

Topline questionnaire

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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, refer to the Methodology section and our [international survey methods database](#).
- Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. The topline “total” columns show 100% because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- Combined totals are based on unrounded topline figures. We changed rounding procedures in 2024, so results published prior to 2024 may not match exactly to current releases.
- Not all questions included in the Spring 2025 Global Attitudes Survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports

		Q1. How would you describe the current economic situation in South Africa – is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?							
		TOTAL Good	TOTAL Bad	Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	35	65	13	22	20	45	1	100
	Spring, 2024	27	72	9	18	19	53	1	100
	Spring, 2023	22	77	9	13	18	59	1	100
	Spring, 2019	38	60	13	26	23	37	2	100
	Spring, 2018	35	64	12	23	17	47	1	100
	Spring, 2017	44	52	13	32	23	29	3	100
	Spring, 2016	27	70	10	18	25	45	3	100
	Spring, 2015	59	38	20	39	18	20	3	100
	Spring, 2014	52	45	14	37	29	16	3	100
	Spring, 2013	54	45	17	36	25	20	1	100
	Spring, 2008	39	57	12	27	29	28	4	100
	Summer, 2002	29	70	6	23	28	42	1	100

		Q2a. How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in South Africa – very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied?							
		TOTAL Satisfied	TOTAL Not satisfied	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Not too satisfied	Not at all satisfied	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	36	63	13	23	27	36	1	100
	Spring, 2024	28	71	10	19	25	45	1	100
	Spring, 2023	23	76	9	14	26	50	1	100
	Spring, 2019	38	61	16	22	28	33	1	100
	Spring, 2018	35	64	12	23	25	39	1	100
	Spring, 2017	43	55	15	28	29	27	2	100
	Spring, 2013	67	32	32	35	19	13	1	100

		Q3a. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of...? a. The United States							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	50	42	22	27	11	31	8	100
	Spring, 2024	49	31	26	23	8	23	20	100
	Spring, 2023	59	30	35	24	8	22	11	100
	Spring, 2019	50	33	27	23	13	20	17	100
	Spring, 2018	57	30	36	21	7	22	13	100
	Spring, 2017	53	30	27	26	12	18	17	100
	Spring, 2016	61	26	40	20	8	17	14	100
	Spring, 2015	74	16	47	27	8	8	10	100
	Spring, 2014	67	20	40	28	11	8	13	100
	Spring, 2013	72	20	43	29	10	10	7	100
	Spring, 2008	60	24	28	32	8	16	16	100
	Summer, 2002	64	28	31	34	9	19	8	100

		Q3b. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of...? b. China							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	57	36	35	23	10	26	7	100
	Spring, 2024	47	33	26	21	9	24	20	100
	Spring, 2023	49	40	26	23	13	27	11	100
	Spring, 2019	46	35	26	20	12	23	19	100
	Spring, 2018	49	39	30	19	7	31	12	100
	Spring, 2017	45	32	21	24	12	20	22	100
	Spring, 2016	41	43	21	20	12	31	16	100
	Spring, 2015	52	34	22	30	16	18	14	100
	Spring, 2014	45	40	15	30	18	22	15	100
	Spring, 2013	48	43	18	30	21	22	9	100
	Spring, 2008	36	51	10	27	21	30	12	100

		Q3c. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of...? c. The European Union							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	47	38	20	27	12	26	15	100
	Spring, 2024	34	32	13	21	11	21	34	100
	Spring, 2023	44	36	20	23	11	25	20	100
	Spring, 2019	42	34	19	23	14	19	24	100
	Spring, 2014	44	35	16	27	20	15	21	100
	Spring, 2013	43	40	15	28	20	20	17	100

		Q3d. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of...? d. The United Nations							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	57	32	31	26	10	22	10	100
	Spring, 2024	44	29	22	22	10	19	28	100
	Spring, 2023	53	27	32	21	9	18	21	100
	Spring, 2019	53	29	28	25	11	17	18	100
	Spring, 2016	52	28	31	21	8	21	20	100
	Spring, 2013	51	34	21	30	18	16	15	100

		Q3f. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of...? f. Russia							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	36	54	15	21	13	41	10	100
	Spring, 2024	30	45	14	16	11	34	25	100
	Spring, 2023	28	58	14	14	11	46	15	100
	Spring, 2019	32	40	16	17	13	27	27	100
	Spring, 2018	34	44	16	18	10	34	22	100
	Spring, 2017	28	40	10	18	14	26	32	100
	Spring, 2015	25	51	8	17	18	33	24	100
	Spring, 2014	25	51	5	20	26	25	24	100
	Spring, 2013	26	53	6	20	25	28	20	100

		Q3g. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of...? g. Israel							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	34	52	15	19	15	37	14	100

		Q3h. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of...? h. India							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	46	44	16	29	13	31	11	100
	Spring, 2023	29	51	11	17	15	36	20	100
	Spring, 2013	36	45	12	24	21	23	19	100
	Spring, 2008	38	47	8	30	20	28	15	100

		Q3i. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of...? i. South Africa							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Kenya	Spring, 2025	70	23	21	49	13	10	7	100
	Spring, 2007	89	8	54	35	7	1	3	100
Nigeria	Spring, 2025	59	32	17	42	18	14	9	100

		Q3j. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of...? j. Kenya							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Nigeria	Spring, 2025	46	35	14	32	23	11	19	100
South Africa	Spring, 2025	40	43	16	25	13	30	16	100

		Q3k. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of...? k. Nigeria							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Kenya	Spring, 2025	59	33	16	43	18	15	9	100
	Spring, 2007	69	28	27	42	21	7	3	100
	Summer, 2002	62	28	28	34	18	11	10	100
South Africa	Spring, 2025	30	61	12	18	13	48	9	100
	Summer, 2002	29	59	10	19	14	45	12	100

		Q4i. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of ...? i. Cyril Ramaphosa							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	63	36	34	29	11	25	1	100
	Spring, 2023	53	45	32	21	13	32	2	100

		Q4j. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of ...? j. John Steenhuisen							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	41	41	15	25	12	29	18	100
	Spring, 2023	33	37	12	21	10	27	30	100

		Q4k. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of ...? k. Jacob Zuma							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	52	47	30	22	11	36	1	100

		Q4l. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of ...? l. Julius Malema							
		TOTAL Favorable	TOTAL Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	49	50	22	27	12	37	2	100

		Q9RSAa. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of ...? a. African National Congress (ANC)							
		TOTAL favorable	TOTAL unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	63	35	38	25	11	25	1	100
	Spring, 2024	45	50	26	19	11	39	5	100
	Spring, 2023	54	45	35	19	12	33	1	100
	Spring, 2019	67	28	47	20	8	19	6	100
	Spring, 2018	63	33	45	18	7	26	3	100

		Q9RSAb. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____? b. Democratic Alliance (DA)							
		TOTAL favorable	TOTAL unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	48	49	20	28	14	35	3	100
	Spring, 2024	31	60	13	19	13	47	8	100
	Spring, 2023	39	58	15	23	13	44	4	100
	Spring, 2019	40	51	17	24	12	39	9	100
	Spring, 2018	42	53	20	22	11	43	5	100

		Q9RSAc. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____? c. Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)							
		TOTAL favorable	TOTAL unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	45	53	19	25	14	39	3	100
	Spring, 2024	35	57	16	18	12	45	8	100
	Spring, 2023	46	52	23	22	11	41	3	100
	Spring, 2019	38	52	18	21	12	40	10	100
	Spring, 2018	37	57	19	18	7	50	6	100

		Q5RSAd. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of _____? d. MK (uMkhonto weSizwe)							
		TOTAL favorable	TOTAL unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	43	49	22	21	14	36	7	100

		Q12. Today, which ONE of the following do you think is the world's leading economic power?							
		The United States	China	Japan	The countries of the European Union	Other (DO NOT READ)	None/There is no leading economic power (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	33	42	8	9	1	1	5	100
	Spring, 2023	37	33	5	12	2	2	9	100
	Spring, 2019	36	33	9	11	0	1	10	100
	Spring, 2018	34	39	7	9	1	1	8	100
	Spring, 2017	41	29	9	10	1	0	10	100
	Spring, 2016	42	31	9	10	1	0	6	100
	Spring, 2015	53	21	4	6	1	5	12	100
	Spring, 2014	43	22	3	8	1	5	17	100
	Spring, 2013	46	26	3	7	0	6	11	100
	Spring, 2008	49	14	7	7	3	2	19	100

		Q14. Is it more important for South Africa to have strong economic ties with...?					
		China	United States	Both (DO NOT READ)	Neither (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	50	33	12	2	4	100
	Spring, 2019	39	42	8	3	7	100

		Q44. Would you say South Africa's influence in the world in recent years has been getting stronger, getting weaker or staying about the same?				
		Getting stronger	Getting weaker	Staying about the same	DK/Refused	Total
South Africa	Spring, 2025	26	41	31	3	100