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**Info bill another ANC nail in the coffin of Democracy - CDP**

“South African politicians should be more concerned about getting quality information to the people, than trying to prevent present and future voters from being properly educated in true democratic values.”

Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) reacted to the latest developments to ramrod the information bill through parliament.

“The latest Pondering Panda poll, amongst young South Africans, reveals an alarming ignorance on what South African politics is all about. Whilst past voting trends indicate that older voters also do not always base their votes on policies and principles, but rather on skin colour and other irrelevant matters.

“The poll also confirms that different races have different opinions on certain crucial issues, with most white, coloured and Indian respondents believing the ANC has introduced some kind of ‘reversed apartheid.’

“Internationally elections tend to develop into enmity rather than healthy competition, and what we are observing at this early stage is indicative of an election which will cause severe polarisation – which naturally will be exacerbated should the election develop into a de facto two party situation.”

**Snoerwet nog ‘n ANC spyker in die kis van demokrasie - CDP**

“Suid-Afrikaanse politici behoort meer begaan te wees daarvoor om kwaliteit-inligting by kiesers uit te bring, as om te probeer keer dat kiesers en toekomstige kiesers in behoorlike demokratiese beginsels geskool word.”

Ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het so gereageer op die proses om nou die snoerwet deur die parlement te stoomroller.

“Die jongste peiling van Pondering Panda onder jong Suid-Afrikaners dui op ‘n ontstellende onkunde oor politieke kwessies. Terwyl vorige stempatrone daarop dui dat ouer kiesers ook nie altyd hul stemme op beleid en beginsels baseer nie, maar op kwessies soos velkleur en op ander sake wat irrelevant behoort te wees.

“Die peiling toon ook aan dat verskillende rasse verskillend oor dieselfde kwessies dink, met die meeste wit, bruin en Indiër respondente wat meen die ANC het ‘n soort ‘omgekeerde apartheid’ ingestel.

“Daar is ‘n internasionale tendens dat verkiesings neig om in vyandskap te ontwikkel eerder as gesonde mededinging, en wat ons nou in hierdie vroeë stadium waarneem is aanduidend van ‘n verkiesing wat erge polarisasie in die hand gaan werk – wat uiteraard sal vererger as dit in ‘n de facto twee party situasie ontwikkel.”