

COVID-19 & HEALTH ISSUES

A weekly snapshot of COVID-19 and other health topics in Zimbabwe

TOP STORY:

- Poverty and insufficient drug regulation expose Zimbabwe to HIV

TOP ISSUES:

- Churches roll out COVID-19 vaccination drive.
- Youths say no to drugs.
- More cholera cases reported.
- Zimbabwe on high alert for deadly Marburg virus.



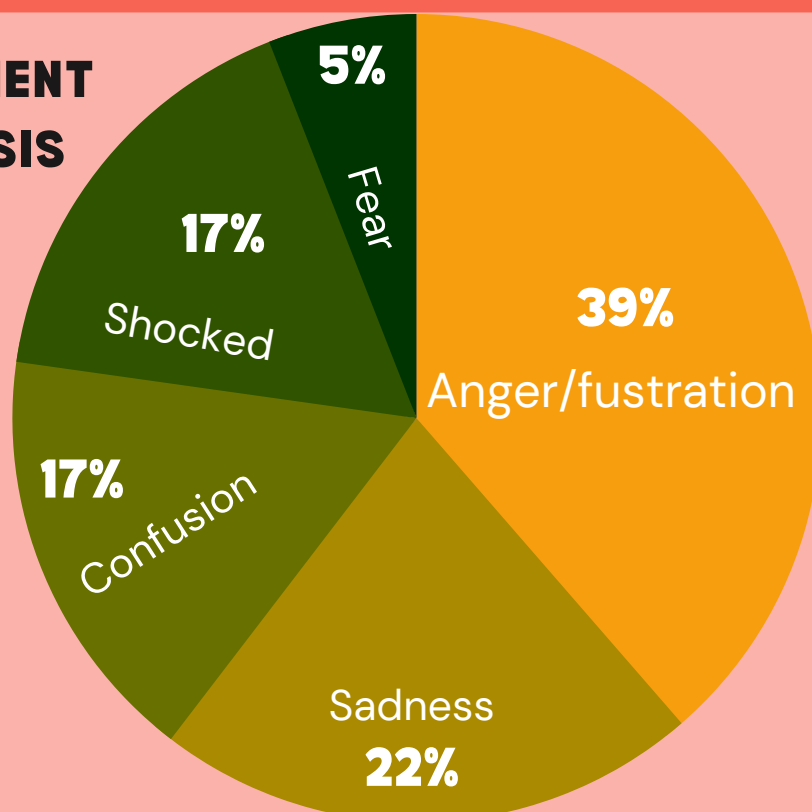
TOP TRENDING POST

The post with the highest reach this week:

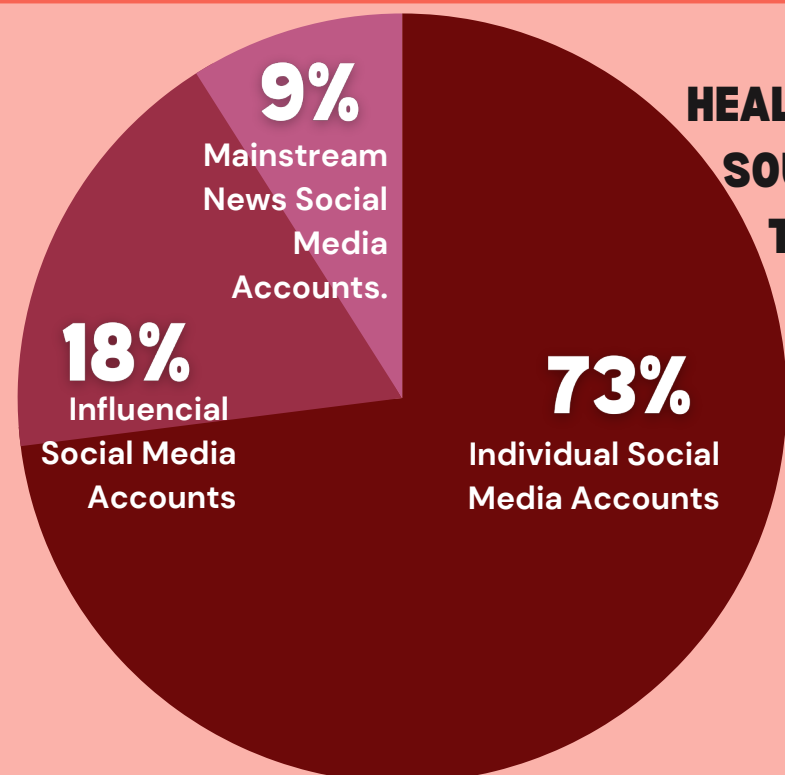
- Potential Reach: 86.8K
- Retweets: 137
- Likes: 368


The country is on its knees, the economy is comatose, the health service provision is dysfunctional. Yet they loot and spend millions just to retain power. Where are his businesses? If he can spend that much for elections only, how much is he looting annually? LOOTING!" (Twitter, English)

SENTIMENT ANALYSIS



ONLINE HEALTH NEWS SOURCES OF THE WEEK





AmaARV ungawachola
ugcobe ayaqeda amafusi

Translated Rumour:
ARV pills cure Tinea Versicolor if
crushed and applied on skin.

FACTS

- According to Wadzanai Vengai, a pharmacist, skin disorders such as Tinea versicolor require anti-fungal treatment. ARV pills are antiviral and thus cannot be used as anti-fungal treatment for skin disorders.
- Tinea versicolor is a fungal infection of the skin frequently occurring in teens and young adults. It is not painful or contagious but can lead to emotional distress or self-consciousness. The infection can be treated through antifungal creams, lotions, or shampoos although it often recurs, especially in warm, humid weather.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO JOURNALISTS

- **Journalists can work with medical doctors**, dermatologists, and biochemists to produce local language stories in Ndebele, Shona, Sotho, Venda, Kalanga, and Tonga focusing on various skin disorders and their treatments while debunking myths that may lead to abuse of drugs.
- **Community newspapers can publish infographics** describing the symptoms of Tinea versicolor, its causes and recommended treatment options.

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