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CDP opposes the banning of responsible corporal punishment in homes

"It appears that each time government attempts to blow the liberal horn, it makes a mess of it. While the country is mourning the killing of more than a million unborn babies in the 15 years since abortion on demand was legalised, it leans over to the other extremity by indicating that the spanking of naughty children at home will be banned. The government has already ignored the privacy of our schools by putting out an arbitrary law that prohibits corporal punishment by teachers. It is not as if our schools belong to them they belong to the taxpayers without whose finances these institutions would cease to exist,' Says Christian Democratic Party leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

"These are supposed to be institutions of learning to educate our children and to teach them respect for authority. But they are being hamstrung by the government's ultra-liberal approach to discipline.

"Now they dare to take it a step further by invading our homes and dictating to parents as to how they are, or are not, to discipline their children. When are we going to call a halt to this invasive central government's encroachment on our lives?"

"Of course the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) believes that children, as the most vulnerable in society, must be protected, but using moderate and fair corporal punishment is not abuse. A good spanking has never harmed anyone. The lack thereof has, however, resulted in young people disrespecting authority and who, as seen at the Malema's first disciplinary hearing, run riot, burn posters of the President and even take on the police.

"The CDP calls upon the government to desist from interfering in our lives. There is nothing that they are not trying to get their grubby hands on."

CDP gekant teen verbod op verantwoordelike streepsuiker tuis

"Dit lyk of die regering elke keer 'n gemors daarvan maak as dit die liberale front wil voorhou. Terwyl die land oor die dood van meer as 'n miljoen ongebore babas treur wat sedert die wettiging van aborsies op aanvraag doodgemaak is, wieg dit na die ander kant en dui aan dat ouers se reg om hul stout kinders te klop verbied gaan word. Die regering het reeds die outonomie van skole geïgnoreer deur lyfstraf daar te verbied. Dis nie asof die staat die skole besit nie – dit is die eiendom van die belastingbetalers sonder wie se bydraes skole nie sou bestaan nie," aldus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP)

Dit is verontrstel om instellings te wees waar kinders geleer en opgevoed word, maar word aan bande gelê deur die regering se ultra-liberale benadering tot dissipline.

"Nou waag hulle dit om dit 'n trappie verder te neem deur ons huise in te dring en voorskriftelik te word oor hoe verantwoordelike ouers hul kinders mag dissiplineer. Wanneer gaan ons vasskop teen hierdie indringing in ons lewens?"

"Uiteraard glo die CDP dat kinders, as die mees weerlose in die gemeenskap, beskerm moet word maar 'n matige loesing is nie mishandeling nie. Streepsuiker het niemand nog kwaad gedoen nie. Die afwesigheid daarvan, in teendeel, lei daartoe dat jong mense disrespekvol teenoor gesag word, soos gesien is toe jong mense amok gemaak het tydens Julius Malema se dissiplinêre verhoor, die president se plakkate verbrand het en selfs die polisie aangedurf het.

"Die CDP doen 'n beroep op die regering om op te hou om in ons lewens in te meng. Daar is niks wat die ANC as buite perke vir hul gulsige hande beskou nie."