

Sense of Civic Duty

SCORE Liberia Wave Two (2018)

How do we develop a Sense of Civic Duty?

Personal and Economic Security

Forgiveness, Empathy, Social Skills, Executive Skills

Reduced Impulsivity or Aggression

Sense of civic duty will flourish if people's financial and personal security increases. This must be accompanied by increased forgiveness and empathy and by tackling aggressive tendencies.

Sense of **civic duty** means that a citizen believes they can change Liberia for the better and that they are willing to work for the common good, which is vital for cultivating **Constructive citizenship**. SCORE data shows that three **key drivers** must be in place to allow a sense of **civic duty** to flourish, which leads to three **positive outcomes** relating to stronger democratic values. Efforts should be directed at **enhancing empathy, forgiveness and distress tolerance**, and focus on improving **socioeconomic and personal security**.

Of the people surveyed...

4 in 10 do not feel safe walking in the street after dark

6 in 10 do not have a dependable income

11% want to see perpetrators suffer

Higher Sense of Civic Duty leads to...

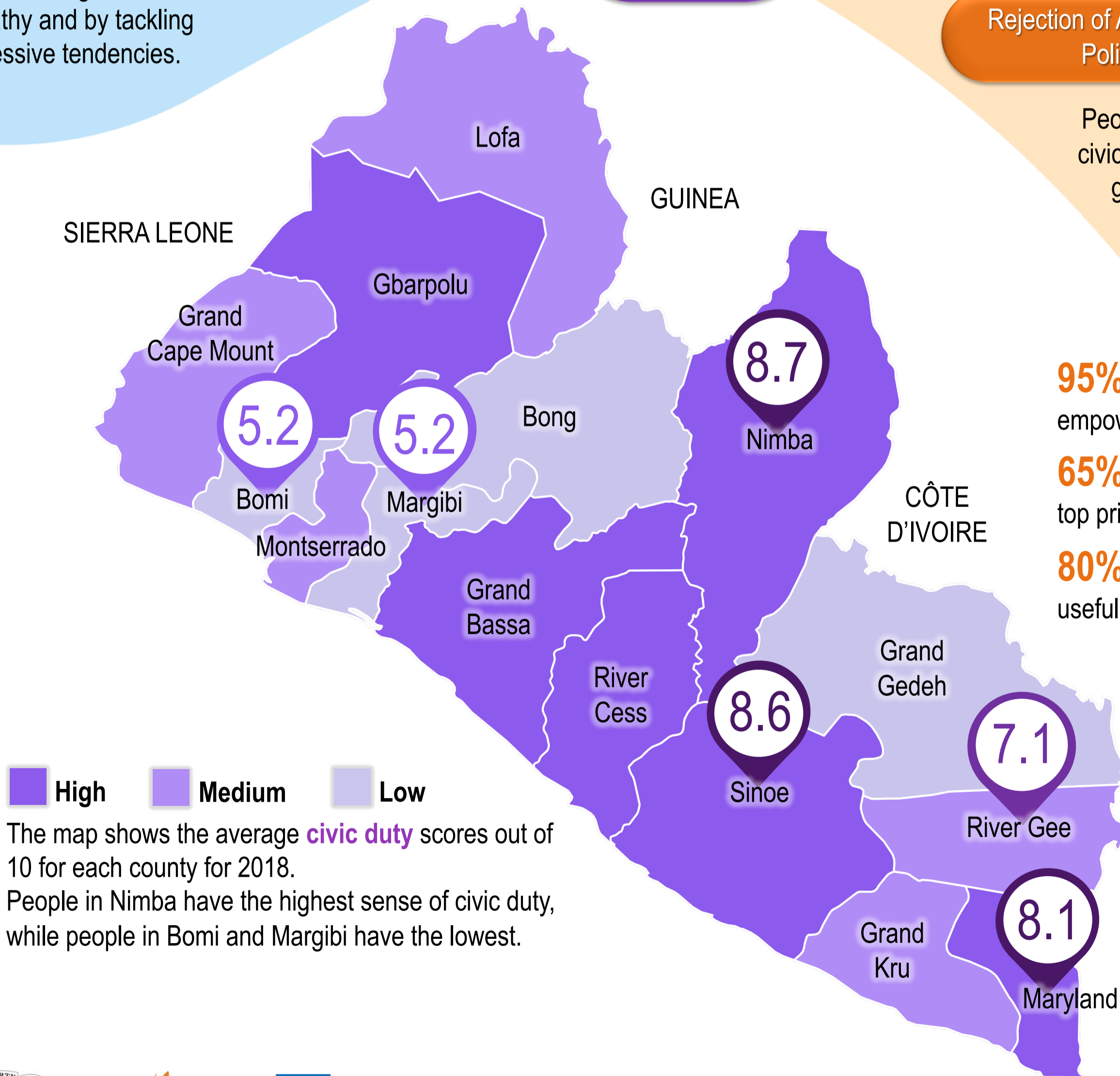
Support for Gender Equality Policies and for Reform Policies

Rejection of Political Violence and Sexual & Gender-Based Violence

Rejection of Authoritarianism and of Political Tribalism

People with a stronger sense of civic duty have more support for gender equality and reforms. Civic duty has a positive impact on democratisation.

Sense of Civic Duty



95% support policies empowering women

65% think gender equality is a top priority

80% believe violence is not useful in solving problems

High Medium Low

The map shows the average **civic duty** scores out of 10 for each county for 2018.

People in Nimba have the highest sense of civic duty, while people in Bomi and Margibi have the lowest.

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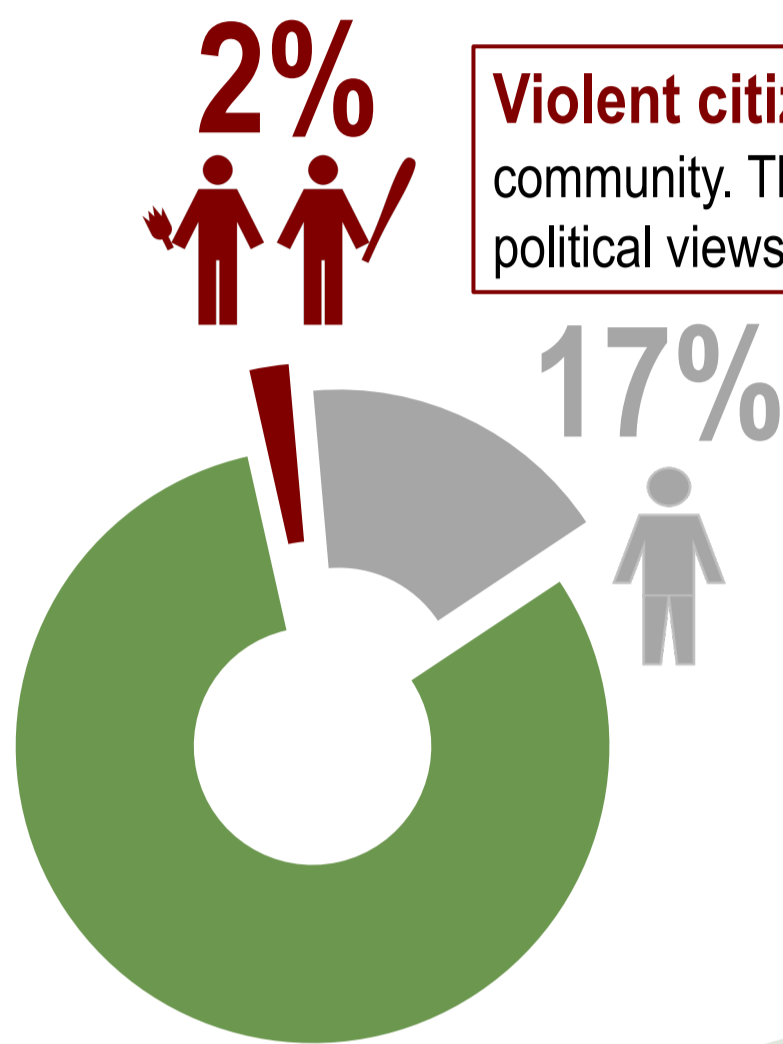
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Violent Tendencies

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Violent tendencies* is a combined indicator of **aggression, endorsement of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and violent citizenship orientation (readiness for political violence)**. Although there has been progress in reducing the endorsement of SGBV since 2016 (SCORE Liberia Wave One), **aggressive traits increased** across Liberia during the same time period. SCORE data reveals that **constructive citizenship** plays a vital role in reducing violent tendencies. Constructive citizenship can be reinforced by increasing Liberians' sense of representation, their civic agency and responsibility (engagement & participation), and their equitable access to services and markets.

*Violent tendencies does not measure criminality or prevalence of criminal incidents.



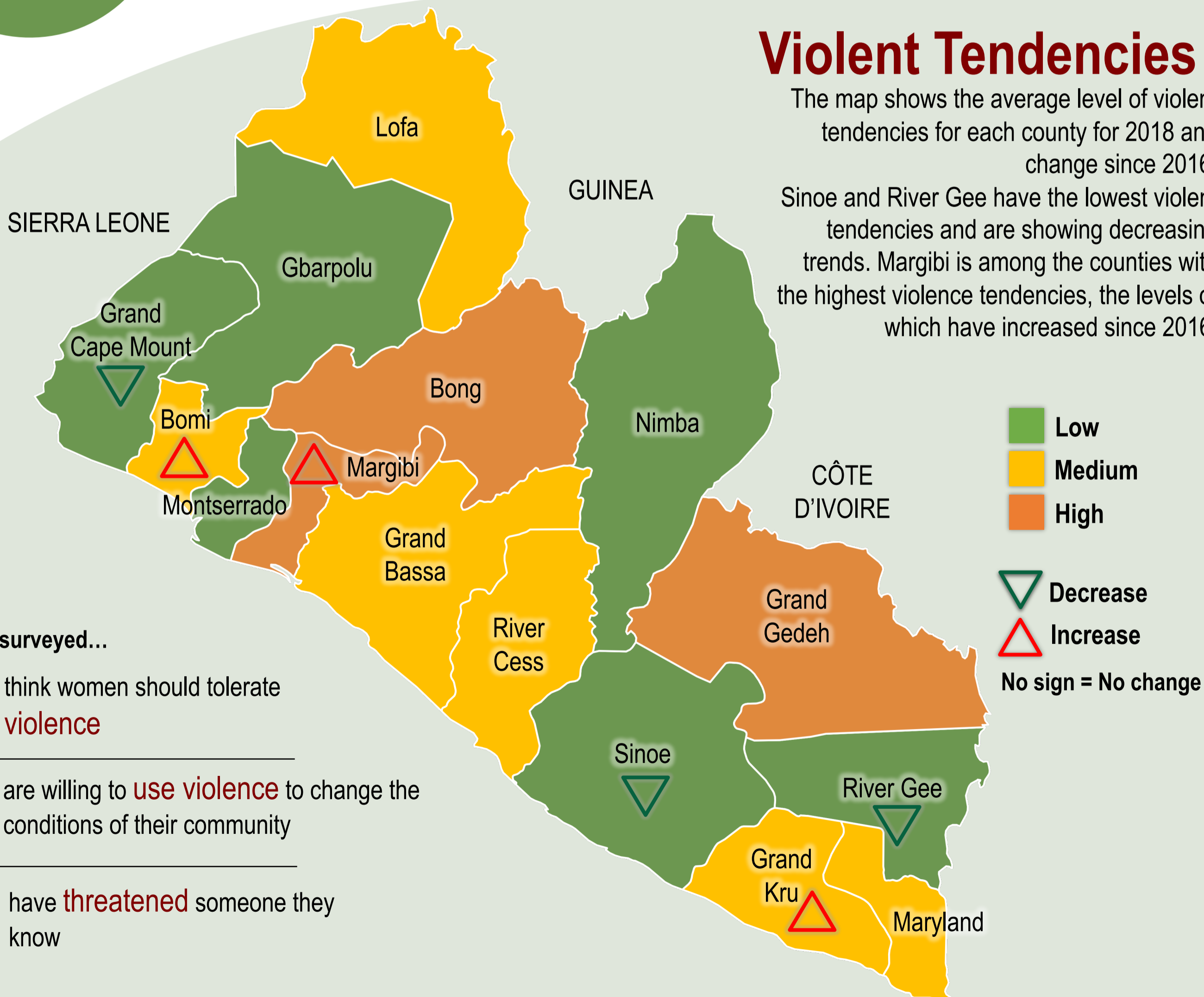
Violent citizens are **willing to use violence if necessary** to change the conditions in their community. They tend to have experienced more marginalization and violent assault, with stronger authoritarian political views, political tribalism and a high corruption tolerance.

Passive citizens are **civically disengaged**. They have the lowest education and information consumption. They feel underrepresented by the government and have the lowest economic, health and food security.

Constructive citizens display community cooperation, family coherence, and better social skills. They are forgiving, civically responsible and support reforms.

Violent Tendencies

The map shows the average level of violent tendencies for each county for 2018 and change since 2016. Sinoe and River Gee have the lowest violent tendencies and are showing decreasing trends. Margibi is among the counties with the highest violence tendencies, the levels of which have increased since 2016.



Of the people surveyed...

1 in 5 think women should tolerate violence

1 in 5 are willing to use violence to change the conditions of their community

1 in 2 have threatened someone they know



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