

News Release

Mauritians still trust their institutions but think corruption is strongly affecting them

Afrobarometer's latest survey shows that although Mauritians still trust their political institutions, they are increasingly concerned about corruption.

In this context, six in 10 (60%) Mauritians said in the latest report by the Independent Commission against Corruption that it was their opinion that high level and small scale corruption had increased over the past three years and the same number believed that corruption could only worsen and a fourth (26.8%) did not expect a change.

Transparency International, in its 2014 report ranked Mauritius 47 out of 175 countries, a slight improvement from the previous survey and the Mo Ibrahim Index of African Governance also ranked Mauritius as one of the best governed country in Africa in its 2014 report.

Key Findings

- A majority of Mauritians trust most institutions including the police. But seven in 10 (70%) of respondents believe that some police officers are corrupt, yet nearly six in 10 (59%) of respondents say they trust the police.
- Political figures and institutions receive lower levels of trust as compared to other institutions. Opposition parties are the only ones not to be trusted by a majority of Mauritians.
- Almost seven in 10 (69%) Mauritians feel that level of corruption has increased in Mauritians over the past year in all spheres. The bulk (70%) of the population believes that some government officials and municipal/district councillors are corrupt. None of the respondents admitted to ever paying a bribe to get services from key public institutions and under half (45%) of respondents feel one would not report cases of corruption for fear of retaliation.

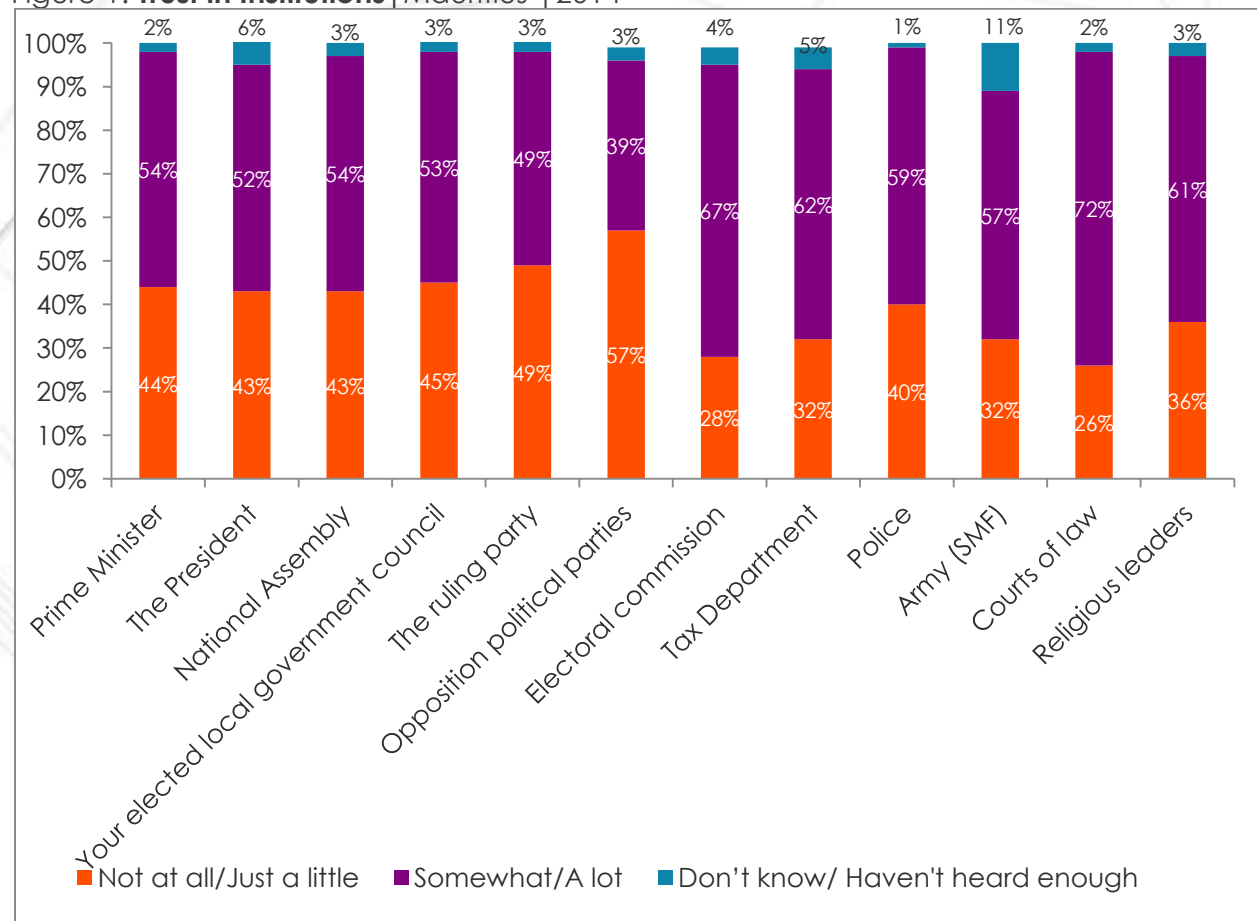
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Afrobarometer is an African-led, non-partisan research project that has measured countries' social, political, and economic atmosphere since 1999. In its sixth survey round (2014-15), it is covering 35 countries. In Mauritius, the face-to-face interviews of 1,200 adults were conducted by StraConsult. 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 Mauritius, led by StraConsult, interviewed 1,200 adult Mauritians in June and July 2014. A sample of this size yields results with a margin of error of +/-3% at a 95% confidence level. A previous survey was conducted in Mauritius in 2012.

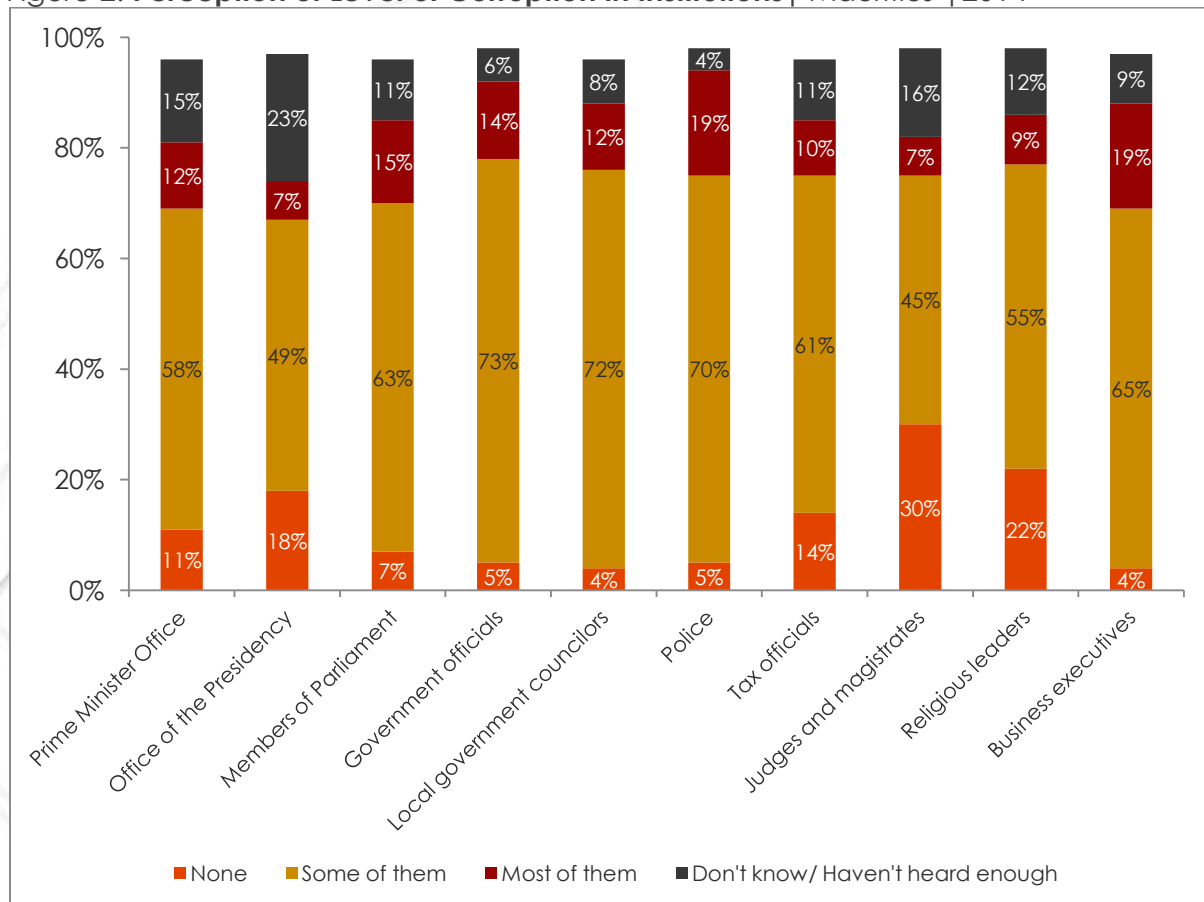
Charts

Figure 1: **Trust in Institutions** | Mauritius | 2014



Respondents were asked: How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say?

Figure 2: **Perception of Level of Corruption in Institutions** | Mauritius | 2014



Respondents were asked: *How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say?*

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