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## News release

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### **Mauritians view China and India's influence as positive, Afrobarometer study shows**

A large majority of Mauritians perceive India's and China's economic and political influence on the country as positive, a recent Afrobarometer survey indicates.

Only about half of Mauritians see the influence of France, the United States, and Japan as positive.

Most Mauritians say that China's economic activities in the country have "some" or "a lot" of influence on the economy.

But relatively few citizens are aware that their country receives loans and development assistance from Japan.

#### **Key findings**

- More than two-thirds (68%) of Mauritians say that China's economic activities have "some" or "a lot" of influence on the Mauritian economy. This perception has decreased by 7 percentage points since 2020 (Figure 1).
- Most citizens say India's (76%) and China's (70%) economic and political influence on Mauritius are "somewhat" or "very" positive. The perception that France has a positive influence on Mauritius (55%) has declined by 12 percentage points since 2020, while the United States' perceived positive influence (51%) has held steady, matching Japan's. (Figure 2).
- Almost three in 10 citizens (28%) say they are aware of Japanese loans and development assistance to the Mauritian government (Figure 3).
- Among those who are aware of loans and development assistance from Japan, a plurality (43%) say Japan attaches about the same number of requirements to its assistance as other donor countries (Figure 4).

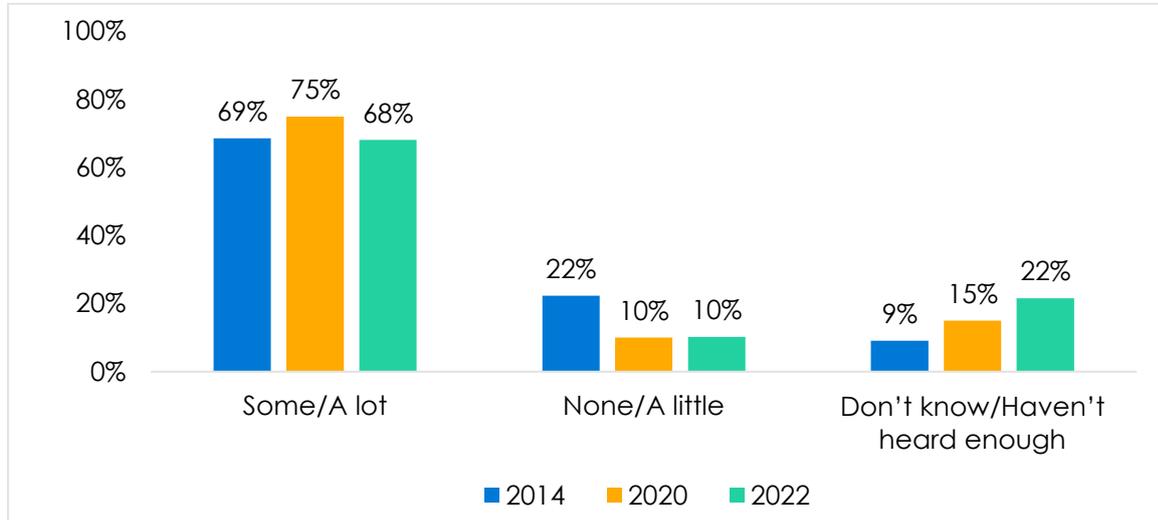
#### **Afrobarometer surveys**

Afrobarometer is a pan-African, non-partisan survey research network that provides reliable data on African experiences and evaluations of democracy, governance, and quality of life. Eight survey rounds in up to 39 countries have been completed since 1999. Round 9 surveys (2021/2022) are currently underway. Afrobarometer's national partners conduct face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice.

The Afrobarometer team in Mauritius, led by StraConsult Ltd., interviewed a nationally representative sample of 1,200 adult Mauritians in March 2022. A sample of this size yields country-level results with a margin of error of +/-3 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. Previous surveys were conducted in Mauritius in 2012, 2014, 2017, and 2020.

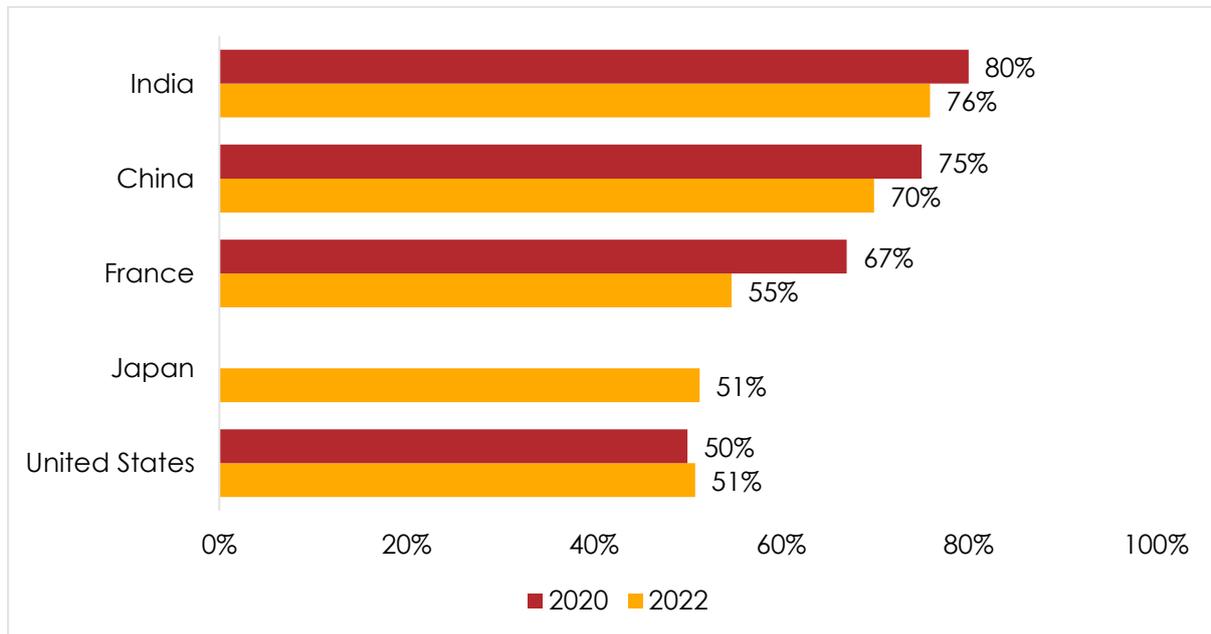
**Charts**

**Figure 1: China's economic influence** | Mauritius | 2022



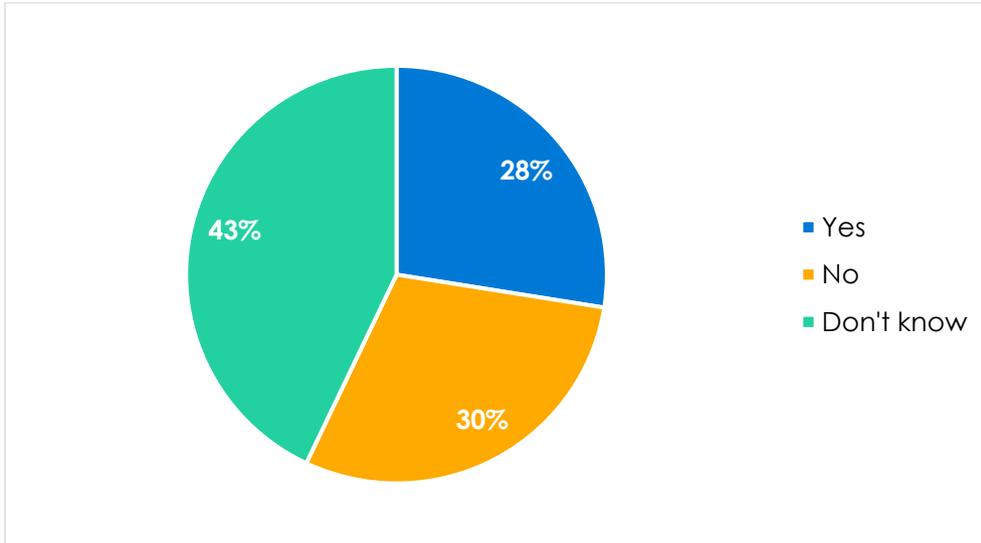
**Respondents were asked:** How much influence do you think China's economic activities in Mauritius have on our economy, or haven't you heard enough to say?

**Figure 2: Countries with a positive influence** | Mauritius | 2022



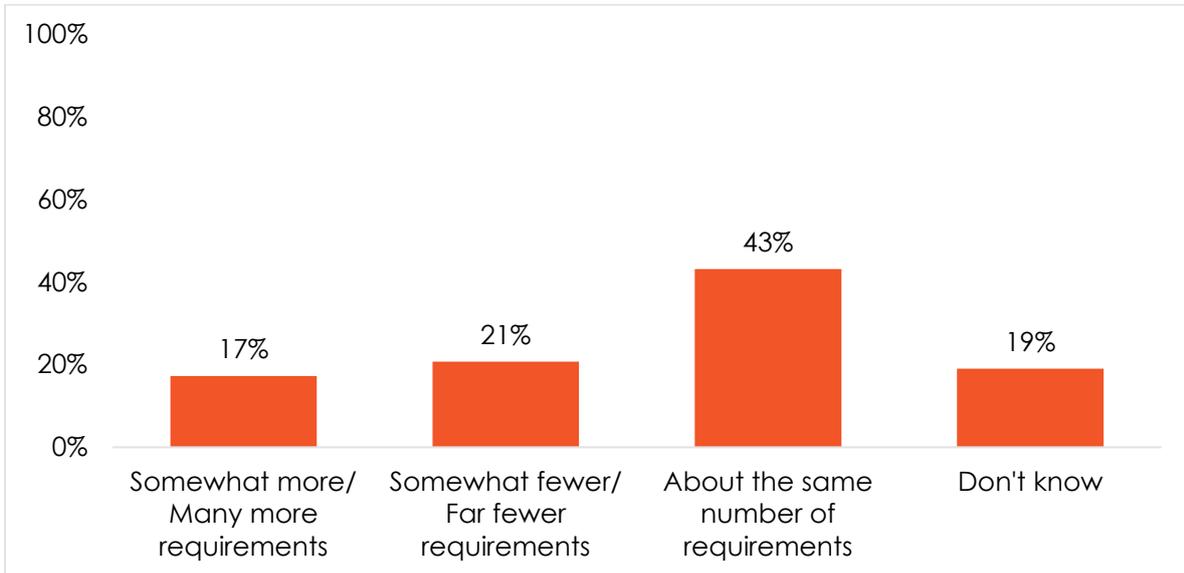
**Respondents were asked:** Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Mauritius is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say? (% who say "somewhat positive" or "very positive")

**Figure 3: Japan's development assistance** | Mauritius | 2022



**Respondents were asked:** To your knowledge, does Japan give loans or development assistance to our country's government, or haven't you had a chance to hear about this?

**Figure 4: Conditionality of development assistance: Japan vs. other development partners** | Mauritius | 2022



**Respondents who were aware of Japanese development assistance to Mauritius were asked:** When the government of Japan gives loans or development assistance to Mauritius, 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? (Respondents who were not aware of Japanese development assistance are excluded.)

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