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Trust, approval ratings high for Namibia's president and prime minister following a long trend

Most Namibians trust their president and prime minister and approve of their job performance, the latest Afrobarometer survey indicates.

The survey findings suggest that Prime Minister Hage Geingob, who will be the country's first non-Oshivambo presidential candidate in the 2014 elections, will continue to enjoy the public's strong support for SWAPO. Rural respondents gave President Pohamba 14% more trust than did urban respondents. No ethnic reactions nor apathy is evident in the survey results.

Key findings

- Eight out of 10 Namibians indicate trust in the two leaders (Figure 1).
- Almost nine out of 10 Namibians approve of how the two leaders are doing their jobs.
- Namibia's positive responses regarding executive leadership have been among the highest of countries surveyed by Afrobarometer since 1999. Both President Pohamba and Prime Minister Geingob have exceeded the rating of founding President Sam Nujoma.

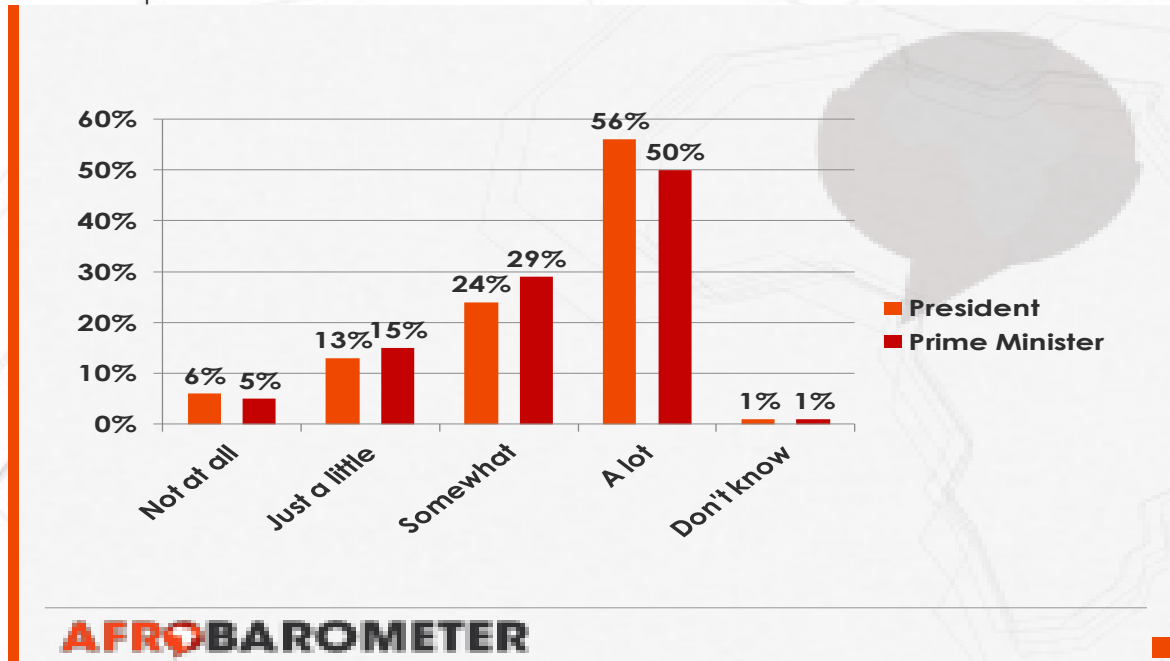
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Afrobarometer is an African-led, non-partisan research project that has measured countries' social, political, and economic atmosphere since 1999. In its sixth survey round (2014-15), it is covering 35 countries. Afrobarometer is funded by the UK Department of International Development (DFID), U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Mo Ibrahim Foundation and the World Bank.

The Afrobarometer team in Namibia, led by the Institute for Public Policy Research and Survey Warehouse, interviewed adult Namibians in August and September 2014. A sample of this size yields results with a margin of error of +/-3% at a 95% confidence level. Previous surveys have been conducted in Namibia in 1999, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2008, and 2012.

Charts

Figure 1: Trust in the President and Prime Minister
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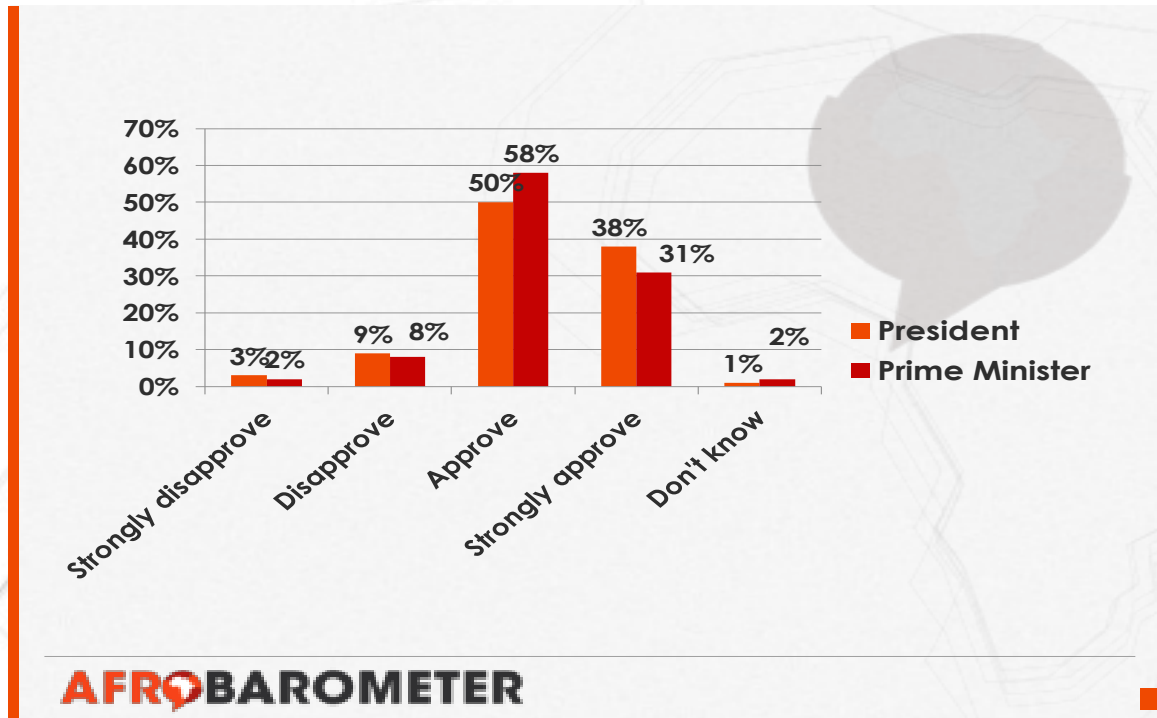


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Respondents were asked: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough to say: The President? the Prime Minister?

Figure 2: Performance of the President and Prime Minister

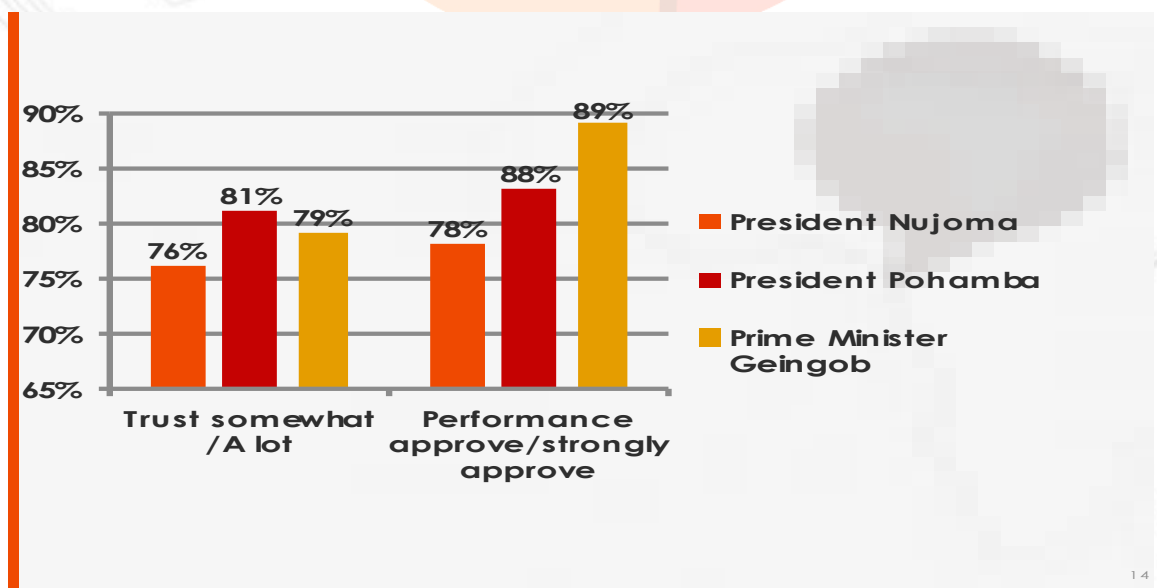
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Respondents were asked: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: President Hifikiipunye Pohamba? Prime Minister Hage Geingob?

Figure 3. Trust and performance

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