



# Colonial Influence on Civic Values in Post-colonial Africa; A study of Mali, South Africa, and Nigeria.

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## Introduction

The post-colonial African state, regardless of efforts made by the native citizenry to change in the contrary, has been deeply affected by the policies of their previous colonial power. Therefore by understanding the influence of prior colonial policy on civic thought in African states, a better synthesis of the issues facing democratization and development in contemporary post-colonial Africa can be achieved.

## Objective

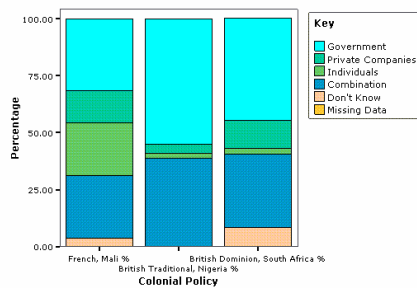
This study investigates the intangible effects of the former colonial policy on the held values and beliefs in contemporary African civic society.

## Methodology

Three different colonial policies are investigated, French colonial policy of Mali, traditional British African colonial policy of Nigeria, and British Dominion policy of South Africa.

Questions covering a wide array of civic society subject matter and corresponding data provided by the Afrobarometer Research Group are tested with the quantitative formula Cramer's V for statistical relationships between prior colonial policy and African civic opinion.

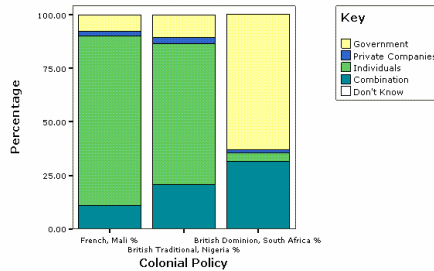
## Who is Responsible for Producing the Main Economic Commodity?



**Cramer's V: Who is Responsible for Producing Main Commodity? \* Colonial Policy**

	Value	Approx. Sig.
Nominal by Phi	.440	.000
Nominal Cramer's V	.311	.000
N of Valid Cases	7892	

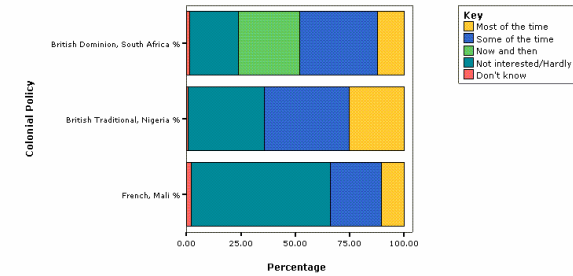
## Who is Responsible for the Building of Homes?



**Cramer's V: Who is Responsible for the Building of Houses? \* Colonial Policy**

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N of Valid Cases	7892	

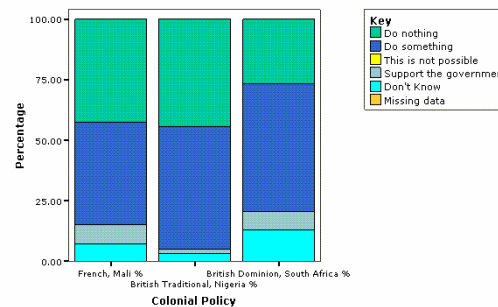
## Interest in Politics



**Cramer's V: Interest in Politics \* Colonial Policy**

	Value	Approx. Sig.
Nominal by Phi	.556	.000
Nominal Cramer's V	.393	.000
N of Valid Cases	7892	

## Response to Cancelled Elections or Suspension of Parliament



**Cramer's V: Response to Cancelled Elections or Suspension of Parliament \* Colonial Policy**

	Value	Approx. Sig.
Nominal by Phi	.248	.000
Nominal Cramer's V	.176	.000
N of Valid Cases	7892	

## Findings

The results of the Cramer's V tests advocate that relationships between African opinion and prior colonial policy do exist.

Cramer's V scores are measured from -1 to 1, a score equal of -1 or 1 indicates a perfect relationship. A significance score of zero indicates the relationship between the two variables is significant.

Cramer's V scores of .393, .311, and .472, with a significance score of .000, indicate a strong relationship between prior colonial policy and an African's interest in politics, their belief of who is responsible for the producing of the main economic commodity, and their belief of who is responsible for the building of homes respectively.

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