Survey of Voter Opinion



South Africa – October/November 2022



Methodology

- Nationally representative phone survey of South Africa.
- Only registered voters.
- N = 1000.
- Margin of Error: 4%.
- Fieldwork: 27 October 10 November 2022.
- 15-minute questionnaire.
- Weighted to national statistics on gender, age, province and race.



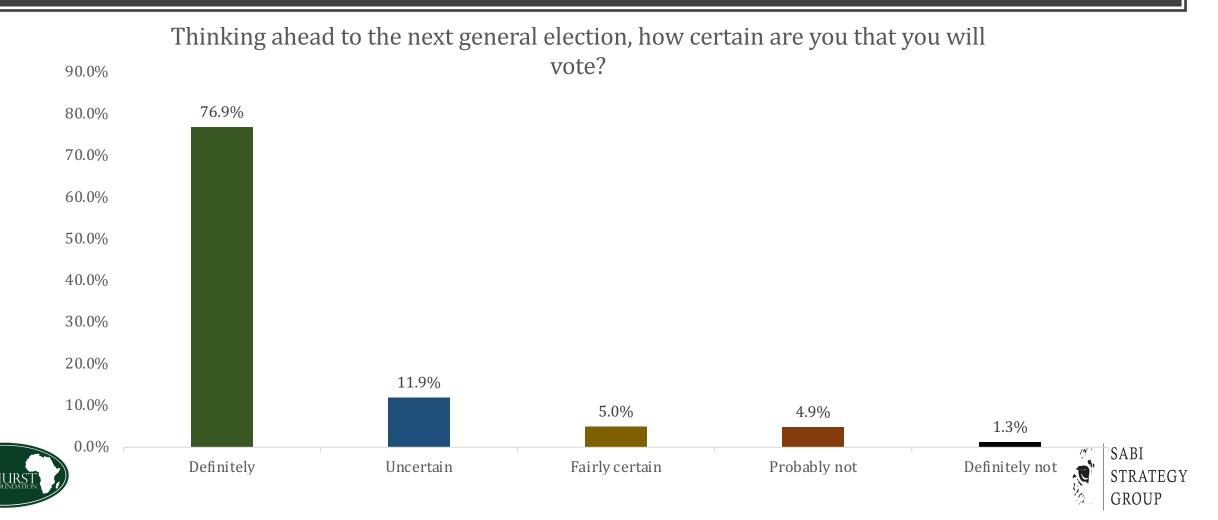




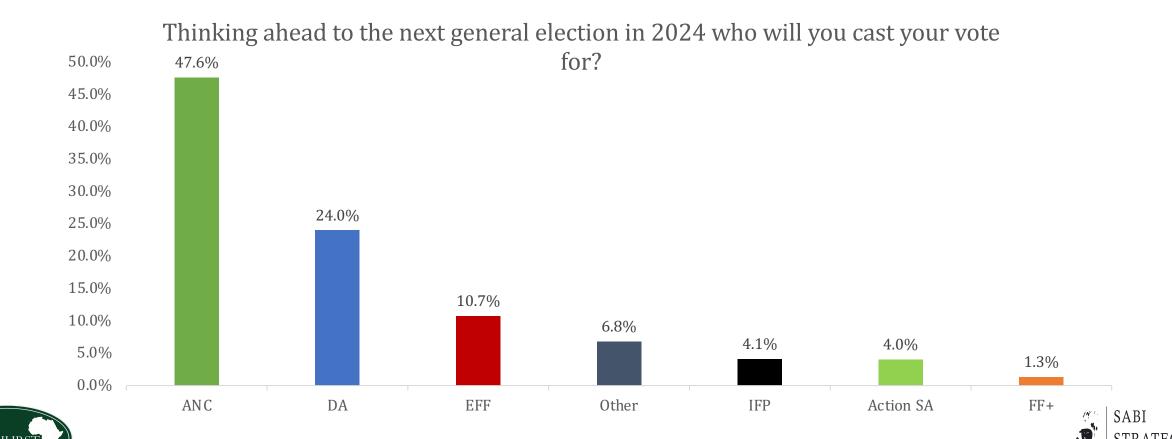
2024 General Election



76.9% of respondents indicate that they will 'definitely vote' in Election 2024



How those who will definitely vote would cast their ballots



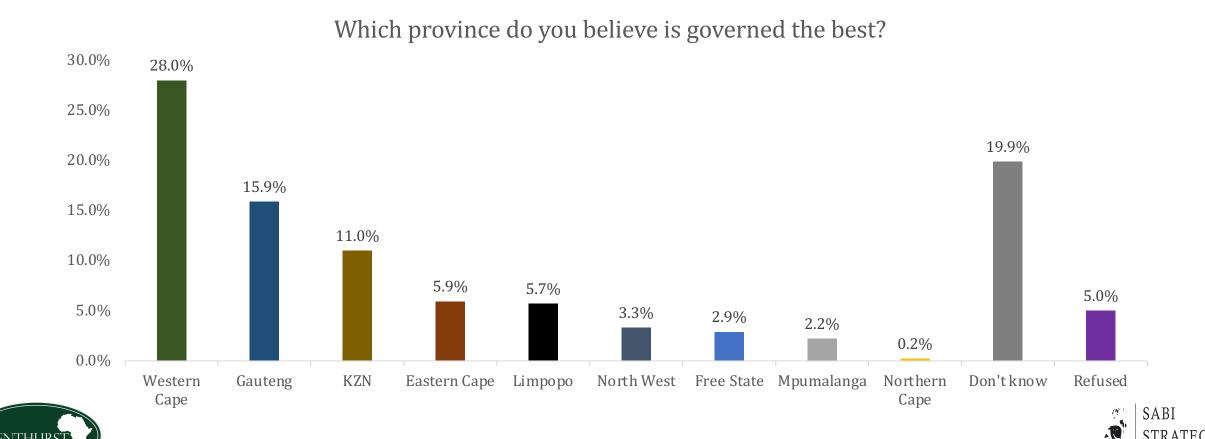
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Governance



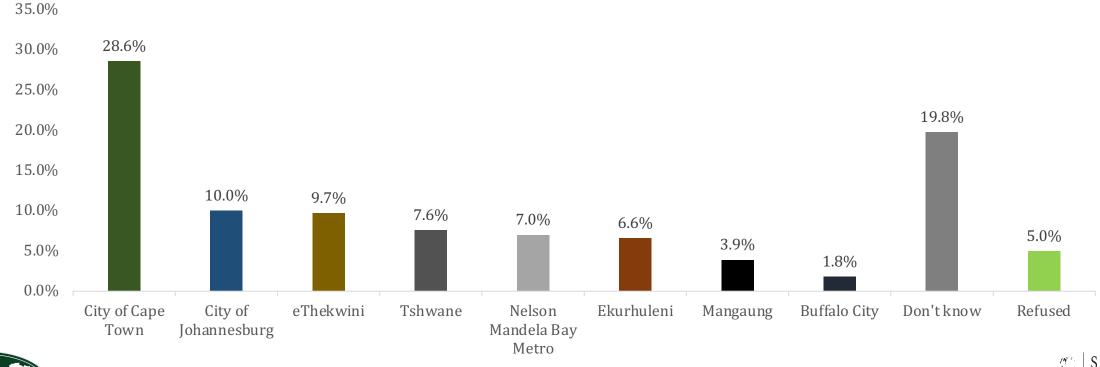
Voters believe that the Western Cape is the bestgoverned province



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More believe Cape Town is the best-governed city



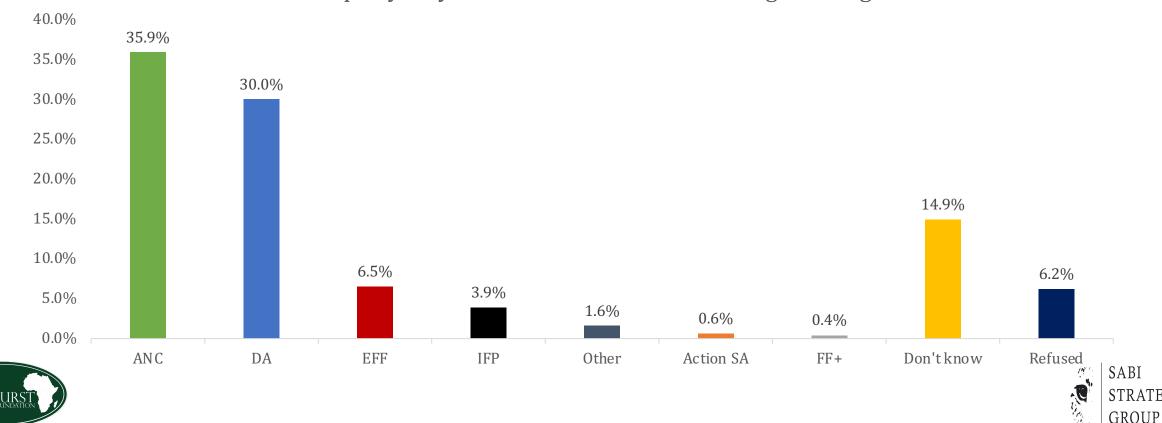






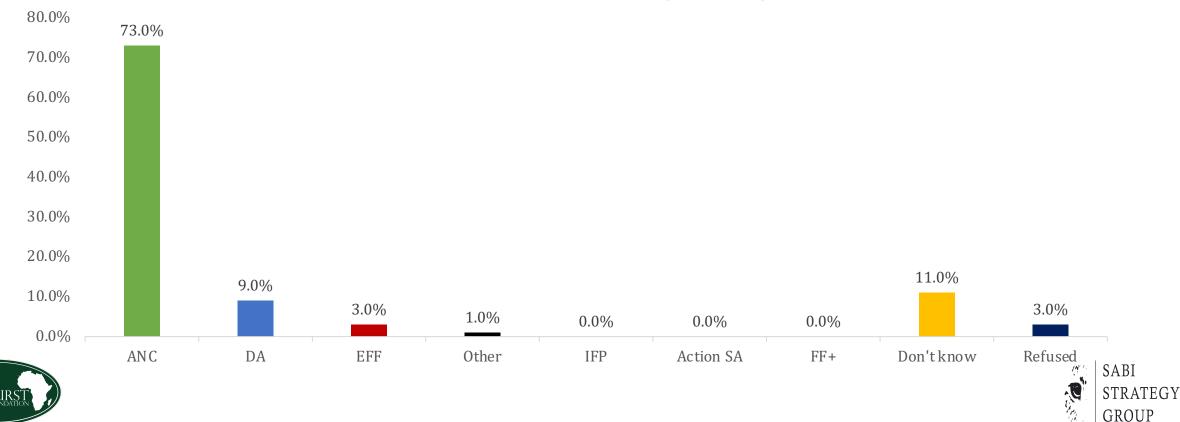
On governance, the 24% voting gap between the ANC and the DA narrows to just 5.9%

Which party do you believe is most effective at governing?



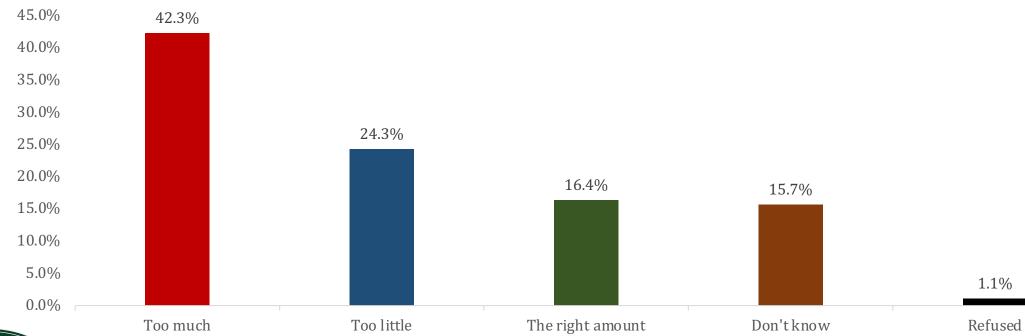
One in ten ANC voters believe the DA governs better than the ANC





Most respondents believe that government officials earn too much

Do you think that government officials earn too much, the right amount or too little?

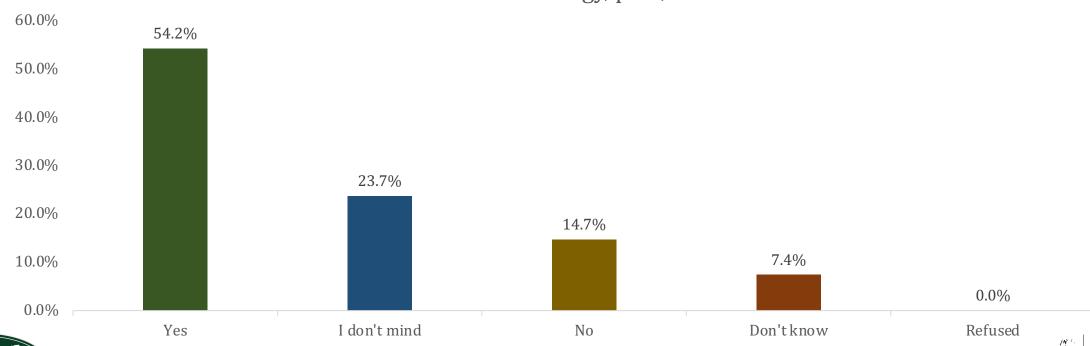






Over three quarters of respondents want the private sector to help provide key services

Do you think that the private sector should be allowed to participate in providing services like energy, port, rail?





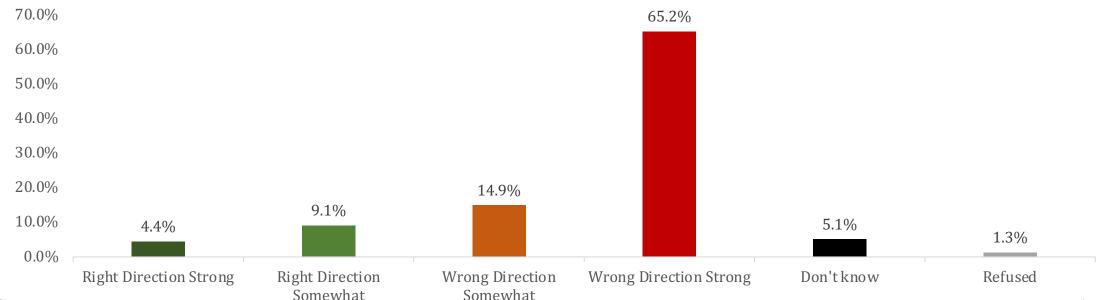


Context & Issues



80% of respondents surveyed feel that South Africa is going in the wrong direction

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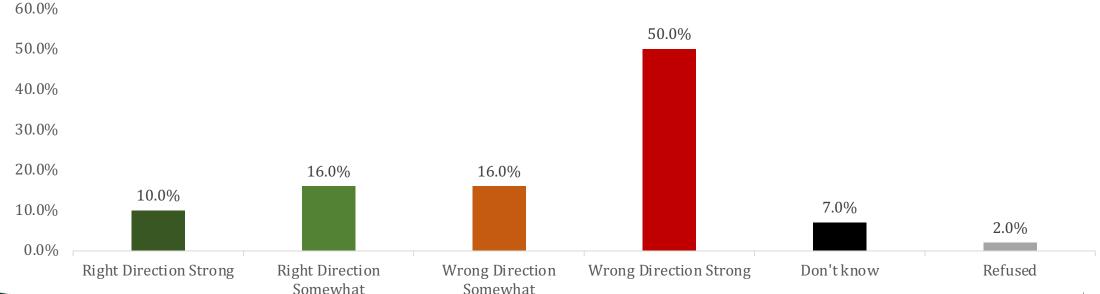






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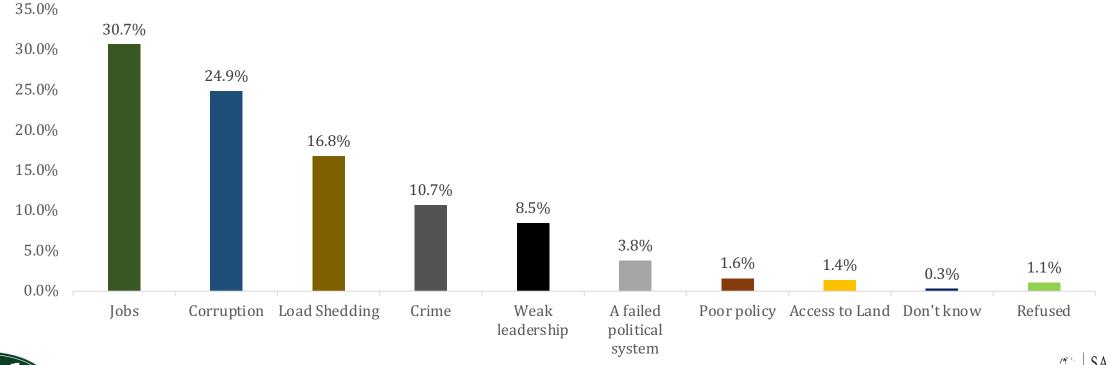






Unemployment/Jobs and Corruption are the cited as the biggest problems facing South Africa

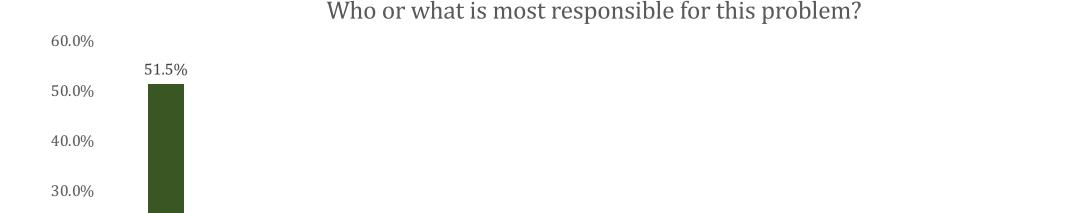
What do you think is the biggest problem facing South Africa?







Over 50% blame the ANC government for the problems facing South Africa



8.5%

Other

7.4%

Racists

3.3%

The BEE Elite

0.6%

The Democratic

Alliance

9.6%

Don't know

1.8%

Refused

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20.0%

10.0%

0.0%

ANC Govt of last

3 decades

8.8%

Apartheid

8.6%

The

Constitution

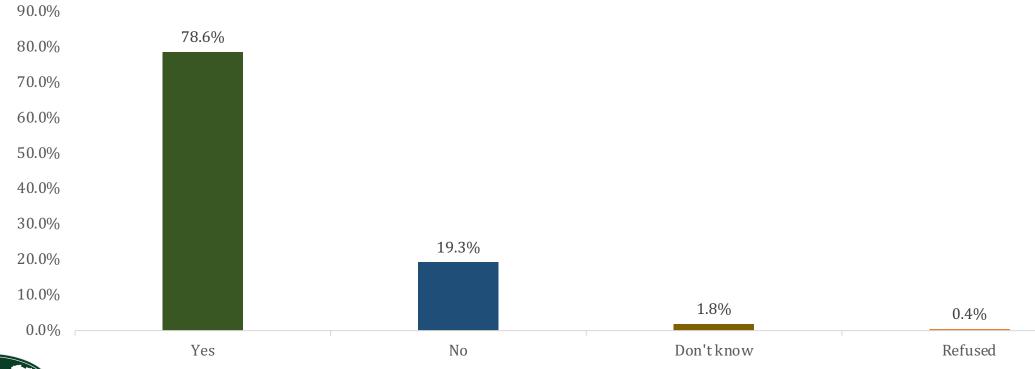


Coalitions



Over three quarters of respondents would welcome a coalition government

Would you be happy to see a coalition of political parties govern South Africa?

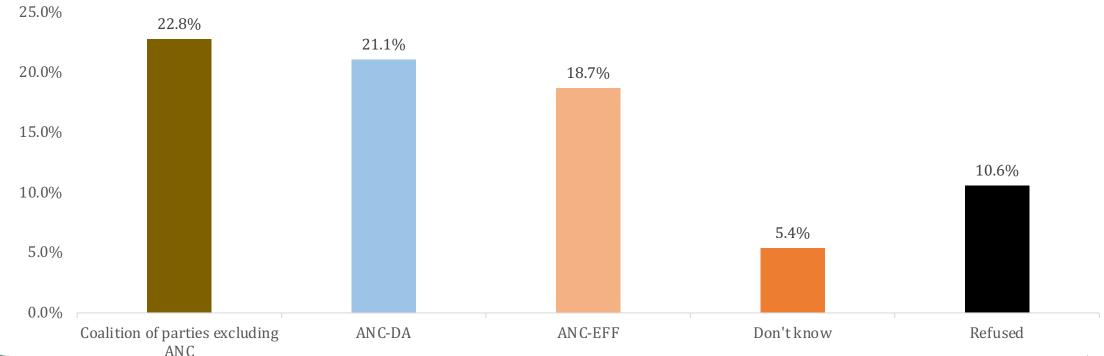






Respondents favour a coalition government excluding the ANC, or favour one between the ANC and DA







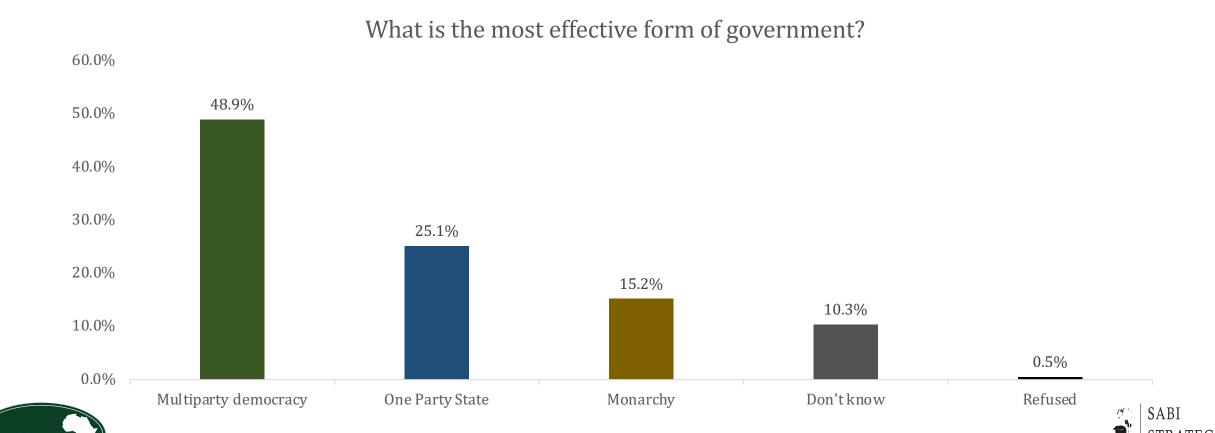




Democracy Sentiment



Most respondents believe multiparty democracy is the best form of government

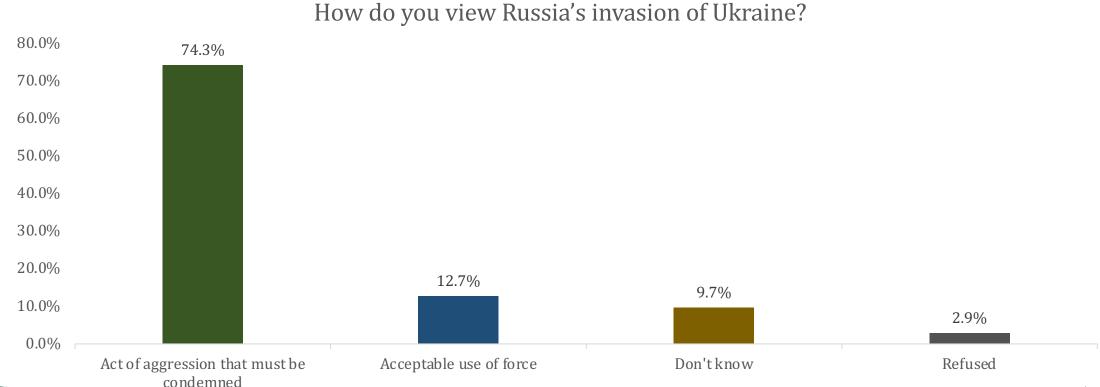




Ukraine



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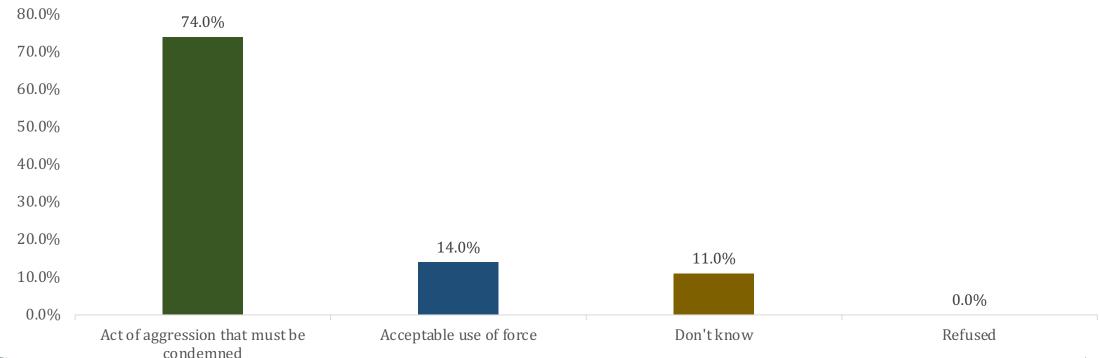


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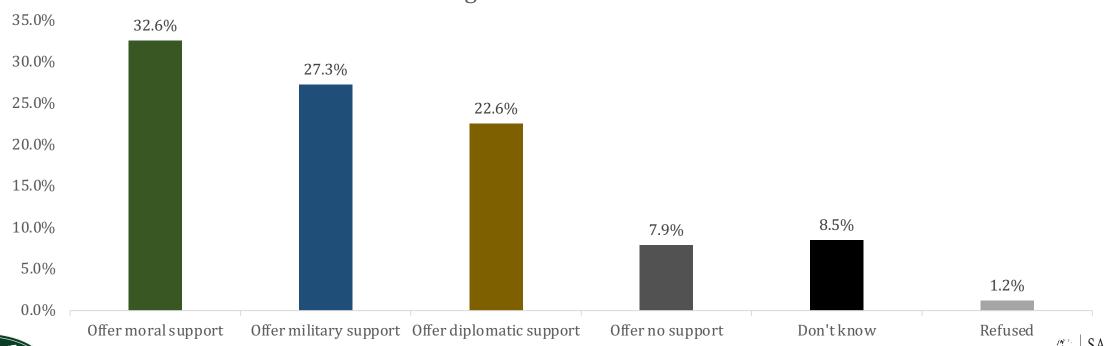






80% believe South Africa should support a country invaded by its neighbour

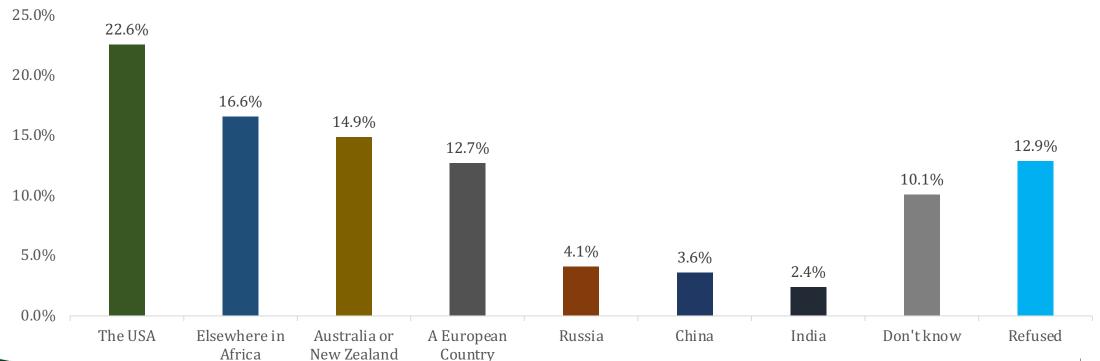
If a sovereign, democratic country is invaded by its neighbour, which one of the following should South Africa do?





Western countries are viewed far more favourably than Russia or China

If you were to leave South Africa, which country would you choose to go to?







Summary of key findings

- ANC support will fall from 57.5% in the 2019 election to 47.6% in 2024
- The DA's support will rise from 20.8% in 2019 to 24% while the EFF will fall marginally to 10.7%
- The Western Cape and Cape Town are viewed as the best governed province and city
- On governance, the 24% voting gap between the ANC and the DA narrows to 5.9%
- Over three quarters of respondents want the private sector to help provide key services
- 80% of voters and 66% of ANC voters believe the country is going in the wrong direction
- Unemployment and corruption are cited as the country's biggest problems
- Over 50% blame the ANC government for the problems facing South Africa
- Over three quarters of respondents would welcome a coalition government
- 74.3% and 74% of ANC voters believe Russia's invasion of Ukraine must be condemned
- 80% believe South Africa should support a country invaded by its neighbour
- Western countries are viewed far more favourably than Russia or China





Comment by Dr Greg Mills, Director of The Brenthurst Foundation

"The results of this survey clearly show that South Africans are ready for change. They place the blame for what they cite as their major problems - joblessness, corruption and load shedding - squarely on the shoulders of the ANC government of the last three decades.

"While more will vote for the ANC than any other party, it is revealing that the vast majority want to see a coalition governing South Africa. They see the country in crisis and want leaders to work together to fix it.

"Voters are also not buying the well-worn scapegoats for the country's present problems – not many view apartheid and racism as factors in contemporary politics.

"And they don't share the ANC's nostalgia for the Soviet Union. It is striking how many believe Russia's invasion of Ukraine should be strongly condemned.

"South Africa is on the cusp of change, but it is up to political leaders to listen to voters and start working on ways to fix the country. The parties that deliver real results on the ground will succeed.





