

Global Attitudes
Towards Immigration
EOY 2015



SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA



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WIN/Gallup International's Global Poll Shows the World is divided on Immigration

WIN/Gallup International, the world's leading association in market research and polling, has published its 39th Annual Survey exploring the outlook, expectations, views and beliefs of 68595 people from 69 countries across the globe. The poll shows that of the 69 countries, popular opinion in 42 countries is opposed to immigration, while it is favourable in 27 countries.

Globalization and the possibilities of travel and relocation divide the world into three groups of countries: the Poor countries where the majority supports immigration, the Middle and Upper Income countries where the majority is in opposition to immigration and the Rich whose majorities are divided between supporting and opposing nations. Among the 18 Poor countries, where the average per capita annual income is less than 10,000 USD, the majority is opposed in only 3 of them. Among the Middle and Upper Income countries, that have an average annual per capita income of between 10,000 USD and 35,000 USD, the views held by the majorities are exactly the opposite: only 3 are in favour while 31 are opposed. Interestingly in the Rich countries with incomes above 35,000 USD, the majorities are divided: In 8 of the 17 countries polled, 9 were in favour of and 8 were opposed to immigration.

RICH COUNTRIES	
Annual per capita income > 35,000 USD	
COUNTRY NAME	NET SUPPORT
Iceland	+39%
Saudi Arabia	+39%
Finland	+35%
Sweden	+27%
Canada	+11%
Japan	+7%
Ireland	+7%
Germany	+5%
United States	+5%
Denmark	-11%
Austria	-12%
United Kingdom	-21%
Australia	-22%
Hong Kong	-23%
Netherlands	-28%
France	-37%
Belgium	-49%

MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES	
Annual per capita income between 10,000 USD and 35,000 USD	
COUNTRY NAME	NET SUPPORT
China	+74%
Mexico	+10%
Peru	+8%
Argentina	-3%
Spain	-5%
Portugal	-10%
Brazil	-11%
Panama	-11%
Korea, Rep (South)	-15%
Russian Federation	-17%
South Africa	-24%
Indonesia	-25%
Romania	-26%
Latvia	-33%
Azerbaijan	-33%
Colombia	-34%
Turkey	-35%
Poland	-38%
Czech Republic	-39%
Serbia	-40%

Tunisia	-41%
Italy	-44%
Greece	-45%
Macedonia	-46%
Lebanon	-50%
Bulgaria	-51%
Algeria	-51%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-53%
Ecuador	-53%
Slovenia	-55%
Mongolia	-58%
Iran	-59%
Iraq	-62%
Thailand	-65%

POOR COUNTRIES	
Annual per capita income < 10,000 USD	
COUNTRY NAME	NET SUPPORT
Pakistan	+65%
Ethiopia	+55%
Vietnam	+47%
Congo	+46%
Ghana	+45%
Nigeria	+44%
Bangladesh	+40%
Fiji	+38%
India	+28%
Philippines	+24%
Ukraine	+22%
Afghanistan	+19%
Morocco	+13%
Papua New Guinea	+13%
Armenia	+10%
Palestinian territories (West Bank and Gaza)	-20%
Georgia	-21%
Kosovo	-42%

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS FROM GLOBAL FINDINGS

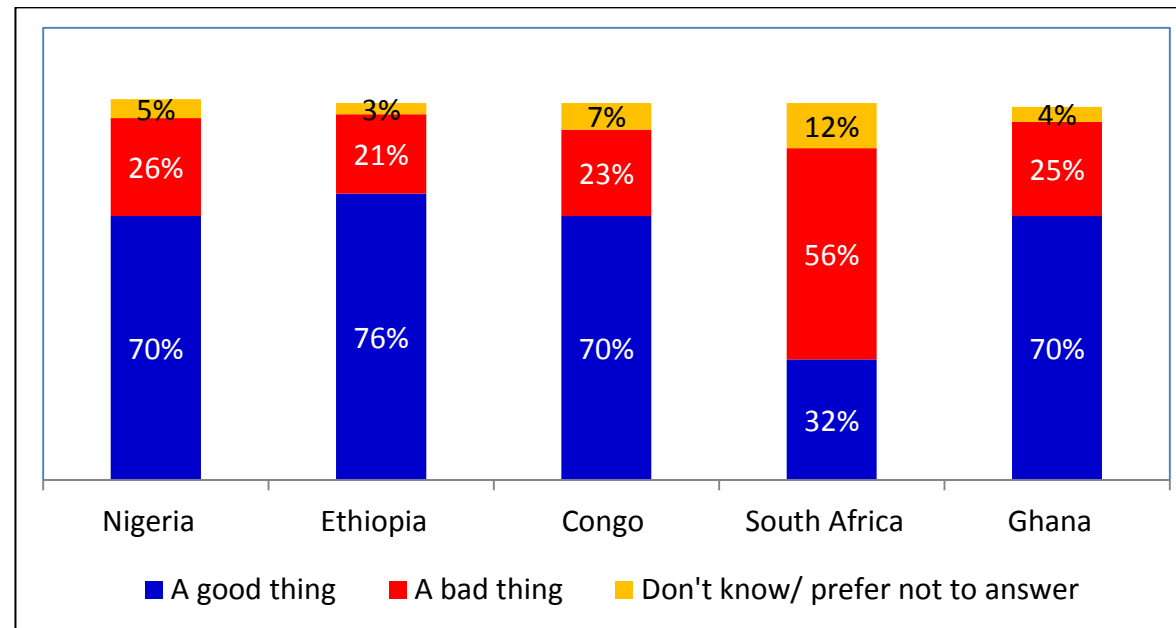
There are important differences in attitudes towards immigration across age and income groups. The Young, under Age 35 are globally more favourable than the older population towards immigration, the net support among them is +30%, compared to over Age 55, among whom the net support drops to +15%. Among the Bottom Income quintile, the net support globally is only +2%, but among the top quintile it is +53%. Thus globally as well as within regions, the Poor are more opposed to immigration than the Rich in the same societies.

REGIONAL OBSERVATIONS (SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA)

On the whole attitudes on immigration are favourable in Africa. The only exception is South Africa, where attitudes are net unfavourable (-24%; with 32% favourable and 56% unfavourable).

Otherwise, Nigeria and Ghana in West Africa, Ethiopia in East Africa and Congo in Central Africa all show results wherein favourable attitudes outnumber the unfavourable.

REGIONAL INTERPRETATION (SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA)



There is an overwhelming support for immigration in Sub-Saharan Africa – Nigeria (70%), Ethiopia (76%), Congo (70%) and Ghana (70%). The prevalent insurgency in the region calls for a proper screening of people migrating into the countries. Worthy of mention is the outbreak of various diseases and virus such as Ebola, Zika virus and Lassa fever. This might also be responsible for the huge support for Immigration. One of the fastest ways to curtail spread of deadly diseases and viruses is to properly examine people coming and going out of the country.

To further buttress this, Nigeria first had incidence of Ebola on July 20, 2014 by an acutely ill traveler from Liberia. The disease claimed many lives in Nigeria within a short period of time before Federal Government with the support of International Bodies took decisive action to address the case. As a matter of fact, since March 2014, West Africa has experienced the largest outbreak of Ebola in history with multiple countries affected.

On the contrary, majority of the respondents (56%) did not support immigration in South Africa. Only 32% were positively disposed to it while 12% remained undecided.

Table 1:

Results in alphabetical order

Question: Generally speaking do you think the immigration of foreign workers is a good thing or a bad thing for [insert your country]?

Percent of Respondents

	All					Net Support
	Unweighted Count	Col%	A good thing	A bad thing	I don't know / I prefer not to answer	4=2-1
			1	2	3	
Global average	68896	100.00	56%	32%	12%	25%
Congo	1000	.73	70%	23%	7%	46%
Ethiopia	1003	.82	76%	21%	3%	55%
Ghana	995	.35	70%	25%	4%	45%
Nigeria	805	1.65	70%	26%	5%	44%
South Africa	1157	1.40	32%	56%	12%	-24%

**Weighted according to Adult Population 18+
SOURCE :WIN Gallup International Annual Global Poll/ EOY, December 2015**

*figures rounded off to the nearest whole number
*COMPARATIVE PICTURE; global sample

Table 2:

Net Indicator in Rank Order

Question: Generally speaking do you think the immigration of foreign workers is a good thing or a bad thing for [insert your country]?

Percent of Respondents

		Net Support
Global average		25%
	Ethiopia	55%
	Congo	46%
	Ghana	45%
	Nigeria	44%
	South Africa	-24%
<p>Weighted according to Adult Population 18+ SOURCE :WIN Gallup International Annual Global Poll/ EOY, December 2015</p> <p><small>*figures rounded off to the nearest whole number *COMPARATIVE PICTURE; global sample</small></p>		

Table 3:

Regional Results (Sub-Saharan Africa)

Question: Generally speaking do you think the immigration of foreign workers is a good thing or a bad thing for [insert your country]?

Percent of Respondents

		Unweighted Count	Col%	A good thing	A bad thing	I don't know / I prefer not to answer	NET SUPPORT 4=2-1
				1	2	3	
ALL AFRICA		4960	100.00	60%	33%	7%	27%
	Sub-Saharan Sub-Region	4960	100.00	60%	33%	7%	27%
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	Nigeria	805	33.29	70%	26%	5%	44%
	Ethiopia	1003	16.54	76%	21%	3%	55%
	Congo	1000	14.80	70%	23%	7%	46%
	South Africa	1157	28.33	32%	56%	12%	-24%
	Ghana	995	7.03	70%	25%	4%	45%

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Table 4:

Demographics-wise Results (Sub-Saharan Africa)

Question: Generally speaking do you think the immigration of foreign workers is a good thing or a bad thing for [insert your country]?

		Unweighted Count	Col%	A good thing	A bad thing	I don't know / I prefer not to answer	NET SUPPORT 4=2-1
				1	2	3	
Gender		4960	100.00	60%	33%	7%	27%
D1. Gender	Male	2301	49.67	59%	36%	5%	24%
	Female	2659	50.33	61%	31%	9%	30%
Age		4960	100.00	60%	33%	7%	27%
D2A. Age.	Under 34	2448	52.12	64%	30%	6%	35%
	35 - 54	1694	33.58	57%	35%	8%	23%
	55+	818	14.30	51%	41%	7%	10%
Monthly Household Income		4960	100.00	60%	33%	7%	27%
D3. Income	Low	2649	52.46	61%	32%	7%	30%
	Medium	1029	19.96	61%	34%	5%	28%
	High	628	17.50	58%	36%	6%	22%
	DK/NR	654	10.08	55%	34%	11%	22%

Education		4960	100.00	60%	33%	7%	27%
D4. Education: Highest attained	Low	1092	19.46	72%	21%	7%	50%
	Medium	2162	41.45	56%	36%	8%	21%
	High	1597	37.53	58%	36%	5%	22%
	DK/NR	109	1.56	58%	28%	14%	29%
Religion		4960	100.00	60%	33%	7%	27%
D6. Do you consider yourself:	All christian	3861	70.16	59%	34%	6%	25%
	Muslims	611	19.94	71%	22%	7%	49%
	Others religion	263	4.78	50%	37%	14%	13%
	No religion	45	1.12	41%	55%	4%	-15%
	DK/NR	180	4.00	36%	52%	12%	-16%

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Table 5:

National Income-Wise Results

Question: Generally speaking do you think the immigration of foreign workers is a good thing or a bad thing for [insert your country]?

Percent of Respondents

	GNI per capita, PPP (current international \$)	Net Support
South Africa	12,700	-24%
Nigeria	5,710	44%
Congo	5,180	46%
Ghana	3,910	45%
Ethiopia	1,490	55%

Weighted according to Adult Population 18+
SOURCE :WIN Gallup International Annual Global Poll/ EOY, December 2015

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*COMPARATIVE PICTURE: global sample

METHODOLOGY & CONTACT SHEET (SUB SAHARAN AFRICA)

	Country	Company name	Method	Sample	Coverage	Population	Pop.represented by sample	Field Dates	Weighting factors
1	DR CONGO	Target	F2F	1000	National	70 000 000	28 630 000	October 28- November 8, 2015	No
2	ETHIOPIA	WAAS International P.L.C	F2F	1000	Urban	73 000 000	32 000 000	November 2-25, 2015	No
3	GHANA	Positive Insights	F2F	1000	National	27 043 093	13 600 000	November 2-12, 2015	No
4	NIGERIA	Market Trends International	F2F	805	National	140 000 000	72 800 000	November 20-28, 2015	Yes
5	SOUTH AFRICA	FGI	Online/F2F	1000	National	54 800 000	54 800 000	November 1-30, 2015	Yes

NOTE:

Weighting and Coverage: Weighting to compute Global and Regional averages was done on the basis of adult national population, age 18+ of every country in the sample for standardization across all sampled countries. Details on computations of averages can be made available upon request. The age groups covered in the sample are age 18 and above. In some cases respondents above the age of 65 were not interviewed, the details can be made available. Any interviews below the age of 18 were removed from the sample.

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