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**Government's anti-Christian crusade**

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) expressed its support for the House of Traditional Leaders' request to have the 'sexual orientation' section removed from the Constitution.

"Is it possible that the traditional leaders have greater insight into what this clause opens the door to? Not only have so-called 'gays' used it to gain acceptance for their lifestyle and to claim legal 'marriage' status, but even paedophiles and zoophiles are now trying to use it to legitimize what they feel is a natural sexual orientation as they believe that they were born that way." So says CDP leader, Rev Theunis Botha.

"It is interesting to note that whilst the ANC goes to great length to erode Christian values, it bends over backwards to accommodate the clear infringement of human rights of a non-Christian nature

"The same section of the constitution banning unfair discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, also bans discrimination against a person, on the grounds of gender.

"When the House of Traditional Leaders, however, suggests the scrapping of the sexual orientation provision, the ANC rejects it out of hand, whilst at the same time, passing the 'Traditional Courts Bill', with severe implications for women in traditional areas. For e.g., women may not represent themselves, they do not have a choice of being heard by a court of state, and they do not have the right to appeal.

"How on earth can this be thought to be even remotely in line with the Constitution?

"In the past, it was obvious that the standard, for deciding the norm for constitutional interpretation, was the liberal interpretation. Now, however, it seems as though the norm is simply that it must be anti-Christian. The list is getting longer by the day – abortions on demand, the complete abolition of the death penalty, the legalising of gambling, polygamy, etc.etc."

**Regering se kruistog teen Christelike waardes**

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het sy steun toegesê aan die Huis van Tradisionele Leiers se versoek dat die bepaling oor seksuele oriëntasie uit die grondwet verwyder word.

"Is dit moontlik dat die tradisionele leiers hier groter insig aan die dag lê oor waartoe dié bepaling die deur ooplaai? Nie alleen het sg 'gays' dit gebruik om aanvaarding vir hul lewenswyse te verwerp nie, en om 'huwelike' van dieselfde geslag te wettig nie, maar ook pedofiele en beoefenaars van bestialiteit probeer nou dit wat hulle glo 'n natuurlike oriëntasie gewettig kry omdat hulle glo hulle is so gebore."

So sê die CDP-leier, ds. Theunis Botha.

"Dit is interessant om te let dat, terwyl die ANC bereid is tot uiterstes te gaan om Christelike waardes te ondergrawe, is dit bereid om die rug agteroor te buig om inbreuk te maak op menseregte van 'n nie-Christelike aard."

"In dieselfde artikel in die grondwet wat onbillike diskriminasie teen iemand op grond van seksuele oriëntasie verbied, word diskriminasie teen mense op grond van hul geslag ook verbied.

"Tog, toe die Huis van Tradisionele Leiers voorstel dat die bepaling oor seksuele oriëntasie uit die grondwet geskrap word, het die ANC dit botweg afgewys. Maar dieselfde party voer wetgewing oor tradisionele howe deur wat ernstige implikasies vir vroue in tradisionele gebiede inhou. Vroue mag nie hulself verteenwoordig nie, hulle het nie 'n keuse of hul saak in ander geregshof te laat aanhoor nie, en mag nie appelleer nie.

"Hoe kan dit selfs net by benadering in pas met die grondwet wees?

"In die verlede is die indruk geskep dat die uitgangspunt vir die bepaling van norme vir die uitlê van die grondwet die liberale was, maar nou lyk dit of die norm bloot anti-Christelik moet wees. Die lys word al hoe langer – aborsies op aanvraag, die totale afskaffing van die doodstraf, die wettiging van dobbel, poligamie ens."