Values: 1, 2, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1= Favours particular people, parties or interest, 2= Performs duties as a neutral body, guided only by law, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho
Note: Interviewer read out response options

Question Number: Q76C-LES
Question: For each of the following government organs, please tell me whether you think it performs its duties as a neutral body guided by law, or would you say it makes decisions that favour certain people, parties or interests, or haven’t you heard enough to say? The Courts
Variable Label: Q76c-les. Performs duties impartially: Courts
Values: 1, 2, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1= Favours particular people, parties or interest, 2= Performs duties as a neutral body, guided only by law, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho
Note: Interviewer read out response options

Question Number: Q76D-LES
Question: For each of the following government organs, please tell me whether you think it performs its duties as a neutral body guided by law, or would you say it makes decisions that favour certain people, parties or interests, or haven’t you heard enough to say? The Army
Variable Label: Q76d-les. Performs duties impartially: Army
Values: 1, 2, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1= Favours particular people, parties or interest, 2= Performs duties as a neutral body, guided only by law, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho
Note: Interviewer read out response options

Question Number: Q76E-LES
Question: In your opinion, how involved would you say the Lesotho Defence Forces are in the politics of the country?
Variable Label: Q76e-les. LDF involved in politics of the country
Values: 1-4, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1= Not at all involved, 2= Not very involved, 3= Somewhat involved, 4= Very involved, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking, “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q76F- LES
Question: In your opinion, how involved should the Lesotho Defence Forces be in the political affairs of the country?
Variable Label: Q76f-les. LDF should be involved in political affairs
Values: 1-4, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1= Not at all involved, 2= Not very involved, 3= Somewhat involved, 4= Very involved, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking, “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q77- LES
Question: Over the past 12 months, Lesotho has experienced a long-standing industrial action by teachers demanding higher wages. Do you support or oppose this industrial action by teachers or have you not heard enough to say?
Variable Label: Q77a-les. Supportive of industrial action by teachers
Values: 1-5, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1= Strongly oppose, 2= Somewhat oppose, 3= Neither support nor oppose, 4= Somewhat support, 5= Strongly support, 9=Don’t know/ Have not heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking, “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q77B- LES
Question: In your opinion, how involved should parents be in the resolution of the teachers’ industrial action?
Variable Label: Q77b-les. Parents’ level of involvement in the resolution of the teachers’ industrial action
Values: 1-4, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1= Not at all involved, 2= Not very involved, 3= Somewhat involved, 4= Very involved, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking, “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q78A- LES
Question: Should there be a minimum membership for a political party to be registered with the Independent Electoral Commission or IEC?
Variable Label: Q78a-les. Minimum membership for a political party to be registered with IEC
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0= No, no minimum, 1= Yes, there should be a minimum, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q78B- LES
Question: [If yes to Q78A-LES] What should that minimum be?
Variable Label: Q78b-les. Minimum membership for a political party to be registered with IEC (number)
Values: 1-4, 7, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1= Below 500, 2=500 – 2000, 3=2001 – 3000, 4= Above 3000, 7= Not Applicable [Response to Q78A-LES =0 (no) or 9 (Don’t Know)], 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho
Note: Interviewer coded from response. Options were not read out.

Question Number: Q79A- LES
Question: Currently, Lesotho is considering several proposals that are part of the ongoing constitutional reforms. For each of the following proposals, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with it or have you not heard enough to say? The Prime Minister must be directly elected by the voters, not Parliament.

Variable Label: Q79a-les. Prime Minister must be directly elected by the voters

Values: 1-5, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1= Strongly disagree, 2= Disagree, 3= Neither agree nor disagree, 4= Agree, 5= Strongly agree, 9= Don’t know, -1= Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho

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

Question Number: Q79B- LES

Question: Currently, Lesotho is considering several proposals that are part of the ongoing constitutional reforms. For each of the following proposals, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with it or have you not heard enough to say? Judges should no longer be appointed by the Prime Minister but by the Judicial Service Commission.

Variable Label: Q79b-les. Judges should not be appointed by Prime Minister

Values: 1-5, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1= Strongly disagree, 2= Disagree, 3= Neither agree nor disagree, 4= Agree, 5= Strongly agree, 9= Don’t know, -1= Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho

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

Question Number: Q79C- LES

Question: Currently, Lesotho is considering several proposals that are part of the ongoing constitutional reforms. For each of the following proposals, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with it or have you not heard enough to say? The Prime Minister should no longer have the power to appoint the Head of the Lesotho Defence Force (LDF); Parliament should instead play this role.

Variable Label: Q79c-les. Prime Minister should not have power to appoint Head of LDF

Values: 1-5, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1= Strongly disagree, 2= Disagree, 3= Neither agree nor disagree, 4= Agree, 5= Strongly agree, 9= Don’t know, -1= Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho

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

Question Number: Q79D- LES

Question: Currently, Lesotho is considering several proposals that are part of the ongoing constitutional reforms. For each of the following proposals, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with it or have you not heard enough to say? The King should be allowed to make decisions that he thinks are in the interest of the country, even if they contradict advice of the Prime Minister.

Variable Label: Q79d-les. King should be allowed to make national decisions

Values: 1-5, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1= Strongly disagree, 2= Disagree, 3= Neither agree nor disagree, 4= Agree, 5= Strongly agree, 9= Don’t know, -1= Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho

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

Question Number: Q79E- LES

Question: Currently, Lesotho is considering several proposals that are part of the ongoing constitutional reforms. For each of the following proposals, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with it or have you not heard enough to say? The King should be granted the power to appoint a caretaker government in the event of a No Confidence vote in the Prime Minister.

Variable Label: Q79e-les. King should be granted power to appoint a caretaker government

Values: 1-5, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1= Strongly disagree, 2= Disagree, 3= Neither agree nor disagree, 4= Agree, 5= Strongly agree, 9= Don’t know, -1= Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking, “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”
**Question Number:** Q79F - LES
**Question:** Currently, Lesotho is considering several proposals that are part of the ongoing constitutional reforms. For each of the following proposals, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with it or have you not heard enough to say? Elected Members of Parliament must lose their seats if they leave their party

**Variable Label:** Q79f-les. Members of Parliament must lose seats if they leave their party
**Values:** 1-5, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1= Strongly disagree, 2= Disagree, 3= Neither agree nor disagree, 4= Agree, 5= Strongly agree, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho

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

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**Question Number:** Q79G - LES
**Question:** Currently, Lesotho is considering several proposals that are part of the ongoing constitutional reforms. For each of the following proposals, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with it or have you not heard enough to say? Lesotho’s current electoral system of Mixed Member Proportional should be changed in favour of a full proportional system.

**Variable Label:** Q79g-les. Current electoral system should be changed to full proportional system
**Values:** 1-5, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1= Strongly disagree, 2= Disagree, 3= Neither agree nor disagree, 4= Agree, 5= Strongly agree, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho

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

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**Question Number:** Q80A - LES
**Question:** Let us now talk about the exportation of some natural resources of this country. In your opinion, do you think ordinary Basotho benefit from the export of these natural resources or not? Diamonds

**Variable Label:** Q80a-les. Ordinary Basotho benefit from export of diamonds
**Values:** 1-4; 9; -1
**Value Labels:** 1= Do not benefit at all, 2= Do not benefit much, 3= Somewhat benefit, 4= Benefit a lot, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho

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

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**Question Number:** Q80B - LES
**Question:** Let us now talk about the exportation of some natural resources of this country. In your opinion, do you think ordinary Basotho benefit from the export of these natural resources or not? Water

**Variable Label:** Q80b-les. Ordinary Basotho benefit from export of water
**Values:** 1-4; 9; -1
**Value Labels:** 1= Do not benefit at all, 2= Do not benefit much, 3= Somewhat benefit, 4= Benefit a lot, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho

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

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**Question Number:** Q80C - LES
**Question:** Let us now talk about the exportation of some natural resources of this country. In your opinion, do you think ordinary Basotho benefit from the export of these natural resources or not? Wool

**Variable Label:** Q80c-les. Ordinary Basotho benefit from export of wool
**Values:** 1-4; 9; -1
**Value Labels:** 1= Do not benefit at all, 2= Do not benefit much, 3= Somewhat benefit, 4= Benefit a lot, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8 in Lesotho

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

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**Question Number:** Q81
**Question:** Let’s go back to talking about you. What is your ethnic community, cultural group or tribe?

**Variable Label:** Q81. Ethnic community, cultural group or tribe
**Values:** 340-355, 9990, 9995, 9998, 9999, -1
**Value Labels:** 340= Mokoena, 341= Motaung, 342= Mohlakoana / Matebang, 343= Mofokeng, 344= Mosiea, 345= Motsoeneng, 346= Motloung, 347= Lephuthing, 348= Mophuthi, 349= Motlokoa, 350= Letebele, 351= Letebele, 352= Lekhoakhoa, 353= Mokubung, 354= Mothepu, 355= Mokhatla, 9990= Mosotho only or doesn’t think in those terms, 9995= Other, 9998= Refused, 9999= Don’t know, -1= Missing

**Source:** SAB

**Note:** Interviewer was instructed: “Do NOT read options. Code from response. If respondent does not identify any group on this question – that is, if they REFUSE to answer (9998), DON’T KNOW (9999) or mention “Basotho only (9990)” – then select 7= Not applicable for Q82A and Q82B and continue to Q82C.”

**Question Number:** Q81 OTHER

**Question:** Let us get back to talking about you. What is your ethnic community, cultural group or tribe?

**Variable Label:** Q81other. Ethnic community, cultural group or tribe (verbatim)

**Values:** String variable

**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q82A

**Question:** How often, if ever, are ________s [R’s Ethnic Group] treated unfairly by the government?

**Variable Label:** Q82a. Ethnic group treated unfairly by government

**Values:** 0-3, 7-9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0= Never, 1= Sometimes, 2= Often, 3= Always, 7= Not applicable, 8= Refused, 9= Don’t know, -1= Missing

**Source:** SAB

**Note:** Interviewer was instructed: “If response to Q81 was 9990= Mosotho only, 9998= Refused, or 9999= DK, select 7= Not applicable for Q82A and Q82B and continue to Q82C.”

**Question Number:** Q82B

**Question:** Let us suppose that you had to choose between being a Mosotho and being a ________ [R’s Ethnic Group]. Which of the following statements best expresses your feelings?

**Variable Label:** Q82b. Ethnic or national identity

**Values:** 1-5, 7-9, -1

**Value Labels:** 1= I feel only (R’s ethnic group), 2= I feel more (R’s ethnic group) than Mosotho, 3= I feel equally Mosotho and (R’s ethnic group), 4= I feel more Mosotho than (R’s ethnic group), 5= I feel only Mosotho 7= Not applicable, 8= Refused, 9= Don’t know, -1= Missing

**Source:** SAB

**Note:** Interviewer was instructed: “If response to Q81 was 9990= Mosotho only, 9998= Refused, or 9999= DK, select 7= Not applicable for Q82B and continue to Q82C.”

**Question Number:** Q82C

**Question:** Do you feel comfortable: speaking your mother tongue in public?

**Variable Label:** Q82c. Comfortable: speaking mother tongue in public

**Values:** 0, 1, 7, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0= No, 1= Yes, 7= Not applicable, 8= Refused, 9= Don’t know, -1= Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Note:** For code 7= Not applicable, interviewers were instructed: “Use only if respondent volunteers e.g. that they do not speak their mother tongue, or that they do not have a traditional or cultural dress.”

**Question Number:** Q82D

**Question:** Do you feel comfortable: wearing your traditional or cultural dress in public?

**Variable Label:** Q82d. Comfortable: wearing traditional or cultural dress in public.

**Values:** 0, 1, 7, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0= No, 1= Yes, 7= Not applicable, 8= Refused, 9= Don’t know, -1= Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Note:** For code 7= Not applicable, interviewers were instructed: “Use only if respondent volunteers e.g. that they do not speak their mother tongue, or that they do not have a traditional or cultural dress.”

**Question Number:** Q83

**Question:** Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you must be very careful in dealing with people?
Variable Label: Q83. Most people can be trusted
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Must be very careful, 1=Most people can be trusted, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q84A
Question: In the past year, how often, if ever, have you personally been treated unfairly by other Basotho based on: your economic status, that is, how rich or poor you are?
Variable Label: Q84a. Unfair treatment by other people based on economic status.
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q84B
Question: In the past year, how often, if ever, have you personally been treated unfairly by other Basotho based on: your religion?
Variable Label: Q84b. Unfair treatment by other people based on religion.
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q84C
Question: In the past year, how often, if ever, have you personally been treated unfairly by other Basotho based on: your ethnicity?
Variable Label: Q84c. Unfair treatment by other people based on ethnicity.
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q85
Question: Basotho are very diverse. They come from different religions, ethnic groups, political parties, and economic and social backgrounds. Overall, would you say that there is more that unites all Basotho as one people, or more that divides them?
Variable Label: Q85. More that unites or more that divides people
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Much more that divides us, 2=Somewhat more that divides us, 3=Somewhat more that unites us, 4=Much more that unites us, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q86A
Question: For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: People of a different religion.
Variable Label: Q86a. Neighbours: people of different religion
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly dislike, 2=Somewhat dislike, 3=Would not care, 4=Somewhat like, 5=Strongly like, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.
Question Number: Q86B
Question: For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: People from other ethnic groups.
Variable Label: Q86b. Neighbours: people of different ethnicity
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly dislike, 2=Somewhat dislike, 3=Would not care, 4=Somewhat like, 5=Strongly like, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q86C
Question: For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: Homosexuals.
Variable Label: Q86c. Neighbours: homosexuals
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly dislike, 2=Somewhat dislike, 3=Would not care, 4=Somewhat like, 5=Strongly like, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q86D
Question: For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: Immigrants or foreign workers.
Variable Label: Q86d. Neighbours: immigrants and foreign workers
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly dislike, 2=Somewhat dislike, 3=Would not care, 4=Somewhat like, 5=Strongly like, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q86E
Question: For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: People who support a different political party.
Variable Label: Q86e. Neighbours: people who support a different political party
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly dislike, 2=Somewhat dislike, 3=Would not care, 4=Somewhat like, 5=Strongly like, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q87A
Question: Now let’s talk about traditional leaders and their role in politics and government in this country.
How much influence do traditional leaders currently have in each of the following areas: Governing your local community?
Variable Label: Q87a. Influence of traditional leaders: governing your local community?
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=None, 2=A small amount, 3=Some, 4=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q87B
Question: How much influence do traditional leaders currently have in each of the following areas: Allocating land?
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=None, 2=A small amount, 3=Some, 4=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
**Question Number:** Q87C
**Question:** How much influence do traditional leaders currently have in each of the following areas: Influencing how people in their communities vote?
**Variable Label:** Q87c. Influence of traditional leaders: votes
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=None, 2=A small amount, 3=Some, 4=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q87D
**Question:** How much influence do traditional leaders currently have in each of the following areas: Solving local disputes?
**Variable Label:** Q87d. Influence of traditional leaders: solving disputes.
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=None, 2=A small amount, 3=Some, 4=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q87E
**Question:** Do you think that the amount of influence traditional leaders have in governing your local community should increase, stay the same, or decrease?
**Variable Label:** Q87e. Traditional leaders more or less influence.
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Decrease a lot, 2=Decrease somewhat, 3=Stay the same, 4=Increase somewhat, 5=Increase a lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q88
**Question:** Which of these statements is closest to your own opinion?
Statement 1: Traditional leaders mostly look out for what is best for the people in their communities.
Statement 2: Traditional leaders mostly serve the interests of politicians and government officials.
Statement 3: Traditional leaders mostly look out for their own personal interests.
**Variable Label:** Q88. Who traditional leaders serve
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Do not agree with any of these statements, 1=Statement 3, 2=Statement 2, 3=Statement 1, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q89A
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: Traditional leaders have a better grasp of political issues than ordinary people; they should give their people advice about how to vote.
Statement 2: Traditional leaders should stay out of politics and leave people to make their own decisions about how to vote.
**Variable Label:** Q89a. Traditional leaders advise on vote vs stay out of politics.
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q89B
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: Traditional leaders are mostly in competition with elected leaders for resources, power and influence.
Statement 2: Traditional leaders mostly work in cooperation with elected leaders to get things done.
**Variable Label:** Q89b. Traditional leaders in competition with elected leaders vs cooperation.
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1
**Question Number:** Q90  
**Question:** Some people think that because traditional leaders are not elected, they are bad for democracy, but other people think that traditional leaders can work together with elected leaders to make democracy work better. What about you? Do you think that traditional leaders strengthen democracy, weaken democracy, or don’t make a difference?  
**Variable Label:** Q90. Traditional leaders bad or good for democracy  
**Values:** 1-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Weaken democracy, 2=Don’t make a difference, 3=Strengthen democracy, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q91A  
**Question:** Do you feel close to any particular political party?  
**Variable Label:** Q91a. Close to political party  
**Values:** 0, 1, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, does not feel close to any party, 1=Yes, feels close to a party, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Zambia 96

**Question Number:** Q91B  
**Question:** Which party is that?  
**Variable Label:** Q91b. Which party  
**Values:** 340-354, 9995, 9997-9999, -1  
**Value Labels:** 340=Democratic Congress (DC), 341=All Basotho Convention (ABC), 342=Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD), 343=Basotho National Party (BNP), 344=Popular Front for Democracy (PFD), 345=National Independent Party (NIP), 346=Lesotho People’s Congress (LPC), 347=Basotho Democratic National Party (BDNP), 348=Marematio Freedom Party (MFP), 349=Basotho Congress Party (BCP), 350=Basotho Batho Democratic Party (BBDP), 351=Lesotho Workers’ Party (LWP), 352=Alliance of Democrats (AD), 353=Movement for Economic Change (MEC), 354=Reformed Congress of Lesotho (RCL), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Zambia 96  
**Note:** Interviewer was instructed to select code 9997=Not applicable if the response to Q91A was 0=No, 9=Don’t know, or 8=Refused to answer.

**Question Number:** Q91BOTHER  
**Question:** Which party is that?  
**Variable Label:** Q91bother. Which party (verbatim)  
**Values:** String variable  
**Source:** Zambia 96

**Question Number:** Q92A  
**Question:** Which of these things do you personally own? [If no, ask:] Does anyone else in your household own one: Radio?  
**Variable Label:** Q92a. Own radio  
**Values:** 0-2, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No one in household owns, 1=Yes, someone else in household owns, 2=Yes, personally owns, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q92B  
**Question:** Which of these things do you personally own? [If no, ask:] Does anyone else in your household own one: Television?
**Variable Label:** Q92b. Own television  
**Values:** 0-2, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No one in household owns, 1=Yes, someone else in household owns, 2=Yes, personally owns, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q92C  
**Question:** Which of these things do you personally own? [If no, ask:] Does anyone else in your household own one: Motor vehicle or motorcycle?  
**Variable Label:** Q92c. Own motor vehicle, car, or motorcycle  
**Values:** 0-2, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No one in household owns, 1=Yes, someone else in household owns, 2=Yes, personally owns, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q92D  
**Question:** Which of these things do you personally own? [If no, ask:] Does anyone else in your household own one: Computer?  
**Variable Label:** Q92d. Own computer  
**Values:** 0-2, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No one in household owns, 1=Yes, someone else in household owns, 2=Yes, personally owns, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q92E  
**Question:** Which of these things do you personally own? [If no, ask:] Does anyone else in your household own one: Bank account?  
**Variable Label:** Q92e. Own bank account  
**Values:** 0-2, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No one in household owns, 1=Yes, someone else in household owns, 2=Yes, personally owns, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q92F  
**Question:** Which of these things do you personally own? [If no, ask:] Does anyone else in your household own one: Mobile phone?  
**Variable Label:** Q92f. Own mobile phone  
**Values:** 0-2, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No one in household owns, 1=Yes, someone else in household owns, 2=Yes, personally owns, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3

**Question Number:** Q92G  
**Question:** Does your phone have access to the internet?  
**Variable Label:** Q92g. Mobile phone access to internet  
**Values:** 0, 1, 7-9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, does not have internet access, 1=Yes, has internet access, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 3  
**Note:** Interviewer was instructed to ask this question if the respondent answered “Yes, personally owns” to Q92F and to select 7=Not applicable if they did not.

**Question Number:** Q92H  
**Question:** How often do you use: A mobile phone?  
**Variable Label:** Q92h. How often use a mobile phone  
**Values:** 0-4, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Question Number: Q92I
Question: How often do you use: The Internet?
Variable Label: Q92I. How often use the internet
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -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, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q93A
Question: What is your main source of water for household use?
Variable Label: Q93a. Source of water for household use
Values: 1-13, 95, 98, 99, -1
Value Labels: Piped water into dwelling, 2=Piped water into yard, plot or compound, 3=Public tap or standpipe, 4=Tubewell or borehole, 5=Protected dug well, 6=Unprotected dug well, 7=Protected spring, 8=Unprotected spring, 9=Rainwater collection, 10=Bottled water, 11=Purchased from a cart with a small tank or drum, 12=Purchased from a tanker truck, 13=Surface water, like a river, dam, lake, pone, stream, canal or irrigation channel, 95=Other, 98=Refused, 99=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: UNICEF

Question Number: Q93B
Question: Do you have a toilet, water closet or latrine available for your use? [If yes] Is it inside your house, inside your compound, or outside your compound, or is there none available?
Variable Label: Q93b. Location of toilet or latrine
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, none available, 1=Yes, inside the house, 2=Yes, inside the compound, 3=Yes, outside the compound, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

Question Number: Q94A
Question: Do you have an electric connection to your home from the national power grid?
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5
Note: Interviewer was instructed: “If it is 100% clear that there is no electricity supply to the home, e.g. in an unserved rural area, do not ask this question. Just select 0=No electricity supply and continue to the next question.”

Question Number: Q94B
Question: How often is electricity actually available from this connection?
Variable Label: Q94b. Electricity available from mains.
Values: 1-5, 7, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Never, 2=Occasionally, 3=About half of the time, 4=Most of the time, 5=All of the time, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer was instructed to select code 7=Not applicable if the response to Q94A was 0=No or 9=Don’t know.

Question Number: Q94C
Question: Does your house use electric power from any source other than the Lesotho Electricity Company?
Variable Label: Q94c. Other source of electricity: available.
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
**Question Number:** Q94D
**Question:** What is the source of the electricity for this connection?
**Variable Label:** Q94d. Other source of electricity: type.
**Values:** 1-6, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Batteries or power bank, 2=Generator, 3=Solar panels, 4=Wind power, 5=Hydro power, 6=Biogas, 95=Other, 96=Multiple sources, 97=Not applicable, 98=Refused, 99=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8
**Note:** Interviewer was instructed to select code 97=Not applicable if the response to Q94C was 0=No or 9=Don’t know.

**Question Number:** Q94E
**Question:** Is the electricity source owned by your household, or does it come from outside of your household?
**Variable Label:** Q94e. Other source of electricity: owner
**Values:** 1-3, 7, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Owned by household, 2=Owned outside household, 3=Get power from sources both within and outside of household, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8
**Note:** Interviewer was instructed to select code 7=Not applicable if the response to Q94C was 0=No or 9=Don’t know.

**Question Number:** Q95A
**Question:** Do you have a job that pays a cash income? [If yes, ask] Is it full-time or part-time? [If no, ask:] Are you presently looking for a job?
**Variable Label:** Q95a. Employment status
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, not looking, 1=No, looking, 2=Yes, part time, 3=Yes, full time, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

**Question Number:** Q95B
**Question:** If you have paid employment, that is, regular employment for which you receive something like an hourly wage or a regular salary, are you required to pay an income tax, that is, a tax deducted from your wages by your employer?
**Variable Label:** Q95b. Required to pay an income tax
**Values:** 0, 1, 7, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, am not required to pay, 1=Yes, am required to pay, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8
**Note:** Interviewer was instructed: “If respondent answered 0=No (not looking), 1=No (looking), or 9=DK to Q95A, select 7=Not applicable for this question and continue to Q95C.”

**Question Number:** Q95C
**Question:** What is your main occupation? [If unemployed, retired, or disabled, ask:] What was your last main occupation?
**Variable Label:** Q95c. Occupation of respondent
**Values:** 0-12, 95, 98, 99, -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, 7=Artisan or skilled manual worker, 8=Clerical or secretarial, 9=Supervisor/foreman/senior manager, 10=Security services, 11=Mid-level professional, 12=Upper-level professional, 95=Other, 98=Refused, 99=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q95COTHER
**Question:** What is your main occupation? [If unemployed, retired, or disabled, ask:] What was your last main occupation?
**Variable Label:** Q95cother. Occupation of respondent (verbatim)
**Values:** String variable
Question Number: Q95D
Question: [If respondent has an occupation, i.e. responses on Q95B other than 0=Never had a job, 1=Student, 2=Housewife / Homemaker, ask:] Do you work for yourself, for someone else in the private sector or the non-governmental sector, or for government? [If respondent indicated in previous question that they were unemployed, retired or disabled, ask:] In your last job, did you work for yourself, for someone else in the private sector or the non-governmental sector, or for government?
Variable Label: Q95d. Employer of respondent
Values: 1-4, 7-9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Works for self, 2=Private sector, 3=Non-governmental organizations or civil society sector, 4=Government, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7
Note: Interviewer was instructed to select code 7=Not applicable if answer to Q95B was 0=never had a job, 1= student, or 2=homemaker.

Question Number: Q96A
Question: What is the main way that decisions are made about how to use any money that you have or earn, for example from a job, a business, selling things or other activities?
Variable Label: Q96a. Who decides how money is used?
Values: 1-9, -1
Value Labels: 1=You make the decisions yourself, 2=Your spouse makes the decisions, 3=You make the decisions jointly with your spouse, 4=You make the decisions jointly with other family members, 5=Other family members make the decisions without you, 6=None of the above/Some other response, 7=Not applicable, no earnings, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

Question Number: Q96B
Question: Who is the head of this household, that is, the person who has primary responsibility for making decisions on behalf of the household?
Variable Label: Head of household
Values: 1-12, 98, 99, -1
Value Labels: 1=You (respondent), 2=Respondent’s spouse, 3=Respondent’s father, 4=Respondent’s mother, 5=Respondent’s son, 6=Respondent’s daughter, 7=Respondent’s grandfather, 8=Respondent’s grandmother, 9=Another male relative, 10=Another female relative, 11=Someone else, 12=More than one person, 98=Refused, 99=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

Question Number: Q96C
Question: If respondent is not the head of household, i.e. if the response to 96B was NOT 1=You (respondent) or 99=Don’t know, ask:] What is the main occupation of the head of the household? [If unemployed, retired or disabled, ask:] What was his/her last main occupation?
Variable Label: Q96c. Occupation of head of household
Values: 0-12, 95, 97-99, -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, 7=Artisan or skilled manual worker, 8=Clerical or secretarial, 9=Supervisor/foreman/senior manager, 10=Security services, 11=Mid-level professional, 12=Upper-level professional, 95=Other, 97=Not applicable (respondent is head of household), 98=Refused, 99=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7
Note: Interviewer was instructed to ask this question only if the response to Q96A was not 1=You (respondent) or 99=Don’t know and to select 97=Not applicable if it was.

Question Number: Q97
Question: What is your highest level of education?
Variable Label: Q97. Education of respondent
Values: 0-9, 98, 99, -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, 7=Some university, 8=University completed, 9=Post-graduate, 98=Refused, 99=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q98A
**Question:** What is your religion, if any?
**Variable Label:** Q98. Religion of respondent
**Values:** 0-34, 340, 9995, 9998, 9999, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=None, 1=Christian only (i.e., respondent 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=Mormon, 18=Muslim only (i.e., respondent says only “Muslim,” without identifying a specific sub-group), 19=Sunni only (i.e., respondent says only “Sunni Muslim,” without identifying a specific sub-group), 20=Ismoeli, 21=Moumidya Brotherhood, 22=Tijaniya Brotherhood, 23=Qadiriya Brotherhood, 24=Sia, 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, 340=Apostolic Church, 9995=Other, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q98AOTHER
**Question:** What is your religion, if any?
**Variable Label:** Q98aother. Religion of respondent (verbatim)
**Values:** String variable

**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q98B
**Question:** How often, if ever, are _________s [Respondent’s religious group] treated unfairly by government?
**Variable Label:** Q98b. Religious groups treated unfairly by government
**Values:** 0-3, 7, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Note:** Interviwer was instructed: “If respondent did not identify any religion on Q98A – that is, IF they said 0=None, 9998=Refused, or 9999=Don’t know – then select 7 = Not applicable for Q98B and continue to Q99.”

**Question Number:** Q99
**Question:** If general elections were held tomorrow, which party’s candidate would you vote for?
**Variable Label:** Q99. Vote for which party
**Values:** 340-355, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

**Value Labels:** 340=Democratic Congress (DC), 341=All Basotho Convention (ABC), 342=Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD), 343=Basotho National Party (BNP), 344=Popular Front for Democracy (PFD), 345=National Independent Party (NIP), 346=Lesotho People’s Congress (LPC), 347=Basotho Democratic National Party (BDNP), 348=Marematsion Freedom Party (MFP), 349=Basotho Congress Party (BCP), 350=Basotho Batho Democratic Party (BBDP), 351=Lesotho Workers’ Party (LWP), 352=Alliance of Democrats (AD), 353=Movement for Economic Change (MEC), 354=Reformed Congress of Lesotho (RCL), 355=Socialist Revolution Party, 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Zambia 96

**Question Number:** Q99OTHER
**Question:** If general elections were held tomorrow, which party’s candidate would you vote for?
**Variable Label:** Q99other. Vote for which party (verbatim)
**Values:** String variable
**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 Advision Lesotho [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, 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, 9995, 9999  
**Value Labels:** 1 = Black/African, 2 = White/European, 3 = Coloured/Mixed race, 4 = Arab/Lebanese/North African, 5 = South Asian (Indian, Pakistani, etc.), 6 = East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Indonesian, etc.), 9995 = Other, 9999 = Don’t know  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q102OTHER  
**Question:** Respondent’s race  
**Variable Label:** Q102other. Race of respondent (verbatim)  
**Values:** String variable  
**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, 340, 9995  
**Value Labels:** 1 = English, 340 = Sesotho, 9995 = Other  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer
**Question Number:** Q103OTHER  
**Question:** What was the primary language used in the interview?  
**Variable Label:** Q103other. Language of interview (verbatim)  
**Values:** String variable  
**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  
**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  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**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:** 1-10  
**Value Labels:** 1=Metal, aluminum, tin, or zinc, 2=Tiles, 3=Shingles, 4=Thatch or grass, 5=Plastic sheets, 6=Asbestos, 7=Multiple materials, 8=Concrete, 9=Some other material, 10=Coulid not tell/could not see  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**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  
**Value Labels:** 1=No one, 2=Spouse only, 3=Children only, 4=A few others, 5=Small crowd  
**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  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes  
**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  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes  
**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  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes  
**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
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes
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
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes
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
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Few, 2=Some, 3=Most, 4=All
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
Value Labels: 1=Friendly, 2=In between, 3=Hostile
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
Value Labels: 1=Interested, 2=In between, 3=Bored
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
Value Labels: 1=Cooperative, 2=In between, 3=Uncooperative
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
Value Labels: 1=Patient, 2=In between, 3=Impatient
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  
**Value Labels:** 1=At ease, 2=In between, 3=Suspicious  
**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  
**Value Labels:** 1=Honest, 2=In between, 3=Misleading  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q112  
**Question:** Interviewer's number  
**Variable Label:** Q112. Interviewer number  
**Values:** LES10-LES33  
**Value Labels:** String variable  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q113  
**Question:** Interviewer's age  
**Variable Label:** Q113. Interviewer's age  
**Values:** 25-54  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

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

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

**Question Number:** Q116  
**Question:** Interviewer's home language  
**Variable Label:** Q116. Interviewer's home language  
**Values:** 1, 340-342, 9995  
**Value Labels:** 1=English, 340= Sesotho, 341= Sephuthi, 342= Sethepu, 9995=Other  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer
**Question Number:** Q116OTHER
**Question:** Interviewer’s home language
**Variable Label:** Q116other. Interviewer’s home language (verbatim)
**Values:** String variable
**Source:** SAB
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q117
**Question:** Interviewer’s ethnic group/tribe:
**Variable Label:** Q117. Interviewer’s ethnic group or tribe
**Values:** 340-355, 9995, 9998, 9999, -1
**Value Labels:** 340= Mokoena, 341= Motaung, 342= Mohlakoana / Motebang, 343= Mofokeng, 344= Mosiea, 345= Motsoeneng, 346= Motloung, 347= Lephuthing, 348= Mophuthi, 349= Motlokoa, 350= Letebele, 351= Letebele, 352= Lekhoakhoa, 353= Mokubung, 354= Mothepeu, 355= Mokhatla, 9995=Other, -1=Missing
**Source:** SAB
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q118
**Question:** Interviewer’s highest level of education
**Variable Label:** Q118. Interviewer’s education
**Values:** 3-9
**Value Labels:** 3=Primary school completed, 4=Some secondary school/high school, 5=Secondary school/high school completed, 6=Post-secondary qualifications, other than university, 7=Some university, 8=University completed, 9=Post graduate
**Source:** SAB
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

**Question Number:** Q119_1
**Question:** Which Lesotho languages do you speak?
**Variable Label:** Q119. Other spoken languages_first
**Values:** 1, 340-342, 9995
**Value Labels:** 1=English, 340= Sesotho, 341= Sephuthi, 342= Sethepu, 9995=Other
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7
**Note:** Answered by interviewer. Interviewer was instructed to tick all that apply.

**Question Number:** Q119_2
**Question:** Which Lesotho languages do you speak?
**Variable Label:** Q119. Other spoken languages_second
**Values:** 1, 340-342, 9995, 9996
**Value Labels:** 1=English, 340= Sesotho, 341= Sephuthi, 342= Sethepu, 9995=Other, 9996= No further response
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7
**Note:** Answered by interviewer. Interviewer was instructed to tick all that apply.

**Question Number:** Q119_3
**Question:** Which Lesotho languages do you speak?
**Variable Label:** Q119. Other spoken languages_third
**Values:** 1, 340-342, 9995, 9996
**Value Labels:** 1=English, 340= Sesotho, 341= Sephuthi, 342= Sethepu, 9995=Other, 9996= No further response
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7
Note: Answered by interviewer. Interviewer was instructed to tick all that apply.

Question Number: Q119_4
Question: Which Lesotho languages do you speak?
Variable Label: Q119. Other spoken languages_fourth
Values: 1, 340-342, 9995, 9996
Value Labels: 1=English, 340= Sesotho, 341= Sephuthi, 342= Sethepu, 9995=Other, 9996= No further response
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7
Note: Answered by interviewer. Interviewer was instructed to tick all that apply.

Question Number: Q119OTHER
Question: Which Lesotho languages do you speak?
Variable Label: Q119other. Other spoken languages (verbatim)
Values: String variable
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: withinwt_ea
Variable Label: within country weighting factor, weights to EA level ("old AB withinwt")
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).

Question Number: withinwt_hh
Variable Label: within country weighting factor, weights to HH level ("new AB withinwt")
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, enumeration area and ADULT_CT).

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