

AFRO **BAROMETER**

Data Codebook

for a

Round 8 Afrobarometer Survey

in

Liberia

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Question Number: RESPNO
Question: Respondent number
Variable Label: Respondent number
Values: LIB0001-LIB1200
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
Value Labels: 1=Urban, 2=Rural
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: REGION
Question: Region/Province
Variable Label: Province or region
Values: 380=Bassa, 381=Bomi, 382=Bong, 383=Cape Mount, 384=Gbarpolu, 385=Grand Gedeh, 386=Grand Kru, 387=Lofa, 388=Margibi, 389=Maryland, 390=Montserrado, 391=Nimba, 392=River Cess, 393=Rivercess, 394=Sinoe
Value Labels:
Note: Answered by interviewer

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

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

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

Question Number: EA_SVC_C
Question: Are the following services present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area: Sewage system that most houses could access?
Variable Label: EA-SVC-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. Cell phone service in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can't determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_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

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: NOCALL_3

Question: Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 3

Variable Label: Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 3

Values: 1-8, 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

Question Number: DATEINTR

Question: Date of interview

Variable Label: Date of interview

Values: 19.10.20 – 25.11.20

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

Question Number: STRTIME

Question: Time interview started

Variable Label: Time interview started

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

Question Number: Q1

Question: How old are you?

Variable Label: Q1. Age

Values: 18-89, 998, 999, -1

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

Question Number: Q2

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

Variable Label: Q2. Language spoken in home

Values: 1, 380-396, 9995, 9998, 9999

Value Labels: 1=English, 380=Bassa, 381=Belle, 382=Dei, 383=Gbandi, 384=Gio, 385=Gola, 386=Grebo, 387=Kissi, 388=Kpelle, 389=Krahn, 390=Kru, 391=Lorma, 392=Mandingo, 393=Mano, 394=Mende, 395=Vai, 396=Liberian English, 9995=Other, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don't know

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 without pressure

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 – Not asked

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 House of Representatives?

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 2017: 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 2017: Did any representative of a political party contact you during the campaign?

Variable Label: Q15c. Last national election: contacted by representative of political party

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: 380-410, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

Value Labels: 380=National Reformation Party (NRP), 381=Free Democratic Party (FDP), 382=Alliance of Peace and Democracy (APD) – UPP & LPP, 383=National Democratic Coalition (NDC), 384=Liberty Party (LP), 385=True Whig Party (TWP), 386=Unity Party (UP), 387=National Democratic Party of Liberia (NDPL), 388=Union of Liberian Democrats (ULD), 389=Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC), 390=Liberia Destiny Party (LDP), 391=Progressive Democratic Party (PRODEM), 392=Movement for Economic Empowerment (MOVEE), 393=All Liberia Coalition Party (ALCOP), 394=Liberia Reconstruction Party (LRP), 395=National Union for Democratic Progress (NUDP), 396=National Vision Party of Liberia (NATVIPOL), 397=Progressive People's Party (PPP), 398=Movement for Progressive Change (MPC), 399=Original Congress Party (OCP), 400=Victory for Change (VCP), 401=Majority Party of Liberia (MAPOL), 402=Grassroot Democratic Party of Liberia (GDPL), 403=Citizens Unification Party (CUP), 404=Freedown Alliance Party of Liberia (FAPL), 405=Liberia Empowerment Party (LEP), 406=Liberia Transformation Party (TPL), 407=National Social Democratic Party of Liberia, 408=All Liberian Party (ALP), 409=People Unification Party (PUP), 410=Alternative National Congress (ANC), 9995=Other, 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: 380-410, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

Value Labels: 380=National Reformation Party (NRP), 381=Free Democratic Party (FDP), 382=Alliance of Peace and Democracy (APD) – UPP & LPP, 383=National Democratic Coalition (NDC), 384=Liberty Party (LP), 385=True Whig Party (TWP), 386=Unity Party (UP), 387=National Democratic Party of Liberia (NDPL), 388=Union of Liberian Democrats (ULD), 389=Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC), 390=Liberia Destiny Party (LDP), 391=Progressive Democratic Party (PRODEM), 392=Movement for Economic Empowerment

(MOVEE), 393=All Liberia Coalition Party (ALCOP), 394=Liberia Reconstruction Party (LRP), 395=National Union for Democratic Progress (NUDP), 396=National Vision Party of Liberia (NATVIPOL), 397=Progressive People's Party (PPP), 398=Movement for Progressive Change (MPC), 399=Original Congress Party (OCP), 400=Victory for Change (VCP), 401=Majority Party of Liberia (MAPOL), 402=Grassroot Democratic Party of Liberia (GDPL), 403=Citizens Unification Party (CUP), 404=Freedowm Alliance Party of Liberia (FAPL), 405=Liberia Empowerment Party (LEP), 406=Liberia Transformation Party (TPL), 407=National Social Democratic Party of Liberia, 408=All Liberian Party (ALP), 409=People Unification Party (PUP), 410=Alternative National Congress (ANC), 9995=Other, 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: 380-410, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

Value Labels: 380=National Reformation Party (NRP), 381=Free Democratic Party (FDP), 382=Alliance of Peace and Democracy (APD) – UPP & LPP, 383=National Democratic Coalition (NDC), 384=Liberty Party (LP), 385=True Whig Party (TWP), 386=Unity Party (UP), 387=National Democratic Party of Liberia (NDPL), 388=Union of Liberian Democrats (ULD), 389=Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC), 390=Liberia Destiny Party (LDP), 391=Progressive Democratic Party (PRODEM), 392=Movement for Economic Empowerment (MOVEE), 393=All Liberia Coalition Party (ALCOP), 394=Liberia Reconstruction Party (LRP), 395=National Union for Democratic Progress (NUDP), 396=National Vision Party of Liberia (NATVIPOL), 397=Progressive People's Party (PPP), 398=Movement for Progressive Change (MPC), 399=Original Congress Party (OCP), 400=Victory for Change (VCP), 401=Majority Party of Liberia (MAPOL), 402=Grassroot Democratic Party of Liberia (GDPL), 403=Citizens Unification Party (CUP), 404=Freedowm Alliance Party of Liberia (FAPL), 405=Liberia Empowerment Party (LEP), 406=Liberia Transformation Party (TPL), 407=National Social Democratic Party of Liberia, 408=All Liberian Party (ALP), 409=People Unification Party (PUP), 410=Alternative National Congress (ANC), 9995=Other, 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: 380-410, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

Value Labels: 380=National Reformation Party (NRP), 381=Free Democratic Party (FDP), 382=Alliance of Peace and Democracy (APD) – UPP & LPP, 383=National Democratic Coalition (NDC), 384=Liberty Party (LP), 385=True Whig Party (TWP), 386=Unity Party (UP), 387=National Democratic Party of Liberia (NDPL), 388=Union of Liberian Democrats (ULD), 389=Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC), 390=Liberia Destiny Party (LDP), 391=Progressive Democratic Party (PRODEM), 392=Movement for Economic Empowerment (MOVEE), 393=All Liberia Coalition Party (ALCOP), 394=Liberia Reconstruction Party (LRP), 395=National Union for Democratic Progress (NUDP), 396=National Vision Party of Liberia (NATVIPOL), 397=Progressive People's Party (PPP), 398=Movement for Progressive Change (MPC), 399=Original Congress Party (OCP), 400=Victory for Change (VCP), 401=Majority Party of Liberia (MAPOL), 402=Grassroot Democratic Party of Liberia (GDPL), 403=Citizens Unification Party (CUP), 404=Freedowm Alliance Party of Liberia (FAPL), 405=Liberia Empowerment Party (LEP), 406=Liberia Transformation Party (TPL), 407=National Social Democratic Party of Liberia, 408=All Liberian Party (ALP), 409=People Unification Party (PUP), 410=Alternative National Congress (ANC), 9995=Other, 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: 380-410, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

Value Labels: 380=National Reformation Party (NRP), 381=Free Democratic Party (FDP), 382=Alliance of Peace and Democracy (APD) – UPP & LPP, 383=National Democratic Coalition (NDC), 384=Liberty Party (LP), 385=True Whig Party (TWP), 386=Unity Party (UP), 387=National Democratic Party of Liberia (NDPL), 388=Union of Liberian Democrats (ULD), 389=Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC), 390=Liberia Destiny Party (LDP), 391=Progressive Democratic Party (PRODEM), 392=Movement for Economic Empowerment (MOVEE), 393=All Liberia Coalition Party (ALCOP), 394=Liberia Reconstruction Party (LRP), 395=National

Union for Democratic Progress (NUDP), 396=National Vision Party of Liberia (NATVIPOL), 397=Progressive People's Party (PPP), 398=Movement for Progressive Change (MPC), 399=Original Congress Party (OCP), 400=Victory for Change (VCP), 401=Majority Party of Liberia (MAPOL), 402=Grassroot Democratic Party of Liberia (GDPL), 403=Citizens Unification Party (CUP), 404=Freedowm Alliance Party of Liberia (FAPL), 405=Liberia Empowerment Party (LEP), 406=Liberia Transformation Party (TPL), 407=National Social Democratic Party of Liberia, 408=All Liberian Party (ALP), 409=People Unification Party (PUP), 410=Alternative National Congress (ANC), 9995=Other, 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: 380-410, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

Value Labels: 380=National Reformation Party (NRP), 381=Free Democratic Party (FDP), 382=Alliance of Peace and Democracy (APD) – UPP & LPP, 383=National Democratic Coalition (NDC), 384=Liberty Party (LP), 385=True Whig Party (TWP), 386=Unity Party (UP), 387=National Democratic Party of Liberia (NDPL), 388=Union of Liberian Democrats (ULD), 389=Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC), 390=Liberia Destiny Party (LDP), 391=Progressive Democratic Party (PRODEM), 392=Movement for Economic Empowerment (MOVEE), 393=All Liberia Coalition Party (ALCOP), 394=Liberia Reconstruction Party (LRP), 395=National Union for Democratic Progress (NUDP), 396=National Vision Party of Liberia (NATVIPOL), 397=Progressive People's Party (PPP), 398=Movement for Progressive Change (MPC), 399=Original Congress Party (OCP), 400=Victory for Change (VCP), 401=Majority Party of Liberia (MAPOL), 402=Grassroot Democratic Party of Liberia (GDPL), 403=Citizens Unification Party (CUP), 404=Freedowm Alliance Party of Liberia (FAPL), 405=Liberia Empowerment Party (LEP), 406=Liberia Transformation Party (TPL), 407=National Social Democratic Party of Liberia, 408=All Liberian Party (ALP), 409=People Unification Party (PUP), 410=Alternative National Congress (ANC), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don't know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

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 2017, how often did the media provide fair coverage of all candidates?

Variable Label: Q16a. Last national election: media provide fair coverage of all candidates

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: candidate or political party offer 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 people find out 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 2017, did you witness: Anyone from the security forces or a political party trying to intimidate voters?

Variable Label: Q18b. Last national election: security forces or political party intimidated voters

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: 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. Newspapers 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 the National Legislature are abolished so that the President 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: 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: 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 Liberia.

Statement 2: Many political parties are needed to make sure that Liberians 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 – Not asked

Question Number: Q27 – Not asked

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 elected know best

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 President explains to it on a regular basis how his government spends taxpayers' money.

Statement 2: The President should be able to devote his full attention to developing the country rather than wasting time justifying his actions.

Variable Label: 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 President was elected to lead the country, he should not be bound by laws or court decisions that he thinks are wrong.

Statement 2: The President must always obey the laws and the courts, even if he thinks they are wrong.

Variable Label: 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 – Not asked

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. Elected do whatever the people want vs bound by laws

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 president to serving a maximum of two terms in office.

Statement 2: There should be no constitutional limit on how long the president can serve.

Variable Label: 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 president?

Variable Label: Q35a. Minimum age for candidate for president needed

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. Minimum age for candidates for president.

Values: 18-90, 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 president?

Variable Label: Q35c. Maximum age for candidate for president needed.

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. Maximum age for candidates for president

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 Liberia 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 Liberia? 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 the House of Representatives?

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: Q38A1-LIB

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 House of Representatives?

Variable Label: Q38a1-lib. Senators 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 in Liberia

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 local authority 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. People must pay 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 President 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 President ignore the National Legislature 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: Q41A

Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The President?

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: Q41B

Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The House of Representatives?

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

Question Number: Q41B1-LIB

Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The Senate?

Variable Label: Q41b1-lib. Trust Senate

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 in Liberia

Question Number: Q41C

Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: National Elections Commission?

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 County Authority?

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 Armed Forces of Liberia?

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 Liberia 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: 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 President 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 the House of Representatives?

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

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q42B1-LIB

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

Variable Label: Q42b1-lib. Corruption Senators

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: 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 your [local government 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 Liberia 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: Q42J-LIB

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

Variable Label: Q42j-lib. Corruption: County superintendents

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 in Liberia

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 with more govt services vs. lower taxes with fewer govt 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 Liberia are required to pay to the government is too little, too much, or about the right amount?

Variable Label: Q46c. Amount ordinary people taxed too much

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 Liberia 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 about the 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 – Not asked

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. Fairness of high taxes for the rich to help the poor.

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. 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/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, 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/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: 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. More taxes to support 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 government 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 gaps between rich and 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: 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 in government

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 and 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: President George Weah?

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 the House of Representatives?

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: Q51B1-LIB

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 Senator?

Variable Label: Q51b1-lib. Performance: Your Senator

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: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Liberia

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q51C – Not asked

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: Q51E-LIB

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 County Superintendent?

Variable Label: Q51e-lib. Performance: Your county superintendent

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: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Liberia

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q52A

Question: Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, Members of the House of Representatives do their jobs?

Variable Label: Q52a. Who responsible: MPs do jobs

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

Value Labels: 0=The President/Executive, 1=The Parliament/County Assembly, 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 president does his job?

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

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

Value Labels: 0=The President/Executive, 1=The Parliament/County Assembly, 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 – Not asked

Question Number: Q53A1-LIB

Question: Think about how elections work in practice in this country. How well do elections: Ensure that Senators 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. Communities suffer when not voting 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. News media free of censorship by the government

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?

Variable Label: Q57b. Spread false information: 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. Government prohibits: 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. Government prohibits: 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. Government prohibits: news, information, or opinions that criticize or insult the 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. Government prohibits: 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: 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 about current events

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 political processes.

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

Value Labels: 1=Very negative, 2=Somewhat negative, 3=Neither positive nor negative, 4=Somewhat positive, 5=Very positive, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 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: 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 Liberians, 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: 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 West 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 West 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. Free movement in region vs limit cross-border movement.

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

Value Labels: 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 West Africa to cross international borders in order to work or trade in other countries, or haven't you heard enough to say?

Variable Label: 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 Liberia, they should enforce strict requirements on how the funds are spent.

Statement 2: When other countries give Liberia loans or development assistance, they should allow our government to make its own decisions about how to use the resources.

Variable Label: Q64a. Loans tied to strict requirements by lenders vs government 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 Liberia, they should enforce strict requirements to make sure our government promotes democracy and respects human rights.

Statement 2: Even if other countries give Liberia loans or development assistance, our government should make its own decisions about democracy and human rights.

Variable Label: Q64b. Loans tied to promotion of democracy and human rights vs government decides about democracy and human rights.

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. Country receives loans or development 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

Question Number: Q65B

Question: Do you think that our government is required to repay China for the loans and development assistance it provides to Liberia, 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: Q64c. 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 Liberia, 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. Requirements on loans and assistance from China.

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 protection of 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. Limit trade in consumer goods to nationals 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 model for the future development

Values: 0-7, 380-382, 9995, 9998, 9999, -1

Value Labels: 0=None of these, 1=United States, 2=China, 4=Rwanda, 5=South Africa, 6=Ethiopia, 7=We should follow our own country's model, 8=Refused, 380=Ghana, 381=Japan, 382=Nigeria, 9995=Other country, 9998=Refused, 9999=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 future development (verbatim)

Values: String variable

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q69B

Question: How much influence do you think China's economic activities in Liberia 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 Liberia 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 Liberia is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say? ECOWAS

Variable Label: Q70b. Influence of organization: ECOWAS

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 Liberia is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say? United Nations agencies

Variable Label: Q70c. Influence of organization: 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: Q70D1-LIB

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

Variable Label: Q70d1-lib. Influence of country: Japan

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 Liberia 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 Liberia is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say? United States

Variable Label: Q70f. Influence of country: 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 Liberia is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say? Nigeria

Variable Label: Q70g. Influence of country: Nigeria

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 Liberia 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 languages for next generation to learn

Values: 0-6, 95, 98, 99, -1

Value Labels: 0=None of these/No international language needed, 1=English, 2=French, 3=Portuguese, 4=Arabic, 5=Chinese, 6=Kiswahili, 95=Other, 98=Refused, 99=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: Q71other. Most important languages for next generation to learn (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

Question Number: Q72B

Question: Do you think climate change is making life in Liberia 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: Q76-LIB

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

Statement 1: Citizens should be required to get permission from government before organizing any protest.

Statement 2: Engaging in organized protest is the democratic right of all citizens and they should be free to do so without seeking permission from the government.

Variable Label: Q76-lib. Govt permission needed to protest vs democratic right to protest

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 Liberia

Question Number: Q77A-LIB

Question: Please tell me whether you disagree or agree with each of the following statements about our experiences with public protests in Liberia, or whether you haven't heard enough about it to say: Public protests are an effective way to influence political leaders and policies.

Variable Label: Q77a-lib. Protests effectively influence leaders/policies

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 in Liberia

Question Number: Q77B-LIB

Question: Please tell me whether you disagree or agree with each of the following statements about our experiences with public protests in Liberia, or whether you haven't heard enough about it to say: Public protests are too disruptive and sometimes violent and should be avoided.

Variable Label: Q77b-lib. Protests too disruptive and violent

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 in Liberia

Question Number: Q77C-LIB

Question: Please tell me whether you disagree or agree with each of the following statements about our experiences with public protests in Liberia, or whether you haven't heard enough about it to say: In general, protestors in this country are peaceful and law abiding.

Variable Label: Q77c-lib. Protestors are peaceful/law-abiding

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 in Liberia

Question Number: Q77D-LIB

Question: Please tell me whether you disagree or agree with each of the following statements about our experiences with public protests in Liberia, or whether you haven't heard enough about it to say: The police often use excessive force when responding to protests.

Variable Label: Q77d-lib. Police use excessive force at protests

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 in Liberia

Question Number: Q77E-LIB

Question: Based on our experience in Liberia, when violence occurs during public protests, do you think it is usually the fault of the protesters or the police, or both?

Variable Label: Q77e-lib. Protest violence police/protestors fault

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 in Liberia

Question Number: Q78A-LIB

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

Statement 1: County superintendents should be directly elected by voters.

Statement 2: The President should continue to appoint county superintendents.

Variable Label: Q78a-lib. County superintendents voted for vs appointed by president

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 Liberia

Question Number: Q78B-LIB

Question: Please tell me whether you disagree or agree with each of the following statements: Each county should be given a share of the revenue collected by central government in that county.

Variable Label: Q78b-lib. County should get share of revenue collected

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 in Liberia

Question Number: Q78C-LIB

Question: Please tell me whether you disagree or agree with each of the following statements: If county administrations are given more resources, citizens can count on them to use the resources wisely to improve local development and access to services.

Variable Label: Q78c-lib. More county resources will lead to development and services

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 in Liberia

Question Number: Q79A-LIB

Question: Have you heard that Liberia may conduct a national referendum in December of this year?

Variable Label: Q79a-lib. Heard about December 2020 referendum

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

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

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Liberia

Question Number: Q79B-LIB

Question: How likely is it that you will vote if a national referendum is held in December 2020?

Variable Label: Q79b-lib. Likelihood of voting in December 2020 referendum

Values: 0-3, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all likely, 1=Not very likely, 2=Somewhat likely, 3=Very likely, 7=Not registered to vote, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Liberia

Question Number: Q80A-LIB

Question: We would like to know your opinion about some of the issues that the public will vote on in the referendum. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following proposed changes to the Liberian Constitution, or whether you haven't heard enough about it to say: The constitution should be changed to allow Liberians to hold dual citizenship with another country.

Variable Label: Q80a-lib. Constitution should allow dual citizenship

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 in Liberia

Question Number: Q80B-LIB

Question: We would like to know your opinion about some of the issues that the public will vote on in the referendum. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following proposed changes to the Liberian Constitution, or whether you haven't heard enough about it to say: The constitution should be changed to reduce the length of the term in office for the president and vice president from 6 years to 5 years.

Variable Label: Q80b-lib. Constitution should reduce president/vice president terms

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 in Liberia

Question Number: Q80C-LIB

Question: We would like to know your opinion about some of the issues that the public will vote on in the referendum. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following proposed changes to the Liberian Constitution, or whether you haven't heard enough about it to say: The Constitution should be changed to reduce the tenure of Senators from 9 years to 7 years.

Variable Label: Q80c-lib. Constitution should reduce senate term

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 in Liberia

Question Number: Q80D-LIB

Question: We would like to know your opinion about some of the issues that the public will vote on in the referendum. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following proposed changes to the Liberian Constitution, or whether you haven't heard enough about it to say: The Constitution should be changed to reduce the tenure of members of the House of Representatives from 6 years to 5 years.

Variable Label: Q80d-lib. Constitution should reduce house of representative term

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 in Liberia

Question Number: Q80E-LIB

Question: We would like to know your opinion about some of the issues that the public will vote on in the referendum. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following proposed changes to the Liberian Constitution, or whether you haven't heard enough about it to say: The constitution should be changed to require Liberia's general elections to be held in November of each election year rather than October.

Variable Label: Q80e-lib. Constitution should change election month to November

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 in Liberia

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: 1, 380-396, 9990, 9995, 9998, 9999, -1

Value Labels: 1=English, 380=Bassa, 381=Belle, 382=Dei, 383=Gbandi, 384=Gio, 385=Gola, 386=Grebo, 387=Kissi, 388=Kpelle, 389=Krahn, 390=Kru, 391=Lorma, 392=Mandingo, 393=Mano, 394=Mende, 395=Vai, 9990=Liberian only or doesn't think of self in those terms, 9995=Other, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don't know, -1=Missing

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 "Liberian only (9990)" – then select 7=Not applicable for Q82A and Q82B and continue to Q82C."

Question Number: Q81OTHER

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

Variable Label: Q81 other. 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

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=Liberia 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 Liberian 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 Liberian, 3=I feel equally Liberian and (R's ethnic group), 4=I feel more Liberian than (R's ethnic group), 5=I feel only Liberian, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer was instructed: "[If response to Q81 was 9990=Liberia 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 Liberia based on: your economic status, that is, how rich or poor you are?

Variable Label: Q84a. Experienced unfair treatment 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 Liberia based on: your religion?

Variable Label: Q84b. Experienced unfair treatment 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 Liberia based on: your ethnicity?

Variable Label: Q84c. Experienced unfair treatment 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: Liberia 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 Liberia as one people, or more that divides them?

Variable Label: Q85. Unity of people in country

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 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?

Variable Label: Q87b. Influence of traditional leaders: 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: influencing how people in their communities vote

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 local 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: amount of influence on governing local community.

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. Whom do 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 – Not asked

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 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: COV-1

Question: Now I would like to ask you some questions about the COVID-19 pandemic that has been affecting our country and the world since early 2020. How well informed would you say you are about the coronavirus, or the COVID-19 pandemic, and efforts to combat it? Would you consider yourself:

Variable Label: COV-1. Informed about COVID-19

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

Value Labels: 0= Haven't heard of COVID-19, 1= Not at all informed, 2=Not very well informed, 3= Somewhat well informed, 4=Very well informed, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-2

Question: Please tell me if you personally or any other member of your household have been affected in any of the following ways by the COVID-19 pandemic: Became ill with COVID-19.

Variable Label: COV-2. Became ill with COVID-19

Values: 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1=Yes, 2=No, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-3

Question: Please tell me if you personally or any other member of your household have been affected in any of the following ways by the COVID-19 pandemic: Temporarily or permanently lost a job, business or primary source of income.

Variable Label: COV-3. Lost income because of COVID-19

Values: 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1=Yes, 2=No, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-4 – Not asked

Question Number: COV-5

Question: How easy or difficult was it for you and your household to comply with the lockdown or curfew restrictions imposed by the government?

Variable Label: COV-5. Ease of compliance with COVID-19 lockdown/curfew

Values: 0-5, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 0=Did not comply, 1=Very difficult, 2=Difficult, 3=Neither easy nor difficult, 4=Easy, 5=Very easy, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-6

Question: Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: Even if the lockdown or curfew had negative impacts on the economy and people's livelihoods, it was necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Variable Label: COV-6. Lockdown/curfew necessary to limit COVID-19 spread

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=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-7 – Not asked

Question Number: COV-8

Question: Did you support or oppose the government's decision to close schools in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19?

Variable Label: COV-8. Support school closure due to COVID-19

Values: 1-5, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1=Strongly oppose, 2=Somewhat oppose, 3=Neither support nor oppose, 4=Somewhat support, 5=Strongly support, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-9

Question: In your opinion, was the period during which schools were closed too long or too short?

Variable Label: COV-9. Length of COVID-19 school closure appropriate

Values: 1-5, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1=Much too long, 2=Somewhat too long, 3=About right length, 4=Somewhat too short, 5=Much too short, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-10

Question: Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, have you or your household received any assistance from government, like food, cash payments, relief from bill payments, or other assistance that you were not normally receiving before the pandemic?

Variable Label: COV-10. Received COVID-19 relief assistance

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

Question Number: COV-11

Question: Do you think that the benefits of government programs to support people during the COVID-19 pandemic, for example through food packages or cash payments, have been distributed fairly, or that the distribution was unfair, for example by favoring certain groups or regions?

Variable Label: COV-11. COVID-19 relief assistance fairly distributed

Values: 1-5, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very unfairly, 2=Somewhat unfairly, 3=Neither fair nor unfair, 4=Somewhat fairly, 5=Very fairly, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-12

Question: How well or badly would you say the current government has handled the following matters since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, or haven't you heard enough to say? Managing the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Variable Label: COV-12. Handling managing COVID-19 response

Values: 1-4, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-13

Question: How well or badly would you say the current government has handled the following matters since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, or haven't you heard enough to say? Keeping the public informed about COVID-19.

Variable Label: COV-13. Handling keeping public informed about COVID-19

Values: 1-4, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-14

Question: How much do you trust the official statistics provided by government on the number of infections and deaths due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Variable Label: COV-14. Trust govt COVID-19 statistics

Values: 1-4, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1=Not at all, 2=A little bit, 3=Somewhat, 4=A lot, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-15

Question: Considering all of the funds and resources that were available to the government for combatting and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, how much do you think was lost or stolen due to corruption among government officials?

Variable Label: COV-15. Level of COVID-19 corruption

Values: 1-4, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1=A lot, 2=Some, 3=A little, 4=None, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-16

Question: How much do you trust the government to ensure that any vaccine for COVID-19 that is developed or offered to Liberian citizens is safe before it is used in this country?

Variable Label: COV-16. Trust govt to ensure safety of COVID-19 vaccine

Values: 1-4, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1=Not at all, 2=Just a little, 3=A little, 4=A lot, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-17

Question: If a vaccine for COVID-19 becomes available and the government says it is safe, how likely are you to try to get vaccinated?

Variable Label: COV-17. Likelihood of getting COVID-19 vaccination

Values: 1-4, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very unlikely, 2=Somewhat unlikely, 3=Somewhat likely, 4=Very likely, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-18

Question: Some people think that prayer is an effective way to alter events in the world. Others put more faith in science to solve problems. Some people believe in both. What about you? Do you think that prayer is more effective or less effective than a vaccine would be in preventing COVID-19 infection?

Variable Label: COV-18. Prayer more effective than COVID-19 vaccine

Values: 1-5, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1=Much more effective, 2=Somewhat more effective, 3=About the same effectiveness, 4=Somewhat less effective, 5=Much less effective, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-19

Question: Looking ahead, how serious of a problem do you think the COVID-19 pandemic will be for Liberia over the next six months?

Variable Label: COV-19. Seriousness of COVID-19 over next 6 months

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

Value Labels: 1=Not at all serious, 2=Not very serious, 3=Somewhat serious, 4=Very serious, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-20

Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Our government needs to invest more of our health resources in special preparations to respond to health emergencies like COVID-19, even if it means fewer resources are available for other health services.

Variable Label: COV-20. More investment for health emergencies

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=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-21

Question: When the country is facing a public health emergency like the COVID-19 pandemic, do you agree or disagree that it is justified for the government to temporarily limit democracy or democratic freedoms by taking the following measures? Censoring media reporting.

Variable Label: COV-21. Censor media during pandemic

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=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-22

Question: When the country is facing a public health emergency like the COVID-19 pandemic, do you agree or disagree that it is justified for the government to temporarily limit democracy or democratic freedoms by taking the following measures? Using the police and security forces to enforce public health mandates like lockdown orders, mask requirements, or restrictions on public gatherings.

Variable Label: COV-22. Armed forces/police enforce public health measures

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=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-23

Question: When the country is facing a public health emergency like the COVID-19 pandemic, do you agree or disagree that it is justified for the government to temporarily limit democracy or democratic freedoms by taking the following measures? Postponing elections or limiting political campaigning.

Variable Label: COV-23. Postpone elections/limit campaigns during pandemic

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=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: COV-24

Question: In some countries, people have been worried that governments and politicians are trying to take advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic to increase their wealth or power, or to permanently restrict freedoms or political competition. What about you? How worried are you, if at all, that the following things are taking place or might take place in Liberia: Politicians are using the pandemic as an opportunity to increase their power and authority.

Variable Label: COV-24. Politicians take advantage of COVID-19 pandemic

Values: 1-4, 7, 8, 9, -1

Value Labels: 1=Not at all worried, 2=Not very worried, 3=Somewhat worried, 4=Very worried, 7=Not applicable, 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: 380-410, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

Value Labels: 380=National Reformation Party (NRP), 381=Free Democratic Party (FDP), 382=Alliance of Peace and Democracy (APD) – UPP & LPP, 383=National Democratic Coalition (NDC), 384=Liberty Party (LP), 385=True Whig Party (TWP), 386=Unity Party (UP), 387=National Democratic Party of Liberia (NDPL), 388=Union of Liberian Democrats (ULD), 389=Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC), 390=Liberia Destiny Party (LDP), 391=Progressive Democratic Party (PRODEM), 392=Movement for Economic Empowerment

(MOVEE), 393=All Liberia Coalition Party (ALCOP), 394=Liberia Reconstruction Party (LRP), 395=National Union for Democratic Progress (NUDP), 396=National Vision Party of Liberia (NATVIPOL), 397=Progressive People's Party (PPP), 398=Movement for Progressive Change (MPC), 399=Original Congress Party (OCP), 400=Victory for Change (VCP), 401=Majority Party of Liberia (MAPOL), 402=Grassroot Democratic Party of Liberia (GDPL), 403=Citizens Unification Party (CUP), 404=Freedown Alliance Party of Liberia (FAPL), 405=Liberia Empowerment Party (LEP), 406=Liberia Transformation Party (TPL), 407=National Social Democratic Party of Liberia, 408=All Liberian Party (ALP), 409=People Unification Party (PUP), 410=Alternative National Congress (ANC), 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

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

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: 1=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, pond, 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 Liberia Electricity Corporation or LEC?

Variable Label: Q94a. Electric connection from 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 Liberia Electricity Corporation or LEC?

Variable Label: Q94c. Electricity available other than mains

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. Source of electricity other than mains

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. Own electricity source

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, 9995, 9998, 9999, -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, 9995=Other, 9998=Refused, 9999=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

Source: SAB

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, 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=Ismaeli, 21=Mouridiya Brotherhood, 22=Tijaniya Brotherhood, 23=Qadiriya Brotherhood, 24=Shia, 25=Traditional/ethnic religion, 26=Hindu, 27=Bahai, 28=Agnostic (Do not know if there is a God), 29=Atheist (Do not believe in a God), 30=Dutch Reformed, 31=Calvinist, 32=Church of Christ, 33=Zionist Christian Church, 34=Jewish, 9995=Other, 9998=Refused, 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: Interviewer 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 presidential elections were held tomorrow, which [party's candidate] would you vote for?

Variable Label: Q99. Vote for which party

Values: 380-411, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

Value Labels: 380=National Reformation Party (NRP), 381=Free Democratic Party (FDP), 382=Alliance of Peace and Democracy (APD) – UPP & LPP, 383=National Democratic Coalition (NDC), 384=Liberty Party (LP), 385=True Whig Party (TWP), 386=Unity Party (UP), 387=National Democratic Party of Liberia (NDPL), 388=Union of Liberian Democrats (ULD), 389=Coalition for Democratic Change (CDC), 390=Liberia Destiny Party (LDP), 391=Progressive Democratic Party (PRODEM), 392=Movement for Economic Empowerment (MOVEE), 393=All Liberia Coalition Party (ALCOP), 394=Liberia Reconstruction Party (LRP), 395=National Union for Democratic Progress (NUDP), 396=National Vision Party of Liberia (NATVIPOL), 397=Progressive People's Party (PPP), 398=Movement for Progressive Change (MPC), 399=Original Congress Party (OCP), 400=Victory for Change (VCP), 401=Majority Party of Liberia (MAPOL), 402=Grassroot Democratic Party of Liberia (GDPL), 403=Citizens Unification Party (CUP), 404=Freedown Alliance Party of Liberia (FAPL), 405=Liberia Empowerment Party (LEP), 406=Liberia Transformation Party (TPL), 407=National Social Democratic Party of Liberia, 408=All Liberian Party (ALP), 409=People Unification Party (PUP), 410=Alternative National Congress (ANC), 411= Collaboration of political parties (CPP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don't know, -1=Missing

Source: Zambia 96

Question Number: Q99OTHER

Question: If presidential 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 Center for Democratic Governance [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, 380, 9995

Value Labels: 1=English, 380=Liberian English, 9995=Other

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, 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=Could 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: Q017b. 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: LIB07-LIB26
Value Labels: String variable
Source: SAB
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q113
Question: Interviewer's age
Variable Label: Q113. Interviewer's age
Values: 19-40
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, 380-396, 9995, 9998, 9999

Value Labels: 1=English, 380=Kru, 381=Grebo, 382=Sapo, 383=Krahn, 384=Gio, 385=Mano, 386=Kpelle, 387=Lorma, 388=Mende, 389=Kissi, 390=Gbandi, 391=Mandingo, 392=Bassa, 393=Vai, 394=Gola, 395=Belle, 396=Liberian English, 9995=Other, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don't know

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: 1, 380-396, 9990, 9995, 9998, 9999

Value Labels: 1=English, 380=Kru, 381=Grebo, 382=Sapo, 383=Krahn, 384=Gio, 385=Mano, 386=Kpelle, 387=Lorma, 388=Mende, 389=Kissi, 390=Gbandi, 391=Mandingo, 392=Bassa, 393=Vai, 394=Gola, 395=Belle, 9990= Liberian only, or "doesn't think of self in those terms", 9995=Other, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don't know

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q117OTHER

Question: Interviewer's ethnic group/tribe:

Variable Label: Q117other. Interviewer's ethnic group or tribe (verbatim)

Values: String variable

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 Liberian languages do you speak?

Variable Label: Q119. Other spoken languages- first

Values: 380-395, 9995

Value Labels: 380=Kru, 381=Grebo, 382=Sapo, 383=Krahn, 384=Gio, 385=Mano, 386=Kpelle, 387=Lorma, 388=Mende, 389=Kissi, 390=Gbandi, 391=Mandingo, 392=Bassa, 393=Vai, 394=Gola, 395=Belle, 9995=Other

Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

Note: Answered by interviewer. Interviewer was instructed to tick all that apply.

Question Number: Q119_2

Question: Which Liberian languages do you speak?

Variable Label: Q119. Other spoken languages- second

Values: 380-395, 9995

Value Labels: 380=Kru, 381=Grebo, 382=Sapo, 383=Krahn, 384=Gio, 385=Mano, 386=Kpelle, 387=Lorma, 388=Mende, 389=Kissi, 390=Gbandi, 391=Mandingo, 392=Bassa, 393=Vai, 394=Gola, 395=Belle, 9995=Other

Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

Note: Answered by interviewer. Interviewer was instructed to tick all that apply.

Question Number: Q119_3

Question: Which Liberian languages do you speak?

Variable Label: Q119. Other spoken languages- third

Values: 380-395, 9995

Value Labels: 380=Kru, 381=Grebo, 382=Sapo, 383=Krahn, 384=Gio, 385=Mano, 386=Kpelle, 387=Lorma, 388=Mende, 389=Kissi, 390=Gbandi, 391=Mandingo, 392=Bassa, 393=Vai, 394=Gola, 395=Belle, 9995=Other

Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

Note: Answered by interviewer. Interviewer was instructed to tick all that apply.

Question Number: Q119_4

Question: Which Liberian languages do you speak?

Variable Label: Q119. Other spoken languages- fourth

Values: 380-395, 9995

Value Labels: 380=Kru, 381=Grebo, 382=Sapo, 383=Krahn, 384=Gio, 385=Mano, 386=Kpelle, 387=Lorma, 388=Mende, 389=Kissi, 390=Gbandi, 391=Mandingo, 392=Bassa, 393=Vai, 394=Gola, 395=Belle, 9995=Other

Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

Note: Answered by interviewer. Interviewer was instructed to tick all that apply.

Question Number: Q119OTHER

Question: Which Liberian 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).

Gender		Weighted	Unweighted
	Male	50.4	50.0
	Female	49.6	50.0
Location			
	Urban	47.6	48.7
	Rural	52.4	51.3
Region			
	Bassa	6.5	6.7
	Bomi	2.4	2.7
	Bong	9.6	9.3
	Cape Mount	3.4	3.3
	Gbarpolu	2.4	2.7
	Grand Gedeh	3.8	4.0
	Grand Kru	1.5	1.3

Lofa	7.8	8.0
Margibi	6.0	6.0
Maryland	3.6	3.3
Montserrado	33.7	33.3
Nimba	12.7	12.7
River Gee	1.7	2.0
Rivercess	2.0	2.0
Sinoe	2.9	2.7

