

AB update

November 2016 highlights



In the field

Using remaining Rounds 5/6 funds, Round 7 surveys proceed on a limited basis:

- ✓ Kenya set to start R7 dissemination.
- ✓ Training/preparation for R7 surveys in Uganda (Dec-Jan), Tanzania (Dec-Jan), Benin (Jan), Zimbabwe (Jan), Zambia (Jan).

On film

See how Afrobarometer has given voice to ordinary citizens, in our 7-minute film released 30 November, at <http://bitly.com/AfrobarometerStory>.

And take a 2-minute look at 17 facts you didn't know about Africans – highlights of our R6 findings, at <http://afrobarometer.org/videos/if-africa-had-100-citizens>.



In the news

AB in the media: 169 reports, including [CNN](#), [Huffington Post](#), [Le Monde Afrique](#), [IRIN](#), [Deutsche Welle](#), [Pan-African News Wire](#), [Democracy Digest](#), [Daily Maverick](#), [Washington Post Monkey Cage](#),

AB partner CDD-Ghana's **second pre-election survey** found sharply improved public confidence in the preparedness of the Electoral Commission ahead of Dec. 7 national election, along with significant anxiety about possible violence.

On digital/social media

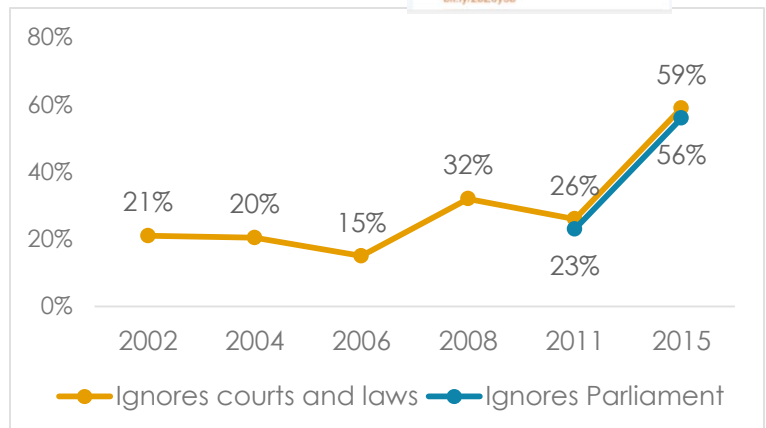
Website	- 9,023 users; 3,258 data/publication downloads - Most popular download: China's growing presence in Africa wins largely positive popular reviews
Online data analysis tool	1,756 distinct users 27,726 pages served – highest monthly total ever
Twitter	164 new followers (8,438 total)
Facebook	41,172 impressions



Chart of the month

Perceptions that South Africa's president ignores Parliament and the law | South Africa | 2002-2015

Respondents were asked: *In your opinion, how often, in this country, does the president: Ignore the courts and laws of this country? Ignore Parliament and just do what he wants?*
(% who say "always" or "often")



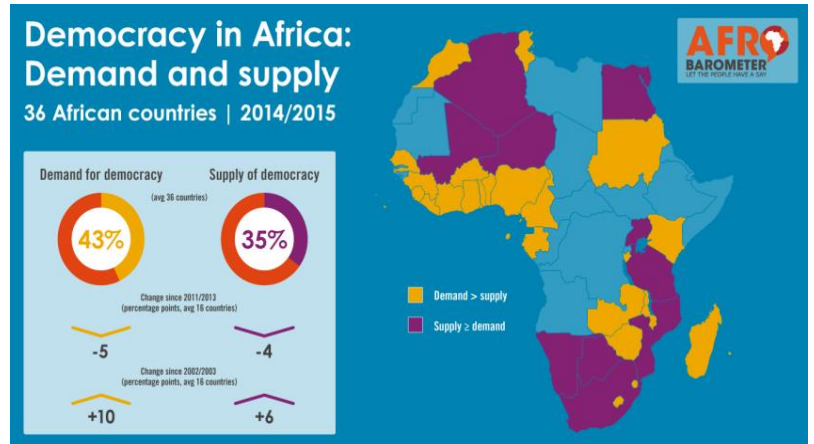
New publications

Global releases:

- ✓ [Do Africans still want democracy?](#)

Country-specific releases:

- ✓ [South Africans demand government accountability amid perceptions of growing corruption](#)
- ✓ [Cautious optimism marks Kenyans' perceptions of economic conditions](#)
- ✓ [In Zimbabwe, tolerance crosses ethnic, religious, national – but not sexual – lines](#)



Presentations

- ✓ AfricaNow! session on “Declining democracy assistance and the future of Afrobarometer: Addressing threats to a research and activist agenda” at African Studies Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C.
- ✓ Public release and special briefings on CDD-Ghana's second pre-election surveys for U.S. Ambassador to Ghana Robert Porter Jackson, key election stakeholders, civil-society organizations.

Support for Afrobarometer

“Afrobarometer ... is the world's leading research project on issues that affect African citizens. ... These data provide a key insight into citizens' perceptions of how effectively the government is delivering public goods and services.”

Chloe Bailey, Mo Ibrahim Foundation, whose 2016 Ibrahim Index of African Governance for the first time includes public attitude survey data (from Afrobarometer)



Thanks to the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the U.S. State Department, and the National Endowment for Democracy, Afrobarometer surveys will continue in 2017. But planned country coverage is still very limited, and Afrobarometer's longer-term survival remains uncertain. Voices of support for our work will continue to be essential.



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