

POLL SURVEY DATA

The survey was conducted using random sampling; the target was 800 students from the four tertiary institutions in Mutare which also happen to be the provincial capital of Manicaland province. A team of 8 research assistants was sent out to the four institutions in pairs; the investigators managed to get responses from 708 students. The focus of the research was to try and establish firstly the preparedness of the sample population. Zimbabweans are left with just under three weeks before they go to the polls to elect their leaders from the president down to councilors. It is important then to ask the question how ready are Zimbabweans to exercise their democratic right to vote? Furthermore how conversant is the population with the arrangement of harmonized election process? Secondly to try and establish the level of awareness amongst tertiary institution students who also happen to be part of the youth in matters pertaining to the socio-political environment of the nation. There is also the all important gender question; are female students less interested in political issues than their male counterparts?

Distribution of students registered on the voter's roll by age

College	Total no. of students	18---22		23---26		27---30		31+	
AFRICA UNIVERSITY	72	24	33,3 %	30	41,7 %	6	8,3%	12	16,7 %
MARYMOUNT TEACHERS' COLLEGE	126	18	14,3 %	48	38,1 %	27	21,4 %	33	26,2 %
MUTARE POLYTECH	138	78	56,5 %	45	32,6 %	9	6,5%	6	4,3%
MUTARE TEACHERS'	60	15	25%	30	50%	6	10%	9	15%
Total	396	135	34.1 %	153	38.6 %	48	12.1 %	60	15.2 %

Distribution of students who are not registered voters

College	Total no. of students	18-22yrs		23-26yrs		27-30yrs		31+yrs	
Africa university	102	69		33		-	-	-	-

			67.6 %		32.4 %				
Marymount teachers college	60	18	30%	21	35%	6	10%	15	25%
Mutare polytechnic	129	93	72.1 %	33	25.6 %	-	-	3	2.3%
Mutare teachers college	21	15	71.4 %	3	14.3 %	3	14.3 %	-	-
Total	312	195	62.5 %	90	28.8 %	9	2.9%	18	5.8%

Distribution of students who are registered and not registered to vote by sex.

College	Total no of respondents	Registered				Not Registered			
		Female		Male		Female		Male	
Africa University	174	15	8,6%	57	32,8 %	39	22,4 %	63	36.6%
Marymount Trs'	186	39	21%	87	46,8 %	24	12,9 %	36	19,4%
Mutare Polytechnic	267	30	11,2%	108	40,4 %	33	12,4 %	96	46%
Mutare Trs'	81	21	25,9%	39	48,1 %	9	11,1 %	12	14,8%
Total	708	105	14.8%	291	41.1 %	105	14.8 %	207	29.2%

Electoral Information through ZTV

College		Access		No access	
Africa university	174	132	75.9%	42	24.1 %
Marymount college	186	102	54.5%	84	45.5 %
Mutare Polytechnic college	267	168	62.5%	99	38%
Mutare teachers college	81	39	48.1%	42	51.9 %

Total	708	441	62.3 %	26 7	37.7 %
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Students' attendance at political rallies

College	Yes		No	
Africa University	54	31%	120	69,9%
Marymount	114	61,3%	72	38,7%
Mutare Polytechnic	120	44,9%	147	55,1%
Mutare Teachers	48	59,3%	33	40,7%
Total	336	47,5%	372	52,5%

Students' knowledge of new constituency boundaries

College	Yes %		No %	
Africa University	48	27,6%	126	72,4
Marymount	69	37,1%	117	62,9%
Mutare Polytechnic	54	20,2%	213	79,8%
Mutare Teachers'	45	55,6%	36	44,4%
Total	216	30,5%	492	69,5%

DISTRUBUTION OF STUDENTS WHO KNOW PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

college	Total no. of respondents	No. of students who know presidential candidates		No. of students who don't know their presidential candidates	
Africa university	174	147	84.5%	27	15.5%
Marymount teachers college	186	156	83.9%	30	16.1%
Mutare polytechnic college	267	168	62.9%	99	37.1%
Mutare teachers college	81	60	74.1%	21	25.9%
Totals	708	531	75%	177	25%

DISTRUBUTION OF STUDENTS WHO KNOW THEIR SENATE CANDIDATES

College

Total no. of respondents

No. of students who know senate candidates

No. of students who don't know senate candidates

Africa university

174
30
17.2%
144
82.8%

Marymount teachers college

186
54
29.0%
132
71.0%

Mutare polytechnic college

267
84
31.5%
183
68.5%

Mutare teachers college

81

30

37.0%

51

63%

Totals

708

198

28.0%

510

72.0%

DISTRUBUTION OF STUDENTS WHO KNOW THEIR HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES

College	Total no. of responde nts	No. of students who know house of assembly candidates		No. of students who don't know house of assembly candidates	
Africa university	174	51	29.3%	123	70.7%
Marymount teaches college	186	54	29%	132	71%
Mutare polytechnic college	267	51	19.1%	216	80.9%
Mutare teachers college	81	51	63%	30	37%
Totals	708	207	29.2%	501	70.8%

DISTRUBUTION OF STUDENTS WHO KNOW COUNCIL CANDIDATES

college	No. of responde nts	No. of students who know council candidates		No. of students who don't know council candidates	
Africa university	174	30	17.2%	144	82.8%
Marymount teachers college	186	66	35.5%	120	64.5%
Mutare polytechnic college	267	63	23.6%	204	76.4%
Mutare teachers college	81	45	55.6%	36	44.4%
Totals	708	204	28.8%	504	71.2%