

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 Cape Party (CAPE) supports a system of direct democracy, where referendums could be held on such issues. Different areas or cantons, such as in Switzerland, could hold a referendum on such an issue. There could be some areas in the proposed independent Cape Republic that support having Acknowledgement of Almighty God in the Constitution of their area and some that do not, based on the results of the referendum held in that specific area.
4. 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).
5. 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.
6. 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).
7. 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

Against 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. Consistently pro-life in Parliament.
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. Promotes abortion incessantly.
10. CAPE - The Cape Party supports a system of direct democracy, where referendums could be held on such issues. Different areas or cantons, such as in Switzerland, could hold a referendum on such an issue. There could be some areas in the proposed independent Cape Republic that uphold the Right to life of the pre-born in the Constitution of their area and some that do not, based on the results of the referendum held in that specific area.
11. CDP - "An unborn child has a right to life" (response to Christian Action Network Policy Survey).
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. FF - Voted against amendments that would make abortion easier. 19/08/2004 Media Release: Choice on Termination.

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

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). However, the ACDP votes for state-controlled school budgets.
16. ANC - "The state has the central responsibility in the provision of education and training." (ANC Policy Framework for Education and Training)
17. CAPE - The Cape Party supports a system of decentralization. "The family structure is the nucleus of a strong education. Students, parents, the community and real world needs (business, science, academia etc.) should be the most important drivers in the direction of a child's education, not the state." (Cape Party Manifesto).
18. CDP - The CDP believes "Children's education is a parental responsibility and they therefore have authority as a tax payer to ensure they receive the education they wish to receive and pay for." (Christian Action Network Policy Survey).
19. DA - The DA's Policy on Education makes no mention of parent-controlled appointment of teachers or textbooks, or the importance of religious freedom in education. The DA has also not championed the cause of home schoolers. (<https://www.da.org.za/policy/education-policy> as seen on 20/11/2018).
20. EFF - The EFF supports Marxism, which advocates state-controlled education. "The EFF takes socialism as the theoretical basis guiding its thinking ..." (EFF Constitution).
21. 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)

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 14/6/1996 "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)
24. CAPE - "The Cape Party would implement economic policies modelled on the successes of Singapore. No restrictive import/export barriers, low taxes, entrepreneur-friendly policies that create employment, and individual communities (not central governments) will decide on the appropriate allocation of resources." (Christian Action Network Policy Survey).
25. 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).
26. 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).
27. EFF - The EFF "identifies itself as a Marxist and Leninist organisation." (EFF Constitution).
28. 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.

For Capital Punishment of Murderers (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. CAPE - The Cape Party supports a system of direct democracy, where referendums could be held on such issues. Different areas or cantons, such as in Switzerland, could hold a referendum on such an issue. There could be some areas in the proposed independent Cape Republic that supports capital punishment of murderers in the Constitution of their area and some that do not, based on the results of the referendum held in that specific area.
32. CDP - "The death penalty should be reintroduced to form part of the criminal justice system" (response to Christian Action Network Policy Survey).
33. 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.
34. EFF - Does not advocate the death penalty in their policies on crime prevention.
35. 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.

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. CAPE - The Cape Party 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. 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).
40. DA - DA Voted against FCB 12/10/2000, but called for Firearm Free Zones in City of Cape Town. Inconsistent.
41. 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).
42. 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

Opposes LGBT Agenda and 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" (50th National Conference in Matikeng). "The right of all to freedom in regard to sexual preference" (Socialism is the Future, Build it Now! SACP Strategic Perspectives, April 1995)
45. CAPE - The Cape Party supports a system of direct democracy, where referendums could be held on such issues. Different areas or cantons, such as in Switzerland, could hold a referendum on such an issue. There could be some areas in the proposed independent Cape Republic that do legalise homosexual civil unions in their area and some that do not, based on the results of the referendum held in that specific area.
46. CDP - The CDP opposes the demands of homosexual and lesbian groups to recognise homosexual "marriages" (response to Christian Action Network Policy Survey).
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

Opposes BBBEE Affirmative Action Racial Discrimination (Leviticus 24:22)

50. ACDP - The ACDP has dropped their support for a "sunset clause" on Affirmative Action and changed their stance to: "... change the focus of Affirmative Action from previously disadvantaged to disadvantaged individuals. Because of the historic and current racial and socio-economic nature of poverty, the real focus of an Affirmative Action policy, based on disadvantaged, would not change dramatically from one that is race-based." (Policy on Trade and Industry, ACDP Policy Document 2018). The demographics of our country would, by default, discriminate on the basis of race.
51. 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)
52. CAPE - The Cape Party rejects Affirmative Action. "The Cape Party believes in equal opportunity for all citizens, and would bring about an end to all racial legislation, quotas, and policies..." (Cape Party Manifesto).
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 owned 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.

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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

THE ISSUE	SCRIPTURE	 ACDP	 ANC	 CAPE	 GDP	 DA	 EFF	 VF
Acknowledgement of Almighty God in the Constitution	"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" Psalm 33:12	Yes ₁	No ₂	Referendum ₃	Yes ₄	No ₅	No ₆	Yes ₇
Against Abortion	"Rescue those being led away to death... those staggering toward slaughter" Proverbs 24:11	Yes ₈	No ₉	Referendum ₁₀	Yes ₁₁	No ₁₂	No ₁₃	Yes 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	Parent ₁₈	State ₁₉	State ₂₀	Parent ₂₁
For Free Market (Against Socialism)	"You shall not steal... You shall not covet your neighbour's goods." Exodus 20:15-17	Y/N ₂₂	No ₂₃	Yes ₂₄	Yes ₂₅	Y/N ₂₆	No ₂₇	Yes ₂₈
For Capital Punishment against Murderers	"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed." Genesis 9:6	Yes ₂₉	No ₃₀	Referendum ₃₁	Yes ₃₂	No ₃₃	No ₃₄	Yes 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	Yes ₃₉	Y/N ₄₀	No ₄₁	Yes ₄₂
Opposes LGBT Agenda & 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	Referendum ₄₅	Yes ₄₆	No ₄₇	No ₄₈	Yes ₄₉
Opposes BBEE Affirmative Action Racial Discrimination	"You are to have the same law for the alien and the native-born. I am the LORD your God." Leviticus 24:22	No ₅₀	No ₅₁	Yes ₅₂	Yes ₅₃	No ₅₄	No ₅₅	Yes ₅₆