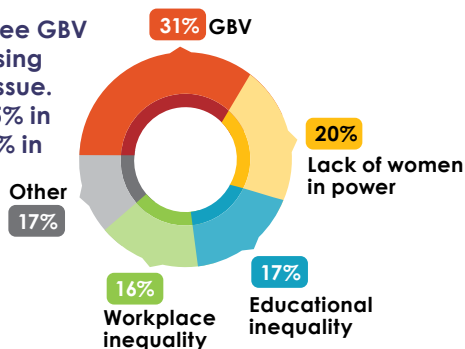


## Africans' views on gender-based violence (GBV): Insights from Afrobarometer Round 9 surveys

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### Top women's-rights issue

31% of Africans see GBV as the most pressing women's-rights issue. This varies from 5% in Mauritania to 69% in Cabo Verde.

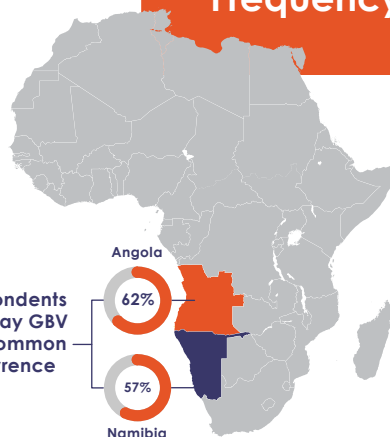


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### Frequency of GBV

38% say GBV is common in their communities. In nine countries, at least 50% report frequent GBV.

Respondents who say GBV is a common occurrence



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### Attitudes toward physical force

69% oppose men's use of physical force on their wives, but 31% see it as justified.



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### Domestic violence – criminal vs. private matter

Africans are split: 50% view domestic violence as a criminal matter, 48% as a private issue.



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### Reporting GBV

52% believe that GBV victims who report to police are likely to face community criticism, harassment, or shaming, but 81% trust police to take GBV seriously.



Gender-based violence (GBV) encompasses physical violence such as beatings but also extends to other forms of abuse and mistreatment, including trafficking, forced and child marriage, sexual harassment, female genital cutting, work- and school-related intimidation, marital rape, and other forms of intimate partner violence.



Afrobarometer, a non-partisan research network, provides reliable data on African experiences, evaluations, and aspirations. Round 9 surveys in 2021/2023 included 54,436 interviews in 39 countries, revealing critical insights into democracy, governance, and quality of life on the continent.

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