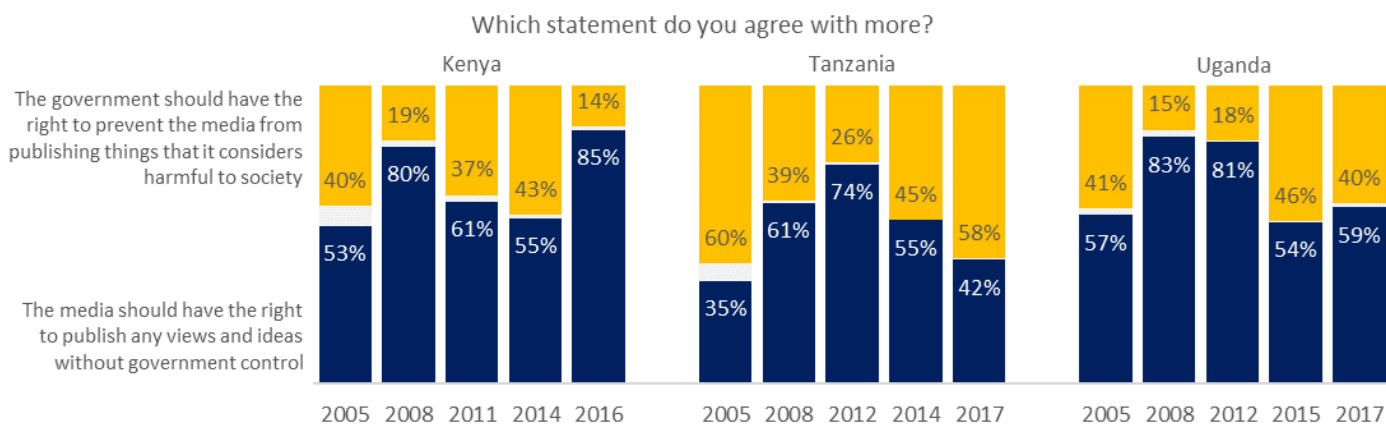


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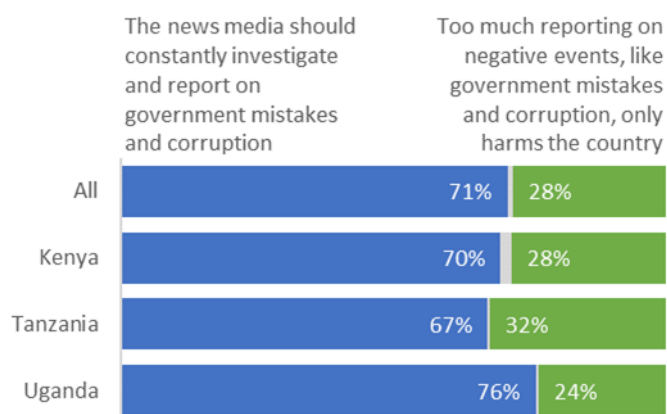
## East African citizens' views on media freedom

Across East Africa, more citizens generally support media freedom than government control, though support for media freedom has fluctuated



Source: Afrobarometer, rounds 3-7 (2005-2017)

Which statement do you agree with more?

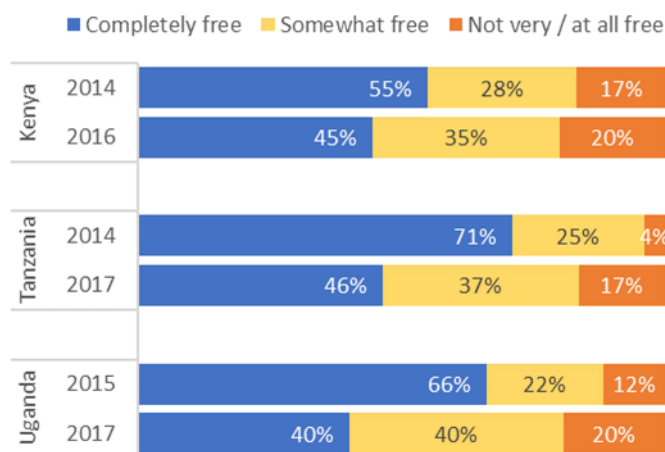


Source: Afrobarometer, round 6 (2014/15)

7 out of 10 East Africans believe it is important for the news media to investigate and report on government mistakes and corruption

East Africans currently feel less free to say what they think than in previous years

How free are you to say what you think?



Source: Afrobarometer, rounds 6-7 (2014-2017)

This data packet presents citizens' views on media freedom in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. The data presented here comes from two main sources:

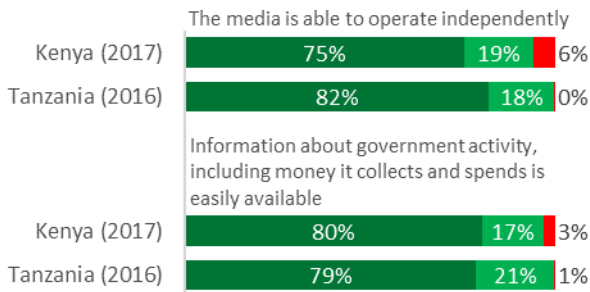
- i) Twaweza's *Sauti za Wananchi* survey, a nationally-representative, high-frequency mobile phone panel survey of public opinion and citizens' experiences
- ii) the Afrobarometer surveys of public opinion across the continent.

Further details are available from [www.twaweza.org/sauti](http://www.twaweza.org/sauti) and [Afrobarometer.org](http://Afrobarometer.org).

## Most East Africans do not think the media deliberately deceive people

How important do you think each of the following things is as a characteristic of democracy?

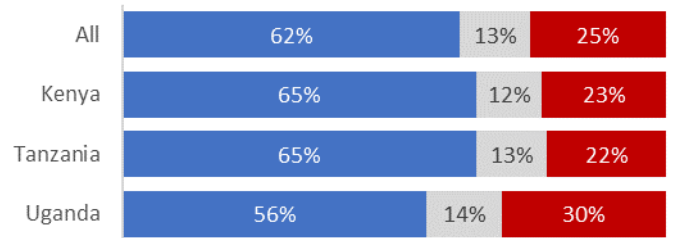
Very Important Important Not important



Source: Sauti za Wananchi, Tanzania r8 (2016) and Kenya r10 (2017)

In your opinion, how often, in this country, does the news media abuse its freedoms by printing or saying things it knows are not true?

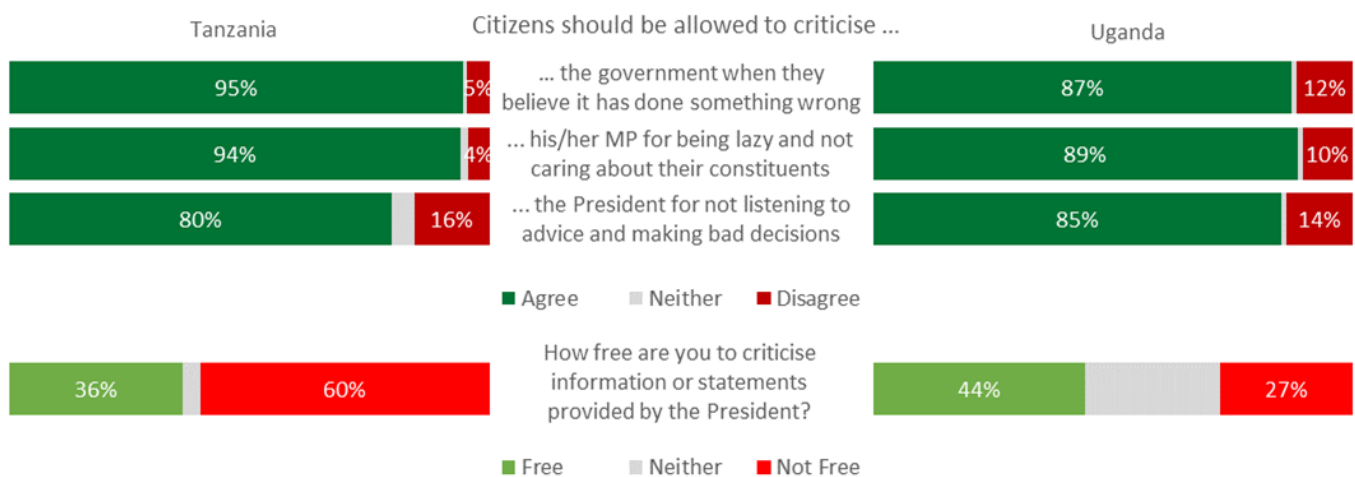
Rarely / never Don't know Always / often



Source: Afrobarometer, round 6 (2014/15)

## Kenyans and Tanzanians see media freedom as a very important component of democracy

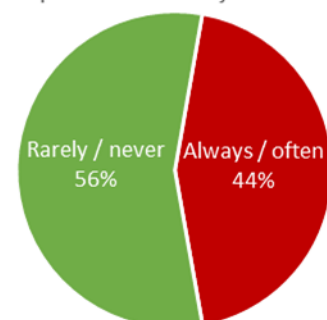
In Tanzania and Uganda, most citizens believe they have the right to criticise leaders, but cannot always exercise this right in practice



Source: Sauti za Wananchi, Tanzania r25 (2017) and Uganda r2 (2017)

Close to half of Tanzanians say powerful people always or often influence the police to silence journalists

Tanzania:  
How often do powerful people influence the police to silence journalists?



Source: Afrobarometer, round 6 (2014/15)