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Studies of regime performance effects on support for democracy have neglected the possible impact of economic crisis and rapid democratization. Using survey data from the second and third waves of the Afrobarometer survey, this study finds some evidence that rapid democratization decreases the impact of performance on support for democracy. I also find strong evidence that political performance has a stronger impact on pro-democratic sentiment than economic performance. The findings suggest more work is needed to measure the effects of substantial institutional change on extant theories of political culture.