

Acknowledgement of Almighty God (Exodus 20:3; 2 Chron 7:14; Psalm 9:17 & 127:1)

1. The African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP) believes that South Africa is one nation under Almighty God. Government is ordained by God to preserve the dignity and rights of all the people to establish justice and to maintain peace and order." - ACDP Policy Principles
2. The African National Congress (ANC) voted to eliminate "In humble submission to Almighty God" from the new constitution and declared South Africa a "secular" nation.
3. The Christian Democratic Party intends to include the affirmation "In humble submission to Almighty God" in any future constitution of South Africa (Christian Action Network Policy Survey).
4. The Democratic Alliance (DA) voted for the new constitution that excluded "In humble submission to Almighty God" and fails to acknowledge God in any Policy Document or Founding Principle.
5. The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) support Marxism which is atheistic in its outlook and its adherents have historically been anti-Christian. "The EFF subscribes to the Marxist-Leninist schools of thought on its analysis of the State..." (Preamble to EFF Constitution, 2014).
6. The Freedom Front Plus (FF+) makes reference and acknowledgment of God in various public statements. E.g. "Marriage is an institution of God solemnized between a man and a woman". Quoted from 'Legalising of Same Sex Marriages'. From Press Release. 1/12/2004
7. Inkatha (IFP) voted for the constitution that excluded "In humble submission to Almighty God".

The Legalisation of Abortion (Exodus 20:13; Ex 21:22-24; Prov 6:17 & 31:8-9)

8. ACDP - "We believe that life begins in the womb and that unborn babies should be constitutionally protected... We deplore abortion as a grave evil and a national tragedy." (Policy Document: Abortion and Euthanasia). Voted against abortion legislation
9. ANC - "We are committed to reducing levels of unexplained and unwanted pregnancy." (ANC Parliamentary speech 29/10/1996). Initiated and voted for abortion on demand legislation.
10. CDP - "An unborn child has a right to life" (response to Christian Action Network Policy Survey).
11. DA - "To be pro-choice does not mean we are pro-abortion. It is the constitutional right of women to make choices about the very private matter of reproduction." (DP Parliamentary speech 29/10/1996). Voted for abortion on demand legislation.
12. EFF - Has not yet actively opposed abortion. As far as we know, current EFF leaders have done nothing significant to rescue the pre-born from the slaughter of abortion in South Africa.
13. FF - Voted against amendments that would make abortion easier. 19/08/2004 Media Release: Choice on Termination.
14. IFP - "Unrestricted access to abortion is not considered by the IFP to be in the best interests of society... the IFP believes abortion should be available in the following cases: Rape; Scientifically determined deformity to the foetus; Danger to maternal health; Pregnant children, with the consent of their parents and medical practitioners." (Health Policy)

Education: Parent or State Controlled? (Deut 6:1-7; Psalm 78:4-7; Col2:8)

15. ACDP - "We reject State interference in religious observances in state or state-aided institutions (schools). This should be controlled by parents and the community, not by the State." (ACDP Policy Document: Reasons for rejecting the Constitution)
16. ANC - "The state has the central responsibility in the provision of education and training." (ANC Policy Framework for Education and Training)
17. CDP - The CDP believes "Children's education is a parental responsibility and they therefore have authority as a taxpayer to ensure they receive the education they wish to receive and pay for." (Christian Action Network Policy Survey).
18. DA - "Decentralisation will lead to more partnerships with communities, parents, NGOs and pro enterprise school governing bodies should have the authority to decide on the religious orientation of the their school in terms of the Constitution and the Schools Act" (Policy Document: Liberation Through Education).
19. EFF - The EFF supports Marxism, which advocates state-controlled education. "The EFF takes socialism as the theoretical basis guiding its thinking..." (EFF Constitution).
20. FF - "School and education is an extension of the parents' responsibility in raising their children. The governing body at a school thus becomes very important to make the right decisions representing the parents. Because parents pay taxes, they see it as their money that the government makes available to the school and their right to make decisions on the ethos of the school." (Parliament Education Debate - 20 May 2003)
21. IFP - "Parents must accept their responsibility to work in partnership with schools to develop the full potential of the children of South Africa" (22nd Women's Brigade Annual Conference) "Education is an extension of the social and training function of the family, therefore parents and communities must be the primary custodians of the education system. The state, parents, communities and employers should assume joint responsibility for education... Education should be financed from state budgetary allocations." (IFP Education Policy)

Economy: Free Market or Socialism? (Prov 10:2 - 4; Matt 25:14 - 27; 2 Thess 3:10)

22. ACDP - "A vibrant open market economy, creating opportunities for all to prosper... Job creation and economic growth through an open-market policy with as little government interference as possible" (ACDP Policy Document: Economy)
23. ANC - "We have set for ourselves a competitive, fast growing economy which creates jobs for all, the redistribution of income and opportunities for the poor." ANC Parliamentary speech 14/16/1996 "We have refused the path of unbridled abandonment of our communist values, our communist organisation, and our commitment to a communist future" (Socialism is the Future, Build it Now! SACP Strategic Perspectives, April 1995)
24. CDP - The CDP stands "for the right to private ownership, and a society that has a right to demand an accountable free market" (Christian Action Network Policy Survey).
25. DA - "The DA subscribes to a market economy which respects the principles of private ownership and initiative which offers rewards to risk-takers and entrepreneurs, but which also recognises that the State has an important role in the development and upliftment of all South Africans (Policy Document: It's All About Jobs).
26. EFF - The EFF "identifies itself as a Marxist, Leninist, and Fanonian organisation." (EFF Constitution).
27. FF - Upholds value of free market but does not rule out potential intervention as a solution. "In a free market governments sometimes have to intervene..." Speech by Mr. Willie Spies, MP in the National Assembly, Tuesday, 7 September 2004.
28. IFP - "Less government and less regulatory involvement in the economy - including extensive privatisation" (IFP Economic Policy)

Capital Punishment for Murders (Gen 9:6; Ex 21:12 - 16; Num 35:33 & Rom 13:4)

29. ACDP - "The ACDP is on record as advocating the death penalty for serious offences such as murder and rape and particularly the rape of babies and children" (Media Release; Steve Swart; 19/9/2003)
30. ANC - "Oppose in its entirety this highly irresponsible motion (referring to the reinstatement of the death penalty)." (ANC

Parliamentary speech 19/6/1995)

31. CDP - "The death penalty should be reintroduced to from part of the criminal justice system" (response to Christian Action Network Policy Survey).
32. DA - "To call for a referendum on the death penalty is dangerous." (DP Parliamentary speech 19/6/1995). Deliberate omission of Capital Punishment in Policy Documents.
33. EFF - Does not advocate the death penalty in their policies on crime prevention.
34. FF - "The ANC should...bring back the death penalty" - Pieter Groenewald. Quoted in "Murder of Leigh Matthews justifies the death penalty" (Press Release) 22/07/2004.
35. IFP - "Support for the death sentence should be tested in a referendum." (IFP Justice Policy)
Pro Self-Defence (Firearm Ownership) (Prov 25:26; Neh 4:14 & 1 Tim 5:8)
36. ACDP - "... the ACDP has and will continue to support the right of law abiding citizens to own and bear arms in self-defence and in defence of their families..." (Manifesto 2004) Voted against Firearm Control Bill (FCB) 12/10/2000.
37. ANC - "... a gun control programme to minimise the number of guns in the hands of individuals" (ANC 1994 Election Manifesto). Voted for FCB 12/10/2000.
38. CDP -The CDP "supports the right of law-abiding citizens to own and use firearms for the purposes of self-defence" (response to Christian Action Network Policy Survey).
39. DA - DA Voted against FCB 12/10/2000, but called for Firearm Free Zones in City of Cape Town. Inconsistent.
40. EFF - As the EFF supports overthrowing the state by revolution, and expropriating farms, it very unlikely that they would support the right of the middle-class to defend themselves against the violence and destruction of property inherent in such revolutions. "To capture political and state power through whatever revolutionary means possible" (EFF Constitution).
41. FF - Voted against FCA. "The new Firearms Control Act will contribute to illegal firearms coming into circulation and will cause an increase in crime" 28/09/2004 *Minister and police are slack with new firearms.* www.vryheidsfront.co.za
42. IFP - IFP Voted for FCB 12/10/2000.
Opposes Homosexual "Marriage"/Civil Unions (Matt 19:4 - 6; Rom 1:24 - 32 & 1 Cor 6:9 - 10)
43. ACDP - "We do not believe that sexual orientation which promotes a homosexual lifestyle is a right that requires specific constitutional protection." (ACDP Policy Document: Sexual Orientation)
44. ANC - As early as 1987, the ANC promised it would protect 'gay rights' (Defiant Desire). "The ANC's support for the inclusion of sexual orientation in the equality clause of the Constitution" 60th National Conference in Mafikeng). "The right of all to freedom in regard to sexual preference" (Socialism is the Future, Build it Now! SACP Strategic Perspectives, April 1995)
45. CDP -The CDP opposes the demands of homosexual and lesbian groups to recognise homosexual "marriages" (response to Christian Action Network Policy Survey).
46. COPE - Supports a "society where discrimination...based upon...sexual orientation...[is] condemned and where government moves aggressively to end such discrimination..." (COPE Policy Documents).
47. DA - Right to "sexual orientation" (DA Vision, Core Values and Principles)
48. EFF - The EFF is pro-homosexuality. "To oppose patriarchy, sexism, and homophobia and any discriminatory practices..." (EFF Constitution).
49. FF - Opposes gay "marriage". Media Release: Legalizing of Gay Marriages. 1/12/2004. www.vryheidsfront.co.za
50. IFP - "All citizens of the Federal Republic of South Africa shall share in equal rights of sexual orientation." (IFP Constitutional Assembly Submission)
Opposes Discrimination Based on Race (Affirmative Action) (Leviticus 24:22)
51. ACDP - "The ACDP recognises the need for affirmative action to address persistent inequalities that are racially based. However we believe that there should be a sunset clause and the policy should be phased out once equality has been objectively achieved." www.acdp.org.za/issues/
52. ANC - "In order to redress our legacy of discrimination the (AA) Bill unavoidably recognises groups." (ANC Parliamentary speech 20/08/98). "It was the ANC who put affirmative action on the agenda" (Affirmative Action and the New Constitution)
53. CDP - The CDP supports "an equal opportunity system that is not based on race" (response to Christian Action Network Policy Survey).
54. DA - "Does the DA support Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) and Affirmative Action? We agreed that the answer to all these questions is an unequivocal 'Yes'. But this does not mean that we support the ANC's approach to redress. Our challenge is to strike the balance between the need for race-based redress and our commitment to non-racism." DA Leader Helen Zille, press conference, Cape Town, 24/11/13
55. EFF - Banners at EFF rallies have read "Honeymoon is over for white people in South Africa" and "To be a revolutionary you have to be inspired by hatred and bloodshed". EFF Leader, Julius Malema said there would never be reconciliation in the country as long as whites had the land. ("EFF: White people must learn to share", 15 Oct 2013, www.mg.co.za.)
56. FF - Opposes affirmative action. Media Release: ANC Policy Redistributes Poverty, not Wealth.
57. IFP - "...The IFP supports affirmative action so long as efficiency and standards are not compromised. Affirmative action should be implemented by adopting appropriate recruitment practices." (Correctional Services Policy)

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"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15



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The Christian Action Network interprets the party positions not only by their pronouncements and policy statements, but by analysing their voting patterns and their actions (Matthew 7:20).

We have requested and would appreciate more official source documents from the parties on these issues. Please send relevant policy documentation to the Christian Action Network.



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"But select capable men from all the people - men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain - and appoint them as officials..." Exodus 18:21

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THE ISSUE	SCRIPTURE	ACDP	ANC	CDP	DA	EFF	FF+	IFP
Acknowledgement of Almighty God in the Constitution	"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" Psalm 33:12	Yes ₁	No ₂	Yes ₃	No ₄	No ₅	Yes ₆	No ₇
Against Abortion	"Rescue those being led away to death... those staggering toward slaughter" Proverbs 24:11	Yes ₈	No ₉	Yes ₁₀	No ₁₁	No ₁₂	Yes ₁₃	No ₁₄
Education: Parent Controlled and for Religious Freedom	"Fathers... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4	Parent ₁₅	State ₁₆	Parent ₁₇	State/ Parent ₁₈	State ₁₉	Parent ₂₀	State/ Parent ₂₁
For Free Market (Against Socialism)	"You shall not steal... You shall not covet your neighbor's goods." Exodus 20:15-17	Yes ₂₂	No ₂₃	Yes ₂₄	Yes ₂₅	No ₂₆	Yes ₂₇	Yes ₂₈
For Capital Punishment of Murderers	"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed." Genesis 9:6	Yes ₂₉	No ₃₀	Yes ₃₁	No ₃₂	No ₃₃	Yes ₃₄	No ₃₅
Pro Self-Defence (Firearm Ownership)	"Like a muddied spring or a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way to the wicked." Proverbs 25:26	Yes ₃₆	No ₃₇	Yes ₃₈	Y/N ₃₉	No ₄₀	Yes ₄₁	No ₄₂
Opposes Homosexual "Marriage" / Civil Unions	"If a man lies with a man... both of them have done what is detestable." Leviticus 20:13	Yes ₄₃	No ₄₄	Yes ₄₅	No ₄₆	No ₄₇	Yes ₄₈	No ₄₉
Opposes Discrimination Based on Race	"You are to have the same law for the alien and the native-born. I am the LORD your God." Leviticus 24:22	Y/N ₅₀	No ₅₁	Yes ₅₂	No ₅₃	No ₅₄	Yes ₅₅	No ₅₆