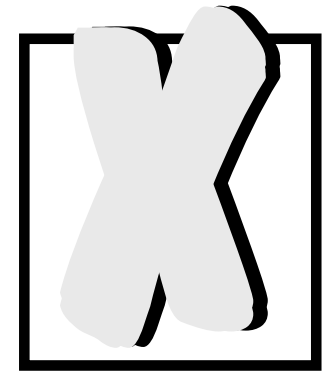


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"But select capable men from all the people - men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain - and appoint them as officials ..."
- Exodus 18:21



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Acknowledgement of Almighty God (Exodus 20:3; 2 Chronicles 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. **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.
4. **Inkatha (IFP)** voted for the constitution that excluded "In humble submission to Almighty God".
5. Although the **New National Party (NNP)** claims to submit themselves to Almighty God, they recognise "the supremacy of the Constitution and an internationally recognised justifiable Bill of Rights." (Policy Document: Programme of Principles; 1.3 Political Freedom). Inconsistent.
6. **United Democratic Movement (UDM)** subscribes to the principles of the South African constitution which excluded "In humble submission to Almighty God"

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

7. "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 legalisation.
8. "We are committed to reducing levels of unexplained and unwanted pregnancy." (ANC Parliamentary speech 29/10/1996). Voted for abortion on demand legalisation.
9. "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 legalisation.
10. "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)
11. "NP voted against the abortion legislation, but support legal abortion on other grounds." (NP Parliamentary speech 29/10/1996). "The NNP cannot support abortion on demand, but allows members to be led by their own conscience." (Policy Document: Abortion on Demand)
12. In the Preamble to the UDM Constitution the UDM subscribes to the principles of the Constitution of the RSA — the Constitution of South Africa is pro-abortion.

Education: Parent or State Controlled? (Deuteronomy 6:1-7; Psalm 78:4-7; Colossians 2:8)

13. "We reject State interference in religious observances in state or state-aided institutions (schools) ... This right should be controlled by parents and the community, not by the State." (ACDP Policy Document: Reasons for rejecting the Constitution)
14. "The state has the central responsibility in the provision of education and training." (ANC Policy Framework for Education and Training)
15. "Devolution and decentralisation will lead to more partnerships with communities, parents, NGOs and private enterprise... School governing bodies should have the authority to decide on the religious orientation of their school... in terms of the Constitution and the Schools Act." (Policy Document: Liberation Through Education)
16. "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 General 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).
17. "We support the right of parents to raise their children in accordance with their cultural, religious and moral beliefs" (Policy Document: Programme of Principles; 1.5 Individual Freedom) "Partnerships in education and training must be developed between the State, parents and the private sector" (NNP Policy Document: Education and Training)
18. "The whole system of education should be reformed ... It will require proactive, policy-driven investments to make education and skills training knowledge-based." (UDM Economic Policy Proposals: 4.10. Education and Skills Creation)

Economy: Free Market or Socialism? (Proverbs 10:2 - 4; Matthew 25:14 - 27; 2 Thessalonians 3:10)

19. "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)
20. "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 14/6/1996 "We have refused the path of unprincipled 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)
21. "The DA subscribes to a market economy which respects the principles of private ownership and initiative and 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)
22. "Less government and less regulatory involvement in the economy - including extensive privatisation" (IFP Economic Policy)

23. "We support the right of all people to compete freely in the open market and to acquire, hold and dispose of property." (NNP Policy Document: Programme of Principles; 1.4 Economic Freedom)
24. "We will introduce a policy of intervention by the state in the economy through Planned Sustainable Development programmes that create jobs on a large scale whilst developing and maintaining infrastructure for the whole South Africa" (UDM Economic Policy Proposals)

Capital Punishment for Murder (Genesis 9:6; Exodus 21:12 - 16; Numbers 35:33 & Romans 13:4)

25. "The ACDP is on record as advocating 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)
26. "Oppose in its entirety this highly irresponsible motion (referring to the reinstatement of the death penalty)." (ANC Parliamentary speech 19/6/1995)
27. "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.
28. "Support for the death sentence should be tested in a referendum." (IFP Justice Policy)
29. "The NNP is in favour of the reinstatement of the death penalty for atrocities such as murder and rape." (Policy Document: Crime and the death penalty) "Reinstating the death penalty for the most heinous crimes such as murder, rape and armed robbery." (NNP's blueprint against crime, 1998)
30. "The UDM recognises the Constitutional Court ruling regarding the death penalty, but will call for a national referendum on the public's insistence." (Crime Prevention Policy Proposals)

Pro Self-Defence (Firearm Ownership) (Proverbs 25:26; Nehemiah 4:14 & 1 Timothy 5:8)

31. "... 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.
32. "... 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.
33. DA Voted against FCB 12/10/2000, but called for Firearm Free Zones in City of Cape Town. Inconsistent.
34. IFP Voted for FCB 12/10/2000.
35. "The SAPS should not discourage people from legally owning a firearm ..." (Media release 22/01/2004). NNP Voted against FCB 12/10/2000.
36. UDM Voted for FCB 12/10/2000.

Opposes Homosexual Agenda (Matthew 19:4 - 6; Romans 1:24 - 32 & 1 Corinthians 6:9 - 10)

37. "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)
38. 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" (50th 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)
39. Right to "sexual orientation" (DP Vision, Core Values and Principles)
40. "All citizens of the Federal Republic of South Africa shall share in equal rights of ... sexual orientation." (IFP Constitutional Assembly Submission)
41. "Sexual preferences are a personal matter in which the State must not get involved...The NNP is not in favour of the legalisation of homosexual marriages." (NNP Policy Document: Homosexual Rights). Inconsistent
42. "It is the duty of any government to uphold the human rights and equality of all its citizens. Therefore, the UDM will tolerate no discrimination and/or harassment on the grounds of sexual orientation" (1999 Election Manifesto)

Opposes Discrimination Based on Race (Leviticus 24:22)

43. "The ACDP chose to abstain from voting on the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Bill in Parliament ... ownership of the economy should reflect the full demographic extent of our population and that an empowerment policy should be based on allowing competent South Africans equal access to resources... a Bill that might have unintended consequences, placing too much emphasis on group preferences long after economic empowerment has been achieved." (Media Release: 3 September 2003)
44. "In order to redress our legacy of discrimination (the AA) Bill unavoidably recognises groups." (ANC Parliamentary speech 20/8/98). "It was the ANC who put affirmative action on the agenda" (Affirmative Action and the New Constitution)
45. "Group-based thinking, as proposed by this Bill, formed the cornerstone of apartheid, and we have a duty to bear witness against its reintroduction in the guise of getting rid of apartheid" (DP Parliamentary speech 20/8/98)
46. "... 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)
47. The NNP backed the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Bill as it passed through the NCOP in September 2003.
48. The UDM believes that specific groups that should be targeted by such an economic strategy should include the youth, women, rural poor as well as informal settlement dwellers. The UDM notes that the present black economic empowerment only empowers a selected few. Furthermore it is racially divisive and excludes most people, irrespective of race, who need to be economically empowered...It is vital that South Africans share an economic and political vision focused on partnership between all the people of South Africa. (Economic Policy Proposals)

Christian Action Network interprets the party positions not only by their pronouncements and policy statements, but by analysing the 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 Christian Action Network.

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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

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

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