Data Codebook

for a

Round 8 Afrobarometer Survey

in

Sierra Leone

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**Question Number:** RESPNO
**Question:** Respondent number
**Variable Label:** Respondent number
**Values:** SRL0001-SRL1200
**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:** 930-933
**Value Labels:** 930=Eastern Province, 931=Northern Province, 932=Southern Province, 933=Western Area
**Note:** Answered by interviewer

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

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

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

**Question Number:** EA_SVC_D
**Question:** Are the following services present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area: Mobile phone service?
**Variable Label:** EA-SVC-D. Mobile phone service in the PSU/EA
**Values:** 0, 1, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
**Source:** SAB
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor
Question Number: EA_SVC_E
Question: Are the following services present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area: Borehole or tubewell?
Variable Label: EA-SVC-D. Borehole or tubewell in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can't determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_FAC_A
Question: Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or in easy walking distance: Post office?
Variable Label: EA-FAC-A. Post office in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_FAC_B
Question: Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or in easy walking distance: School?
Variable Label: EA-FAC-B. School in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_FAC_C
Question: Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or in easy walking distance: Police station?
Variable Label: EA-FAC-C. Police station in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_FAC_D
Question: Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or in easy walking distance: Health clinic?
Variable Label: EA-FAC-D. Health Clinic in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_FAC_E
Question: Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or in easy walking distance: Market stalls (selling groceries and/or clothing)?
Variable Label: EA-FAC-E. Market stalls in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_FAC_F
Question: Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or in easy walking distance: Bank, money transfer point, mobile banking services or ATM?
Variable Label: EA-FAC-F. Bank or money services in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_FAC_G
Question: Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or in easy walking distance: Is there any kind of paid transport, such as a bus, taxi, moped, or other form, available on a daily basis?
Variable Label: EA-FAC-G. Paid transport in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Can’t determine, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_SEC_A
Question: In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see: Any policemen or police vehicles?
Variable Label: EA-SEC-A. Police in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_SEC_B
Question: In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see: Any soldiers or army vehicles?
Variable Label: EA-SEC-B. Soldiers/army in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_SEC_C
Question: In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see: Any roadblocks set up by police or army?
Variable Label: EA-SEC-C. Roadblocks by police/army in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_SEC_D
Question: In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see: Any customs checkpoints?
Variable Label: EA-SEC-D. Customs checkpoints in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

Question Number: EA_SEC_E
Question: In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see: Any roadblocks or booms set up by private security providers or by the local community?
Variable Label: EA-SEC-E. Roadblocks by private security/local community in the PSU/EA
Values: 0, 1, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor
**Question Number:** EA_ROAD_A  
**Question:** Thinking of your journey here: Was the road at the start point in the PSU/EA:  
**Variable Label:** EA-ROAD-A. Road surface at start point  
**Values:** 1-6, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Earth, 2=Gravel, 3=Stone, 4=Muram, 5=Paved/Tarred, 6=Concrete, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7  
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_ROAD_B  
**Question:** Thinking of your journey here: What was the most common surface of the road over the last 5 kilometers before arriving at the start point of the PSU/EA?  
**Variable Label:** EA-ROAD-B. Road surface last 5 km  
**Values:** 1-6, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Earth, 2=Gravel, 3=Stone, 4=Muram, 5=Paved/Tarred, 6=Concrete, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7  
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** EA_ROAD_C  
**Question:** Thinking of your journey here: What was the condition of the road in the last 5 kilometers before reaching the start point of the PSU/EA? Was the road in excellent or good condition and easy to traverse, or was it in poor or very poor condition, that is, difficult to traverse due to potholes, waterlogging, or other issues, or was it impassable at any point (e.g., due to a collapsed bridge, fallen tree, flooding, etc.)?  
**Variable Label:** EA-ROAD-C. Road condition last 5 km  
**Values:** 1-6, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Impassable, 2=Very poor, 3=Poor, 4=Fair, 5=Good, 6=Very good, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7  
**Note:** Question was filled in conjunction with field supervisor

**Question Number:** NOCALL_1  
**Question:** Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 1  
**Variable Label:** Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 1  
**Values:** 1-8, 9997  
**Value Labels:** 1=Refused to be interviewed, 2=Person selected was never at home after at least two visits, 3=Household/Premises empty for the survey period after at least two visits, 4=Not a citizen/Spoke only a foreign language, 5=Deaf/Did not speak a survey language, 6=Did not fit gender quota, 7=No adults in household, 8=Other (specify), 9997=Not applicable/Interview was successful  
**Source:** Southern Africa Barometer (SAB)  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer, after instructions, “It is your job is to select a random (this means any) household. A household is a group of people who presently eat together from the same spot. Start your walk pattern from the start point that has been randomly chosen by your Field Supervisor. Team members must walk in opposite directions to each other. If A walks towards the sun, B must walk away from the sun; C and D must walk at right angles to A and B. Use a 5 / 10 interval pattern to select a household. That is, walking in your designated direction away from the start point, select the 5th household for the first interview, counting houses on both the right and the left (and starting with those on the right if they are opposite each other). Once you leave your first interview, continue on in the same direction, this time selecting the 10th household, again counting houses on both the right and the left. If the settlement comes to an end and there are no more houses, turn at right angles to the right and keep walking, continuing to count until finding the tenth dwelling.”

**Question Number:** NOCALL_2  
**Question:** Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 2  
**Variable Label:** Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 2  
**Values:** 1-8, 9997  
**Value Labels:** 1=Refused to be interviewed, 2=Person selected was never at home after at least two visits, 3=Household/Premises empty for the survey period after at least two visits, 4=Not a citizen/Spoke only a foreign language, 5=Deaf/Did not speak a survey language, 6=Did not fit gender quota, 7=No adults in household, 8=Other (specify), 9997=Not applicable/Interview was successful  
**Source:** SAB
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:** DATEINTR  
**Question:** Date of interview  
**Variable Label:** Date of interview  
**Values:** 04.03.11 – 27.03.11  
**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, 930-945, 9995, 9998, 9999, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=English, 930=Krio, 931=Mende, 932=Temne, 933=Kono, 934=Loko, 935=Sherbro, 936=Limba, 937=Fullah, 938=Koranko, 939=Yalunka, 940=Madingo, 941=Susu, 942=Vair, 943=Kru, 944=Gola, 945=Kissi, 9995=Other, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**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 any political organization
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Not at all free, 2=Not very free, 3=Somewhat free, 4=Completely free, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: NDB

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

Question Number: Q11A
Question: Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. If not, would you do this if you had the chance: Attended a community meeting?
Variable Label: Q11a. Attend a community meeting
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q11B
Question: Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. If not, would you do this if you had the chance: Got together with others to raise an issue?
Variable Label: Q11b. Join others to raise an issue
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
**Question Number:** Q11C  
**Question:** Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens when they are dissatisfied with government performance. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. If not, would you do this if you had the chance: Participated in a demonstration or protest march?  
**Variable Label:** Q11c. Attend a demonstration or protest march  
**Values:** 0-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

**Question Number:** Q12A  
**Question:** During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A local government councilor?  
**Variable Label:** Q12a. Contact local government councilor  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Adapted from Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q12B  
**Question:** During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A member of Parliament?  
**Variable Label:** Q12b. Contact MP  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Adapted from Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q12C  
**Question:** During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A political party official?  
**Variable Label:** Q12c. Contact political party official  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

**Question Number:** Q12D  
**Question:** During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A traditional leader?  
**Variable Label:** Q12d. Contact traditional leader  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Adapted from Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q13  
**Question:** Let’s talk about the last national election held in 2018. 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 2018, 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 2018. 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 2018: 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 2018: 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 2018: Did any representative of a political party contact you during the campaign?
Variable Label: Q15c. Last national election: contacted by political party rep
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_1
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 1st response
Values: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
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: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
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: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
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: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
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: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
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: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_7
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 7th response
Values: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
Value Labels: 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUF), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_8
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 8th response
Values: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

Value Labels: 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUF), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_9
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 9th response
Values: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

Value Labels: 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUF), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_10
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 10th response
Values: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

Value Labels: 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUF), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_11
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 11th response
Values: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

Value Labels: 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUF), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_12
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 12th response
Values: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
Value Labels: 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUPP), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_13
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 13th response
Values: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
Value Labels: 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUPP), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_14
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 14th response
Values: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
Value Labels: 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUPP), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q15D_15
Question: If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
Variable Label: Q15d. Which parties contacted? 15th response
Values: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
Value Labels: 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUPP), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUFP), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q15D_16
**Question:** If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
**Variable Label:** Q15d. Which parties contacted? 16th response
**Values:** 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
**Value Labels:** 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUFP), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q15D_17
**Question:** If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
**Variable Label:** Q15d. Which parties contacted? 17th response
**Values:** 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
**Value Labels:** 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUFP), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q15D_18
**Question:** If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?
**Variable Label:** Q15d. Which parties contacted? 18th response
**Values:** 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
**Value Labels:** 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUFP), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 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 2018, how often did the media provide fair coverage of all candidates?
**Variable Label:** Q16a. Last national election: media covers all candidates fairly  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q16B  
**Question:** During the last national election in 2018, how often, if ever, did a candidate or someone from a political party offer you something, like food, a gift, or money, in return for your vote?  
**Variable Label:** Q16b. Last national election: offered food, gift or money for vote  
**Values:** 0-9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Often, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q17A  
**Question:** In the last national election in 2018, 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 2018, 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 2018, 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 2018, 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 2018, did you witness: Anyone from the security forces or a political party trying to intimidate voters?  
**Variable Label:** Q18b. Last national election: voter intimidation
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q18C
Question: With regard to the last national election in 2018, to what extent do you think the results announced by the [Independent Electoral Commission] accurately reflected the actual results as counted?
Variable Label: Q18c. Last national election: announced results reflect counted results
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Not accurate at all, 2=Not very accurate, with major discrepancies, 3=Mostly accurate, but with some minor discrepancies, 4=Completely accurate, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q19A
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. Statement 1: The government should be able to ban any organization that goes against its policies. Statement 2: We should be able to join any organization, whether or not the government approves of it.
Variable Label: Q19a. Government bans organizations vs. join any
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: Uganda00
Note: Before this question, interviewer said: “Let’s talk for a moment about the kind of society you would like to have in this country.” Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q19B
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. Statement 1: The media should have the right to publish any views and ideas without government control. Statement 2: The government should have the right to prevent the media from publishing things that it disapproves of.
Variable Label: Q19b. Media free to publish vs. government control
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: Uganda00
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q20A
Question: There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: Only one political party is allowed to stand for election and hold office?
Variable Label: Q20a. Reject one-party rule
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Neither approve nor disapprove, 4=Approve, 5=Strongly approve, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: NDB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q20B
Question: There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: The army comes in to govern the country?
Variable Label: Q20b. Reject military rule
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Neither approve nor disapprove, 4=Approve, 5=Strongly approve, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing
Source: Adapted from NDB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.
**Question Number:** Q20C  
**Question:** There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: Elections and Parliament are abolished so that the 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 8  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”
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 Sierra Leone.
Statement 2: Many political parties are needed to make sure that Sierra Leone have real choices in who governs them.
Variable Label: Q25. Political parties divisive vs. many parties needed
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 2
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q26
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: Our elected officials should listen to constituents’ views and do what they demand.
Statement 2: Our elected leaders should follow their own ideas in deciding what is best for the country.
Variable Label: Q26. Elected officials follow constituent demands vs follow own ideas
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q27
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: Our elected leaders need to focus on empowering our most capable citizens.
Statement 2: Our elected leaders should focus on helping people who have been left behind by economic and social change.
Variable Label: Q27. Elected leaders empower most capable vs help people left behind
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q28
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: Experts with specialized education or skills are needed to help make the most important decisions for our country.
Statement 2: The people and their elected representatives know what is best; they do not need the advice of experts to run the country.
Variable Label: Q28. Experts make most important decisions vs no need for experts
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q29
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: Parliament should ensure that the 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
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: Whichever party or group wins elections should be able to pursue the policies they prefer, without needing to compromise with others.
Statement 2: In a democracy, it is important to make compromises between the preferences and needs of different groups.
Variable Label: Q31. Election winner pursues preferred policies vs. compromise w/others
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q32
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: A government that enjoys the support of the people should be free to do whatever the people want, even if it is outside the law.
Statement 2: The actions of any government, no matter how popular it is, must always follow the law.
Variable Label: Q32. Popular govt free to do whatever people want vs always follow the law
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q33
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: The news media should constantly investigate and report on government mistakes and corruption.
Statement 2: Too much reporting on negative events, like government mistakes and corruption, only harms the country.
Variable Label: Q33. Media checks government vs. avoid negative reporting
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

Question Number: Q34
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2
Statement 1: The Constitution should limit the 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

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 presidential candidate

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

Value Labels: 0=No, no minimum, 1=Yes, should be a minimum, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q35B
Question: If yes, what should the minimum age be?

Variable Label: Q35b. Suggested minimum age for presidential candidate

Values: 18-99, 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 presidential candidate

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

Value Labels: 0=No, no maximum, 1=Yes, should be a maximum, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q35D
Question: If yes, what should the maximum age be?

Variable Label: Q35d. Suggested maximum age for presidential candidate

Values: 30-100, 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 Sierra Leone 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 Sierra Leone? Are you:

Variable Label: Q37. Satisfaction with democracy

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

Value Labels: 0=The country is not a democracy, 1=Not at all satisfied, 2=Not very satisfied, 3=Fairly satisfied, 4=Very satisfied, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

Source: Eurobarometer
Note: Interviewer was instructed to “Read the question in the language of the interview, but always read ‘democracy’ in English. Translate ‘democracy’ into local language only if respondent does not understand English term.”

Question Number: Q38A
Question: How much of the time do you think the following try their best to listen to what people like you have to say: Members of Parliament?
Variable Label: Q38a. MPs listen
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

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

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

Question Number: Q39A
Question: For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: The tax authorities always have the right to make people pay taxes.
Variable Label: Q39a. Tax authorities have right to enforce taxes
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 2
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

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

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

Question Number: Q40B
**Question**: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Does the 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 Parliament and just do what he wants?

**Variable Label**: Q40c. How often president ignores parliament

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

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

**Source**: Afrobarometer Round 5

**Question Number**: Q40D

**Question**: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Do people have to be careful of what they say about politics?

**Variable Label**: Q40d. How often careful what you say

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

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

**Source**: SAB

**Question Number**: Q40E

**Question**: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Are people treated unequally under the law?

**Variable Label**: Q40e. How often people treated unequally

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

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

**Source**: Afrobarometer Round 2

**Question Number**: Q40F

**Question**: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Do officials who commit crimes go unpunished?

**Variable Label**: Q40f. How often officials unpunished

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

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

**Source**: Afrobarometer Round 4

**Question Number**: Q40G

**Question**: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Do ordinary people who break the law go unpunished?

**Variable Label**: Q40g. How often ordinary people unpunished

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

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

**Source**: Afrobarometer Round 4

**Question Number**: 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: Parliament?
Variable Label: Q41b. Trust parliament/national assembly  
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q41C  
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: National Electoral Commission or NEC?  
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 local government council?  
Variable Label: Q41d. Trust your elected local government council  
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q41E  
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The Ruling Party?  
Variable Label: Q41e. Trust the ruling party  
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q41F  
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Opposition Political Parties?  
Variable Label: Q41f. Trust opposition political parties  
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
Source: Adapted from Zambia96

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

Question Number: Q41H  
Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: The Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF)  
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 tax/revenue office?
**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 Parliament?
**Variable Label:** Q42b. Corruption: Members of Parliament
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing
**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 National Revenue Authority or NRA?  
**Variable Label:** Q42g. Corruption: tax officials  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q42H  
**Question:** How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: traditional leaders?  
**Variable Label:** Q42h. Corruption: traditional leaders  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q42I  
**Question:** How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Religious Leaders?
Variable Label: Q42i. Corruption: religious leaders
Values: 0, 3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard, -1=Missing
Source: SAB

Question Number: Q43A
Question: In your opinion, over the past year, has the level of corruption in this country increased, decreased, or stayed the same?
Variable Label: Q43a. Level of corruption
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Increased a lot, 2=Increased somewhat, 3=Stayed the same, 4=Decreased somewhat, 5=Decreased a lot, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Transparency International
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q43B
Question: In this country, can ordinary people report incidents of corruption without fear, or do they risk retaliation or other negative consequences if they speak out?
Variable Label: Q43b. Ordinary people can report corruption without fear
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Can report without fear, 1=Risk retaliation or other negative consequences, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

Question Number: Q44A
Question: Now I would like to talk to you about experiences that some people have in accessing certain essential government services. In the past 12 months have you had contact with a public school?
Variable Label: Q44a. Contact with public school
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

Question Number: Q44B
Question: How easy or difficult was it to obtain the services you needed from teachers or school officials?
Variable Label: Q44b. Difficulty to obtain public school services
Values: 1-4, 7-9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very easy, 2=Easy, 3=Difficult, 4=Very difficult, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6
Note: Interviewer was instructed: If respondent answered 1=Yes to part A, ask parts B and C. If respondent answered 0=No, 8=Refused or 9=Don’t know to part A, select 7=NA for parts B and C and continue to part D.

Question Number: Q44C
Question: And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a teacher or school official in order to get the services you needed from the schools?
Variable Label: Q44c. Pay bribe for public school services
Values: 0-3, 7-9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

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

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

Question Number: Q44F
Question: And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a health worker or clinic or hospital staff in order to get the medical care you needed?
Variable Label: Q44f. Pay bribe for medical care
Values: 0-3, 7, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q44G
Question: In the past 12 months have you tried to get an identity document like a birth certificate, driver’s license, passport or voter’s card, or a permit, from government?
Variable Label: Q44g. Tried to obtain identity document
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

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

Question Number: Q44I
Question: And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a government official in order to get the document you needed?
Variable Label: Q44i. Pay bribe for identity document
Values: 0-3, 7, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q44J
Question: In the past 12 months have you requested assistance from the police?
Variable Label: Q44j. Requested police assistance
Values: 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7

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

**Question Number:** Q44L  
**Question:** And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a police officer in order to get the assistance you needed.  
**Variable Label:** Q44L. Pay bribe to receive police assistance  
**Values:** 0-3, 7-9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No contact, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 6

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

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

**Question Number:** Q45  
**Question:** Now let us talk about the tax system in this country. Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.  
Statement 1: It is better to pay higher taxes if it means that there will be more services provided by government.  
Statement 2: It is better to pay lower taxes, even if it means there will be fewer services provided by government.  
**Variable Label:** Q45. Higher taxes with more govt service 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 Sierra Leone are required to pay to the government is too little, too much, or about the right amount?
**Variable Label:** Q46c. Taxes for ordinary people: too little, too much, or right amount
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Far too little, 2=Somewhat too little, 3=About the right amount, 4=Somewhat too much, 5=Far too much, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q46D
**Question:** Do you think that the amount of taxes that rich people in Sierra Leone 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
**Question:** Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Government should make sure small traders and other people working in the informal sector pay taxes on their businesses?
**Variable Label:** Q47a. Government should ensure informal sector pays taxes
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

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

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

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

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

**Question Number:** Q49A
**Question:** If the government decided to make people pay more taxes in order to support programs to help young people, would you support this decision or oppose it?
**Variable Label:** Q49a. Support more taxes for youth programs
**Values:** 1-6, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly oppose, 2=Somewhat oppose, 3=Neither support nor oppose, 4=Somewhat support, 5=Strongly support, 6=It depends (e.g., on size of the increase), 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

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

**Question Number:** Q49B
**Question:** If the government could increase its spending on programs to help young people, which of the following areas do you think should be the highest priority for additional investment?
**Variable Label:** Q49b. Priorities for 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 income gaps
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q50F
Question: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Reducing crime?
Variable Label: Q50f. Handling reducing crime
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: NDB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q50G
Question: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Improving basic health services?
**Variable Label:** Q50g. Handling improving basic health services  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** NDB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q50H  
**Question:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Addressing educational needs?  
**Variable Label:** Q50h. Handling addressing educational needs  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** NDB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q50I  
**Question:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Providing water and sanitation services?  
**Variable Label:** Q50i. Handling providing water and sanitation services  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q50J  
**Question:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Fighting corruption in government?  
**Variable Label:** Q50j. Handling fighting corruption  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q50K  
**Question:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Maintaining roads and bridges?  
**Variable Label:** Q50k. Handling maintaining roads and bridges  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q50L  
**Question:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Providing a reliable supply of electricity?  
**Variable Label:** Q50l. Handling providing a reliable supply of electricity  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 4  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.
**Question Number:** Q50M  
**Question:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Preventing or resolving violent conflict?  
**Variable Label:** Q50m. Handling preventing or resolving violent conflict  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

**Question Number:** Q50N  
**Question:** How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Addressing the needs of young people?  
**Variable Label:** Q50n. Handling addressing needs of young people  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

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

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

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

**Question Number:** Q51C  
**Question:** Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people have performed their jobs over the past twelve months, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Your elected local government councilor?  
**Variable Label:** Q51c. Performance: local government councilor  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Approve, 4=Strongly approve, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q51D
Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people have performed their jobs over the past twelve months, or haven’t you heard enough about them to say: Your traditional leader?
Variable Label: Q51d. Performance: traditional leader
Values: 1-4, 7-9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Approve, 4=Strongly approve, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q52A
Question: Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, Members of Parliament do their jobs?
Variable Label: Q52a. Who responsible: MPs do jobs
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=The 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
Question: Think about how elections work in practice in this country. How well do elections: Ensure that representatives to Parliament reflect the views of voters?
Variable Label: Q53a. Elections ensure voters' views are reflected
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all well, 1=Not very well, 2=Well, 3=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

Question Number: Q53B
Question: Think about how elections work in practice in this country. How well do elections: Enable voters to remove from office leaders who do not do what the people want?
Variable Label: Q53b. Elections enable voters to remove leaders from office.
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Not at all well, 1=Not very well, 2=Well, 3=Very well, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 6

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

Question Number: Q54A
Question: In any society, people will sometimes disagree with one another. These disagreements occasionally escalate into physical violence. Please tell me whether, in the past two years, you have ever
personally feared any of the following types of violence? [If yes] Have you actually personally experienced this type of violence in the past two years? Violence among people in your neighbourhood or village?

**Variable Label:** Q54a. Feared violence in neighbourhood

**Values:** 0-2, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=No, never, 1=Yes, feared but didn’t experience, 2=Yes, feared and experienced, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7

**Question Number:** Q54B

**Question:** In any society, people will sometimes disagree with one another. These disagreements occasionally escalate into physical violence. Please tell me whether, in the past two years, you have ever personally feared any of the following types of violence? [If yes] Have you actually personally experienced this type of violence in the past two years? Violence at a political rally or public protest?

**Variable Label:** Q54b. Feared violence during political event or public protest

**Values:** 0-2, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=No, never, 1=Yes, feared but didn’t experience, 2=Yes, feared and experienced, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7

**Question Number:** Q54C – Not asked

**Question Number:** Q55A

**Question:** Now let us talk about the media and how you get information about politics and other issues. How often do you get news from the following sources: Radio?

**Variable Label:** Q55a. Radio news

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

**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Less than once a month, 2=A few times a month, 3=A few times a week, 4=Every day, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q55B

**Question:** How often do you get news from the following sources: Television?

**Variable Label:** Q55b. Television news

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

**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Less than once a month, 2=A few times a month, 3=A few times a week, 4=Every day, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** SAB

**Question Number:** Q55C

**Question:** How often do you get news from the following sources: Print newspapers?

**Variable Label:** Q55c. Newspaper news

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

**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Less than once a month, 2=A few times a month, 3=A few times a week, 4=Every day, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Zambia96

**Question Number:** Q55D

**Question:** How often do you get news from the following sources: Internet?

**Variable Label:** Q55d. Internet news

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

**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Less than once a month, 2=A few times a month, 3=A few times a week, 4=Every day, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

**Question Number:** Q55E

**Question:** How often do you get news from the following sources: Social media such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp or others?
Variable Label: Q55e. Social media news
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Less than once a month, 2=A few times a month, 3=A few times a week, 4=Every day, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question Number: Q58A
Question: Let’s talk about whether the government should be able to limit the sharing of news, information, or opinions on radio and TV, in newspapers, or on the internet and social media. Please tell me whether you
agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: News or information that is false.

**Variable Label:** Q58a. Govt can prohibit sharing: news or information that is false

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

**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

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

**Question Number:** Q58B

**Question:** Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: News, information, or opinions that the government disapproves of.

**Variable Label:** Q58b. 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. Govt can prohibit sharing: criticism of president

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

**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

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

**Question Number:** Q58D

**Question:** Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: Hate speech, that is, news, information, or opinions designed to attack or vilify certain groups in society.

**Variable Label:** Q58d. Govt can prohibit sharing: hate speech

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

**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

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

**Question Number:** Q59A

**Question:** Have you heard about social media, for example, Facebook, Twitter, and WhatsApp?

**Variable Label:** Q59a. Heard about social media

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

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

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q59B

**Question:** Regardless of whether you personally use social media yourself, please tell me whether you agree or disagree that social media: Makes people more informed about current events?

**Variable Label:** Q59b. Social media: makes people more informed

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

**Value Labels:** 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refuse, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

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

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

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

Question Number: Q59F
Question: Overall, do you think that the effects of social media on society are mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say?
Variable Label: Q59f. Effects of social media on society
Values: 1-5, 7, 8, 9 -1
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 Sierra Leoneans, 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. Allow 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 Sierra Leone, they should enforce strict requirements on how the funds are spent.
- Statement 2: When other countries give Sierra Leone loans or development assistance, they should allow our government to make its own decisions about how to use the resources.

**Variable Label:** Q64a. Strict spending requirements on external loans vs govt decides
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

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

**Question Number:** Q64B
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
- Statement 1: When other countries give loans or development assistance to Sierra Leone, they should enforce strict requirements to make sure our government promotes democracy and respects human rights.

**Variable Label:** Q64b. Requires strict requirements to promote democracy vs govt decides
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking, “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”
Statement 2: Even if other countries give Sierra Leone loans or development assistance, our government should make its own decisions about democracy and human rights.

**Variable Label:** Q64b. Strict democracy conditions on external loans vs govt decides
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

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

**Question Number:** Q65A
**Question:** To your knowledge, does China give loans or development assistance to our country’s government, or haven’t you had a chance to hear about this?

**Variable Label:** Q65a. Know if country receives assistance from China
**Values:** 0, 1, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q65B
**Question:** Do you think that our government is required to repay China for the loans and development assistance it provides to Sierra Leone, 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 Sierra Leone, do you think they put more requirements or fewer requirements on our government compared to other donor countries, or haven’t you heard enough to say?

**Variable Label:** Q65d. China puts more or less conditions on assistance
**Values:** 0-4, 7, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Far fewer requirements, 1=Somewhat fewer requirements, 2=About the same number of requirements, 3=Somewhat more requirements, 4=Many more requirements, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

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

**Question Number:** Q66
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. Statement 1: In order to develop, our country must rely on trade with the rest of the world, including by opening our borders to foreign imports. Statement 2: In order to develop, our country must rely on local production and protect local producers from foreign competition.

**Variable Label:** Q66. Open trade for development vs 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. Only nationals trade vs allow foreigners to trade
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q68
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: Communities are stronger when they are made up of people from different ethnic groups, races, or religions.
Statement 2: Communities are stronger when they are made up of people who are similar to each other, that is, people from the same ethnic group, race, or religion.
Variable Label: Q68. Diverse communities stronger vs similar communities stronger.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q69A
Question: In your opinion, which of the following countries, if any, would be the best model for the future development of our country, or is there some other country in Africa or elsewhere, that should be our model?
Variable Label: Q69a. Best country model for development
Values: 0-7, 9995, 9998, 9999, -1
Value Labels: 0=None of these, 1=United States, 2=China, 3=Former colonial power, i.e Britain, France, or Portugal, 5=South Africa, 6=Ethiopia, 7=We should follow our own country’s model, 8=Refused, 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 country model for development (verbatim)
Values: String variable
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

Question Number: Q69B
Question: How much influence do you think China’s economic activities in Sierra Leone 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 Sierra Leone 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 Sierra Leone 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 Sierra Leone is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say? United Nations agencies
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very negative, 2=Somewhat negative, 3=Neither positive nor negative, 4=Somewhat positive, 5=Very positive, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

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

Question Number: Q70E
Question: And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Sierra Leone 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 Sierra Leone is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say? United States
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very negative, 2=Somewhat negative, 3=Neither positive nor negative, 4=Somewhat positive, 5=Very positive, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q70G
Question: And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Sierra Leone 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 Sierra Leone is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven’t you heard enough to say? Russia
Variable Label: Q70h. Influence of country: Russia
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Very negative, 2=Somewhat negative, 3=Neither positive nor negative, 4=Somewhat positive, 5=Very positive, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q71
Question: In thinking about the future of the next generation in our country, which of these international languages, if any, do you think is most important for young people to learn?
Variable Label: Q71. Most important international language.
Values: 0-6, 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 international language (verbatim)
Values: String variable
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8

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

Question Number: Q72B
**Question:** Do you think climate change is making life in Sierra Leone better or worse, or haven’t you heard enough to say?  
**Variable Label:** Q72b. Climate change: affecting country  
**Values:** 1-5, 7-9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Much better, 2=Somewhat better, 3=Neither/no change/about the same, 4=Somewhat worse, 5=Much worse, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know/Haven’t heard enough, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion. Interviewer was instructed to select 7=Not applicable if the response to Q72A was 0=No or 9=Don’t know.

**Question Number:** Q73  
**Question:** Let’s talk for a moment about the kind of society you would like to have in this country. Some people say that, in order to enjoy security from violence in our society, we must limit the amount of freedom that citizens are allowed to enjoy. Others say that political liberty is too important to sacrifice and must always be maintained, even if it threatens the security of the country. Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.  
Statement 1: Even if faced with threats to public security, people should be free to move about the country at any time of day or night.  
Statement 2: When faced with threats to public security, the government should be able to impose curfews and set up special roadblocks to prevent people from moving around.  
**Variable Label:** Q73. Free to move when public security threatened vs impose curfews  
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking, “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q74  
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.  
Statement 1: Government should be able to monitor private communications, for example on mobile phones, to make sure that people are not plotting violence.  
Statement 2: People should have the right to communicate in private without a government agency reading or listening to what they are saying.  
**Variable Label:** Q74. Government should monitor private communication vs right to privacy.  
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking, “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q75  
**Question:** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.  
Statement 1: Freedom of religion and worship are absolute, meaning that government should never limit what is said in a place of worship.  
Statement 2: Government should have the power to regulate what is said in places of worship, especially if preachers or congregants threaten public security.  
**Variable Label:** Q75. Absolute freedom of religion vs government regulates what is said  
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Agree very strongly with Statement 1, 2=Agree with Statement 1, 3=Agree with Statement 2, 4=Agree very strongly with Statement 2, 5=Agree with neither, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 7  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking, “Do you agree or agree very strongly?”

**Question Number:** Q76A_SRL  
**Question:** How much time: Should your Member of Parliament spend in this constituency to visit the community and its citizens?  
**Variable Label:** Q76a_SRL. Time MPs should spend in constituencies  
**Values:** 0-4, 8, 9, -1
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=At least once a year, 2=At least once a month, 3=At least weekly, 4=Almost all of their time, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8 in Sierra Leone

**Question Number:** Q76B_SRL
**Question:** How much time: Does your Member of Parliament spend in this constituency?
**Variable Label:** Q76b_SRL Time MPs do spend in constituencies
**Values:** 0-4, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=At least once a year, 2=At least once a month, 3=At least weekly, 4=Almost all of their time, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8 in Sierra Leone

**Question Number:** Q76C_SRL
**Question:** Members of Parliament have different responsibilities. Which of the following do you think is the most important responsibility of your Member of Parliament?
**Variable Label:** Q76c_SRL Most important responsibility of your MP
**Values:** 1-5, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Listen to constituents and represent their needs, 2=Deliver jobs or development, 3=Make laws for the good of the country, 4=Monitor the president and his government, 5=None of these, 8=Refused, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8 in Sierra Leone

**Question Number:** Q76D_SRL
**Question:** Members of Parliament have different responsibilities. How effective do you think your MP is in fulfilling each of the following responsibilities, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Listening to constituents and representing their needs in Parliament?
**Variable Label:** Q76d_SRL MPs listen to constituents/represent needs in Parliament
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Not at all effective, 2=Not very effective, 3=Somewhat effective, 4=Very effective, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8 in Sierra Leone

**Question Number:** Q76E_SRL
**Question:** Members of Parliament have different responsibilities. How effective do you think your MP is in fulfilling each of the following responsibilities, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Delivering jobs or development to the constituency?
**Variable Label:** Q76e_SRL MPs deliver jobs or development to the constituency.
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Not at all effective, 2=Not very effective, 3=Somewhat effective, 4=Very effective, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8 in Sierra Leone

**Question Number:** Q76F_SRL
**Question:** Members of Parliament have different responsibilities. How effective do you think your MP is in fulfilling each of the following responsibilities, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Making laws for the good of the country?
**Variable Label:** Q76f_SRL MPs make laws for the good of the country.
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1

**Value Labels:** 1=Not at all effective, 2=Not very effective, 3=Somewhat effective, 4=Very effective, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8 in Sierra Leone

**Question Number:** Q76G_SRL
**Question:** Members of Parliament have different responsibilities. How effective do you think your MP is in fulfilling each of the following responsibilities, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Monitoring the president and his government and holding them accountable?
**Variable Label:** Q76g_SRL MPs hold president and government accountable
Values: 1-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 1=Not at all effective, 2=Not very effective, 3=Somewhat effective, 4=Very effective, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q76A_SRL
Question: Some people think that another responsibility of a member of parliament is to help individuals in their constituency with personal needs, like getting jobs, or paying school or hospital fees. Other people say that it is not appropriate for MPs to give out personal financial assistance, and that they should focus on their work in the parliament to help the whole community and the country. What about you? How important do you think it is for MPs to provide financial assistance to individuals in their communities?
Variable Label: Q77a_SRL. Importance of MPs providing financial assistance.
Values: 0-4, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=They should not give out personal financial assistance, 1=Very important, 2=Somewhat important, 3=Not very important, 4=Not at all important, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q76B_SRL
Question: What about your MP? How often does he or she give out resources to help individuals in your community with their personal needs, like school fees or hospital fees, or haven’t you heard enough to say?
Variable Label: Q77b_SRL. How often MP gives out resources to help community.
Values: 0-3, 8, 9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Often, 1=Sometimes, 2=Rarely, 3=Never, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q78A_SRL
Question: The current government instituted Commissions of Inquiry to investigate acts of corruption under the previous administration immediately after it assumed power. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, or haven’t you heard enough to say: The Commissions of Inquiry are doing their work in a fair and impartial way that does not favour one party or group?
Variable Label: Q78a_SRL. Commissions of Inquiry are fair and impartial.
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 Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q78B_SRL
Question: The current government instituted Commissions of Inquiry to investigate acts of corruption under the previous administration immediately after it assumed power. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, or haven’t you heard enough to say: The Commissions of Inquiry are helping in the fight against corruption in Sierra Leone?
Variable Label: Q78b_SRL. Commissions of Inquiry help fight against corruption
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 Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q79A_SRL
Question: Have you heard about: The declaration of rape and sexual assault as a national emergency by the president last year?
Variable Label: Q79a_SRL. Heard declaration of rape and sexual assault as a national emergency.
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 Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q79B_SRL
Question: Have you heard about: The government’s passage last year of the Sexual Offences Amendment Act of 2019?

Variable Label: Q79b_SRL. Heard about passage of the Sexual Offences Amendment Act

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 Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q79c_SRL

Question: Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, or haven’t you heard enough to say: The president was right to declare a national emergency on rape and sexual violence because this has been a big problem in Sierra Leone.

Variable Label: Q79c_SRL. President was right to declare a national emergency on rape and sexual violence.

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 Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q79d_SRL

Question: Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, or haven’t you heard enough to say: The new harsh punishments for sexual- and gender-based violence included in the Sexual Offences Amendment Act will help to reduce the problem of rape and sexual assault.

Variable Label: Q79d_SRL. Harsh punishments for sexual- and gender-based violence will help.

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 Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q79e_SRL

Question: Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, or haven’t you heard enough to say: Changes in the law and harsher punishments are not enough to solve the problem of rape and sexual assault; the government should do more to educate people and change sexual attitudes and behaviors.

Variable Label: Q79e_SRL. Changes in the law and punishment not enough to solve rape and sexual assault.

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 Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q80a_SRL

Question: Now let’s talk about the Free Quality School Education policy that was introduced by the government in 2018, which covers education at the pre-primary, primary and secondary levels in government and government-assisted schools. Have you or anyone in your family benefitted directly from this policy by getting free schooling for children or students in your family?

Variable Label: Q80a_SRL. Benefitted from Free Quality School Education policy.

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 Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q80b_SRL

Question: Do you think that under the Free Quality School Education policy, the quality of education in Sierra Leone’s schools has increased, stayed the same, or decreased, or haven’t you heard enough to say?

Variable Label: Q80b_SRL. Quality of education under Free Quality School Education policy.

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

Source: Afrobarometer Round 8 in Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q80C_SRL
Question: Providing free schooling for all students can help more students to go to school, but it also requires a lot of government resources and can create some challenges. Thinking about the future of the Free Quality School Education policy, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: The government should continue to provide free education for all students even if it leads to an increase in the number of educated citizens who cannot find a job.
Variable Label: Q80c-SRL. Government should provide free education to all 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 in Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q80D_SRL
Question: Providing free schooling for all students can help more students to go to school, but it also requires a lot of government resources and can create some challenges. Thinking about the future of the Free Quality School Education policy, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: To save on costs, it would be better if the Free Quality School Education policy only applied to the poor who cannot pay for education, rather than applying to all citizens.
Variable Label: Q80d-SRL. Free Quality School Education policy should only apply to 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 in Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q80E_SRL
Question: Providing free schooling for all students can help more students to go to school, but it also requires a lot of government resources and can create some challenges. Thinking about the future of the Free Quality School Education policy, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: To save on costs, it would be better if the Free Quality School Education policy only applied to pre-primary and primary education and did not include secondary education.
Variable Label: Q80e-SRL. Free Quality School Education policy should only apply to pre-primary and primary education.
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 Sierra Leone

Question Number: Q80F_SRL
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. Do you agree or agree very strongly?
Statement 1: To make the free education policy a success, the government must invest more resources in education to ensure that all of the necessary schools, materials and teachers are available to provide a good quality education to all students.
Statement 2: The policy of free education for all students is too expensive; the government should cancel the policy and focus on providing high quality education for those who can afford to pay.
Variable Label: Q80f-SRL. Provide free education vs improve quality of education.
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: 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: 930-944, 9990, 9999, -1
Value Labels: 930=Krio, 931=Mende, 932=Temne, 933=Kono, 934=Kru, 935=Karanko, 936=Limba, 937=Loko, 938=Madingo, 939=Mende, 940=Sherbro, 941=Themne, 943=Vai, 944=Yalunka, 9990=Sierra Leonean only or doesn’t think of self in those terms, 9995=Other, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer was instructed: “Do NOT read options. Code from response. If respondent does not identify any group on this question – that is, if they REFUSE to answer (9998), DON’T KNOW (9999) or mention “Sierra Leonean only (9990)” – then select 7=Not applicable for Q82A and Q82B and continue to Q82C.”

Question Number: Q82A
Question: How often, if ever, are ________s [R’s Ethnic Group] treated unfairly by the government?
Variable Label: Q82a. Ethnic group treated unfairly by government.
Values: 0-3, 7-9, -1
Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer was instructed: “If response to Q81 was 9990=Sierra Leonean 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 Sierra Leonean 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 Sierra Leonean, 3=I feel equally Sierra Leonean and (R’s ethnic group), 4=I feel more Sierra Leonean than (R’s ethnic group), 5=I feel only Sierra Leonean, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing
Source: SAB
Note: Interviewer was instructed: “[If response to Q81 was 9990=Sierra Leonean 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 Sierra Leoneans based on: your economic status, that is, how rich or poor you are?  
**Variable Label:** Q84a. Unfair treatment by other people based on economic status  
**Values:** 0-3, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

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

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

**Question Number:** Q85  
**Question:** Sierra Leoneans 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 Sierra Leoneans as one people, or more that divides them?  
**Variable Label:** Q85. More that unites or more that divides people  
**Values:** 1-4, 8, 9, -1  
**Value Labels:** 1=Much more that divides us, 2=Somewhat more that divides us, 3=Somewhat more that unites us, 4=Much more that unites us, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing  
**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8  
**Note:** Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

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

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

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

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

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

Question Number: Q88
Question: Which of these statements is closest to your own opinion?
Statement 1: Traditional leaders mostly look out for what is best for the people in their communities.
Statement 2: Traditional leaders mostly serve the interests of politicians and government officials.
Statement 3: Traditional leaders mostly look out for their own personal interests.
Variable Label: Q88. Who 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
Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.
Statement 1: Traditional leaders are mostly in competition with elected leaders for resources, power and influence.
Statement 2: Traditional leaders mostly work in cooperation with elected leaders to get things done.
Variable Label: Q89b. Traditional leaders in competition with elected leaders vs cooperation.
Values: 1-5, 8, 9, -1
**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:** Q90

**Question:** Some people think that because traditional leaders are not elected, they are bad for democracy, but other people think that traditional leaders can work together with elected leaders to make democracy work better. What about you? Do you think that traditional leaders strengthen democracy, weaken democracy, or don’t make a difference?

**Variable Label:** Q90. Traditional leaders bad or good for democracy

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

**Value Labels:** 1=Weaken democracy, 2=Don’t make a difference, 3=Strengthen democracy, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q91A

**Question:** Do you feel close to any particular political party?

**Variable Label:** Q91a. Close to political party

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

**Value Labels:** 0=No, does not feel close to any party, 1=Yes, feels close to a party, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Zambia 96

**Question Number:** Q91B

**Question:** Which party is that?

**Variable Label:** Q91b. Which party

**Values:** 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1

**Value Labels:** 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUF), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943=National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944=People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945=Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946=Unity Party (UP), 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:** 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:** 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 Electricity Distribution and Supply Agency or EDSA?
**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 Electricity Distribution and Supply Agency or EDSA?
**Variable Label:** Q94c. Other source of electricity: available.
**Values:** 0, 1, 8, 9, -1

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

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Question Number:** Q94D
**Question:** What is the source of the electricity for this connection?
**Variable Label:** Q94d. Other source of electricity: type.
**Values:** 1-6, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=Batteries or power bank, 2=Generator, 3=Solar panels, 4=Wind power, 5=Hydro power, 6=Biogas, 95=Other, 96=Multiple sources, 97=Not applicable, 98=Refused, 99=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Note:** Interviewer was instructed to select code 97=Not applicable if the response to Q94C was 0=No or 9=Don’t know.

**Question Number:** Q94E

**Question:** Is the electricity source owned by your household, or does it come from outside of your household?

**Variable Label:** Q94e. Other source of electricity: owner

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

**Value Labels:** 1=Owned by household, 2=Owned outside household, 3=Get power from sources both within and outside of household, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Note:** Interviewer was instructed to select code 7=Not applicable if the response to Q94C was 0=No or 9=Don’t know.

**Question Number:** Q95A

**Question:** Do you have a job that pays a cash income? [If yes, ask] Is it full-time or part-time? [If no, ask:] Are you presently looking for a job?

**Variable Label:** Q95a. Employment status

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

**Value Labels:** 0=No, not looking, 1=No, looking, 2=Yes, part time, 3=Yes, full time, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 5

**Question Number:** Q95B

**Question:** If you have paid employment, that is, regular employment for which you receive something like an hourly wage or a regular salary, are you required to pay an income tax, that is, a tax deducted from your wages by your employer?

**Variable Label:** Q95b. Required to pay an income tax

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

**Value Labels:** 0=No, am not required to pay, 1=Yes, am required to pay, 7=Not applicable, 8=Refused, 9=Don’t know, -1=Missing.

**Source:** Afrobarometer Round 8

**Note:** Interviewer was instructed: “If respondent answered 0=No (not looking), 1=No (looking), or 9=DK to Q95A, select 7=Not applicable for this question and continue to Q95C.”

**Question Number:** Q95C

**Question:** What is your main occupation? [If unemployed, retired, or disabled, ask:] What was your last main occupation?

**Variable Label:** Q95c. Occupation of respondent

**Values:** 0-12, 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, 9998, 9999, -1
Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Christian only (i.e., respondent says only “Christian,” without identifying a specific sub-group), 2=Roman Catholic, 3=Orthodox, 4=Coptic, 5=Anglican, 6=Lutheran, 7=Methodist, 8=Presbyterian, 9= Baptist, 10=Quaker/Friends, 11=Mennonite, 12=Evangelical, 13=Pentecostal (e.g., “Born again” and/or “saved”), 14=Independent (e.g., “African Independent Church”), 15=Jehovah’s Witness, 16=Seventh-day Adventist, 17=Mormon, 18= Muslim only (i.e., respondent says only “Muslim,” without identifying a specific sub-group), 19=Sunni only (i.e., respondent says only “Sunni Muslim,” without identifying a specific sub-group), 20=Ismoeli, 21=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: 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: 930-946, 9995, 9997-9999, -1
Value Labels: 930=Sierra Leone People’s Party (SLPP), 931=All People’s Congress (APC), 932=People’s Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), 933=National Democratic Alliance (NDA), 934=United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party, 935=Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), 936=Coalition for Change Party (C4C), 937=National Grand Coalition (NGC), 938=National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP), 939=Revolutionary United Front Party (RUPP), 940=Peace and Liberation Party (PLP), 941=United National People’s Party (UNPP), 942=Citizens Democratic Party (CDP), 943= National Progressive Democrats (NPD), 944= People’s Democratic Party (PDP), 945= Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP), 946= Unity Party (UP), 9995=Other, 9997=Not applicable, 9998=Refused, 9999=Don’t know, -1=Missing
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 Institute for Governance Reform [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:** Q103
**Question:** What was the primary language used in the interview?
**Variable Label:** Q103. Language of interview
**Values:** 1, 930-945, 9995, 9999, -1
**Value Labels:** 1=English, 930=Krio, 931=Mende, 932=Temne, 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:** SRL01-SRL20  
**Value Labels:** String variable  
**Source:** SAB  
**Note:** Answered by interviewer
Question Number: Q113
Question: Interviewer's age
Variable Label: Q113. Interviewer's age
Values: 23-34
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, 930-945, 9995, 9998, 9999
Value Labels: 1=English, 930=Krio, 931=Mende, 932=Temne, 933=Kono, 934=Loko, 935=Sherbro, 936=Limba, 937=Fullah, 938=Koranko, 939=Yalunka, 940=Madingo, 941=Susu, 942=Vair, 943=Kru, 944=Gola, 945=Kissi, 9995=Other
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, 930-945, 9990, 9995, 9998, 9999
Value Labels: 1=English, 930=Krio, 931=Mende, 932=Temne, 933=Kono, 934=Loko, 935=Sherbro, 936=Limba, 937=Fullah, 938=Koranko, 939=Yalunka, 940=Madingo, 941=Susu, 942=Vair, 943=Kru, 944=Gola, 945=Kissi, 9990=Sierra Leonean 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: 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 Sierra Leonean languages do you speak?
Variable Label: Q119. Other spoken languages_first
Values: 930-945, 9995, 9996
Value Labels: 930=Krio, 931=Mende, 932=Temne, 933=Kono, 934=Loko, 935=Sherbro, 936=Limba, 937=Fullah, 938=Koranko, 939=Yalunka, 940=Madingo, 941=Susu, 942=Vair, 943=Kru, 944=Gola, 945=Kissi, 9995=Other, 9996=No further reply
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7
Note: Answered by interviewer. Interviewer was instructed to tick all that apply.

Question Number: Q119_2
Question: Which Sierra Leonean languages do you speak?
Variable Label: Q119. Other spoken languages_second
Values: 930-945, 9995, 9996
Value Labels: 930=Krio, 931=Mende, 932=Temne, 933=Kono, 934=Loko, 935=Sherbro, 936=Limba, 937=Fullah, 938=Koranko, 939=Yalunka, 940=Madingo, 941=Susu, 942=Vair, 943=Kru, 944=Gola, 945=Kissi, 9995=Other, 9996=No further reply
Source: Afrobarometer Round 7
Note: Answered by interviewer. Interviewer was instructed to tick all that apply.

Question Number: Q119_3
Question: Which Sierra Leonean languages do you speak?
Variable Label: Q119. Other spoken languages_third
Values: 930-945, 9995, 9996
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Source: Afrobarometer Round 7
Note: Answered by interviewer. Interviewer was instructed to tick all that apply.

Question Number: Q119_4
Question: Which Sierra Leonean languages do you speak?
Variable Label: Q119. Other spoken languages_fourth
Values: 930-945, 9995, 9996
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Source: Afrobarometer Round 7
Note: Answered by interviewer. Interviewer was instructed to tick all that apply.

Question Number: withinwt_ea
Variable Label: within country weighting factor, weights to EA level ("old AB withinwt")
Note: The weighting variable adjusts the distribution of the sample based on individual selection probabilities (i.e., based on region, gender, urban-rural distribution, and size of household and enumeration area).

Question Number: withinwt_hh
Variable Label: within country weighting factor, weights to HH level ("new AB withinwt")
Note: The weighting variable adjusts the distribution of the sample based on individual selection probabilities (i.e., based on region, gender, urban-rural distribution, and size of household, enumeration area and ADULT_CT).

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