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South Africans Worried About Crime and Corruption, Prioritize Education

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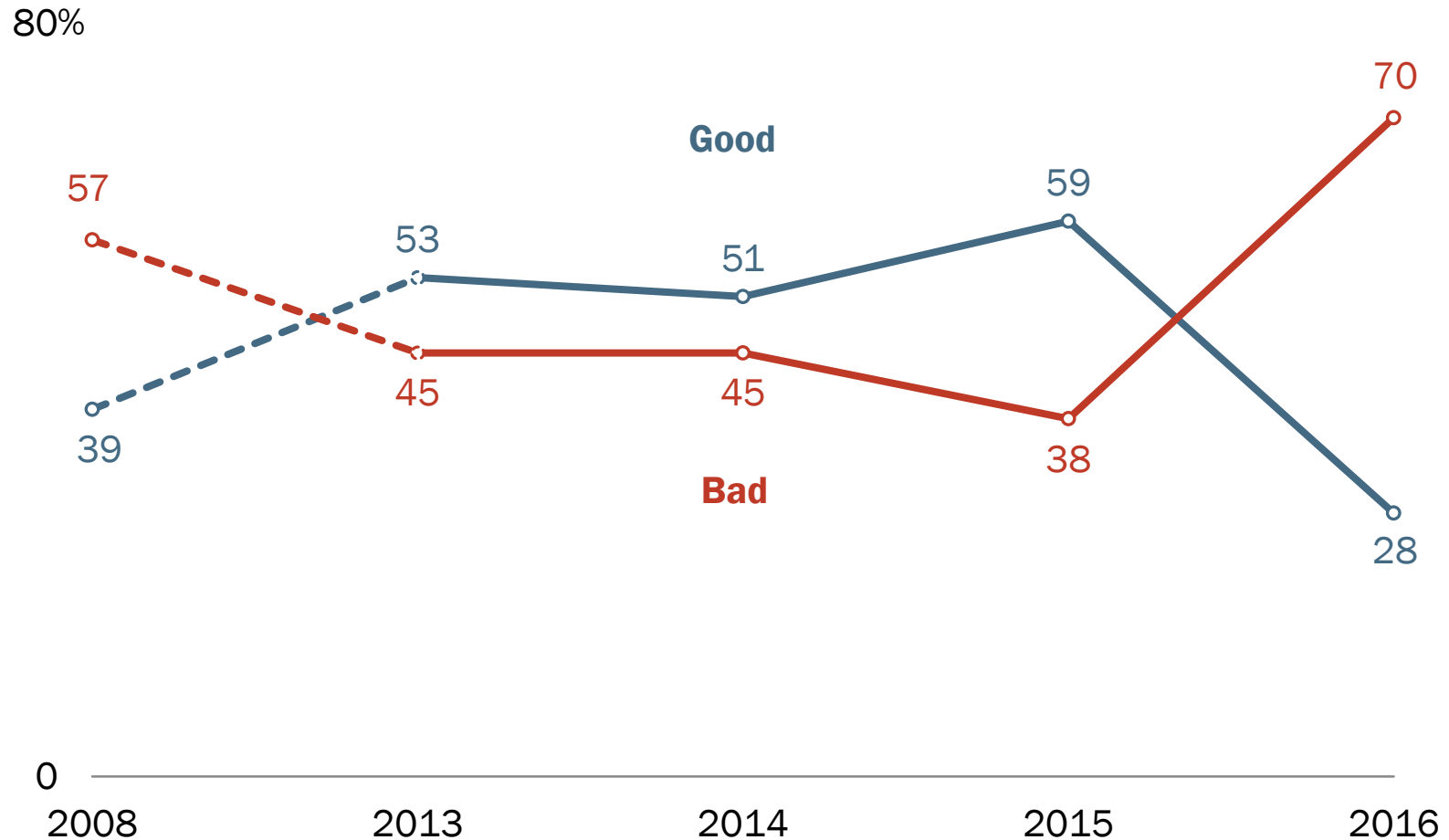
Methodology

- **Surveys conducted in South Africa, Nigeria and Kenya among 3,330 respondents from March 29 to July 9, 2016**
- **Based on nationally representative face-to-face interviews with adults 18 and older conducted under the direction of ORB International**
- **The margin of sampling error for the regional set of weighted data is $\pm 3.8\%$ - $\pm 4.7\%$**

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Sharp Rise in Share of South Africans Saying the Economy is Bad

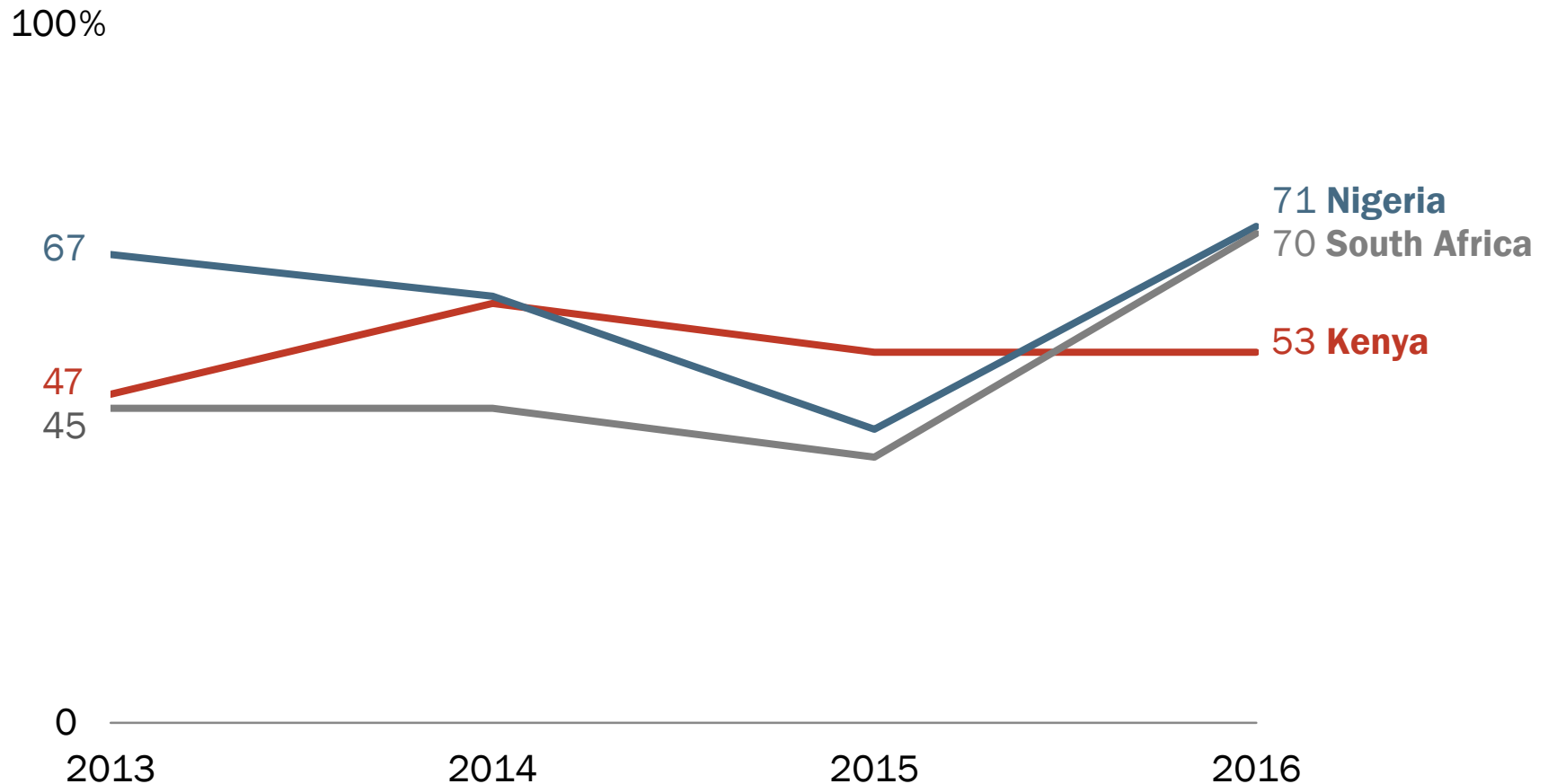
The current economic situation in South Africa is ...



Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

Sharp Increase in Negative Views of National Economy in Nigeria and South Africa

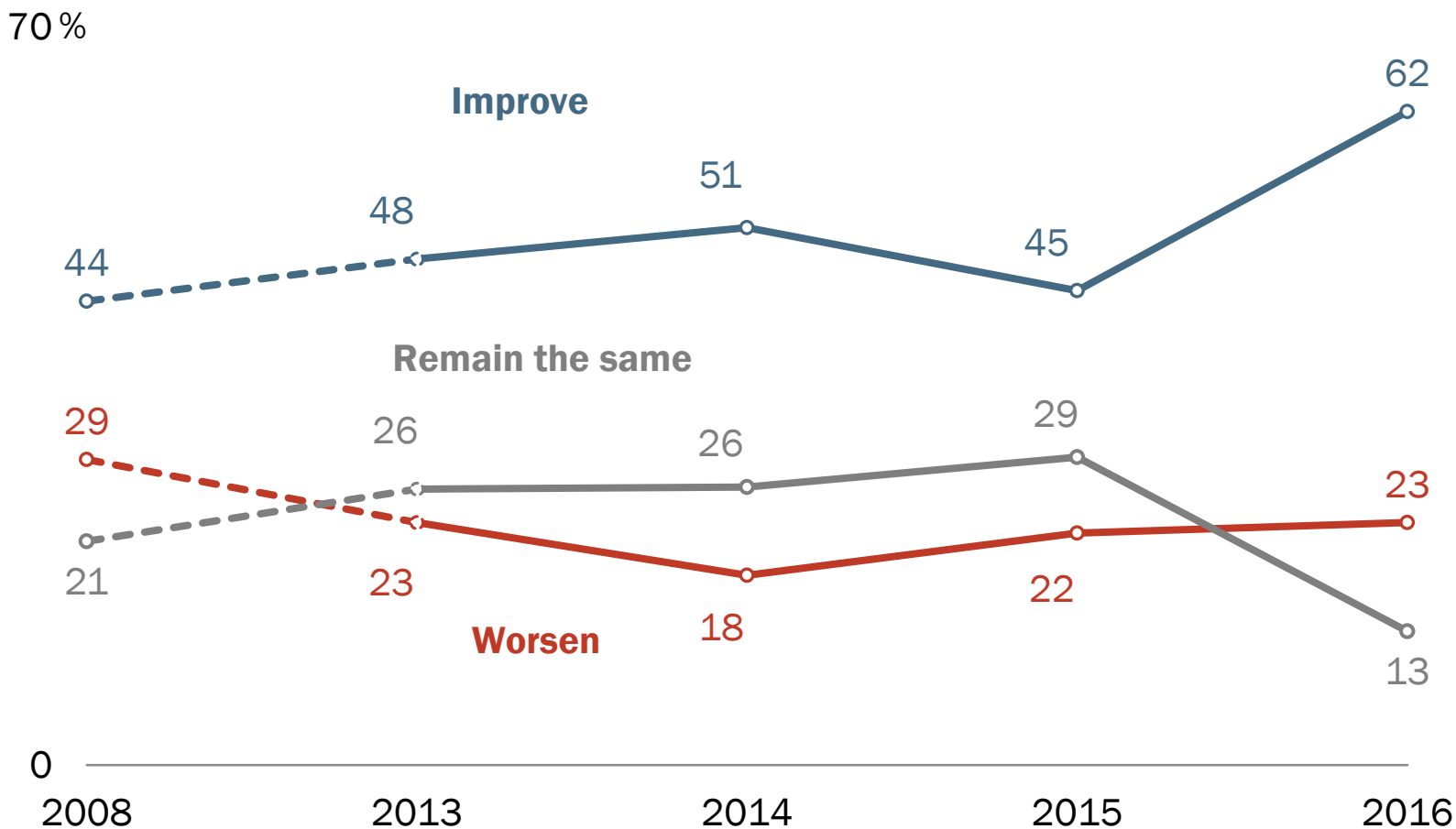
The current economic situation in our country is bad



Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

Majority Thinks Economy Will Improve in Next Year

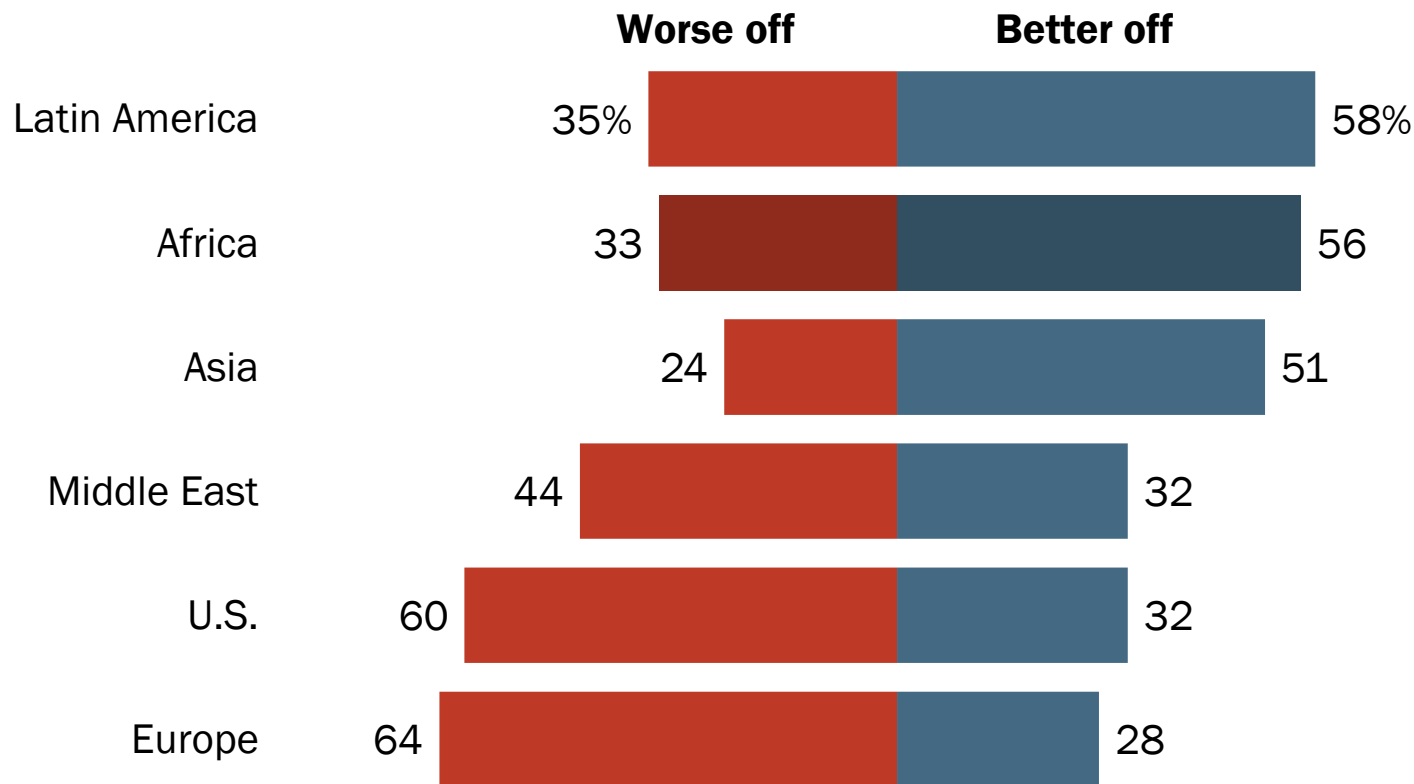
Over the next 12 months, the economic situation in South Africa will ...



Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

Africans More Optimistic About the Future Than Those in Other Regions

When children in ___ grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?

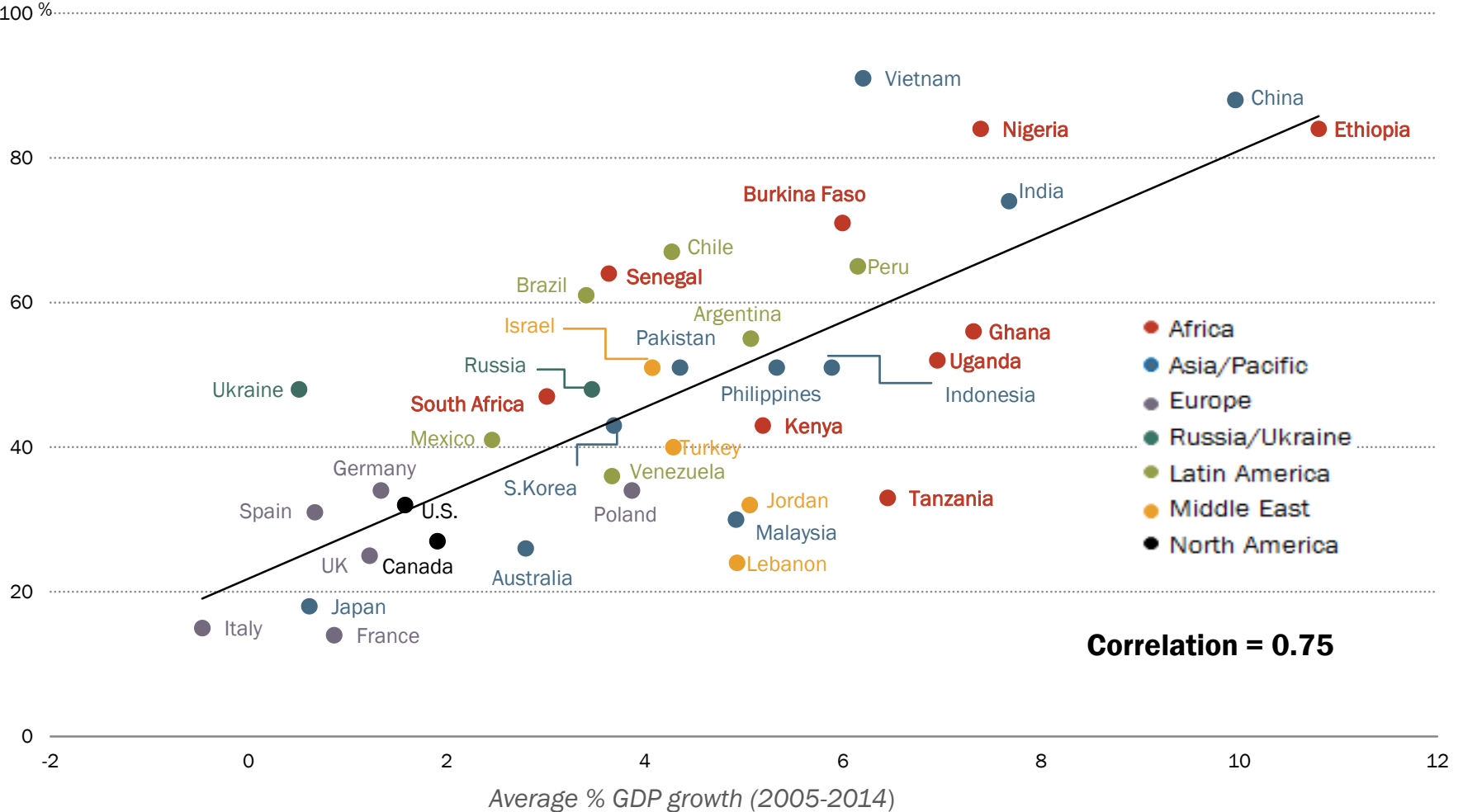


Note: Africa median includes Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda. Russia & Ukraine not included in Europe median.

Source: Spring 2015 Global Attitudes Survey.

Average GDP Growth Since 2005 & Optimism for Next Generation

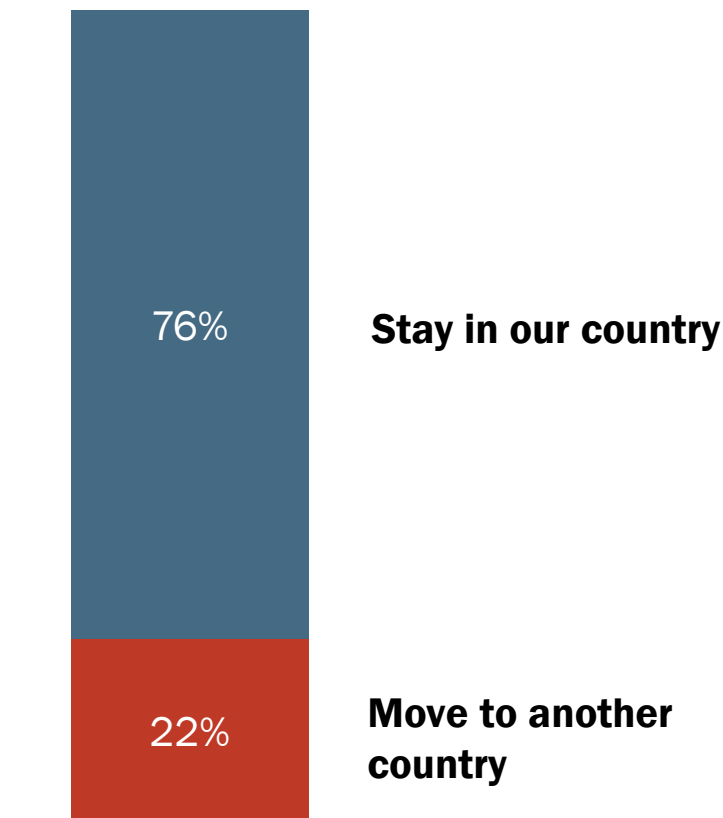
Percent who think that when children today grow up they will be better off financially than their parents



Note: Data for GDP growth from IMF World Economic Outlook Database, April 2015, accessed June 1, 2015. Data not available for Palestinian territories.

South Africans Believe Young People Have a Future in the Country

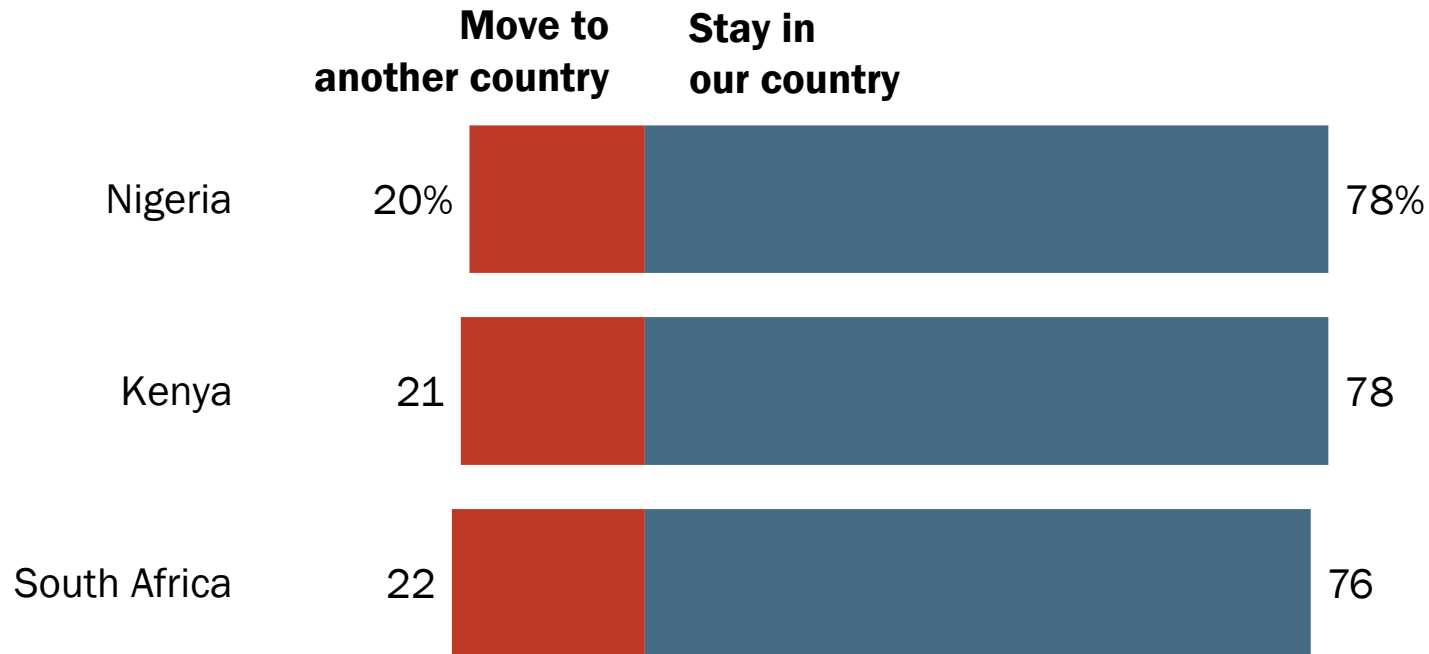
What would you recommend to a young person who wants a good life?



Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

Overwhelming Majorities in All Countries Believe Young People Shouldn't Leave

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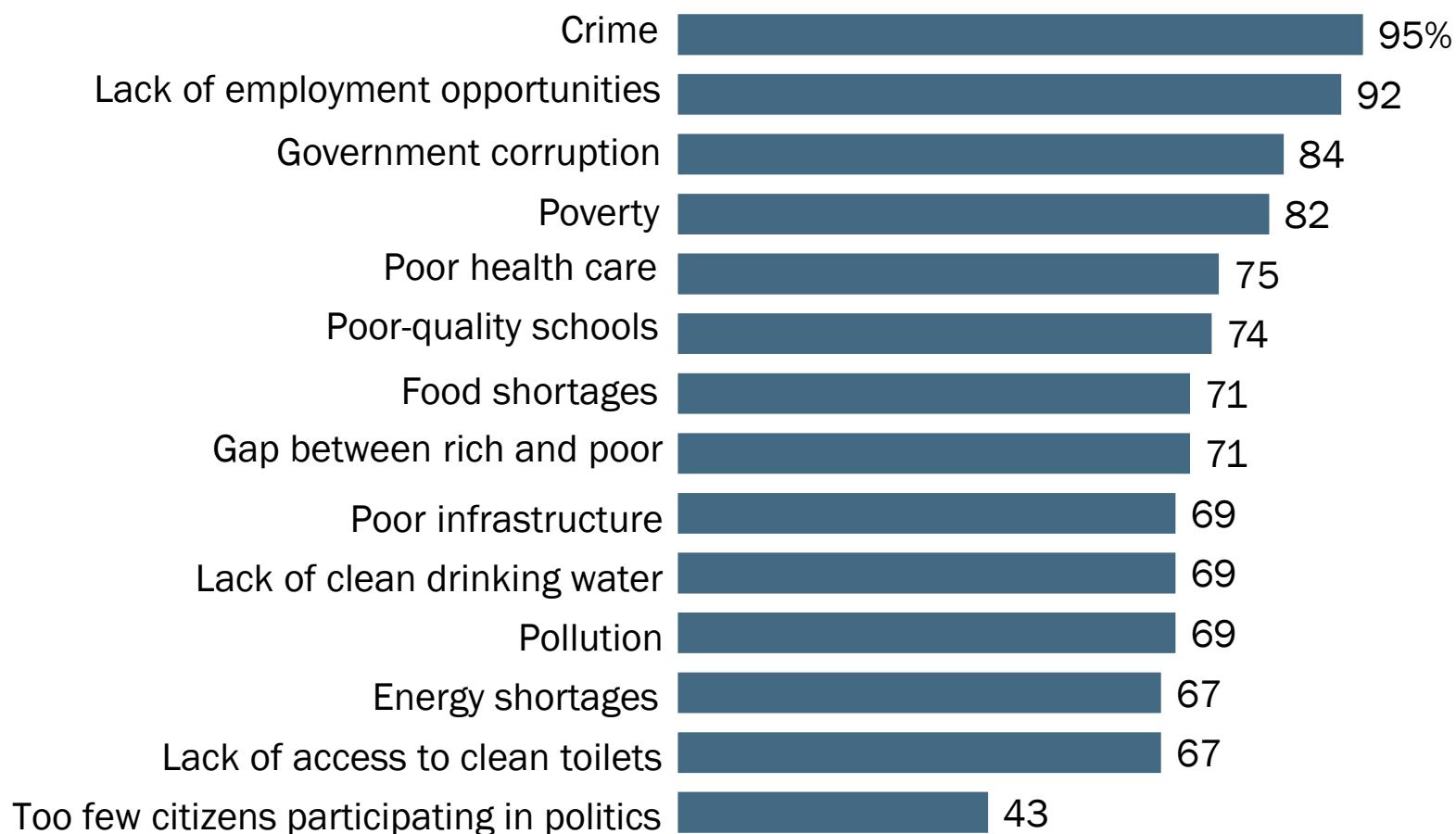


Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

TOP CONCERNS & PRIORITIES

Crime, Jobs and Corruption Are Top Problems

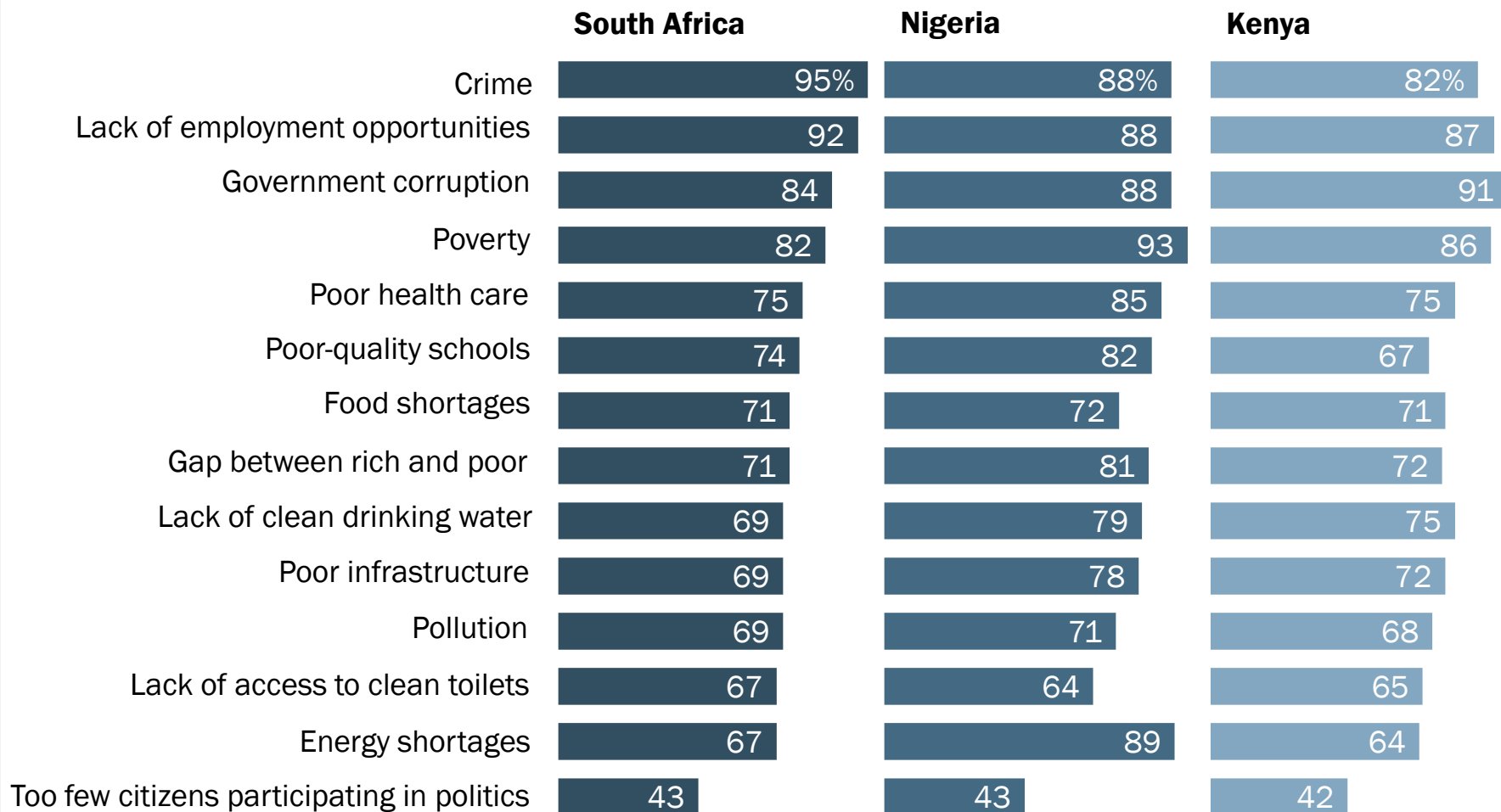
___ is a very big problem



Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

Concern About Crime is Highest in South Africa

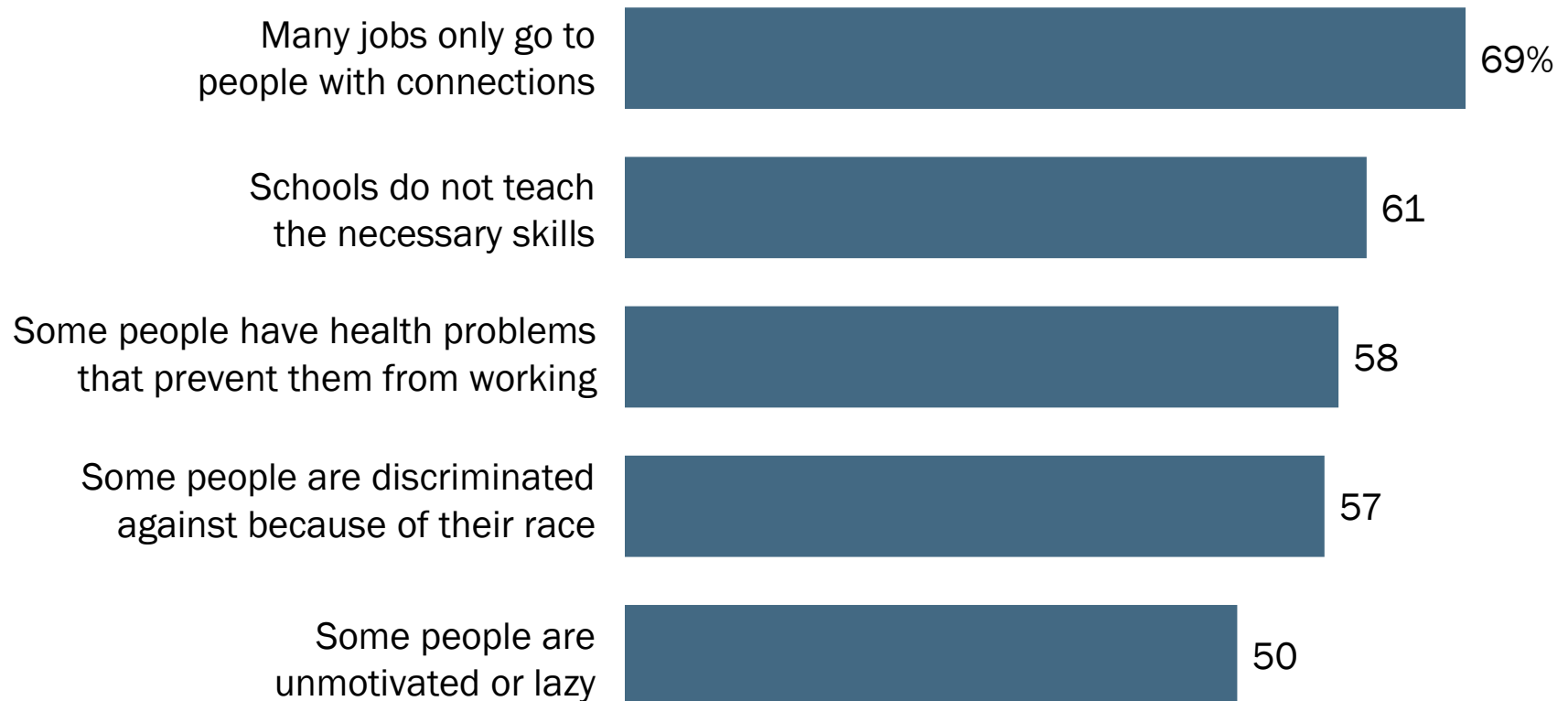
___ is a very big problem in ...



Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

Lack of Connections, Poor Schooling Seen as Largest Obstacles to Finding a Job

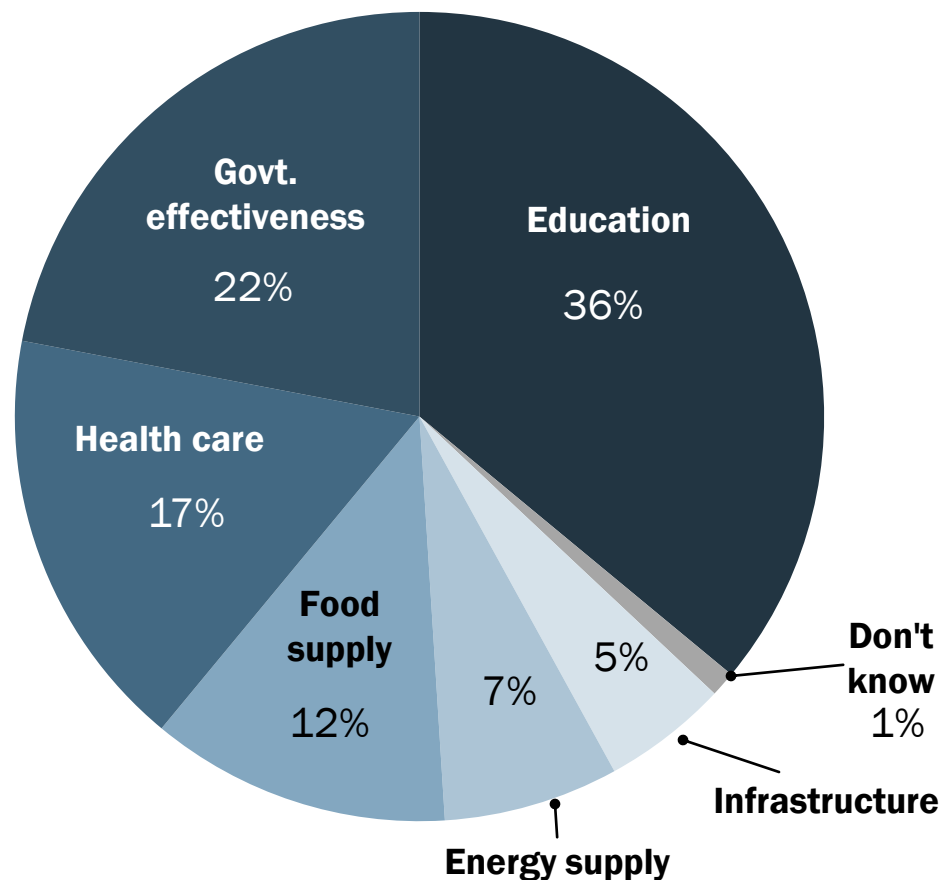
___ is a very important reason why many people in South Africa do not have jobs



Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

South Africans Believe Education Should be Their Country's Top Priority

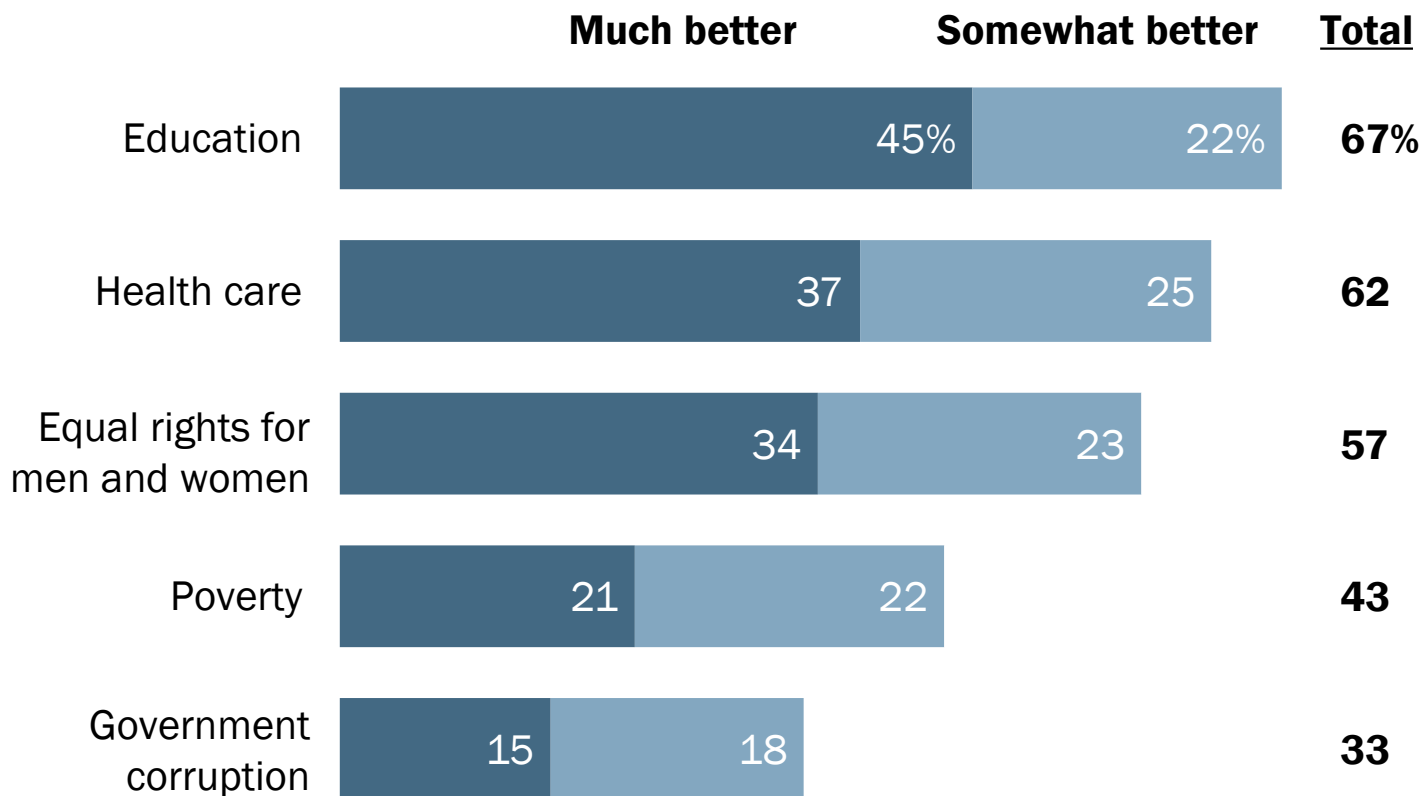
What do you think should be the most important priority for our country?



Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

Two-Thirds Say Education Will Be Better for Future Generations

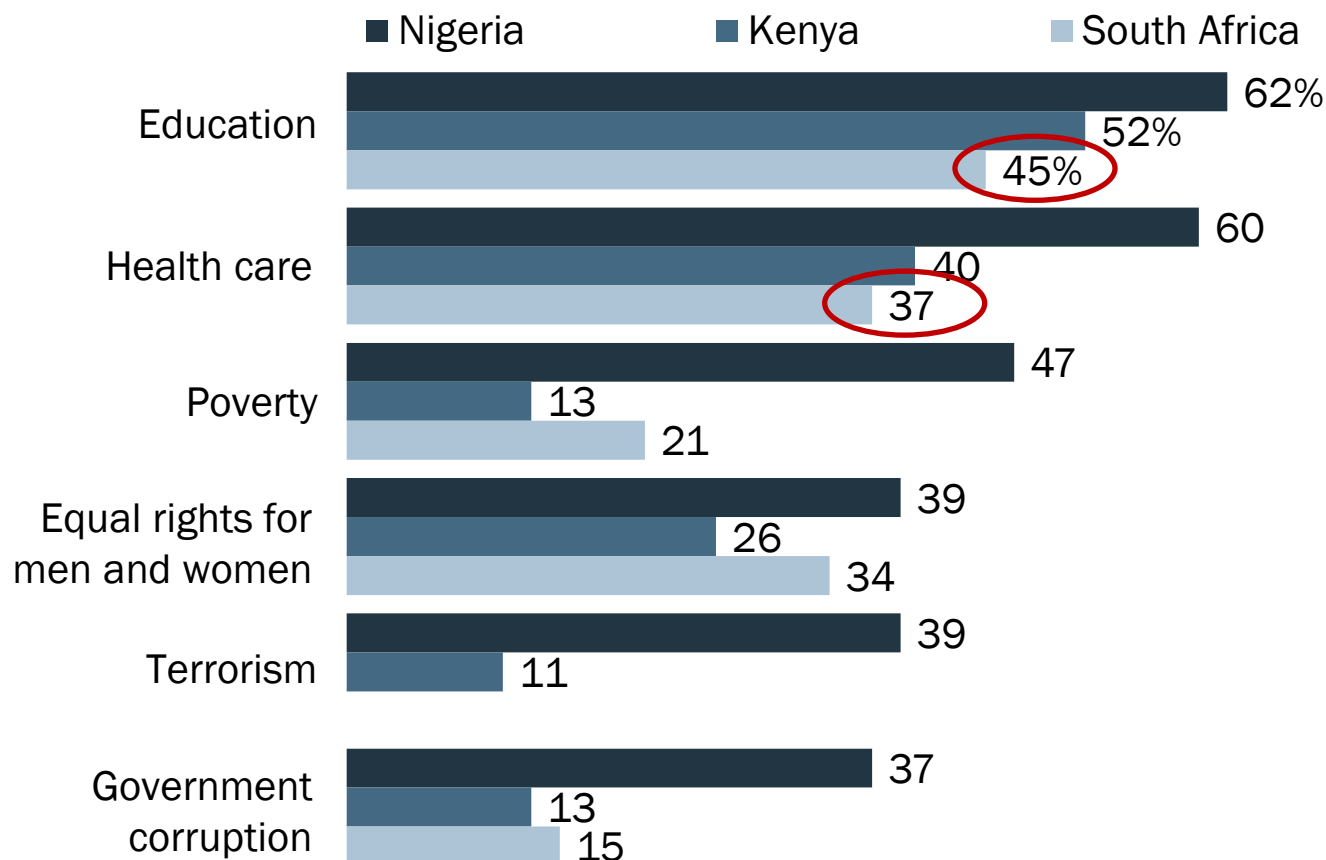
When children in South Africa grow up __ will be ...



Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

South Africans Most Pessimistic on Education, Health Care

When children in __ grow up __ will be much better



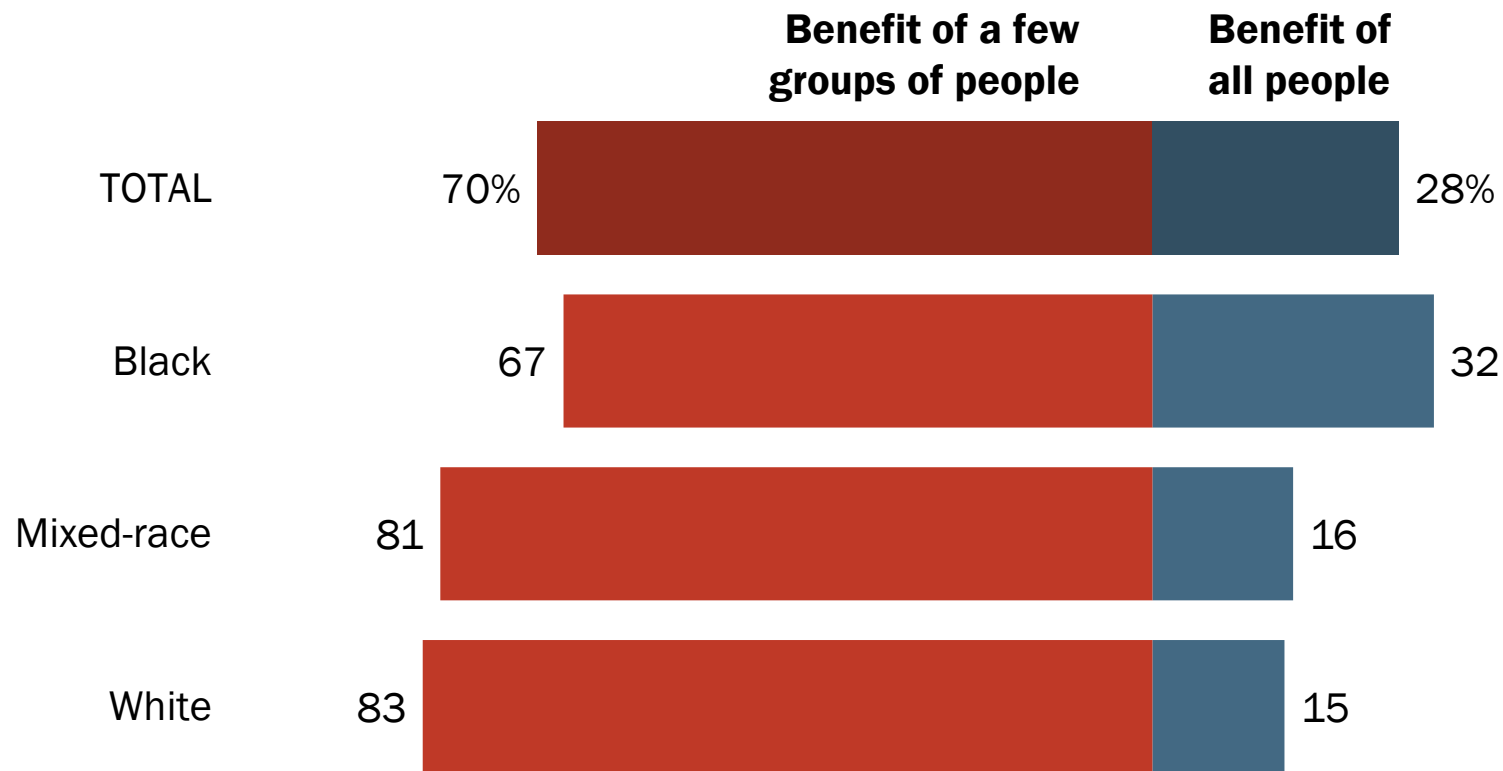
Note: "Terrorism" not asked in South Africa

Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Black South Africans Most Likely to Believe Government Benefits All People

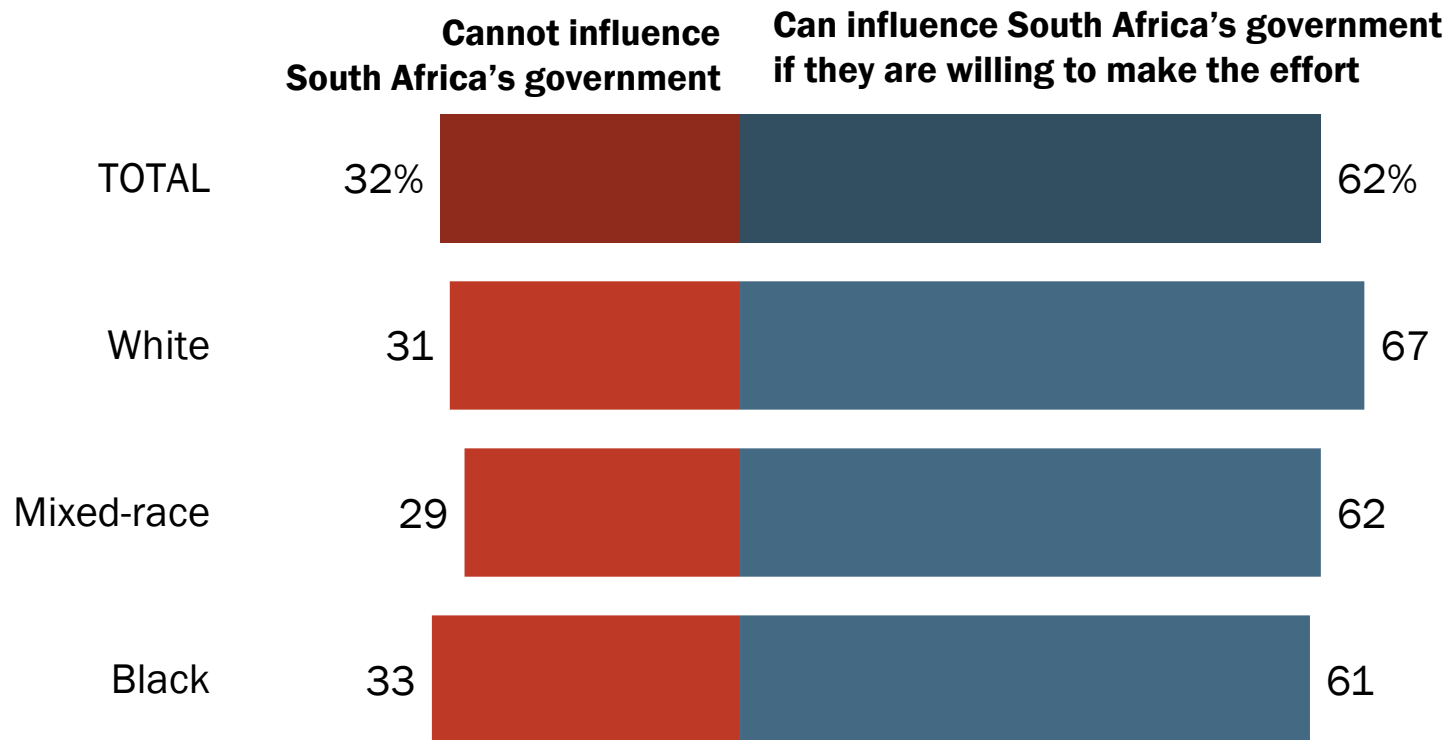
% of __ South Africans saying the government is run for the ...



Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

Majorities of All Races Believe Ordinary Citizens Can Influence Government

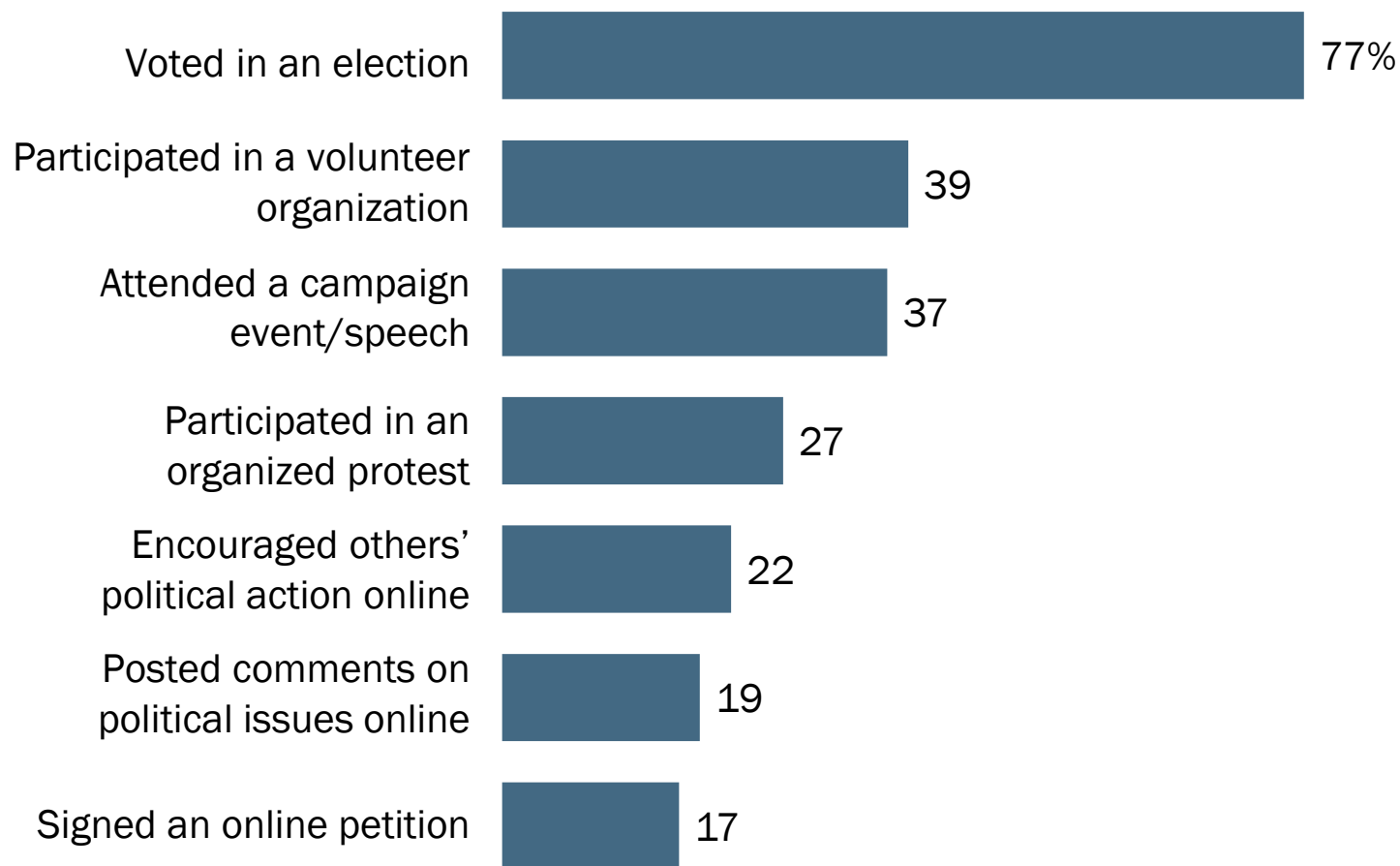
% of ___ South Africans saying ordinary citizens ...



Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

South Africans Most Likely to Influence Their Government Through Traditional Means

% of South Africans saying they have __ in the past



Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

High Level of Political Engagement Among African Publics

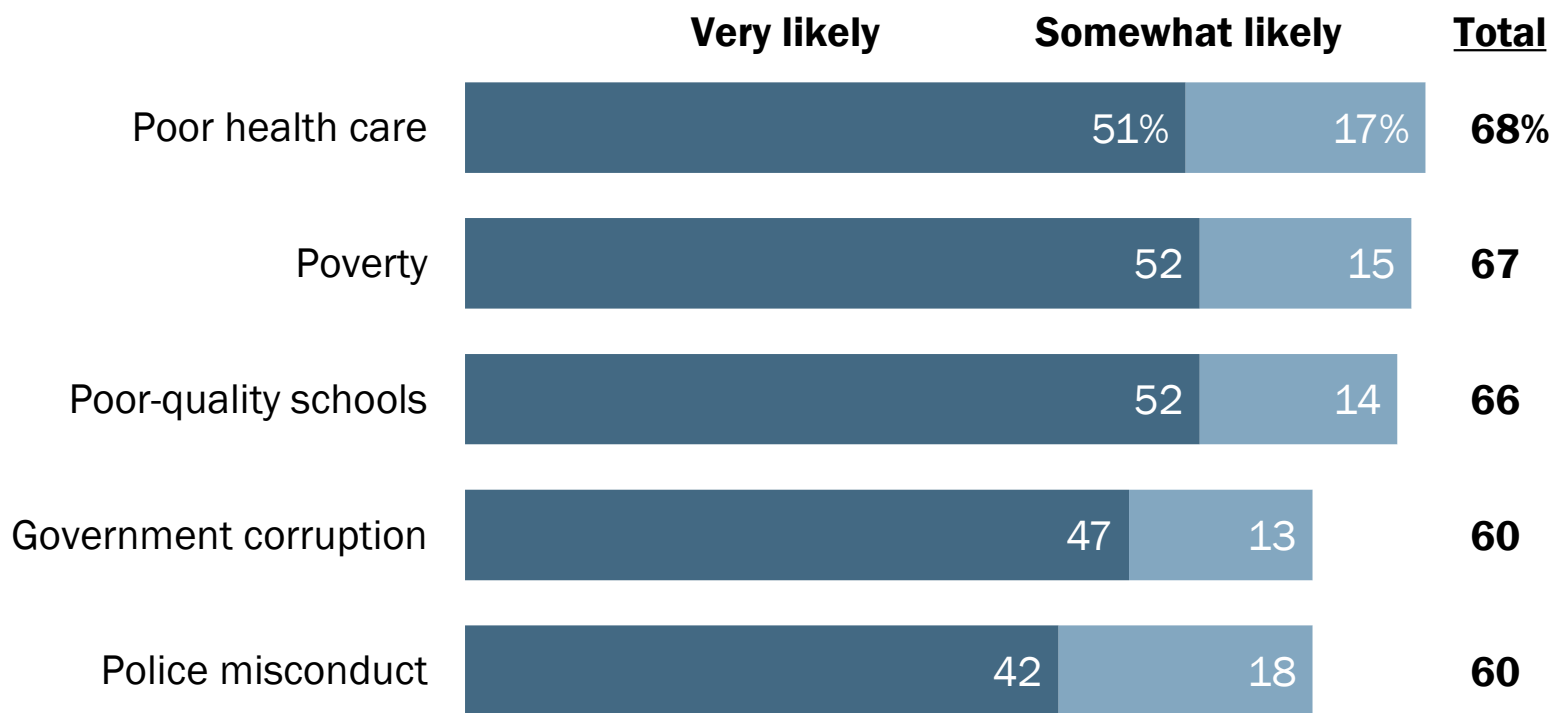
% saying they have __ in the past

	Voted in an election	Attended a campaign event/speech	Participated in a volunteer organization	Participated in an organized protest	Posted comments on political issues online	Encouraged others' political action online	Signed an online petition
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Nigeria	85	44	40	22	22	20	8
South Africa	77	37	39	27	19	22	17
Kenya	74	49	40	10	13	13	8
Greece	91	42	19	29	16	8	8
Poland	88	21	21	12	11	9	12
Italy	77	32	31	25	17	16	18
Hungary	72	9	10	7	8	5	11
India	86	38	22	25	9	9	10
U.S.	77	29	54	16	37	34	37

Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

Majority of South Africans Say They Would Take Action to Confront Social Issues

% of South Africans saying they are ___ to take political action on ...

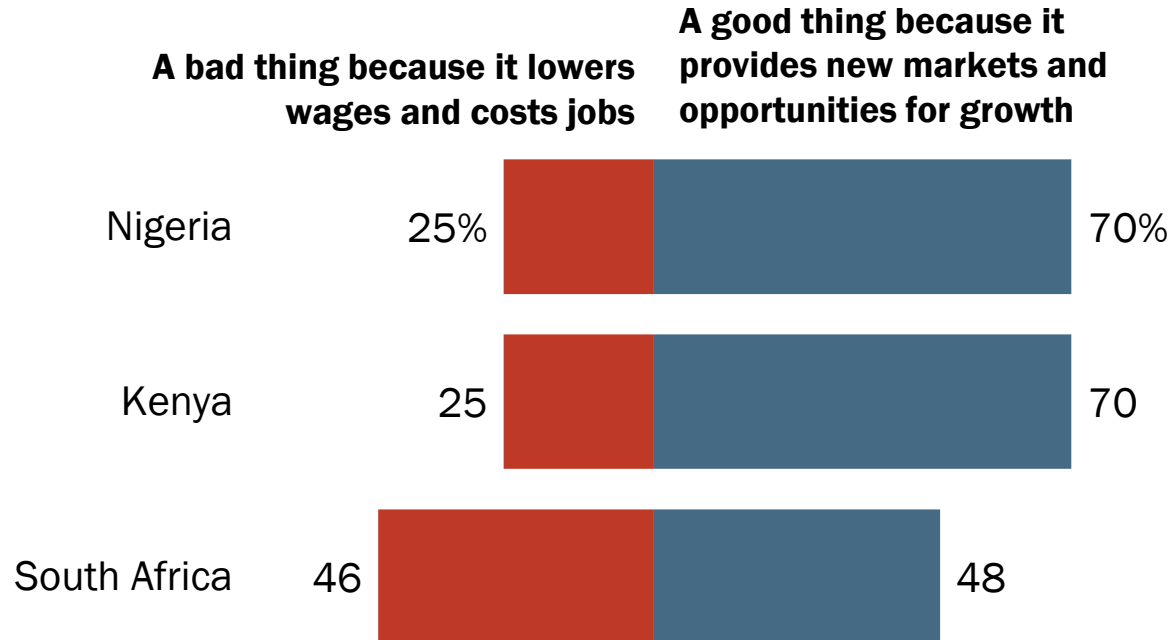


Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

GLOBAL INVOLVEMENT

Kenyans and Nigerians Strongly Support Involvement in the Global Economy

Our country's involvement in the global economy is ...



Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

Africans More Positive about Trade than Those in Other Regions

Percent saying ...

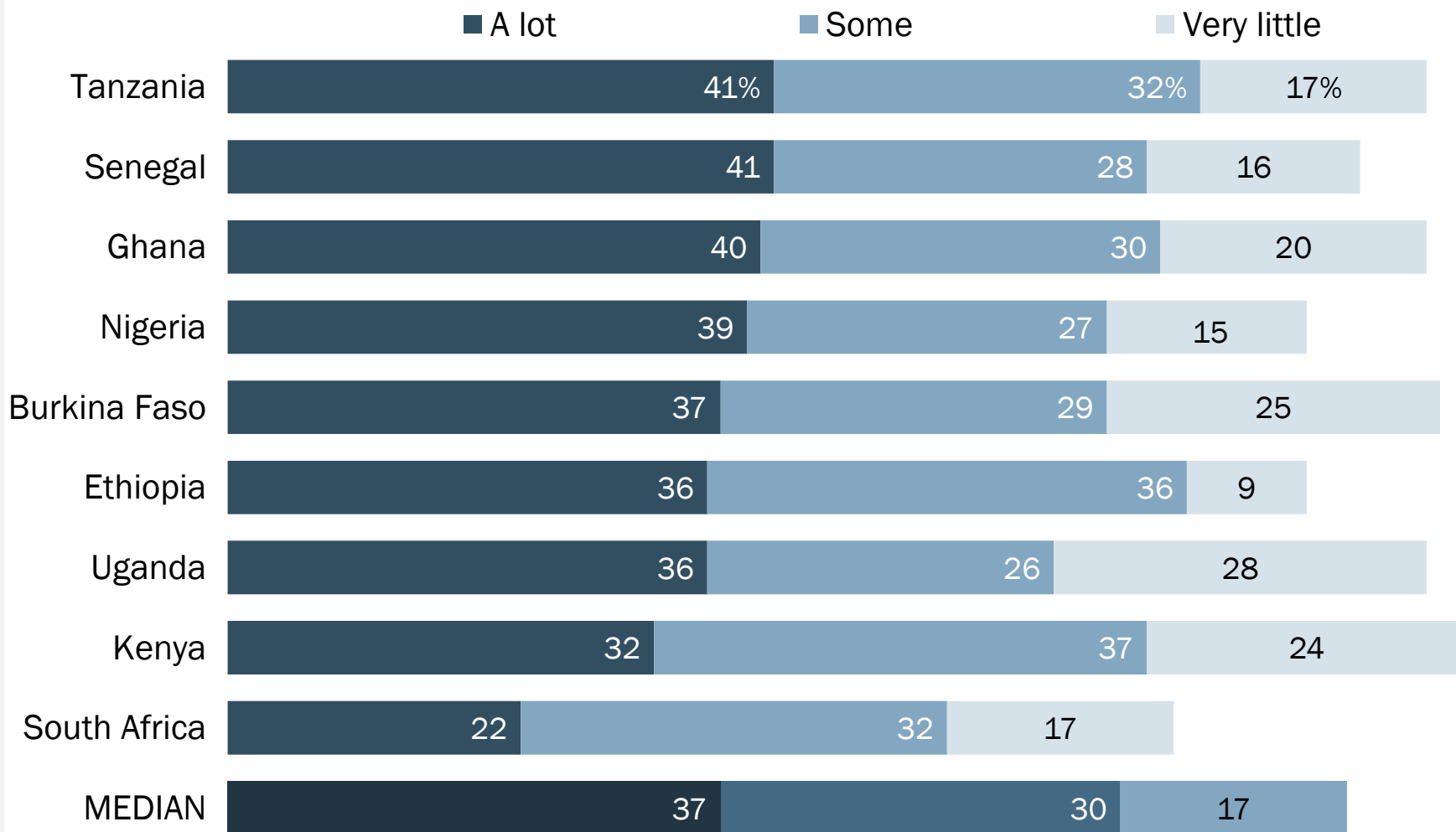
	Trade is good	Trade creates jobs	Trade raises wages	Trade decreases prices
	%	%	%	%
Africa	87	62	51	25
Asia	86	56	48	24
Latin America	80	52	41	24
Europe	79	44	28	26
Middle East	77	59	46	38
U.S.	68	20	17	35
MEDIAN	81	54	45	26

Note: Africa median includes Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda. Russia & Ukraine not included in Europe median.

Source: Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey.

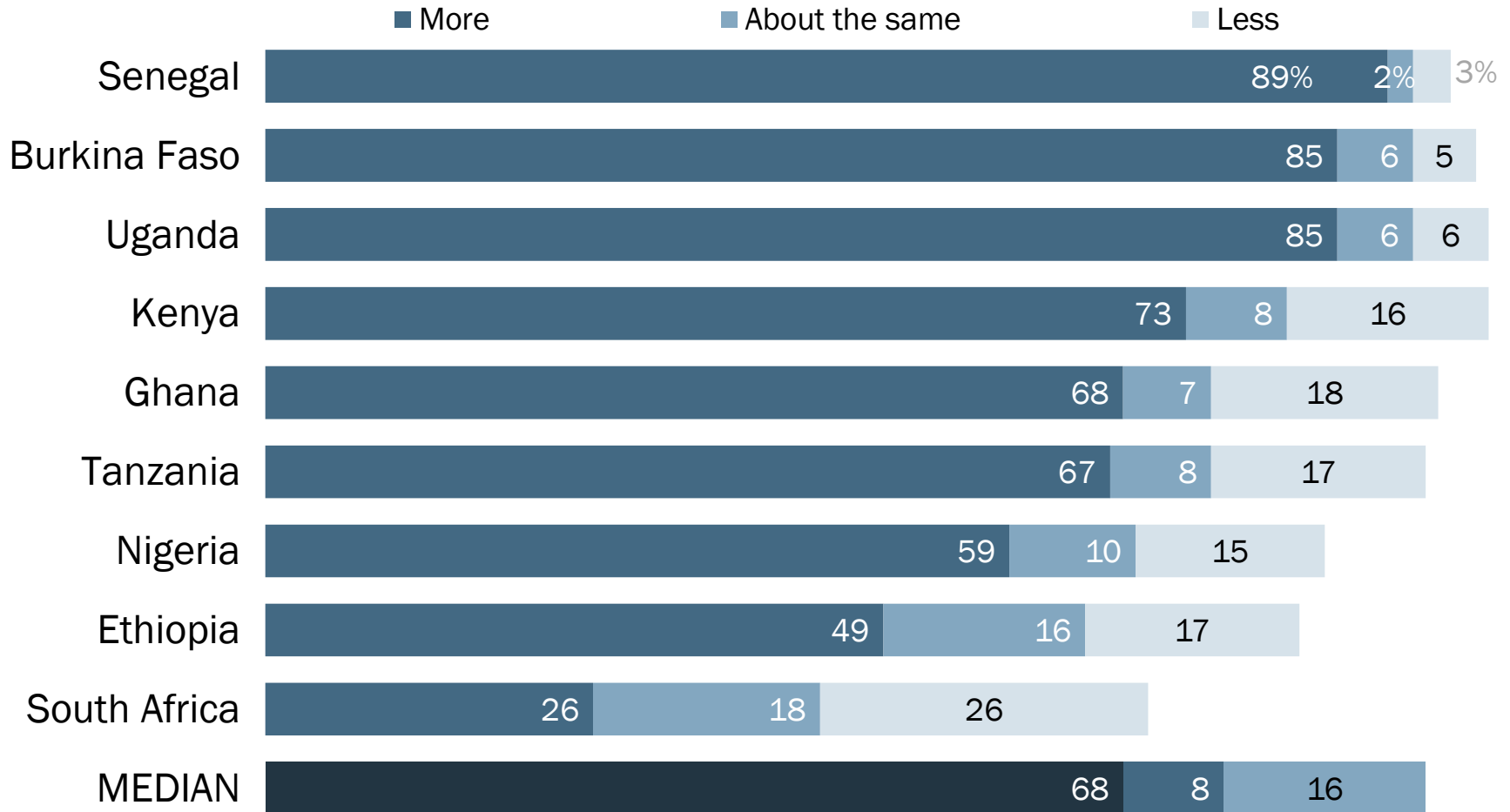
Perception of Foreign Aid Received

What is your impression about how much foreign aid __ receives?



Most Say More Foreign Aid Needed

When it comes to foreign aid, do you think our country needs ___ than/as it gets now?



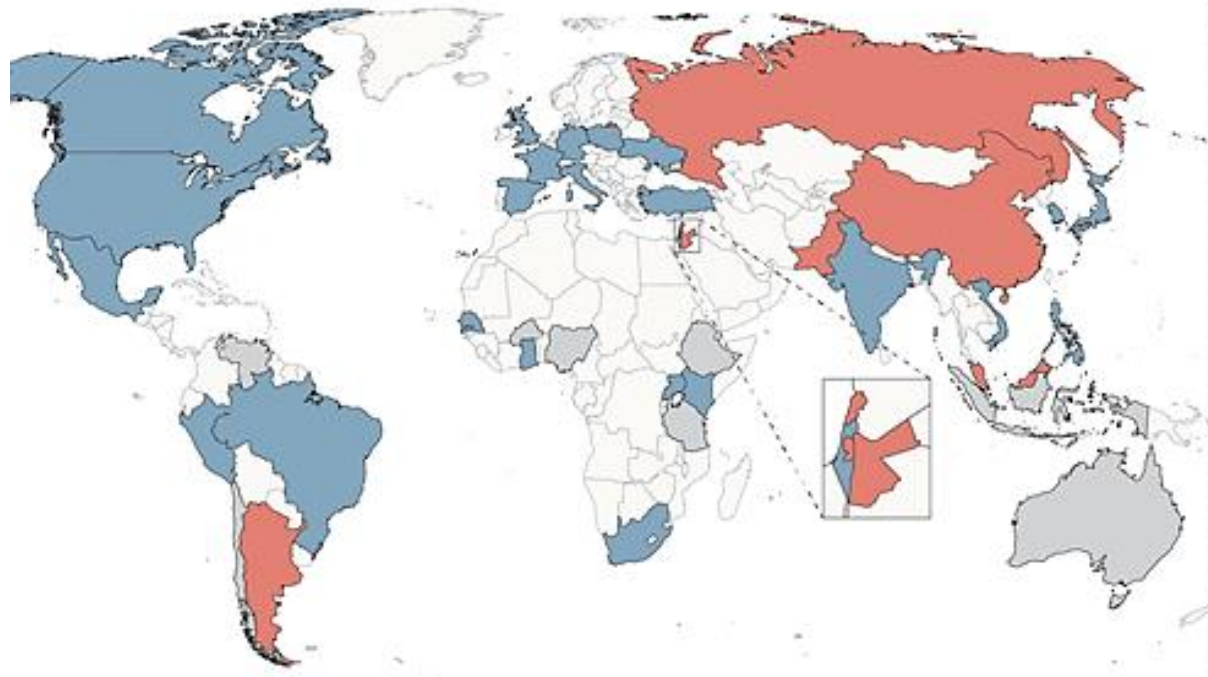
Note: Data for volunteer category "none" not shown.

VIEWS OF THE WORLD

Highest Ratings for Both U.S. and China in Africa

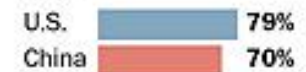
Favorability of U.S. and China by country

- Higher ratings for U.S.
- Higher ratings for China
- Mixed

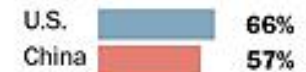


Regional medians

Africa



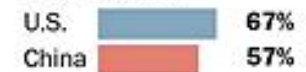
Asia/Pacific



Europe



Latin America



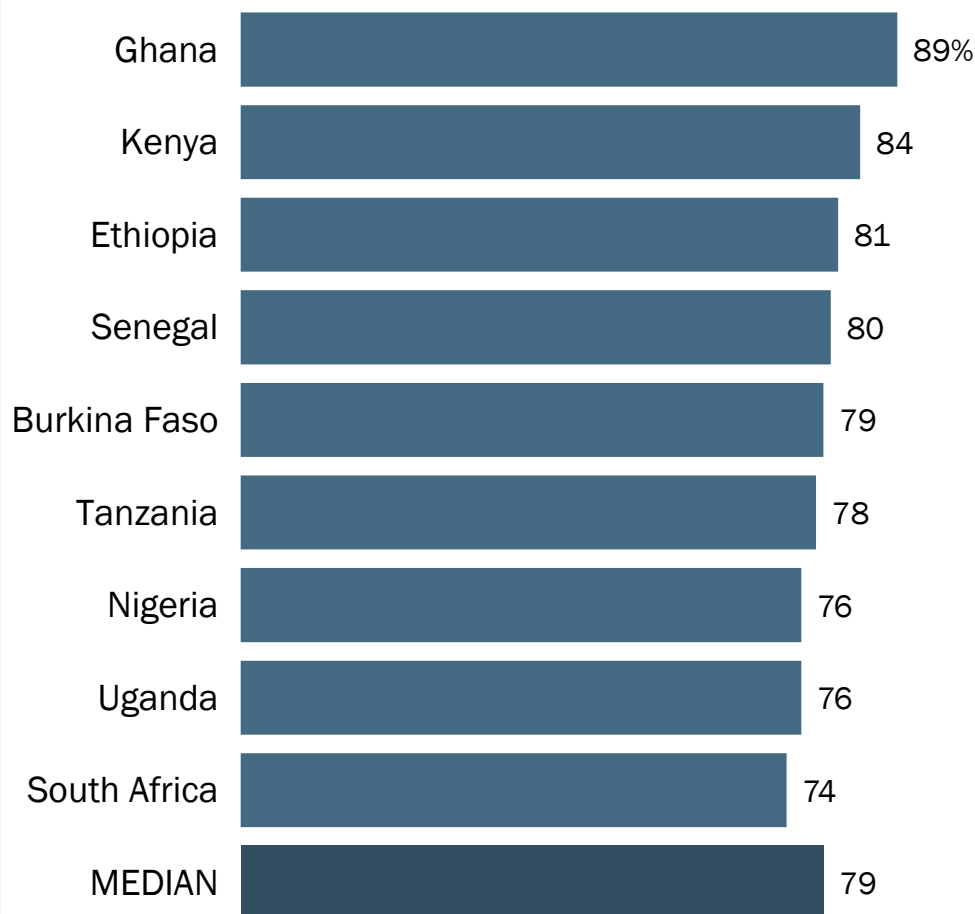
Middle East



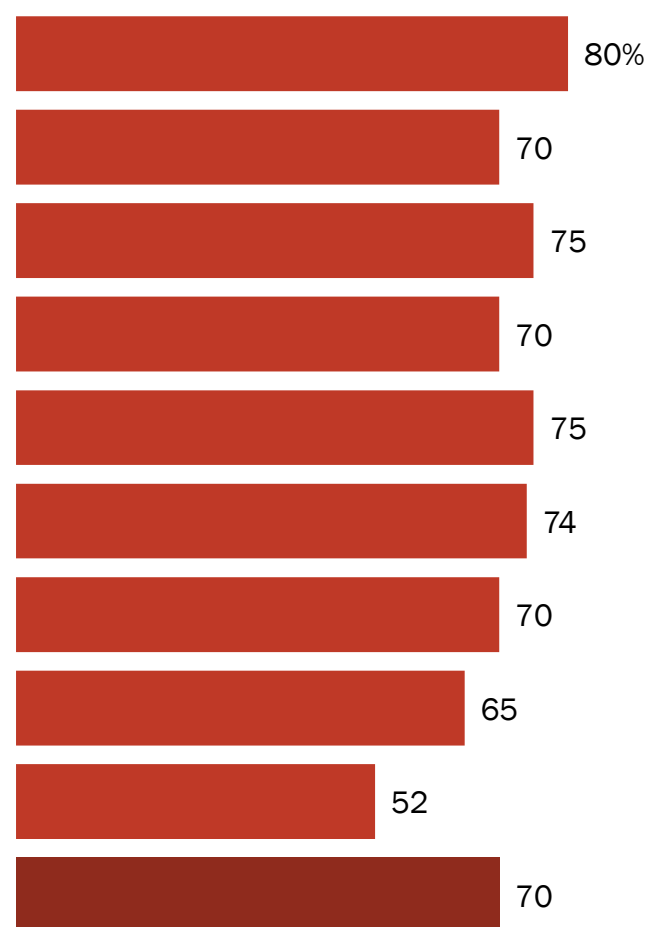
Note: China not included in Asia regional median rating for China. Russia and Ukraine not included in Europe median.

Favorable Views of the U.S. & China across African Nations

Favorable Views of the U.S.

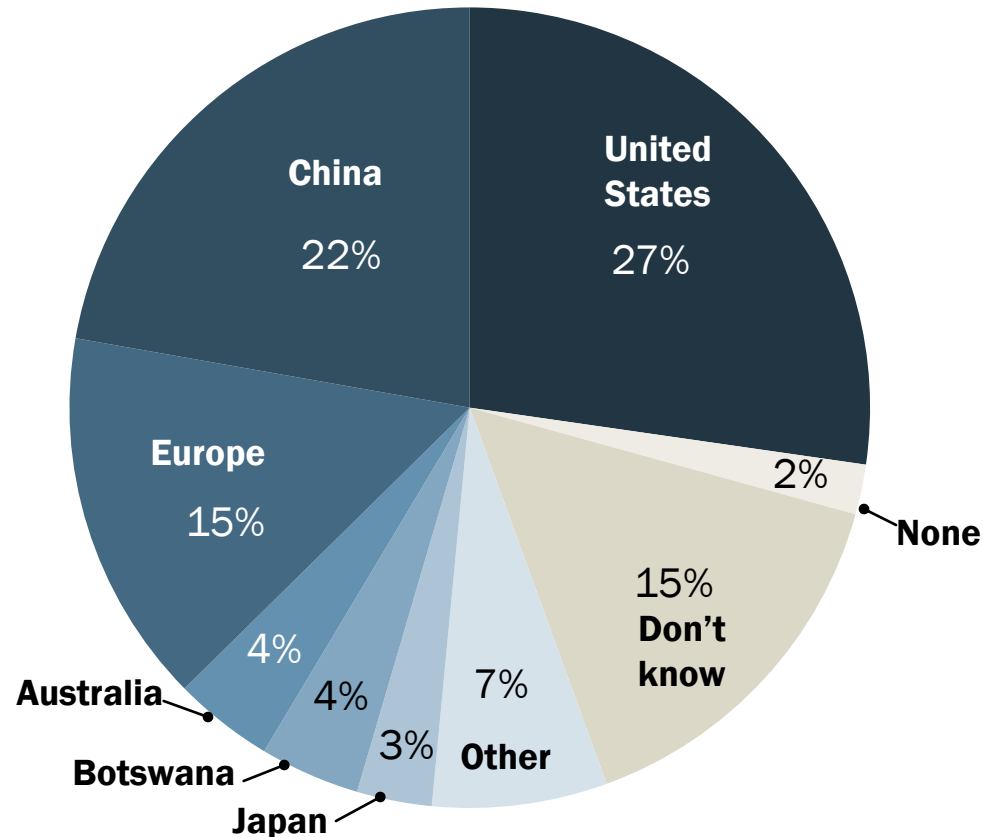


Favorable Views of China



South Africans Name United States as Best Example of Economic Development

Which country in the world is the best example of an economically developed country?



Note: 'Europe' category combines countries named in Europe. 'Other' category combines responses named by 2% or fewer of survey respondents.

Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

Top Reasons Given for Why the U.S. and China are Economically Successful

When thinking about what makes the U.S./China the best example of an economically developed country, what first comes to mind?



Note: These are the number of respondents from Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa who offered each of the top responses. These are NOT percentages.

Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

Chinese Strength Seen in Manufacturing, U.S. Seen in Jobs, Political Stability

% of South Africans saying __ makes China/U.S. the best example of an economically developed country

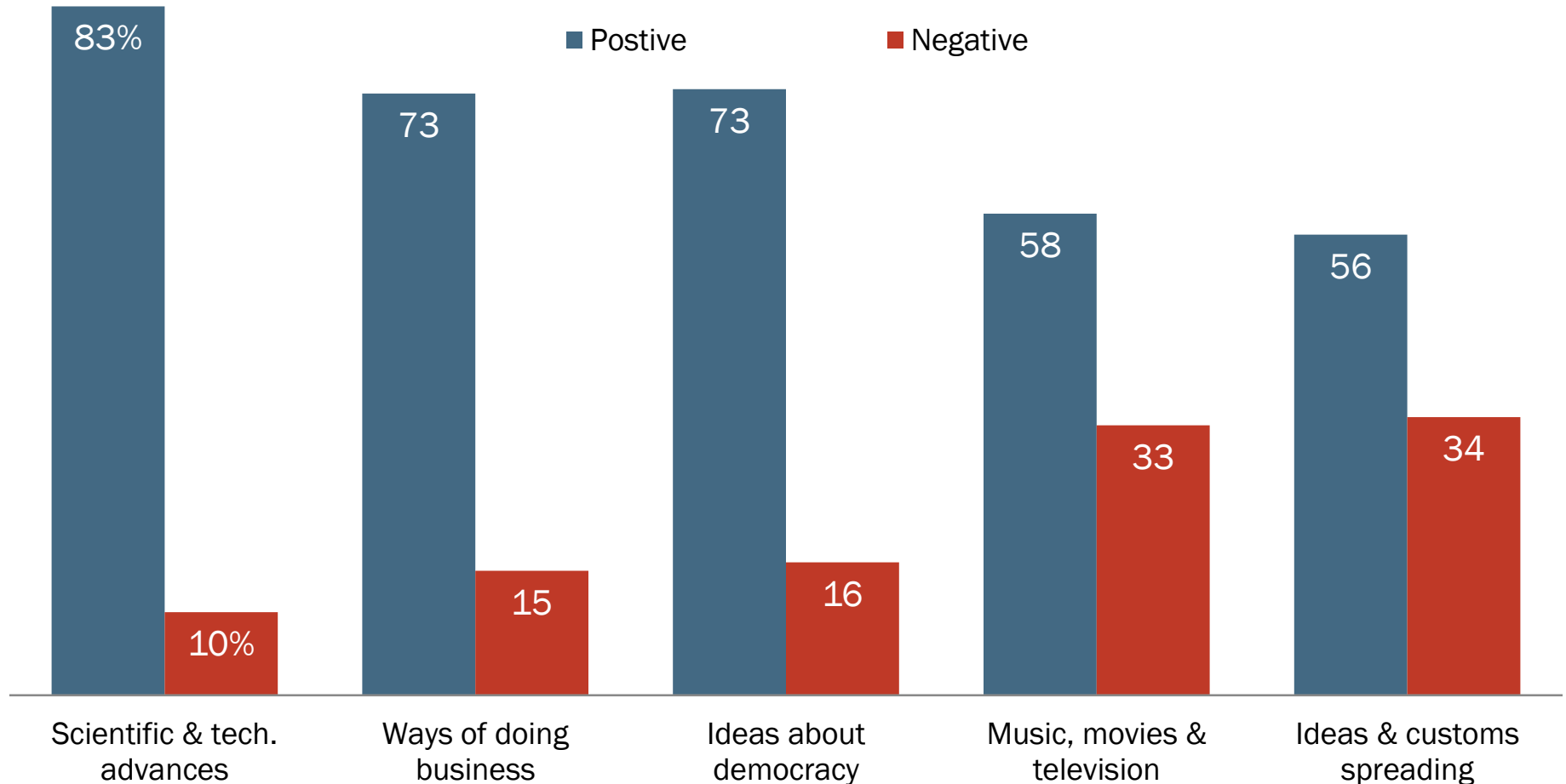
	China	U.S.	Diff
	%	%	
Jobs/economic opportunities/growth/stability	18	38	+20
Political stability/low corruption/good government	1	7	+6
Individual rights/unity/equality	1	6	+5
Peaceful/security	0	5	+5
High living standards/affordable goods	3	7	+4
Education system/standards	6	8	+2
World power/foreign aid/foreign investment	4	2	+2
Agriculture/farming/natural resources	0	2	+2
Infrastructure/roads/electricity/industry	3	1	-2
Strong individual values/hardworking/creative	15	5	-10
Advanced technology/innovated	14	2	-12
Manufacturing/production/goods	22	1	-21

Note: Statistically significant responses in **bold**. Open-end responses combined into general categories.

Source: Spring 2016 Global Attitudes Survey.

Mostly Positive Views of American Soft Power

Do you have a positive or negative view of American ...



Note: Median of Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa and Uganda.

Source: Spring 2013 Global Attitudes survey.



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