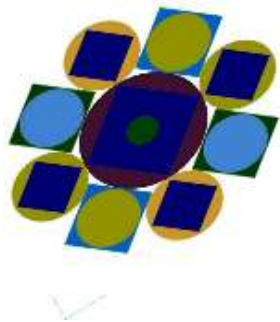


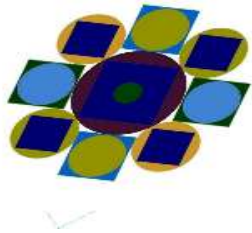
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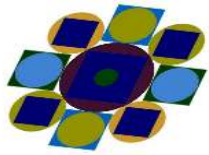


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Increased Trust Levels in Lesotho's Institutions
since 2008;
Perceptions of Corruption Decline

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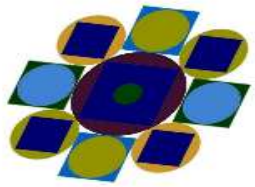


Trust, Key Findings



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- Survey results show trust in most institutions has risen slightly since the 4th survey round in 2008, while it remains below 2006 levels.
- The police and the courts were the only institutions for which trust declined slightly in 2012.
- The army is the most trusted institution in 2012, with 65% of survey respondents saying they trust it somewhat or a lot.

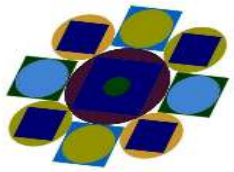


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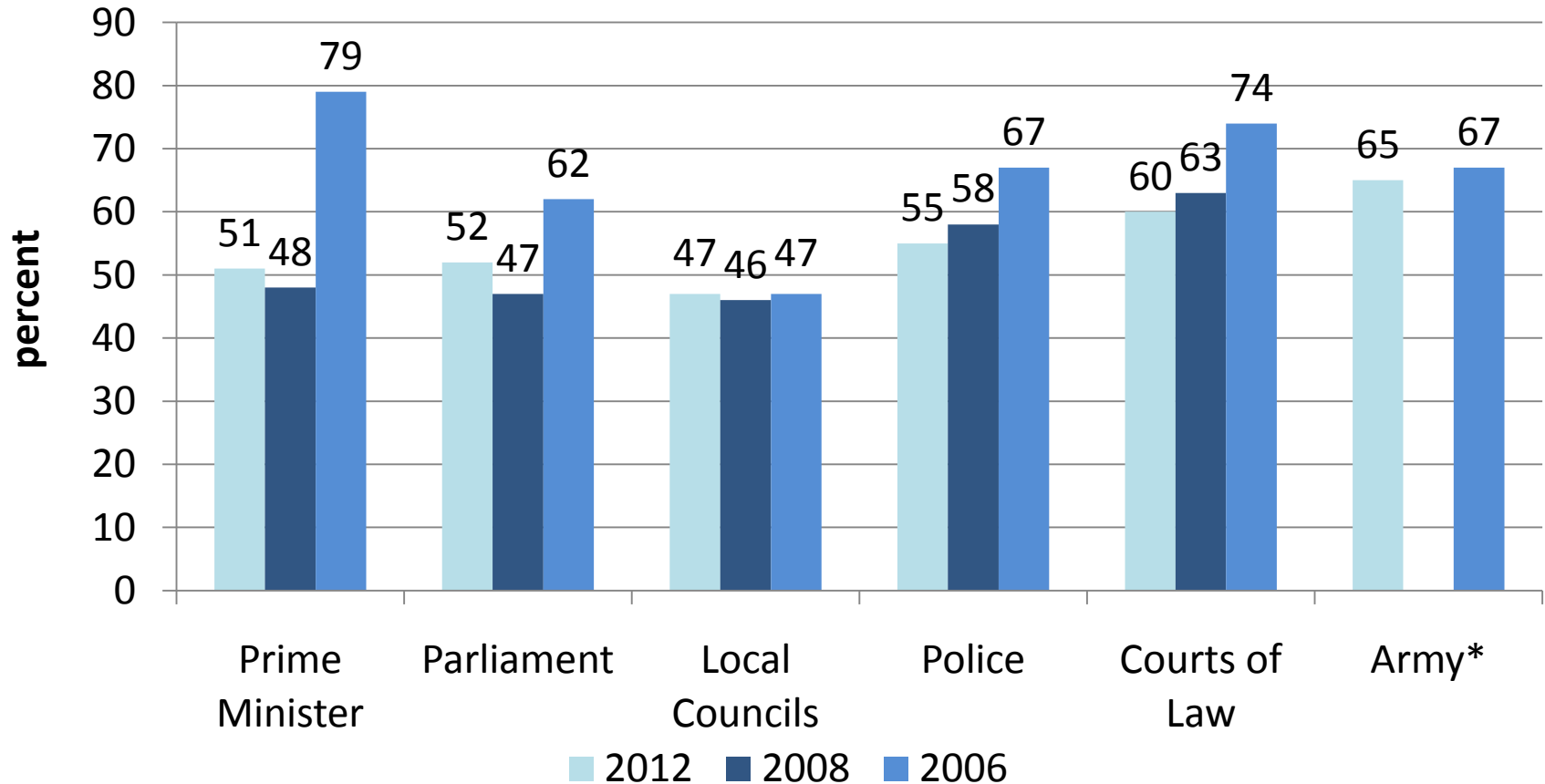
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- The coalition government is slightly more trusted in 2012 than the ruling party was trusted in 2008. Fifty percent of respondents indicated their confidence in it compared with 48% who said they trusted the ruling party in 2008.
- For community councillors, the trust level of 47% in 2012 was about the same as the previous two rounds.



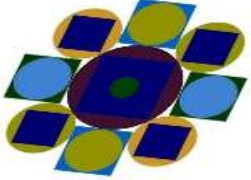
Trust in Public Institutions

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Q: How much you trust these organizations? (% who said somewhat or a lot)

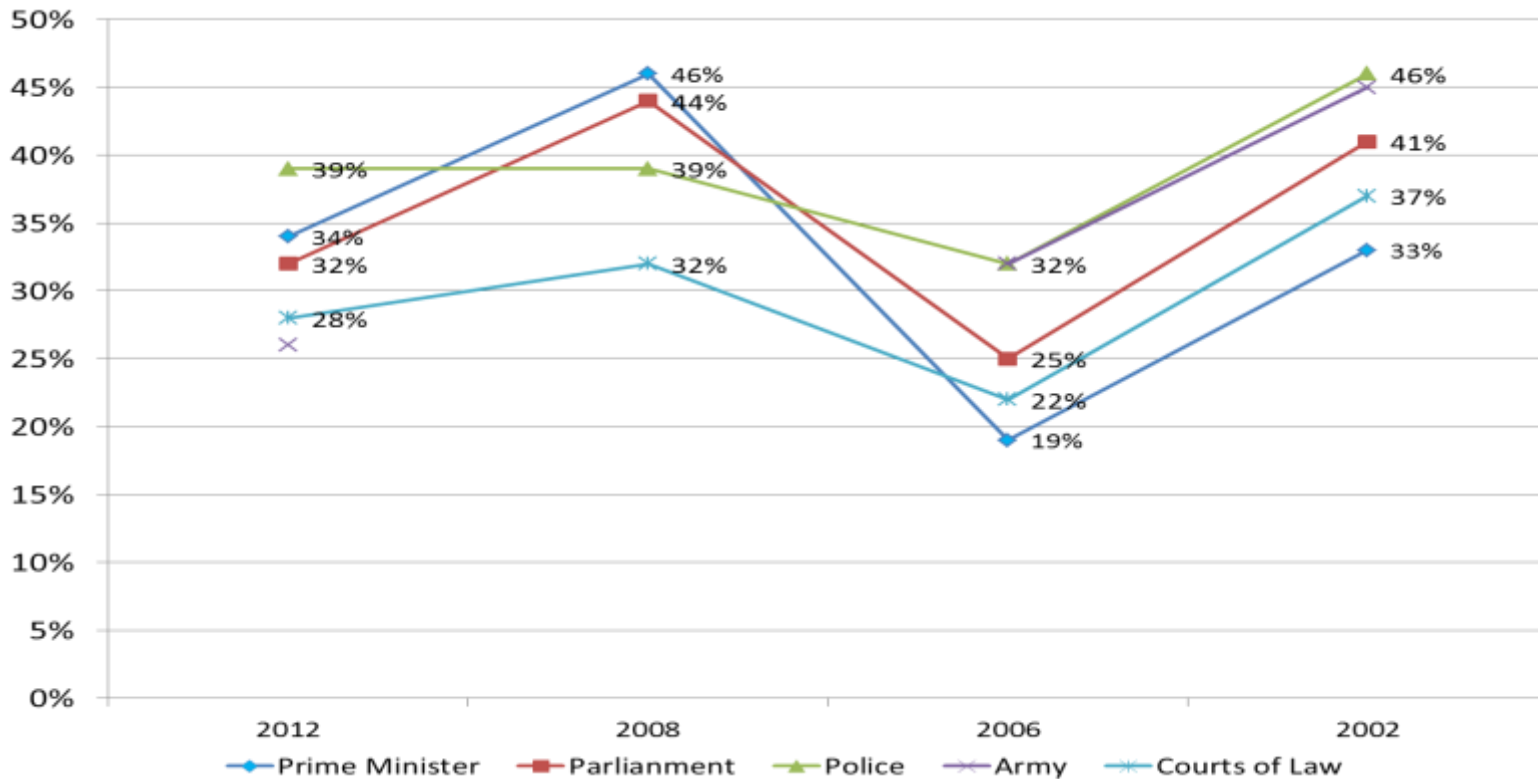
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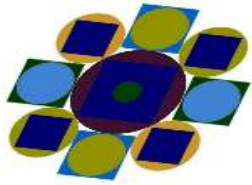
Distrust in Public Institutions



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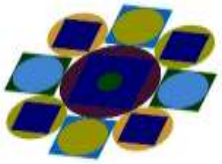


Q: How much you trust these organizations? (% who said just a little or not at all)



Trust in Other Institutions

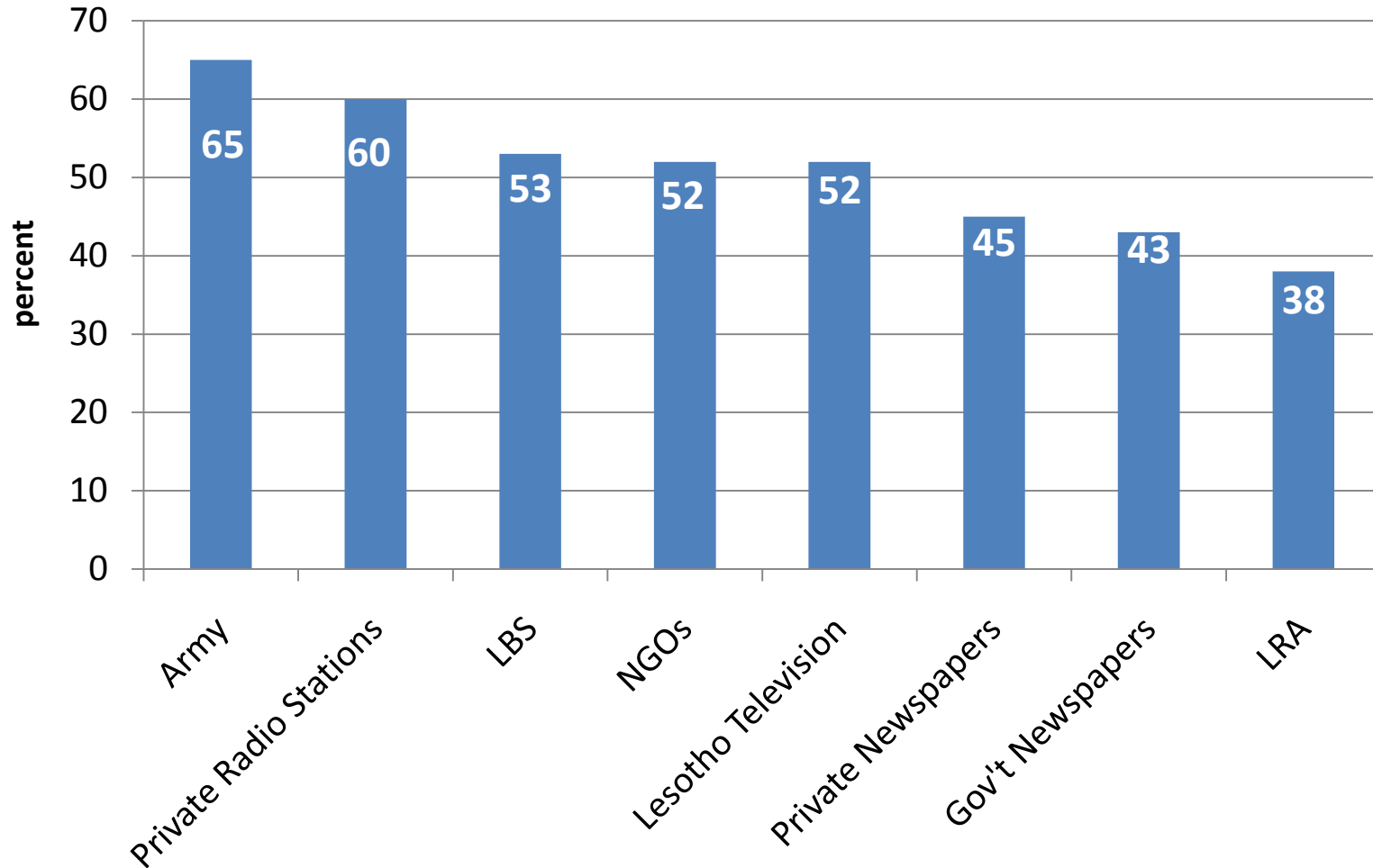
- The army was trusted by the highest number of respondents; 65% of the Basotho said they trusted it in 2012.
- The LRA is trusted by the least number of respondents with 38% of participants in 2012.



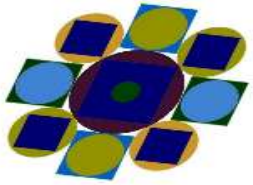
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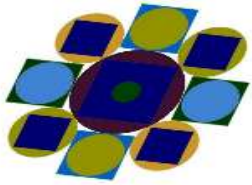
Q: How much do you trust these organizations? (% who said somewhat or a lot)



Trust in Media

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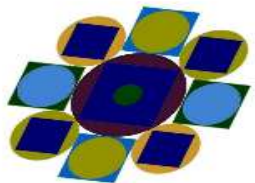
- In 2012, the percent of people who trust private newspapers is marginally higher at 45% compared to government newspapers with 43%.
- Radio stations garnered 60% of the respondents' votes of confidence. The government's national broadcasting services were trusted by 53% in 2012.



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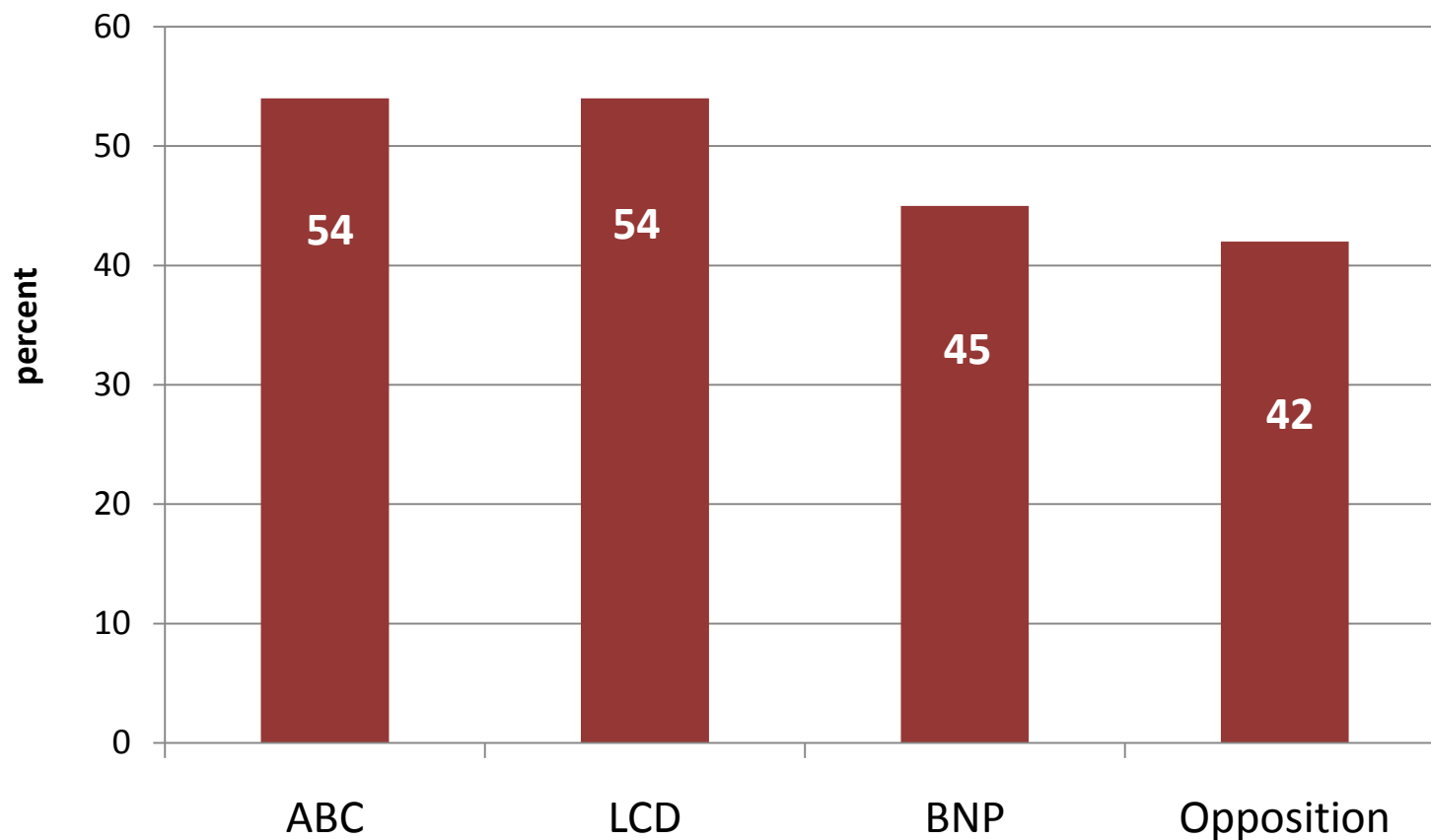
Trust in Political Parties

- Within the coalition government, both ABC party and LCD party are equally trusted with 54% of respondents saying they trust them.
- The BNP is the least trusted with endorsements by just 45% of the respondents.



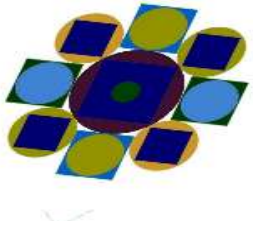
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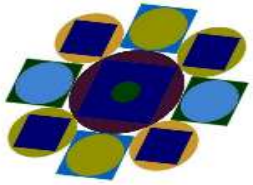
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Perceived Corruption

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- Perception of corruption in parliament fell to 51% in 2012 from 64% in 2008.
- Perception of involvement in corruption by community councillors was 55% in 2012 from 66% in 2008.
- For government officials corruption perception fell to 65% in 2012 from 73% in 2008.

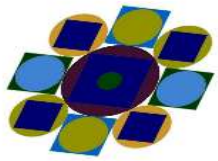


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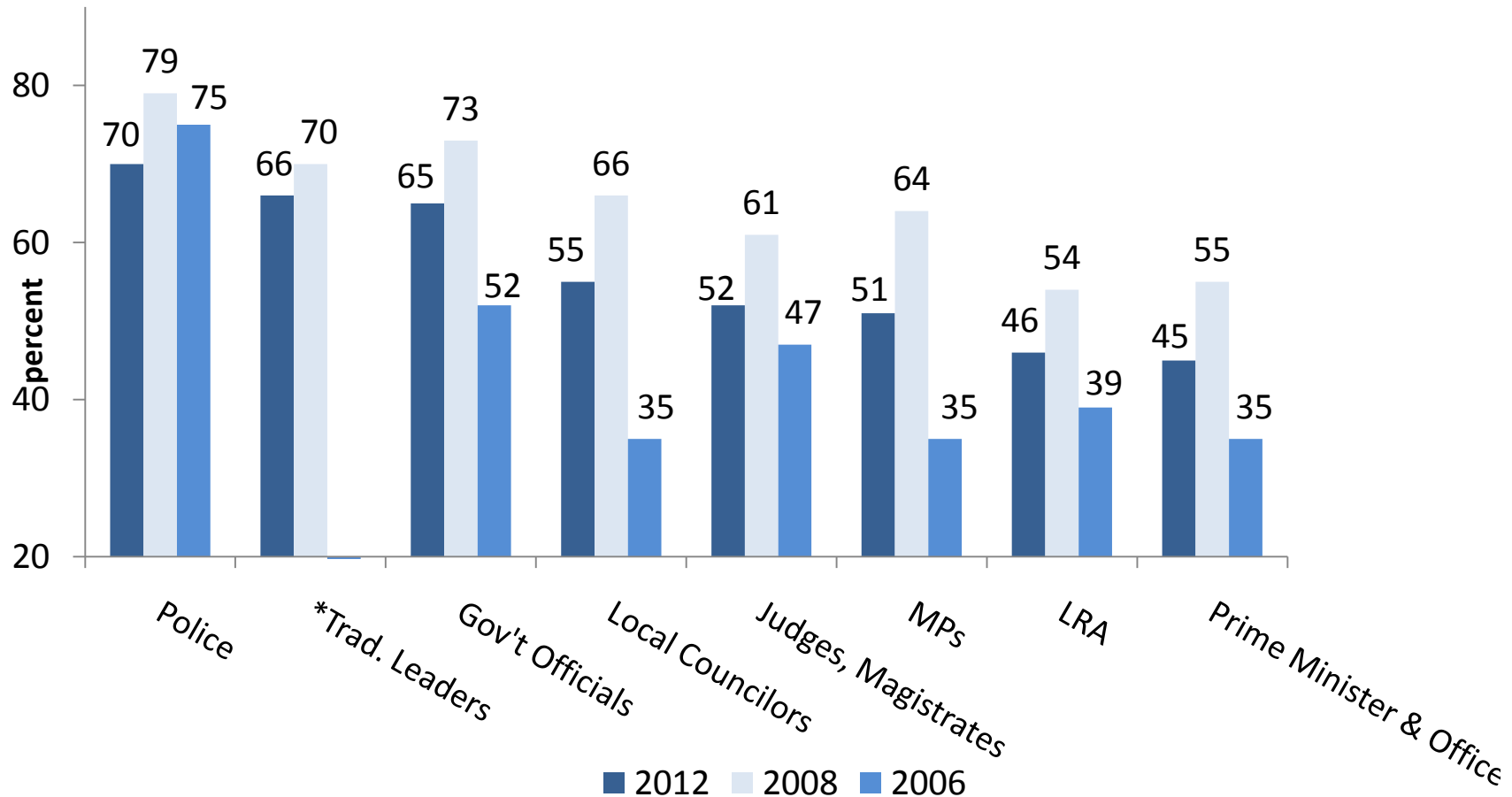


- Perceptions of corruption in the police fell to 70% of respondents in 2012 after rising to 79% in 2008 from 75% in 2006.
- In 2012 LRA was perceived to be involved in corruption by 46% of the respondents, and by 54% in 2008.
- 52% of respondents said judges and magistrates were involved in corruption in 2012 compared with 61% in 2008.
- Perceptions of corruption in traditional leaders fell to 66% of respondents in 2012 from 70% in 2008.



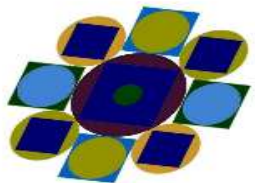
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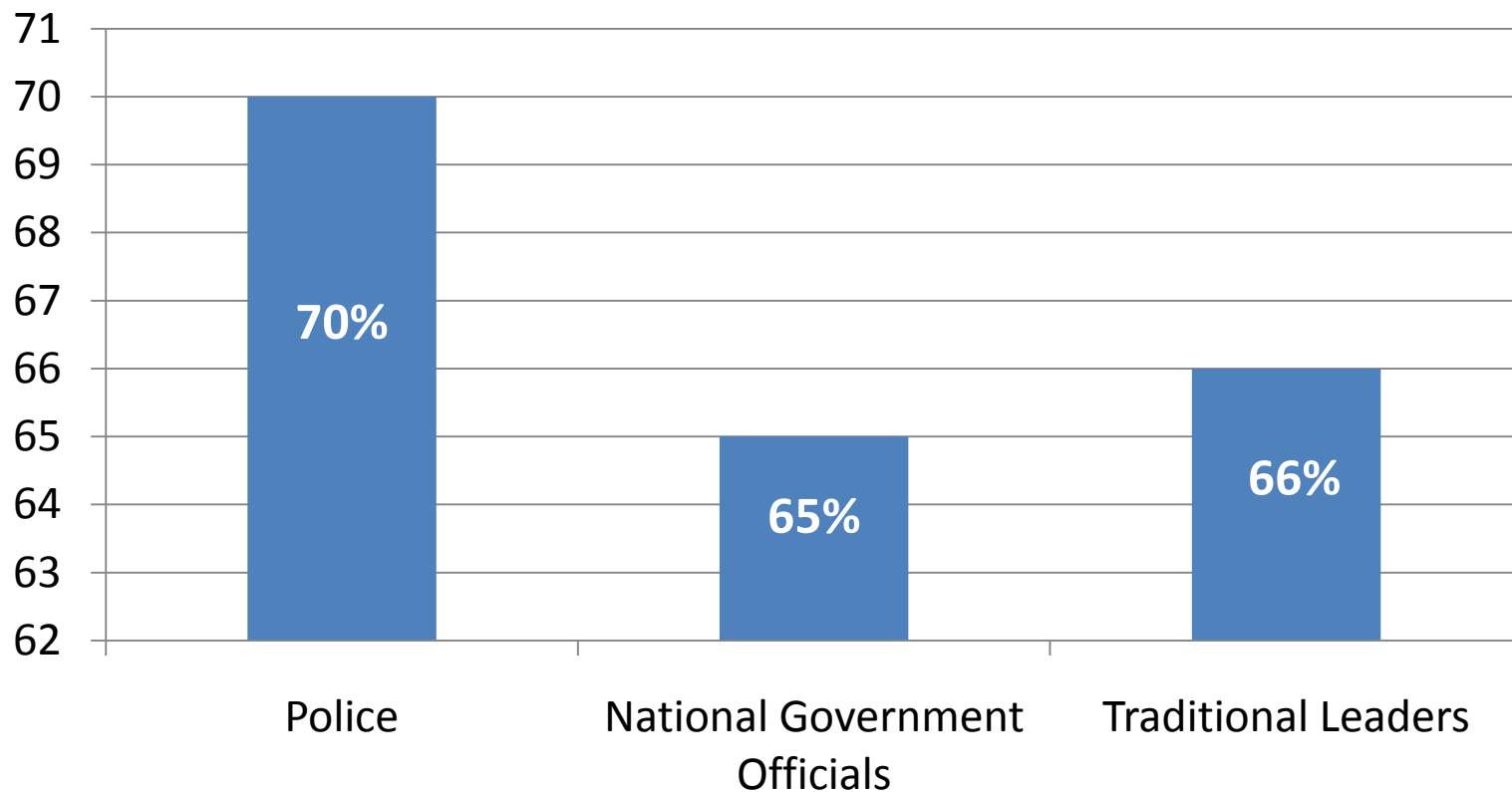
Q: Which of these officials are corrupt? (% who said some, many or all are corrupt)

**Question wasn't asked about traditional leaders in 2006*

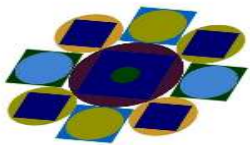


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Groups Perceived Corrupt by the Most People in 2012



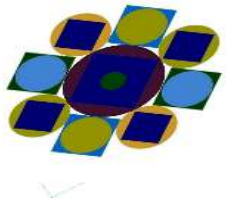
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KEY FINDINGS

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- An increased number of Basotho are optimistic about corruption compared with 2008. For each government institution, the percentage of people who perceived at least some corruption fell in 2012 from 2008.
- A significant increase in trust for opposition parties after a slump in 2008 is probably a function of the honeymoon effect following the 2012 general election and subsequent first time model of government.
- A steep decline in level of trust and perception on corruption in 2008 may, among other reasons, have resulted from major split within the ruling party of the time.



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