



Data Codebook

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Question Number: RESPNO
Question: Respondent number
Variable Label: Respondent number
Values: MLW0001-MLW1225
Value Labels: String variable
Note: Assigned by data managers

Question Number: BACKCHK
Question: Household back-checked?
Variable Label: Household back-checked?
Values: 1-2
Value Labels: 1=Yes, 2=No
Note: Answered by interviewer

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: 460-462
Value Labels: 460=Central, 461=Central, 462=South.
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: DISTRICT
Question: District
Variable Label: District
Values: String variable
Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: TOWNVILL
Question: Town/Village.
Variable Label: Town/Village
Values: String variable
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: 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: 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: 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: Cell phone service?

Variable Label: Cell 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_FAC_A

Question: Are the following facilities present in the primary sampling unit/enumeration area, or within easy walking distance: Post-office?

Variable Label: 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 within easy walking distance: School?

Variable Label: 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 within easy walking distance: Police station?

Variable Label: 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 within easy walking distance: Health clinic?

Variable Label: 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 within easy walking distance: Market stalls (selling groceries and/or clothing)?

Variable Label: 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_SEC_A

Question: In the PSU/EA, did you (or any of your colleagues) see: Any policemen or police vehicles?

Variable Label: 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: 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_Road

Question: Thinking of your journey here: Was the road at the start point in the PSU/EA paved/ tarred/ concrete?

Variable Label: Tarred/paved road

Values: 0, 1,

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, -1=Missing

Source: SAB

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, 997

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), 997=Not applicable

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, 997

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), 997=Not applicable

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, 997

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), 997=Not applicable

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, 997

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), 997=Not applicable

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, 997

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), 997=Not applicable

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: NOCALL_6

Question: Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 6

Variable Label: Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 6

Values: 1-8, 997

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), 997=Not applicable

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: NOCALL_7

Question: Reasons for unsuccessful calls: Household 7

Variable Label: Reason for Unsuccessful Call Household 7

Values: 1-8, 997

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), 997=Not applicable

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: PREVINT

Question: Previous interview was with a:

Variable Label: Previous interview, gender

Values: 0, 1, 2,

Value Labels: 0=First interview, 1=Male, 2=Female,

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: THISINT

Question: This interview must be with a:

Variable Label: This interview, gender

Values: 1, 2

Value Labels: 1=Male, 2=Female

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: ADULT_CT

Question: Number of women/men in the household (adult citizens)

Variable Label: Number of adult women/men in household

Values: 1-99, 998, 999, -1

Value Labels: 998=Refused to answer, 999=Don't know, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer was given the following instructions: "Please record the total number of adult women/men (select correct gender, from above table) who are citizens of Malawi in the household, i.e., how many names did you write in either the left or the right column above. Enter a two-digit number."

Question Number: CALLS

Question: How many calls were made to the household where the interview actually took place?

Variable Label: Number of calls

Values: 1, 2

Value Labels: 1=One call, 2=Two calls

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: DATEINTR

Question: Date of interview

Variable Label: Date of interview

Values: 10.01.08 – 11.25.08

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: Age

Values: 18-88, 998-999, -1

Value Labels: 998=Refused to answer, 999=Don't know, -1=Missing data

Question Number: Q2

Question: Are you the head of the household?

Variable Label: Head of household

Values: 0, 1, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Question Number: Q3

Question: Which Malawian language is your home language?

Variable Label: Language of respondent

Values: 1, 4, 460-477, 995, 998-999, -1

Value Labels: 1=English, 2= French, 3=Portuguese, 4=Kiswahili, 460=Tumbuka, 461=Nkhonde, 462=Lambya, 463=Chewa, 464=Yao, 465=Ngoni, 466=Lomwe, 467=Mang'anja, 468=Sena, 469=Sukwa, 470=Senga, 471=Tonga, 472=Khokhola, 473=Ndali, 474=Nyika, 475=Chikunda, 476=Namwanga, 477=Wiza, 995=Other, 998=Refused to answer, 999=Don't know, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note : Interviewer was instructed to prompt if necessary with "That is, the language of your group of origin."

Question Number: Q4A

Question: In general, how would you describe: The present economic condition of this country?

Variable Label: Country's present economic condition

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very bad, 2=Fairly bad, 3=Neither good nor bad, 4=Fairly good, 5=Very good, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB, Zambia96

Question Number: Q4B

Question: In general, how would you describe: Your own present living conditions?

Variable Label: Your present living conditions

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very bad, 2=Fairly bad, 3=Neither good nor bad, 4=Fairly good, 5=Very good, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB, Zambia96

Question Number: Q5

Question: In general, how do you rate your living conditions compared to those of other Malawians?

Variable Label: Your living conditions vs. others

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Much worse, 2=Worse, 3=Same, 4=Better, 5=Much better, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB, Zambia96

Question Number: Q6A

Question: Looking back, how do you rate the following compared to twelve months ago: Economic conditions in this country?

Variable Label: Country's economic condition compared to 12 months ago

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Much worse, 2=Worse, 3=Same, 4=Better, 5=Much better, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q6B

Question: Looking back, how do you rate the following compared to twelve months ago: Your living conditions?

Variable Label: Your living conditions compared to 12 months ago

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Much worse, 2=Worse, 3=Same, 4=Better, 5=Much better, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data
Source: NDB, Zambia96

Question Number: Q7A

Question: Looking ahead, do you expect the following to be better or worse: Economic conditions in this country in twelve months time?

Variable Label: Country's economic condition in 12 months time

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Much worse, 2=Worse, 3=Same, 4=Better, 5=Much better, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB, Zambia96

Question Number: Q7B

Question: Looking ahead, do you expect the following to be better or worse: Your living conditions in twelve months time?

Variable Label: Your living conditions in 12 months time

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Much worse, 2=Worse, 3=Same, 4=Better, 5=Much better, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB, Zambia96

Question Number: Q8A

Question: Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Enough food to eat?

Variable Label: How often gone without food

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Question Number: Q8B

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: How often gone without water

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Question Number: Q8C

Question: Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Medicines or medical treatment?

Variable Label: How often gone without medical care

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Question Number: Q8D

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: How often gone without cooking fuel

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q8E

Question: Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: A cash income?

Variable Label: How often gone without a cash income

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q9A

Question: Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Feared crime in your own home?

Variable Label: How often feared crime in home

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from NDB

Question Number: Q9B

Question: Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Had something stolen from your house?

Variable Label: How often something stolen from house

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from NDB

Question Number: Q9C

Question: Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Been physically attacked?

Variable Label: How often physically attacked

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Just once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 4=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from NDB

Question Number: Q10

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: The costs of reforming the economy are too high; the government should therefore abandon its current economic policies.

Statement 2: In order for the economy to get better in the future, it is necessary for us to accept some hardships now.

Variable Label: Abandon economic reforms vs. accept hardships

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Ghana97

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q11

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: The government's economic policies have helped most people; only a few have suffered.

Statement 2: The government's economic policies have hurt most people and only benefited a few.

Variable Label: Economic policies helped most vs. hurt most

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Ghana99

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q12A

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

Variable Label: Radio news

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Zambia96

Question Number: Q12B

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

Variable Label: Television news

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q12C

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

Variable Label: Newspaper news

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Zambia96

Question Number: Q13

Question: How interested would you say you are in public affairs?

Variable Label: Interest in public affairs

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all interested, 1=Not very interested, 2=Somewhat interested, 3=Very interested, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note : Interviewer was instructed to prompt if necessary with "You know, in politics and government."

Question Number: Q14

Question: When you get together with your friends or family, would you say you discuss political matters:

Variable Label: Discuss politics

Values: 0-2, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Occasionally, 2=Frequently, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Zambia96.

Question Number: Q15A

Question: In this country, how free are you: To say what you think?

Variable Label: Freedom to say what you think

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Not at all free, 2=Not very free, 3=Somewhat free, 4=Completely free, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Question Number: Q15B

Question: In this country, how free are you: To join any political organization you want?

Variable Label: Freedom to join any political organizations

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Not at all free, 2=Not very free, 3=Somewhat free, 4=Completely free, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Question Number: Q15C

Question: In this country, how free are you: To choose who to vote for without feeling pressured?

Variable Label: Freedom to choose who to vote for

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Not at all free, 2=Not very free, 3=Somewhat free, 4=Completely free, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Question Number: Q16

Question: Let's talk for a moment about the kind of society we would like to have in this country. Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Citizens should be more active in questioning the actions of leaders.

Statement 2: In our country, citizens should show more respect for authority.

Variable Label: Question actions of leaders vs. respect authority

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Zambia96

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q17

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Since leaders represent everyone, they should not favour their own family or group.

Statement 2: Once in office, leaders are obliged to help their home community.

Variable Label: Leaders treat all equally vs. help own community

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q18

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: People are like children; the government should take care of them like a parent.

Statement 2: Government is like an employee; the people should be the bosses who control the government.

Variable Label: Government like a parent vs. an employee

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Ghana99

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q19

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: 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: Government bans organization vs. join any

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Uganda00

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q20

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Government should be able to close newspapers that print stories it does not like.

Statement 2: The news media should be free to publish any story that they see fit without fear of being shut down.

Variable Label: Government close newspapers vs. free to publish

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Uganda00

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q21

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Government should not allow the expression of political views that are fundamentally different from the views of the majority.

Statement 2: People should be able to speak their minds about politics free of government influence, no matter how unpopular their views may be.

Variable Label: Government suppress expression vs. people speak minds

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Uganda00

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q22A

Question: Let's turn to your role in the community. Now I am going to read out a list of groups that people join or attend. For each one, could you tell me whether you are an official leader, an active member, an inactive member, or not a member: A religious group (e.g., church, mosque)?

Variable Label: Member of religious group

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not a Member, 1=Inactive member, 2=Active member, 3=Official leader, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q22B

Question: Let's turn to your role in the community. Now I am going to read out a list of groups that people join or attend. For each one, could you tell me whether you are an official leader, an active member, an inactive member, or not a member: Some other voluntary association or community group?

Variable Label: Member of voluntary association or community group

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not a member, 1=Inactive member, 2=Active member, 3=Official leader, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q23A

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: Attend a community meeting

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would do if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q23B

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: Join others to raise an issue

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would do if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q23C

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 demonstration or protest march?

Variable Label: Attend a demonstration or protest march

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=No, would never do this, 1=No, but would do if had the chance, 2=Yes, once or twice, 3=Yes, several times, 4=Yes, often, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Zambia96

Question Number: Q23D

Question: With regard to the most recent, 2004 national elections, which statement is true for you?

Variable Label: Voted last election

Values: 0-6, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=You were not registered or you were too young to vote, 1=You voted in the elections, 2=You decided not to vote, 3=You could not find the polling station, 4=You were prevented from voting, 5=You did not have time to vote, 6=Did not vote for some other reason, 9=Don't know/Can't remember, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q24A

Question: In your opinion, how likely is it that you could get together with others and make: Your District Commissioner listen to your concerns about a matter of importance to the community?

Variable Label: Make local government councilors listen

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all likely, 1=Not very likely, 2=Somewhat likely, 3=Very likely, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q24A1_MLW

Question: In your opinion, how likely is it that you could get together with others and make: Your Traditional leader listen to your concerns about a matter of importance to the community?

Variable Label: Make traditional leaders listen

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all likely, 1=Not very likely, 2=Somewhat likely, 3=Very likely, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q24B

Question: In your opinion, how likely is it that you could get together with others and make: Your Member of Parliament listen to your concerns about a matter of importance to the community?

Variable Label: Make MP listen

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all likely, 1=Not very likely, 2=Somewhat likely, 3=Very likely, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q25A

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 District Commissioner?

Variable Label: Contact local government councillor

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q25B

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: Contact MP

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 9=Don't know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q25C

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: An official of a government agency?

Variable Label: Contact official of a government agency

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q26A

Question: Think of the last time you contacted any of these leaders. Did you go: Alone or with a group?

Variable Label: Contact formal leader: alone or with group

Values: 1-2, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Alone, 2=With a group, 7=Not applicable (did not contact any), 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q26B

Question: Think of the last time you contacted any of these leaders. Did you go: To discuss a community problem or a personal problem?

Variable Label: Contact formal leader: community or personal problem

Values: 1-2, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Community problem, 2=Personal problem, 7=Not applicable (did not contact any), 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q27A

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 religious leader?

Variable Label: Contact religious leader

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q27B

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 ruler?

Variable Label: Contact traditional ruler

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q27C

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: Some other influential person?

Variable Label: Contact some other influential person

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Only once, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Note: Interviewer was instructed to prompt if necessary with "You know, someone with more money or power than you who can speak on your behalf."

Question Number: Q28A

Question: Think of the last time you contacted any of these leaders. Did you go: Alone or with a group?

Variable Label: Contact informal leader: alone or with group

Values: 1-2, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Alone, 2=With a group, 7=Not applicable (did not contact any), 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q28B

Question: Think of the last time you contacted any of these leaders. Did you go: To discuss a community problem or a personal problem?

Variable Label: Contact informal leader: community or personal problem

Values: 1-2, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Community problem, 2=Personal problem, 7=Not applicable (did not contact any), 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q29A

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: Reject one-party rule

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Neither approve nor disapprove, 4=Approve, 5=Strongly approve, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q29B

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: Reject military rule

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Neither approve nor disapprove, 4=Approve, 5=Strongly approve, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from NDB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q29C

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: Reject one-man rule

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=Disapprove, 3=Neither approve nor disapprove, 4=Approve, 5=Strongly approve, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q30

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: Support for democracy

Values: 1-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Statement 3: Doesn't matter, 2=Statement 2: Sometimes non-democratic preferable, 3=Statement 1: Democracy preferable, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

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: Q31

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: Choose leaders through elections vs. other methods

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

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: Political parties create division and confusion; it is therefore unnecessary to have many political parties in Malawi.

Statement 2: Many political parties are needed to make sure that Malawians have real choices in who governs them.

Variable Label: Political parties divisive vs. many parties needed

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

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: 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: President monitored by parliament vs. free to act on own

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

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: Opposition parties should regularly examine and criticize government policies and actions.

Statement 2: Opposition parties should concentrate on cooperating with government and helping it develop the country.

Variable Label: Opposition parties examine government vs. cooperate

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q35

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 corruption and the mistakes made by the government.

Statement 2: Too much reporting on negative events, like corruption, only harms the country.

Variable Label: Media checks government vs. avoid negative reporting

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q36

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Members of Parliament represent the people; therefore they should make laws for this country, even if the President does not agree.

Statement 2: Since the President represents all of us, he should pass laws without worrying about what Parliament thinks.

Variable Label: Parliament makes laws vs. president does

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q37

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: President free to act vs. obey the laws and courts

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q38

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: Presidential two term limits vs. no term limits

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q39

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Our present system of elected government should be given more time to deal with inherited problems.

Statement 2: If our present system cannot produce results soon, we should try another form of government.

Variable Label: Time to deal with problems vs. try another form

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly?"

Question Number: Q40A

Question: If you had to choose, which one of the following things: Is most important?

Variable Label: Most important national priority

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Maintaining order in the nation, 2=Giving people more say in government decisions, 3=Protecting people's right to live freely, 4=Improving economic conditions for the poor, 5=None of these, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q40B

Question: And which would be the next most important?

Variable Label: Second most important national priority

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Maintaining order in the nation, 2=Giving people more say in government decisions, 3=Protecting people's right to live freely, 4=Improving economic conditions for the poor, 5=None of these, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: 41A1

Question: Can you tell me the name of: Your Member of Parliament?

Variable Label: Identify MP (verbatim)

Values: String variable

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Note: Interviewer recorded respondent's verbatim response, and then coded the answer.

Question Number: 41A2

Question: Can you tell me the name of: Your Member of Parliament?

Variable Label: Identify MP (code)

Values: 1-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Know but can't remember, 2=Incorrect guess, 3=Correct name, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Question Number: 41B1

Question: Can you tell me the name of: Your country's Minister of Finance?

Variable Label: Identify Minister of Finance (verbatim)

Values: String variable

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Note: Interviewer preceded question with the statement: "Now let us speak about the political system in this country." Interviewer recorded respondent's verbatim response, and then coded the answer. Correct answer was Goodall Gondwe.

Question Number: 41B2

Question: Can you tell me the name of: Your country's Minister of Finance?

Variable Label: Identify Minister of Finance (code)

Values: 1-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Know but can't remember, 2=Incorrect guess, 3=Correct name, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Question Number: Q42A

Question: In your opinion how much of a democracy is Malawi today?

Variable Label: Extent of democracy

Values: 1-4, 8, 9, 998, -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, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

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: Q42B

Question: Angela lives in a country with many political parties and free elections. Everyone is free to speak their minds about politics and to vote for the party of their choice. Elections sometimes lead to a change of ruling party. In your opinion, how much of a democracy is Angela's country?

Variable Label: Extent of democracy: Vignette A

Values: 1-4, 8, 9, 998, -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, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

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: Q42C

Question: Boniface lives in a country with regular elections. It has one large political party and many small ones. People are free to express their opinions and to vote as they please. But so far, elections have not led to a change of ruling party. In your opinion, how much of a democracy is Boniface’s country?

Variable Label: Extent of democracy: Vignette B

Values: 1-4, 8, 9, 998, -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, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

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: Q42D

Question: Chrissy lives in a country with regular elections. It has one big political party and many small ones. People are afraid to express political opinions or to vote for the opposition. The opposition is so weak that it seems that it can never win an election. In your opinion, how much of a democracy is Chrissy’s country?

Variable Label: Extent of democracy: Vignette C

Values: 1-4, 8, 9, 998, -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, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

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: Q43

Question: Overall, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Malawi? Are you:

Variable Label: Satisfaction with democracy

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Malawi is not a democracy, 1=Not at all satisfied, 2=Not very satisfied, 3=Fairly satisfied, 4=Very satisfied, 9=Don’t know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

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: Q44A

Question: For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: The courts have the right to make decisions that people always have to abide by.

Variable Label: Courts make binding decisions

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 9=Don’t know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

Note: The interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q44B

Question: For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: The police always have the right to make people obey the law.

Variable Label: People must obey the law

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

Note: The interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q44C

Question: For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: The tax department always has the right to make people pay taxes.

Variable Label: People must pay taxes

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree nor disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly agree, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

Note: The interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q45A

Question: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Does competition between political parties lead to violent conflict?

Variable Label: How often party competition leads to conflict

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

Question Number: Q45B

Question: In your opinion, how often, in this country: Does the President ignore the laws of the country?

Variable Label: How often president ignores laws

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

Question Number: Q45C

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

Variable Label: How often people treated unequally

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 2

Question Number: Q45D

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

Variable Label: How often officials unpunished

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q45E

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

Variable Label: How often ordinary people unpunished

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q46

Question: In this country, how often: do people have to be careful of what they say about politics?

Variable Label: How often careful what you say

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Rarely, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q47

Question: During election campaigns in this country, how much do you personally fear becoming a victim of political intimidation or violence?

Variable Label: How much fear political intimidation or violence

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=A lot, 1=Somewhat, 2=A little bit, 3=Not at all, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q48A

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: How likely powerful find out your vote

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all likely, 1=Not very likely, 2=Somewhat likely, 3=Very likely, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: 48B

Question: How likely do you think it is: That people can be punished by government officials if they make complaints about poor quality services or misuse of funds?

Variable Label: How likely punished for making complaints

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all likely, 1=Not very likely, 2=Somewhat likely, 3=Very likely, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q49A

Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The President?

Variable Label: Trust president

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Zambia96

Question Number: Q49B

Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The Parliament?

Variable Label: Trust parliament/national assembly

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q49C

Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The Malawi Electoral Commission?

Variable Label: Trust national electoral commission

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q49D

Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Your District Assembly?

Variable Label: Trust your elected local government council

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q49E

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: Trust the ruling party

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Zambia96

Question Number: Q49F

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: Trust opposition political parties

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Zambia 96

Question Number: Q49G

Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The Police?

Variable Label: Trust police

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Zambia 96

Question Number: Q49H

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: Trust courts of law

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Zambia 96

Question Number: Q49I

Question: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Traditional leaders

Variable Label: Trust traditional leaders

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=Somewhat, 3=A lot, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Zambia 96

Question Number: Q50A

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: Corruption: office of the Presidency

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q50B

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: Corruption: Members of Parliament

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q50C

Question: How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: District Commissioners?

Variable Label: Corruption: local government councilors

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q50D

Question: How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Government Officials?

Variable Label: Corruption: government officials

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q50E

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: Corruption: police

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q50F

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 (e.g. Ministry of Finance officials or Local Government tax collectors)

Variable Label: Corruption: tax officials

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q50G

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: Corruption: judges and magistrates

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q50H

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: Corruption: traditional leaders

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Some of them, 2=Most of them, 3=All of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q51A

Question: In the past year, how often (if ever) have you had to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favor to government officials in order to: Get a document or a permit?

Variable Label: Pay bribe for: document or permit

Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No experience with this in the past year, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Question Number: Q51B

Question: In the past year, how often (if ever) have you had to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favor to government officials in order to: Get water or sanitation services?

Variable Label: Pay bribe for: water or sanitation services

Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No experience with this in the past year, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Question Number: Q51C

Question: In the past year, how often (if ever) have you had to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favor to government officials in order to: Avoid a problem with the police (like passing a checkpoint or avoiding a fine or arrest)?

Variable Label: Pay bribe for: avoid problem with police

Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=A few times, 3=Often, 7=No experience with this in the past year, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Question Number: Q52

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: Most important responsibility of MP

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q53A

Question: How much time: Should your Member of Parliament spend in this constituency to visit the community and its citizens?

Variable Label: Time MP should spend

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q53B

Question: How much time: Does your Member of Parliament spend in this constituency?

Variable Label: Time MP does spend

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 98=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q54A

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: MPs listen

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never 1=Only sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q54B

Question: How much of the time do you think the following try their best to listen to what people like you have to say: District Commissioners?

Variable Label: Local government councilors listen

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never 1=Only sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q54C

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: Traditional leaders listen

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never 1=Only sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q55

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: In electing a Member of Parliament, I prefer to vote for a candidate who can deliver goods and services to people in this community.

Statement 2: In electing a Member of Parliament, I prefer to vote for a candidate who can make policies that benefit everyone in our country.

Variable Label: MPs benefit local community vs. whole country

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

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

Question Number: Q56PT1

Question: In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?

Variable Label: Most important problems – 1st response

Values: 0-32, 995-996, 998-999, -1

Value Labels: 0=Nothing/no problems, 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, 995=Other (i.e. some other problem), 998=Refused to answer, 999=Don't know, -1=Missing data.

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: Q56PT2

Question: In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?

Variable Label: Most important problems – 2nd response

Values: 0-32, 995-996, 998-999, -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, 995=Other (i.e. some other problem), 996=No further reply, 998=Refused to answer, 999=Don't know, -1=Missing data.

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: Q56PT3

Question: In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?

Variable Label: Most important problems – 3rd response

Values: 0-31, 995-996, 998-999, -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, 995=Other (i.e. some other problem), 996=No further reply, 998=Refused to answer, 999=Don't know, -1=Missing data.

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: Q57A

Question: Now let's speak about 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: Handling managing the economy

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57B

Question: Now let's speak about 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: Improving the living standards of the poor.

Variable Label: Handling improving living standards of the poor

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57C

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: Handling creating jobs

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57D

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 down?

Variable Label: Handling keeping prices down

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57E

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: Handling narrowing income gaps

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57F

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: Handling reducing crime

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very Badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57G

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: Handling improving basic health services

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57H

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: Handling addressing educational needs

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: NDB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57I

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: Handling providing water and sanitation services

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57J

Question: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Ensuring everyone has enough to eat?

Variable Label: Handling ensuring enough to eat

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57K

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: Handling fighting corruption

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57L

Question: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Combating HIV/AIDS?

Variable Label: Handling combating HIV/AIDS

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57M

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: Handling and maintaining roads and bridges

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57N

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: Handling providing reliable electric supply

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57O

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 our rivers and forests?

Variable Label: Handling protecting rivers and forests

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q57P

Question: How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Empowering women?

Variable Label: Handling empowering women

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: 58A

Question: Who do you think actually has *primary* responsibility for managing each of the following tasks. Is it the central government, the local government, traditional leaders, or members of your community: Keeping the community clean?

Variable Label: Primary responsibility: keeping the community clean

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Central government, 2=Local government, 3=Traditional leaders, 4=Members of the community, 5=None of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: 58B

Question: Who do you think actually has *primary* responsibility for managing each of the following tasks. Is it the central government, the local government, traditional leaders, or members of your community: Managing schools?

Variable Label: Primary responsibility: managing schools

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Central government, 2=Local government, 3=Traditional leaders, 4=Members of the community, 5=None of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data. .

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: 58C

Question: Who do you think actually has *primary* responsibility for managing each of the following tasks. Is it the central government, the local government, traditional leaders, or members of your community: Managing health clinics?

Variable Label: Primary responsibility: managing health clinics

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Central government, 2=Local government, 3=Traditional leaders, 4=Members of the community, 5=None of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: 58D

Question: Who do you think actually has *primary* responsibility for managing each of the following tasks. Is it the central government, the local government, traditional leaders, or members of your community: Collecting income taxes?

Variable Label: Primary responsibility: collecting income taxes

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Central government, 2=Local government, 3=Traditional leaders, 4=Members of the community, 5=None of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: 58E

Question: Who do you think actually has *primary* responsibility for managing each of the following tasks. Is it the central government, the local government, traditional leaders, or members of your community: Solving local disputes?

Variable Label: Primary responsibility: solving local disputes

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Central government, 2=Local government, 3=Traditional leaders, 4=Members of the community, 5=None of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: 58F

Question: Who do you think actually has *primary* responsibility for managing each of the following tasks. Is it the central government, the local government, traditional leaders, or members of your community: Allocating land?

Variable Label: Primary responsibility: allocating land

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Central government, 2=Local government, 3=Traditional leaders, 4=Members of the community, 5=None of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: 58G

Question: Who do you think actually has *primary* responsibility for managing each of the following tasks. Is it the central government, the local government, traditional leaders, or members of your community: Protecting rivers and forests?

Variable Label: Primary responsibility: protecting rivers and forests

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Central government, 2=Local government, 3=Traditional leaders, 4=Members of the community, 5=None of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: 58H

Question: Who do you think actually has *primary* responsibility for managing each of the following tasks. Is it the central government, the local government, traditional leaders, or members of your community: Maintaining law and order?

Variable Label: Primary responsibility: maintaining law and order

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Central government, 2=Local government, 3=Traditional leaders, 4=Members of the community, 5=None of them, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q59A

Question: What about local government? I do not mean the central government. I mean your District Assembly. How well or badly would you say your local government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Maintaining local roads?

Variable Label: Local govt. handling maintaining roads

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q59B

Question: What about local government? I do not mean the central government. I mean your District Assembly.. How well or badly would you say your local government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Maintaining local market places?

Variable Label: Local govt. handling maintaining local markets

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q59C

Question: What about local government? I do not mean the central government. I mean your District Assembly. How well or badly would you say your local government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Maintaining health standards in public restaurants and food stalls?

Variable Label: Local govt. handling health standards in restaurants

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q59D

Question: What about local government? I do not mean the central government. I mean your District Assembly. How well or badly would you say your local government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Keeping our community clean (e.g., refuse removed)?

Variable Label: Local govt. handling keeping community clean

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q59E

Question: What about local government? I do not mean the central government. I mean your District Assembly. How well or badly would you say your local government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Collecting license fees on bicycles, carts and barrows?

Variable Label: Local govt. handling collecting license fees

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q59F

Question: What about local government? I do not mean the central government. I mean your District Assembly. How well or badly would you say your local government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Collecting rates on privately owned houses?

Variable Label: Local govt. handling collecting rates on private houses

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q60A

Question: How well or badly do you think your District Assembly is practicing the following procedures? Or haven't you heard enough to have an opinion: Making the Assembly's program of work known to ordinary people?

Variable Label: How well local council making work known

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria Afrobarometer Round 3.5

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion

Question Number: Q60B

Question: How well or badly do you think your District Assembly is practicing the following procedures? Or haven't you heard enough to have an opinion: Providing citizens with the information about the Assembly's budget (i.e. revenues and expenditures)?

Variable Label: How well local council providing budget information

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria Afrobarometer Round 3.5

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion

Question Number: Q60C

Question: How well or badly do you think your District Assembly is practicing the following procedures? Or haven't you heard enough to have an opinion: Allowing citizens like yourself to participate in the Assembly decisions?

Variable Label: How well local council allowing citizen participation

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria Afrobarometer Round 3.5
Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion

Question Number: Q60D

Question: How well or badly do you think your District Assembly is practicing the following procedures? Or haven't you heard enough to have an opinion: Consulting others (including traditional, civic and community leaders) before making decisions?

Variable Label: How well local council consulting others

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria Afrobarometer Round 3.5

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion

Question Number: Q60E

Question: How well or badly do you think your District Assembly is practicing the following procedures? Or haven't you heard enough to have an opinion: Providing effective ways to handle complaints about district officials?

Variable Label: How well local council handling complaints

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria Afrobarometer Round 3.5

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion

Question Number: Q60F

Question: How well or badly do you think your District Assembly is practicing the following procedures? Or haven't you heard enough to have an opinion: Guaranteeing that local government revenues are used for public services and not for private gain?

Variable Label: How well local council using government revenues

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very badly, 2=Fairly badly, 3=Fairly well, 4=Very well, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria Afrobarometer Round 3.5

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion

Question Number: Q61

Question: When there are problems with how local government is run in your community, how much can an ordinary person do to improve the situation?

Variable Label: How much ordinary person can do to solve local problems

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Nothing, 2=A small amount, 3=Some, 4=A great deal, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q62A1

Question: In the past year, have you yourself seen any problems with how local government is run?

Variable Label: Any problems with how local gov't is run in the past year

Values: 0-1, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q62A

Question: How often, if at all, did you do any of the following: Discuss the problem with other people in your community?

Variable Label: How often: discuss with others

Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 7=Not applicable/saw no problems, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer instructed to ask Q62 A-F if respondent answered "yes" or "Don't know" to Q62A1. If respondent saw no problems, i.e., said "No" on Q62A1, use code 7=Not applicable for ALL remaining parts of Q62, and continue to Q63

Question Number: Q62B

Question: How often, if at all, did you do any of the following: Join with others in your community to address the problem?

Variable Label: How often: join others to respond

Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 7=Not applicable/saw no problems, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q62C

Question: How often, if at all, did you do any of the following: Discuss the problems with other community, religious, or traditional leaders?

Variable Label: How often: discuss with community leaders

Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 7=Not applicable/saw no problems, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q62D

Question: How often, if at all, did you do any of the following: Write a letter to a newspaper or call a radio show?

Variable Label: How often: write newspaper letter or call radio show

Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 7=Not applicable/saw no problems, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q62E

Question: How often, if at all, did you do any of the following: Make a complaint to local government officials, for example, by going in person or by writing a letter?

Variable Label: How often: make complaint to local government officials

Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 7=Not applicable/saw no problems, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q62F

Question: How often, if at all, did you do any of the following: Make a complaint to other government officials, for example, by going in person or by writing a letter?

Variable Label: How often: make complaint to other government officials

Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Once or twice, 2=Several times, 3=Many times, 7=Not applicable/saw no problems, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q63A

Question: Looking at the members who are presently serving on your District Assembly, how qualified do you think they are to do their jobs? Please rate them according to the following types of qualification. Or haven't you heard enough to have an opinion: Their level of education?

Variable Label: Local councilor qualifications: education

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very unqualified, 2=Fairly unqualified, 3=Fairly qualified, 4=Very qualified, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria Afrobarometer Round 3.5

Question Number: Q63B

Question: Looking at the members who are presently serving on your District Assembly, how qualified do you think they are to do their jobs? Please rate them according to the following types of qualification. Or haven't you heard enough to have an opinion: The extent that they care about the community?

Variable Label: Local councilor qualifications: care about community

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very unqualified, 2=Fairly unqualified, 3=Fairly qualified, 4=Very qualified, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria Afrobarometer Round 3.5

Question Number: Q63C

Question: Looking at the members who are presently serving on your District Assembly, how qualified do you think they are to do their jobs? Please rate them according to the following types of qualification. Or haven't you heard enough to have an opinion: Their experience at managing public service programs?

Variable Label: Local councilor qualifications: experience managing

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very unqualified, 2=Fairly unqualified, 3=Fairly qualified, 4=Very qualified, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria Afrobarometer Round 3.5

Question Number: Q63D

Question: Looking at the members who are presently serving on your District Assembly, how qualified do you think they are to do their jobs? Please rate them according to the following types of qualification. Or haven't you heard enough to have an opinion: Their honesty at handling public funds?

Variable Label: Local councilor qualifications: honesty handling funds

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very unqualified, 2=Fairly unqualified, 3=Fairly qualified, 4=Very qualified, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria Afrobarometer Round 3.5

Question Number: Q64A

Question: Have you had to make any of the following payments during the past year: Fees for a government service such as education or health care?

Variable Label: Payments made: fees for government service

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

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don't know, 8=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q64B

Question: Have you had to make any of the following payments during the past year: Licence fees to local government e.g., for a bicycle, cart, or market stall?

Variable Label: Payments made: licence fees to local government

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

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don't know, 8=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q64C

Question: Have you had to make any of the following payments during the past year: Property rates or taxes?

Variable Label: Payments made: property rates or taxes

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

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don't know, 8=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q64D

Question: Have you had to make any of the following payments during the past year: Public utility fees, e.g., for water, electricity or telephone?

Variable Label: Payments made: public utility fees

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

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don't know, 8=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q64E

Question: Have you had to make any of the following payments during the past year: Income taxes?

Variable Label: Payments made: income taxes

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

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don't know, 8=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q65

Question: How much influence do traditional leaders currently have in governing your local community?

Variable Label: Traditional leaders influence governing local community

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=None, 2=A small amount, 3=Some, 4=A great deal, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q66

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: Traditional leaders more or less influence

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Decrease a lot, 2=Decrease somewhat, 3=Stay the same, 4=Increase somewhat, 5=Increase a lot, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion

Question Number: Q67

Question: Do you think that traditional leaders should sit on your district assembly, or not? If so, do you think they should be elected by the people to these seats, appointed by government officials, or selected in some other way?

Variable Label: Traditional leaders sit on local government council

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=No, should not have seats on council, 1=Yes, should have seats elected by people, 2=Yes, should have seats appointed by government officials, 3=Yes, should have seats selected in some other way, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q68

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Traditional leaders must represent all of their people equally. They should remain non-partisan, and not affiliate themselves with any political party.

Statement 2: Traditional leaders are citizens like everyone else and have the right to decide for themselves whether to support a particular party.

Variable Label: Traditional leaders non-partisan vs. allow party affiliation

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly"

Question Number: Q69

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: To best serve their people, traditional leaders must remain independent of the government. They should not receive government salaries.

Statement 2: Traditional leaders serve their communities and the government, and they should receive a salary from government for their work.

Variable Label: Traditional leaders independent of govt. vs. receive salary

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly"

Question Number: Q70A

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: President Bingu wa Mutharika

Variable Label: Performance: President

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=disapprove, 3=Approve, 4=Strongly approve, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q70B

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 Member of Parliament?

Variable Label: Performance: MP/National Assembly rep.

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=disapprove, 3=Approve, 4=Strongly approve, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q70C

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 District Commissioners?

Variable Label: Performance: local government councilor

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Strongly disapprove, 2=disapprove, 3=Approve, 4=Strongly approve, 9=Don't know/Haven't heard enough, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion.

Question Number: Q71

Question: On the whole, how would you rate the freeness and fairness of the last national election, held in 2004. Was it:

Variable Label: Elections free and fair

Values: 1-4, 8, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 4=Completely free and fair, 3=Free and fair, but with minor problems, 2=Free and fair, with major problems, 1=Not free and fair, 8=Do not understand the question, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q72A

Question: Think about how elections work in practice in this country. How well do elections: Ensure that the members of Parliament reflect the views of voters?

Variable Label: Elections ensure parliament reflects voters

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all well, 1=Not very well, 2=Well, 3=Very well, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q72B

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: Elections enable voters to remove leaders

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all well, 1=Not very well, 2=Well, 3=Very well, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q73A

Question: Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, Members of Parliament do their jobs?

Variable Label: Who responsible: MPs do jobs

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=The President/Executive, 1=The Parliament/Local Council, 2=Their political party, 3=The voters, 4=No one, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q73B

Question: Who should be responsible for: Making sure that members of the District Assembly do their jobs?

Variable Label: Who responsible: local councilors do jobs

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=The President/Executive, 1=The Parliament/Local Council, 2=Their political party, 3=The voters, 4=No one, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q73C

Question: Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, the president does his job?

Variable Label: Who responsible: president does job

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=The President/Executive, 1=The Parliament/Local Council, 2=Their political party, 3=The voters, 4=No one, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q74

Question: How easy or difficult is it for an ordinary person to have his voice heard between elections?

Variable Label: Voice heard between elections

Values: 1-4, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Very difficult, 2=Somewhat difficult, 3=Somewhat easy, 4=Easy, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data.

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q75_MLW

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: For the sake of the country's development, the national budget discussions should take precedence over all other agenda items during the budget session in Parliament.

Statement 2: For the sake of democracy, constitutional issues like the implementation of section 65 concerning crossing of the floor should take precedence over other agenda items, even during the budget session. .

Variable Label: National budget discussions vs. democratic constitutional issues

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Malawi Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly

Question Number: Q76A_MLW

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: In this country, we should have a pension scheme for the elderly to ensure that our old people are well taken care of.

Statement 2: The elderly should be cared for by themselves and their own families, rather than by a pension scheme, which the government cannot afford.

Variable Label: Elder pension scheme vs. cared by own family

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Malawi Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly

Question Number: Q76C_MLW

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: If there is a transfer scheme for the poor, the recipients should be identified by a committee elected by each community.

Statement 2: If there is a transfer scheme for the poor, the recipients should be identified by government or by non-government officials from outside the community.

Variable Label: Recipients chosen by community committee vs. by gov't or NGO

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Malawi Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly

Question Number: Q77A_MLW

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: In the interest of unity, Malawi should adopt a rotational system for choosing the president that gives each region a chance to govern the country.

Statement 2: Adopting a rotational system for choosing the president will simply glorify and entrench regionalism, which is a threat to our democracy.

Variable Label: Rotational system for president vs. not

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Malawi Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly

Question Number: Q77B_MLW

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Presidents who serve the maximum two consecutive terms should be allowed to stand for office again after some time as long as their political parties nominate them.

Statement 2: Once a president serves the maximum of two consecutive terms, he or she should retire and never run again.

Variable Label: No two-term limit vs. yes

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Malawi Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly

Question Number: Q77C_MLW

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Former Presidents should not be barred from leading political parties as long as they are popularly nominated and voted into the leadership position.

Statement 2: Former presidents should retire from active politics, and should not be allowed to lead political parties after leaving office.

Variable Label: Former president as party leader vs. not

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Malawi Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly

Question Number: Q77D_MLW

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Individuals should be allowed to run for president as many times as they want, as long as they have been nominated by their party.

Statement 2: No one should be allowed to run for president more than two times.

Variable Label: Run for president as many as possible vs. no more than two times

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Malawi Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly

Question Number: Q77E_MLW

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Just as there is a lower age limit for participating in politics by voting or running for political office, there should also be an upper age limit for all elected positions, including ward councillor, member of parliament and state president.

Statement 2: There should be no upper age limit for elected office; it should be up to voters to decide whether to nominate and vote for an older person.

Variable Label: Upper age limit for elected positions vs. not

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Malawi Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly

Question Number: Q77F_MLW

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: Candidates for president should be required to have obtained a university degree to ensure they have a broad understanding of the issues.

Statement 2: There should be no minimum education requirement for running for president.

Variable Label: University degree required for president candidate vs. not

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Malawi Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly

Question Number: Q78_MLW

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: As the most widely spoken language in the country, Chichewa should be designated as an official language of Malawi, along with English.

Statement 2: Malawi is a country of many languages; as such, no local language can properly be designated as an official language alongside of English.

Variable Label: Chichewa as an official language vs. English only

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Malawi Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly

Question Number: Q79

Question: What is your tribe? You know, your ethnic or cultural group.

Variable Label: Tribe or ethnic group

Values: 460-477, 990, 995, 998-999, -1

Value Labels: 460=Tumbuka, 461=Nkhonde, 462=Lambya, 463=Chewa, 464=Yao, 465=Ngoni, 466=Lomwe, 467=Mang'anja, 468=Sena, 469=Sukwa, 470=Senga, 471=Tonga, 472=Khokhola, 473=Ndali, 474=Nyika, 475=Chikunda, 476=Namwanga, 477=Wiza, 995=Other, 998=Refused to answer, 999=Don't know, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer entered respondent's exact response. If respondent did not identify any group on this question – that is, if they "Refused to answer" (998), said "Don't know" (999), or "Malawian only" (990) – then the interviewer marked "Not applicable" for questions 80-83 and continued to question 84.

Question Number: Q80

Question: Think about the condition of _____ [R's Ethnic Group]. Are their economic conditions worse, the same as, or better than other groups in this country?

Variable Label: Ethnic group's economic conditions

Values: 1-5, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Much better, 2=Better, 3=Same, 4=Worse, 5=Much worse, 7=Not applicable, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion. If respondent did not identify any group on this question – that is, if they "Refused to answer" (998), said "Don't know" (999), or "Malawian only" (990) – then the interviewer marked "Not applicable" for questions 80-83 and continued to question 84.

Question Number: Q81

Question: Think about the condition of _____ [R's Ethnic Group]. Do they have less, the same, or more influence in politics than other groups in this country?

Variable Label: Ethnic group's political influence

Values: 1-5, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Much more, 2=More, 3=Same, 4=Less, 5=Much Less, 7=Not applicable, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion. If respondent did not identify any group on this question – that is, if they “Refused to answer” (998), said “Don't know” (999), or “Malawian only” (990) – then the interviewer marked “Not applicable” for questions 80-83 and continued to question 84.

Question Number: Q82

Question: How often are _____s [R's Ethnic Group] treated unfairly by the government?

Variable Label: Ethnic group treated unfairly

Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Sometimes, 2=Often, 3=Always, 7=Not applicable, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion. If respondent did not identify any group on this question – that is, if they “Refused to answer” (998), said “Don't know” (999), or “Malawian only” (990) – then the interviewer marked “Not applicable” for questions 80-83 and continued to question 84.

Question Number: Q83

Question: Let us suppose that you had to choose between being a Malawian and being a _____ [R's Ethnic Group]. Which of the following best expresses your feelings?

Variable Label: Ethnic or national identity

Values: 1-5, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=I feel only (R's ethnic group), 2=I feel more (R's ethnic group) than Malawian, 3=I feel equally Malawian and (R's ethnic group), 4=I feel more Malawian than (R's ethnic group), 5=I feel only Malawian, 7=Not applicable, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion. If respondent did not identify any group on this question – that is, if they “Refused to answer” (998), said “Don't know” (999), or “Malawian only” (990) – then the interviewer marked “Not applicable” for questions 80-83 and continued to question 84.

Question Number: Q84A

Question: How much do you trust each of the following types of people: Your relatives?

Variable Label: Trust relatives

Values: 0-3, 7, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=I trust them somewhat, 3=I trust them a lot, 7= Not applicable, i.e., no relatives, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Afrobarometer Round 3 and Globalbarometer.

Question Number: Q84B

Question: How much do you trust each of the following types of people: Other people you know?

Variable Label: Trust other people you know

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=I trust them somewhat, 3=I trust them a lot, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Adapted from Afrobarometer Round 3 and Globalbarometer.

Question Number: Q84C

Question: How much do you trust each of the following types of people: Other Malawians?

Variable Label: Trust other Malawians

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Not at all, 1=Just a little, 2=I trust them somewhat, 3=I trust them a lot, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q85

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

Variable Label: Close to political party

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

Value Labels: 0=No, (not close to any party), 1=Yes, (feels close to a party), 8=Refused to answer, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing data

Source: Zambia 96

Question Number: Q86

Question: Which party is that?

Variable Label: Which party

Values: 460-470, 997-999, -1

Value Labels: 460= Alliance for Democracy (AFORD), 461=Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), 462=MAFUNDE 463=Malawi Congress Party (MCP), 464=Movement for Genuine Democracy (MGODE), 465=New Republican Party (NRP), 466=PETRA, 467=People's Progressive Movement (PPM), 468= Republican Party, 469=United Democratic Front (UDF), 470=NARC, 997=Not applicable, 998=Refused to answer, 999=Don't know, -1=Missing data

Source: Zambia 96

Question Number: Q87

Question: How often, if at all, do you receive money remittances from friends or relatives outside of the country?

Variable Label: How often receive remittances

Values: 0-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Never, 1=Less than once a year, 2=At least once a year, 3=At least every 6 months, 4=At least every 3 months, 5=At least once a month, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q88A

Question: How often do you use: A mobile phone?

Variable Label: How often use a cell phone

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q88B

Question: How often do you use: A computer?

Variable Label: How often use a computer

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q88C

Question: How often do you use: The Internet?

Variable Label: How often use the internet

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q88D

Question: How often do you travel 10 km or more from the place where you live now?

Variable Label: How often travel 10 km or more

Values: 0-4, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q88E

Question: What languages do you speak well?

Variable Label: What languages do you speak well (verbatim)

Values: String variable

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer listed all languages mentioned

Question Number: Q88F

Question: What languages do you speak well?

Variable Label: Number of languages

Values: 99, 998, -1

Value Labels: 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q89

Question: What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Variable Label: Education of respondent

Values: 0-9, 99, 998 -1

Value Labels: 0=No formal schooling, 1=Informal schooling only (including Koranic schooling), 2=Some primary schooling, 3=Primary school completed, 4=Some secondary school/ high school, 5=Secondary school completed/high school completed, 6=Post-secondary qualifications, other than university e.g. a diploma or degree from polytechnic or college, 7=Some university, 8=University completed, 9=Post-graduate, 99=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q90

Question: What is your religion, if any?

Variable Label: Religion of respondent

Values: 0, 1-29, 995, 998-999, -1

Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Christian only (i.e., respondents 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., respondents says only "Muslim", without identifying a specific sub-group), 19=Sunni only (i.e., respondents says only "Sunni Muslim", without identifying a specific sub-group), 20=Ismaeli, 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), 995=Other, 998=Refused to answer, 999=Don't know, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q91

Question: How important is religion in your life?

Variable Label: Importance of religion

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

Value Labels: 1=Not at all important, 2=Not very important, 3=Somewhat important, 4=Very important, 8=Refused to answer, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q92A

Question: Which of these things do you personally own: Radio?

Variable Label: Own radio

Values: 0-1, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=No (Don't own), 1=Yes (Do own), 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data
Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q92B

Question: Which of these things do you personally own: Television?

Variable Label: Own television

Values: 0-1, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=No (Don't own), 1=Yes (Do own), 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q92C

Question: Which of these things do you personally own: Motor vehicle, car or motorcycle?

Variable Label: Own motor vehicle, car, or motorcycle

Values: 0-1, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=No (Don't own), 1=Yes (Do own), 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 3

Question Number: Q93A

Question: Where is your main source of water for household use located?

Variable Label: Source of water for household use

Values: 1-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Inside the house, 2=Inside the compound, 3=Outside the compound, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q93B

Question: Do you have to pay for using water from this source?

Variable Label: Pay for water

Values: 0-1, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q94

Question: Do you have a job that pays a cash income? Is it full-time or part-time? And are you presently looking for a job (even if you are presently working)?

Variable Label: Employment status

Values: 0-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=No (not looking), 1=No (looking), 2=Yes, part time (not looking), 3=Yes, part time (looking), 4=Yes, full time (not looking), 5=Yes, full time (looking), 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q95

Question: Do you know a close friend or relative who has died of AIDS?

Variable Label: Know died of AIDS

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

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, 8=Refused to answer, 9=Don't know, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q96

Question: How many friends or relatives is that?

Variable Label: How many died of AIDS

Values: 0-79, 997-999, -1

Value Labels: 997=Not applicable, 998=Will not say/Refused to answer, 999=Don't know, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Question Number: Q97

Question: If a presidential election were held tomorrow, which party's candidate would you vote for?

Variable Label: Vote for which party

Values: 460-471, 995, 997-999, -1

Value Labels: 460= Alliance for Democracy (AFORD), 461=Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), 462=MAFUNDE 463=Malawi Congress Party (MCP), 464=Movement for Genuine Democracy (MGODE), 465=New Republican Party (NRP), 466=PETRA, 467=People's Progressive Movement (PPM), 468= Republican Party, 469=United Democratic Front (UDF), 470=Opposition party, 471=Independent candidate, 995=Others, 997=Would not vote, 998=Refused to answer, 999=Don't know, -1=Missing data

Source: Zambia 96

Question Number: Q98A

Question: In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help your country, or haven't you heard enough to say: African Union?

Variable Label: How much help country: African Union

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Do nothing, no help, 1=Help a little bit, 2=Help somewhat, 3=Help a lot, 4=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q98B

Question: In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help your country, or haven't you heard enough to say: SADC?

Variable Label: How much help country: SADC

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Do nothing, no help, 1=Help a little bit, 2=Help somewhat, 3=Help a lot, 4=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q98C

Question: In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help your country, or haven't you heard enough to say: United Nations?

Variable Label: How much help country: United Nations

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Do nothing, no help, 1=Help a little bit, 2=Help somewhat, 3=Help a lot, 4=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q98D

Question: In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help your country, or haven't you heard enough to say: Other international donors and NGOs (apart from the United Nations)?

Variable Label: How much help country: international donors/NGOs

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Do nothing, no help, 1=Help a little bit, 2=Help somewhat, 3=Help a lot, 4=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q98E

Question: In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help your country, or haven't you heard enough to say: International businesses and investors?

Variable Label: How much help country: international businesses/investors

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Do nothing, no help, 1=Help a little bit, 2=Help somewhat, 3=Help a lot, 4=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q98F

Question: In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help your country, or haven't you heard enough to say: Nigeria?

Variable Label: How much help country: Nigeria

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Do nothing, no help, 1=Help a little bit, 2=Help somewhat, 3=Help a lot, 4=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q98G

Question: In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help your country, or haven't you heard enough to say: South Africa?

Variable Label: How much help country: South Africa

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Do nothing, no help, 1=Help a little bit, 2=Help somewhat, 3=Help a lot, 4=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q98H

Question: In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help your country, or haven't you heard enough to say: China?

Variable Label: How much help country: China

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Do nothing, no help, 1=Help a little bit, 2=Help somewhat, 3=Help a lot, 4=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q98I

Question: In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help your country, or haven't you heard enough to say: United States?

Variable Label: How much help country: United States

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Do nothing, no help, 1=Help a little bit, 2=Help somewhat, 3=Help a lot, 4=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q98J

Question: In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help your country, or haven't you heard enough to say: Britain?

Variable Label: How much help country: Britain

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Do nothing, no help, 1=Help a little bit, 2=Help somewhat, 3=Help a lot, 4=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Question Number: Q98J1_MLW

Question: In your opinion, how much do each of the following do to help your country, or haven't you heard enough to say: European Union?

Variable Label: How much help country: EU

Values: 0-3, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 0=Do nothing, no help, 1=Help a little bit, 2=Help somewhat, 3=Help a lot, 4=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Malawi Round 4

Question Number: Q98K

Question: Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2.

Statement 1: The NEPAD African Peer Review Mechanism (NEPAD/APRM) is a useful initiative that will help promote good governance in Africa. It should be given all necessary support.

Statement 2: The NEPAD/APRM is an empty initiative that is unlikely to do anything to improve governance in Africa. We should not waste time or resources in supporting it.

Variable Label: NEPAD/APRM useful initiative vs. empty one

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -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, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion asking "Do you agree or agree very strongly."

Question Number: Q99A

Question: Do you think that each of the following has too little, too much, or about the right amount of influence over your government: International donors and NGOs?

Variable Label: Influence of international donors and NGOs

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Far too little, 2=Somewhat too little, 3=About the right amount, 4=Somewhat too much, 5=Far too much, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion

Question Number: Q99B

Question: Do you think that each of the following has too little, too much, or about the right amount of influence over your government: International businesses and investors?

Variable Label: Influence of international businesses and investors

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Far too little, 2=Somewhat too little, 3=About the right amount, 4=Somewhat too much, 5=Far too much, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion

Question Number: Q99C

Question: Do you think that each of the following has too little, too much, or about the right amount of influence over your government: Malawian civic organizations and NGOs?

Variable Label: Influence of civic organizations and NGOs

Values: 1-5, 9, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=Far too little, 2=Somewhat too little, 3=About the right amount, 4=Somewhat too much, 5=Far too much, 9=Don't know, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: Afrobarometer Round 4

Note: Interviewer probed for strength of opinion

Question Number: Q100

Question: Just one more question: Who do you think sent us to do this interview?

Variable Label: Perceived survey sponsor

Values: 0-24, 20-33, 995, 998-999, -1

Value Labels: 0=No one, 1=Government (General), 2=National/Union government, 3=Provincial/Regional government, 4=Local Government, 5=President/Prime Minister's Office, 6=Parliament/National Assembly, 7=Government Census/Statistics Office, 8=National Intelligence/ Secret Service, 9=Education or Social Affairs Department/ Ministry, 10=Tax or Finance Department/ Ministry, 11=Health Department/ Ministry, 12=Other Government Department/Ministry, 13=Constitutional Commission, 14=National Electoral Commission, 15=National Planning Commission, 16=Public Utility Company, 17=NGO, 18=Political Party/Politicians, 19=Research company/ organization/programme (including the Afrobarometer National Partner),

20=Newspapers/Media, 21=University/ school/ college, 22=Private company, 23=International organization, 24=God or a religious organization, 995=Other, 998=Refused to answer, 999=Don't know, -1=Missing data

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. Entered hour and minute, 24 hour clock

Question Number: Q101

Question: Respondent's gender

Variable Label: 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: Race of respondent

Values: 1-6, 95, -1

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.), Other=95, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q103

Question: What was the primary language used in the interview?

Variable Label: Language of interview

Values: 1, 460-464 995-996, 998, -1

Value Labels: 1=English, 460=Tumbuka, 463=Chewa, 464=Yao, 995=Others, 996=Other northern language, 998=Refused to answer, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q104

Question: Were there any other people immediately present who might be listening during the interview?

Variable Label: Others present

Values: 1-5, -1

Value Labels: 1=No one, 2=Spouse only, 3=Children only, 4=A few others, 5=Small crowd, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria00

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q105A

Question: Did the respondent check with others for information to answer any question?

Variable Label: Check with others

Values: 0, 1, -1

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria00

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q105B

Question: Do you think anyone influenced the respondent's answers during the interview?

Variable Label: Influence by others

Values: 0, 1, -1

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB99

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q105C

Question: Were you approached by community and/or political party representatives?

Variable Label: Approached by community/ party representatives

Values: 0, 1, -1

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q105D

Question: Did you feel threatened during the interview?

Variable Label: Feel threatened

Values: 0, 1, -1

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q105E

Question: Were you physically threatened during the interview?

Variable Label: Physically threatened

Values: 0, 1, -1

Value Labels: 0=No, 1=Yes, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q106

Question: What proportion of the questions do you feel the respondent had difficulty answering?

Variable Label: Proportion difficulty answering

Values: 0-4, -1

Value Labels: 0=None, 1=Few, 2=Some, 3=Most, 4=All, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria00

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q107A

Question: Which questions did the respondent have trouble answering: First question?

Variable Label: Trouble answering- first response

Values: 0-100, -1

Value Labels: 0-100, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria00

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q107B

Question: Which questions did the respondent have trouble answering: Second question?

Variable Label: Trouble answering- second response

Values: 0-100, -1

Value Labels: 0-100, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria00

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q107C

Question: Which questions did the respondent have trouble answering: Third question?

Variable Label: Trouble answering- third response

Values: 0-100, -1

Value Labels: 0-100, -1=Missing data

Source: Nigeria00

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q108A

Question: What was the respondent's attitude toward you during the interview? Was he or she: friendly, in between, or hostile?

Variable Label: Respondent friendly

Values: 1-3, -1

Value Labels: 1=Friendly, 2=In between, 3=Hostile, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q108B

Question: What was the respondent's attitude toward you during the interview? Was he or she: interested, in between, or bored?

Variable Label: Respondent interested

Values: 1-3, -1

Value Labels: 1=Interested, 2=In between, 3=Bored, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q108C

Question: What was the respondent's attitude toward you during the interview? Was he or she: cooperative, in between, or uncooperative?

Variable Label: Respondent cooperative

Values: 1-3, -1

Value Labels: 1=Cooperative, 2=In between, 3=Uncooperative, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q108D

Question: What was the respondent's attitude toward you during the interview? Was he or she: patient, in between, or impatient?

Variable Label: Respondent patient

Values: 1-3, 1

Value Labels: 1=Patient, 2=In between, 3=Impatient, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q108E

Question: What was the respondent's attitude toward you during the interview? Was he or she: at ease, in between, or suspicious?

Variable Label: Respondent at ease

Values: 1-3, -1

Value Labels: 1=At ease, 2=In between, 3=Suspicious, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q108F

Question: What was the respondent's attitude toward you during the interview? Was he or she: honest, in between, or misleading?

Variable Label: Respondent honest

Values: 1-3, -1

Value Labels: 1=Honest, 2=In between, 3=Misleading, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q110

Question: Interviewer's number

Variable Label: Interviewer's number

Values: MLW01-MLW20

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q111

Question: Interviewer's age

Variable Label: Interviewer's age

Values: 22-41

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q112

Question: Interviewer's gender

Variable Label: Interviewer's gender

Values: 1, 2, -1

Value Labels: 1=Male, 2=Female, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q113

Question: Do you come from a rural or urban area?

Variable Label: Interviewer urban or rural

Values: 1, 2, -1

Value Labels: 1=Rural, 2=Urban, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q114

Question: Interviewer's home language

Variable Label: Interviewer's home language

Values: 1, 4, 460-471, 995, 998-999, -1

Value Labels: 1=English, 2=French, 3=Portuguese, 4=Kiswahili, 460=Tumbuka, 461=Nkhonde, 462=Lambya, 463=Chewa, 464=Yao, 465=Ngoni, 466=Lomwe, 467=Mang'anja, 468=Sena, 469=Sukwa, 470=Senga, 471=Tonga, 995=Other, -1=Missing data,

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: Q115

Question: Interviewer's highest level of education

Variable Label: Interviewer's education

Values: 3-9, -1

Value Labels: 3=Primary school completed, 4=Some secondary/high school, 5=High school completed, 6=Post secondary qualifications other than university e.g. a diploma or degree from a polytechnic or college, 7=Some university, 8=University, completed, 9=Post graduate, -1=Missing data

Source: SAB

Note: Answered by interviewer

Question Number: withinwt

Variable Label: Within country weighting factor

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).

Demographics

		Unweighted	Weighted
Gender			
	Male	50	50
	Female	50	50
Location			
	Urban	15	15
	Rural	85	85
Region			
	North	13	13
	Centre	41	41
	South	47	47
Education			
	No formal schooling	18	18
	Informal schooling only	1	1
	Some primary schooling	43	44
	Primary school completed	11	11
	Some secondary school/high school	16	15
	Secondary school completed/high school	8	8
	Post-secondary qualifications, not university	3	3
	Some university	0	0
	University completed	0	0
	Post-graduate	0	0
Religion			
	Christian	82	82
	Muslim	12	11
	Other	6	7