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Zuma has now taken residence in Mbeki's ivory tower - CDP

"The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) is concerned, if not shocked, at Pres. Jacob Zuma's response to the debate on his budget speech. "It seems as though he has very little grasp of the fact that in a democracy, it is the duty of opposition parties to make sure that all voices, also of those concerned, are properly heard," says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the CDP and acting chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA).

"Surely, Zuma can not expect of the opposition to be reduced to the same level as his traditional praise singers. And surely, in a democracy the concerns raised by opposition parties should be more valued than the contents of a praise singer's antics? To point out shortcomings such as a R75 billion backlog in road maintenance, the crime levels, the stance of municipalities in general, the coming water crisis and exposing government's feeble response to corruption and enrichment, is not disloyal, but patriotic."

"No amount of redefining morality with the facilitation of the National Interfaith Leadership Council – Zuma's buddies – will change the lines between wrong and right, and what is damaging to the country will remain damaging. South Africa, after all, is not an island. This debate and the outcome of the Malema trial, demonstrates that Zuma has now, as his predecessor, also taken residence in an ivory tower insolated from the realities of an incompetent government."

Zuma skop nes in Mbeki se ivoortoring - CDP

"Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) is bekommerd, of dalk eerder onthuts oor pres. Jacob Zuma se reaksie op sy begrotingsrede. "Dit lyk of hy weinig begrip het dat, in 'n demokrasie, dit die plig van opposisiepartye is om te verseker dat alle stemme, ook van diegene wat kommer het, behoorlik aangeghoor word," aldus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

"Zuma kan tog nie verwag dat die opposisie gerudiseer word tot dieselfde vlak as sy tradisionele lofsangers nie. In 'n demokrasie moet daar tog meer waarde geheg word aan wat opposisiepartye sê as die inhoud van wat 'n lofsanger tydens sy manewales kwytraak. Om op die tekort van R75 miljard in padinstandhouding te wys, misdaadvlakke te kritiseer, te verwys na die algemene vlakke van munisipaliteite, die komende waterkrisis en te wys op die regering se flou reaksie op korrupsie en verryking, is nie dislojaal nie, maar patrioties."

"Geen poging om moraliteit te herdefinieer nie, veral nie onder die leiding van die National Interfaith Leadership Council wat bloot Zuma-napraters is – sal die grens tussen reg en verkeerd verskuif kry nie, en wat skadelik vir die land is, sal skadelik bly. Suid-Afrika is immers nie 'n geïsoleerde eiland nie. Die uitslag van hierdie debat en die uiteinde van Malema se dissiplinêre verhoor, dui daarop dat Zuma, soos sy voorganger, nou ook in 'n ivoortoring gaan nesskop het, heeltemal uit voeling met die realiteite van 'n onbevoegde regering."