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Majority of Gambians say government has shown commitment to implementing recommendations of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission

More than half of Gambians say the government has demonstrated a strong commitment to implementing recommendations of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission (TRRC), the latest Afrobarometer survey shows.

And a large majority of citizens say Gambians should reconcile and move on now that the TRRC has completed its work.

At the same time, the majority calling for the prosecution of perpetrators of crimes and human-rights abuses during President Yahya Jammeh's regime continues to grow. A slim majority also continue to demand the extradition of Jammeh to face prosecution, though that proportion has weakened.

The government is taking steps to implement TRRC recommendations by collaborating with partners to draft legislation for the establishment of a victims fund and a peace commission.

Key findings

- More than half (55%) of Gambians say the government has demonstrated a strong commitment to implementing recommendations of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission. One-third (33%) of citizens disagree (Figure 1).
- And three-fourths (76%) of citizens say that since the TRRC has completed its work, Gambians should reconcile and move on (Figure 2).
- However, compared to 2018 and 2021, more Gambians (76%) are calling for perpetrators of crimes and human-rights abuses during Jammeh's regime to be tried in court (Figure 3).
 - More than half (55%) also think the government should press for Jammeh to be extradited to face prosecution for crimes and human-rights abuses, though this reflects a 6-percentage-point decrease compared to 2021 (61%).

Afrobarometer surveys

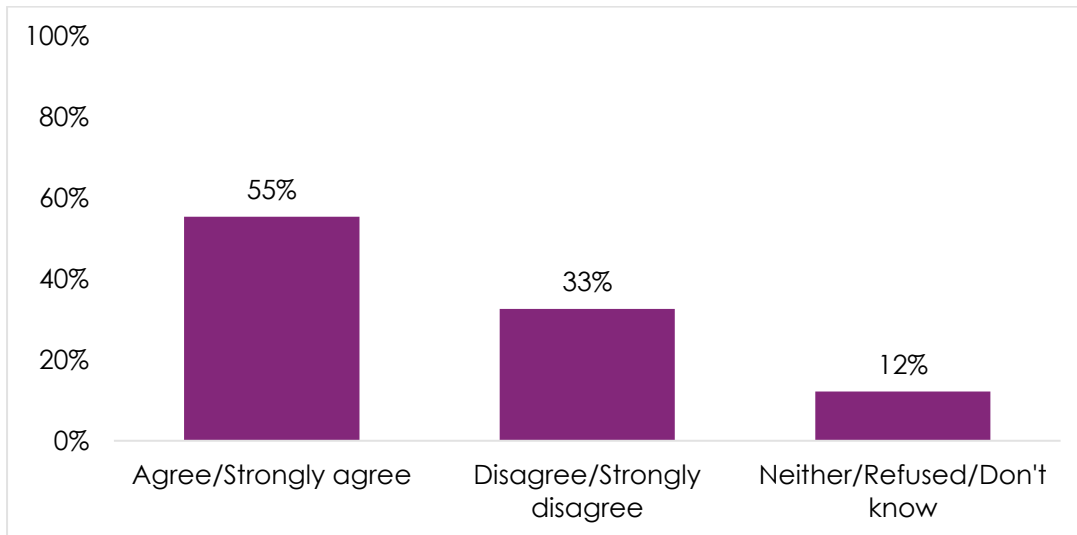
Afrobarometer is a pan-African, nonpartisan survey research network that provides reliable data on African experiences and evaluations of democracy, governance, and quality of life. Eight rounds of surveys have been completed in up to 39 countries since 1999, and Round 9 surveys are currently underway.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

The Afrobarometer team in the Gambia, led by the Center for Policy, Research and Strategic Studies (CepRass), interviewed 1,200 adult citizens between 30 August and 19 September 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 the Gambia in 2018 and 2021.

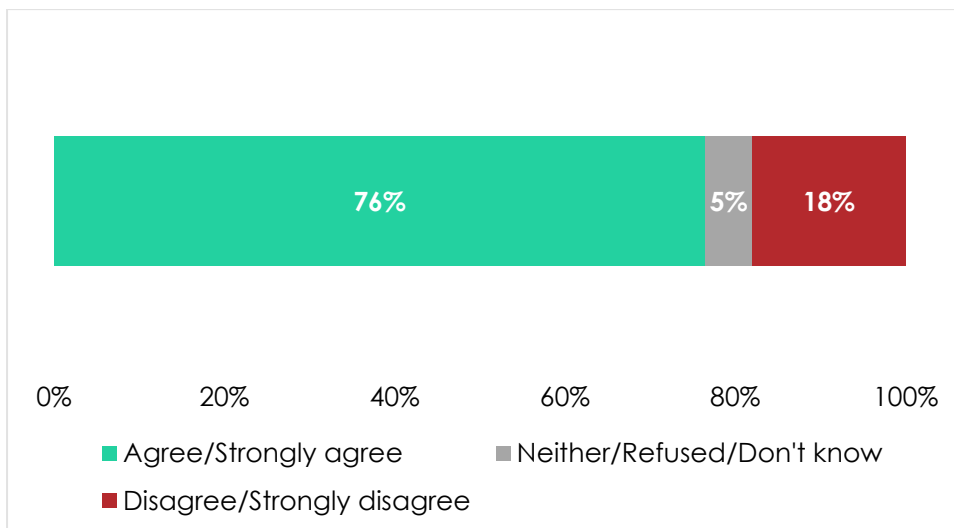
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Figure 1: Has the government prioritised TRRC recommendations? | Gambia | 2022



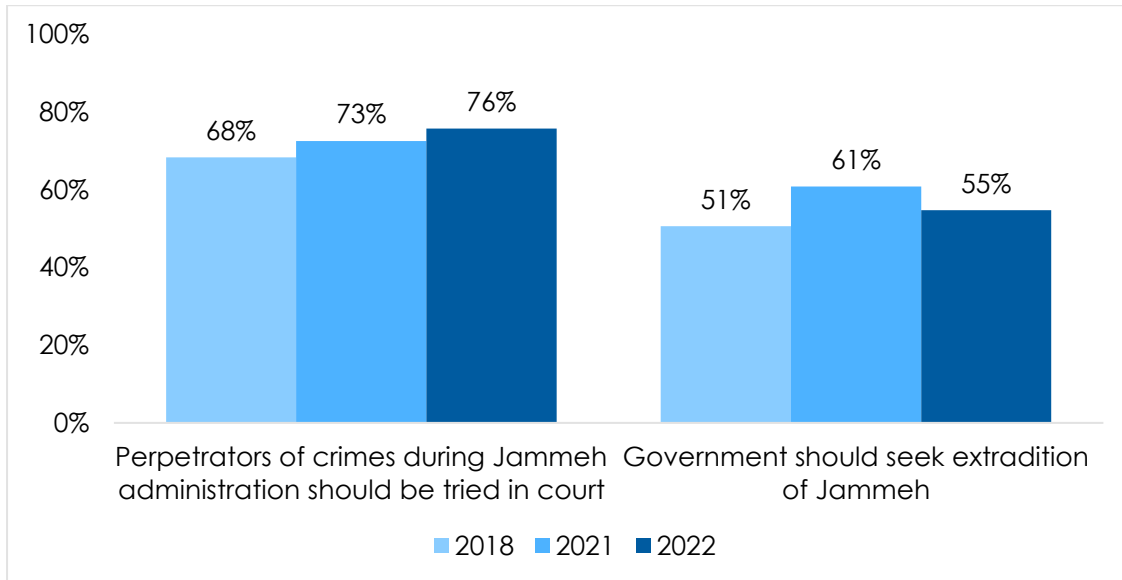
Respondents were asked: Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: The government of the Gambia has demonstrated strong commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission or TRRC.

Figure 2: Gambians should reconcile and move on | Gambia | 2022



Respondents were asked: Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: Since the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission or TRRC has completed its work, all Gambians should reconcile and move on as a country.

Figure 3: Views on the truth, reconciliation, and justice process | Gambia
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Respondents were asked: For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree, or haven't you heard enough to say?

All individuals who were identified by the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission or TRRC to have perpetrated crimes and human-rights abuses should be taken to court and tried for their crimes.

The government should press for the extradition of former President Yahya Jammeh back to the Gambia to face prosecution for crimes and human-rights abuses committed during his presidency.

(% who "agree" or "strongly agree" with each statement)

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