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After listening to the Minister of Higher Education, Blade Nzimande, speaking on progress in the post school education and training section on television, I decided to work through it to see if I could comment on one or more of the issues raised. It immediately became obvious that the ANC fat cats in government, in this case Blade Nzimande, have found a new "whipping boy" to blame for their disastrous failures. Namely COVID 19 which was mentioned no less than 10 times. They blamed it for forcing them to change their strategy and to focus on health and wellness issues. Which in turn made it impossible for them to do their work efficiently and effectively — as if this has ever been achieved in the almost 27 years of their being in power. They further blamed it for the lockdown that caused serious disruptions.

The usual "whipping boy", "The Legacies of the past" was mentioned only 6 times. Considering that the "legacies of the past" have in the past been blamed for all their failures, one can only assume that racial tensions are at an all-time low in the country and that Farm Murders are now going to be prioritized and brought to an end once and for all.

In this report on Higher Education, health matters featured prominently. We are told that with the reality of the COVID pandemic and its associated mortality continuing to loom around the sector, systems, controls and protocols needed to be strengthened (whatever that means). But fear not they have employed the help of the World Health Organisation (WHO), The National Health Department and the National Laboratory Service. It should definitely make us sleep better, knowing that we are in the hands of those who have destroyed our economy, our lives and livelihoods with their lockdowns and mask wearing - the devastating consequences of which have yet to be evaluated.

We are told that there are many crucial areas with skills shortages that need to be addressed viz. the digital economy, energy, infrastructure development, manufacturing, tourism, agriculture, data scientists, web developers, computer network technicians, electrical engineers, concentrated solar power controllers, medtronic technicians, tool makers, crop produce analysists, agricultural scientists, and his own words, "just to mention a few."

How do we solve this insurmountable skill shortage problem? By making sure we utilise all internal human resources regardless of colour or race? No, but as a department, to recruit the required skilled personnel from outside South Africa. I suppose from China, Iran, Russia, North Korea and Libya, to name but a few.

With what has happened in the USA, I suppose we are no longer alone in the ranks of the disillusioned and insecure. These leftists are busy leading us to the brink and beyond.

Finally, it would appear that there was nobody from any of the Minority groups appointed to the new NSFAS Board.

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