

## What Do Ethiopians Think of PM Abiy (Unscientific Survey)

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On November 26, 2022, I posted an open and unscientific survey questions on Twitter (@yonasbiru57) and Facebook (Koki Abesolome), asking people to list four things they liked and four things they disliked about PM Abiy. It was required that they provided both likes and dislikes to discourage his blind supporters and blind critics from crowding out rational people.

In all, 88 people responded: 47 on Twitter and 41 on Facebook.

The following are selected as examples from each. Although the survey was admittedly unscientific and participation was limited, the consistency of the views expressed on both Twitter and Facebook provides some insight and reflects familiar views expressed by many across the social media. The first column represents “**What I Like**” responses. The second column highlights “**What I Dislike**” responses.

SAMPLE RESPONSES ON TWITTER	
<b>Joseph Galore @Ethio2021</b>	
1. Has good intentions 2. Eager to change 3. Envisions big things 4. Executes projects on time	1. Surrounds himself with ‘Yes Sir’ people 2. Sees Ethiopia as his personal pet 3. Lacks real courage to engage with stakeholders 4. Undermines problems
<b>MESERET Kassahun @MESERETKassahu7</b>	
1) positive thinker 2) trying to lead by example 3) tried to show the possibility of doing big projects 4) has kind heart.	1) poor in diplomacy 2) he is showy 3) not strategic 4) surrounded with cadres
<b>Befekadu Adugna @AdugnaBefekadu</b>	
1. He knows TPLF well 2. He hates TPLF 3. He delivers projects timely 4. He is focused on whatever happens	1. He downplays big problems 2. Not choosing excellent advisors 3. Lack of control while delivering a speech 4. Not fighting land grabbing & corruption
<b>Tedy @tewakj</b>	
1. Workholic / delivers projects 2. Not ethnic politics advocate 3. Somehow saved the nation 4. Role model / visionart	1. Emotional speaking 2. Lack of will / action on thieves 3. Populist 4. Ignores deep problems of the nation
<b>Horn of Africa Dreamer @whowho05534266</b>	
1. Committed to the unity of Ethiopia. 2. Not thief. 3, genuinely believes in regional integrations. 4, bold & outmaneuvered TPLF	1, does not admit mistakes 2. Takes all the shine, not share it 3. Not a great speaker 4, Gives new narrative, contradicting past statement
<b>Teshager AL @teshager</b>	
1) vision/taste, 2) focus, 3) execution, 4) resilience/anti-fragility	1) Unnecessary utterances to media/public 2) Choice of colleagues in some key gov posts, 3) Inconsistency, 4) disregard to law (impatient to legal processes).

SAMPLE RESPONSES ON FACEBOOK

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- 1) Optimist
- 2) Fearless
- 3) Openly speaks his love for Ethiopia
- 4) very good orator, energetic.

- 1. Too much promise
- 2) No open roadmap
- 3) Secretive and hard to trust
- 4) Unknown destination.

**Fassil Abebe - "I Do Support Him"**

- 1) Has vision
- 2) Love of country
- 3) Reform of the armed forces
- 4) Focus on youth, Addis Projects & Tree Campaign

- 1. His economic plan,
- 2) The people he surrounded himself as advisors,
- 3) His "softness" on OLF and Shene
- 4) Some of his unnecessary speeches ...

**Hailu Taye**

- 1. love of the country
- 2) vision (even though lacks roadmap)
- 3) determination to achieve what he believes right
- 4) institutional reforms he started especially the defense force.

- 1, His stubbornness thinking he knows everything
- 2) decisions tampered by his religious view
- 3) POOR COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY
- 4) lack of transparency on critical issues.

**Yared Tibebe**

- 1) የአገገር ችሎታው
- 2) ደፋርነቱ
- 3) ጥሩ የፕሮጀክት ማኔጅር መሆኑ
- 4) ...

- 1) ለምኔ ያመጣሁትን ገንዘብ ፓርላማው አያገባውም ማለቱ
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**Tizazu BA**

- 1) His courage
- 2) His Positive vision and passion
- 3) His Boldness
- 4) His Disruptive mindset

- 1) His Lack of Diplomatic skills
- 2) His Religiosity
- 3) Absence of grand economic policy
- 4) Lack of qualified advisors (probably due to insecurity or know-all mindset)

**Eyob Legesse**

- 1) His courage to do what he wants to do
- 2) ENDF reforms
- 3) Green legacy (sometimes used for propaganda)
- 4) His determination

- 1. Acts like a master of everything
- 2) Likes to be surrounded by YES persons
- 3) Repeated or intentional mistakes in his speech
- 4) Thinking of the only man for this nation's

**Henok Ahmed**

- 1) planning, organizing, executing
- 2) visions for the country
- 3) positive attitudes
- 4) Industriousness

- 1) religious zeal
- 2) deafening silences on Amhara cleansing
- 3) his disregard for advice, ignoring economic disaster
- 4) His growing tyranny

**Beshir Liben**

- 1) His reform of ENDF which saved the country
- 2) His courage for Truce with Eritrea, uprooting Tplf, resistance against international pressure etc)
- 3) Giving important positions for able persons
- 4) Unwavering focus on self-sufficiency of the country

- 1) His speeches are often out of context, incorrect "facts", unnecessary details, and examples
- 2) Disregard to express sorrow for killings of Amharas
- 3) He Act as a project manager than as state leader,
- 4) His know-it-all appearance