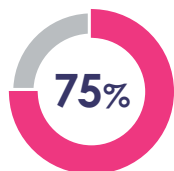


Gender equality in Africa: Trends and concerns

Support for women in political leadership



75% of Africans want women to have the same chance to be elected to public office as men. But 52% say women who run for office are likely to face criticism or harassment.



Participation gap

Across Africa, women are consistently less likely than men to join in many forms of civic engagement, including voting, joining others to raise an issue, and discussing politics.

Government performance in promoting gender equality

Governments get positive marks (56% approval) on promoting gender equality, but 63% of citizens say more needs to be done.



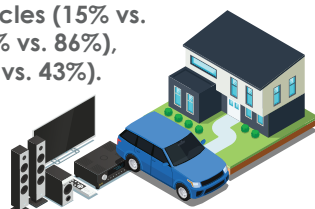
Gender-based violence

Gender-based violence ranks as the most important women's-rights issue that Africans want their government and society to address; 38% say such violence is common in their community.



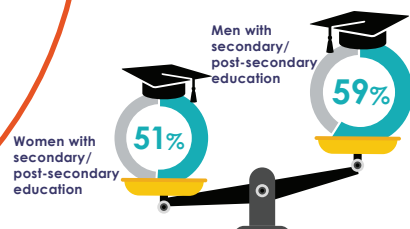
Assets and financial autonomy

Women trail men in ownership of key assets such as motor vehicles (15% vs. 31%), mobile phones (79% vs. 86%), and bank accounts (34% vs. 43%). They are also less likely than men to say they make household financial decisions themselves (35% vs. 44%).



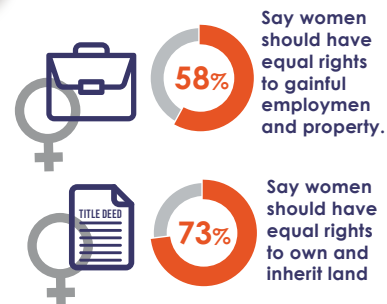
Gaps in educational attainment

Women are less likely than men to have secondary or post-secondary education (51% vs. 59%).



Rights to land and jobs

Africans endorse gender equality in land ownership and hiring.



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