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Ban on advertising of alcohol - Not the ultimate cure but ultimate control

"True to its socialist obsession and objectives the ANC is becoming more and more intrusive in the lives of South Africans" says Rev Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

"The last thing a Christian Democratic Party would be expected to oppose is legislation to stop the advertising of Alcoholic beverages, and the last thing we would have done is oppose it had we been convinced that it would actually curb alcoholism.

"The fact is that many jobs could be lost and sports sponsorships be adversely affected. The government's banning of the advertising of alcohol will not solve the problem of alcoholism. Just as their continual speaking against corruption has not curbed corruption. What is needed is for the nation to be inspired by a government of integrity, to repair its moral compass.

"The statement by Aaron Motsoaledi, the minister of health, that the government is obliged to make decisions on behalf of citizens, which implies that they are incapable of making decisions for themselves, is symptomatic of a government that is determined to progressively take more power into its hands and that is ready to force it's will, on the people.

"The CDP has consistently warned South Africans to guard against a government that promises to do too much for them, as they will ask too much of them."

Alkohol advertering ban - Nie die oplossing, maar eintlik net beheer

"Getrou aan sy sosialistiese obsessie en doelwitte is die ANC besig om meer en meer in die lewens van Suid-Afrikaners in te meng." Sê ds Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

"Die laaste ding wat van 'n Christen-Demokratiese Party sou verwag word is om wetgewing teen te staan wat die advertering van alkoholiese drank wil stop sit, en die laaste ding wat ons sou doen, is om dit teen te staan sou ons daarvan oortuig wees dat dit eintlik alkoholisme sou bekamp.

"Die feit bly staan dat daar baie werkseleenthede verlore kan gaan en sport borgskappe nadelig geraak kan word. Die regering se verbod op die advertering van alkohol sal nie die probleem van alkoholisme oplos. Net soos hul voortdurende gepraat teen korrupsie nie korrupsie aan bande gelê het nie. Wat nodig is, is vir die nasie om geïnspireer te word deur 'n regering van integriteit, om sy morele kompas te herstel.

"Die verklaring deur Aaron Motsoaledi, die minister van gesondheid, dat die regering verplig is om besluite namens burgers te neem, wat wil voorgee dat hulle nie in staat is om vir hulself besluite te neem nie, is simptome van 'n regering wat vasbeslote is om geleidelik meer mag in sy hande te neem en wat gereed is om sy wil op die mense of te dwing.,"
"Die CDP het deurgaans Suid-Afrikaners gewaarsku teen 'n regering wat belooft om te veel vir hulle te doen, aangesien hulle te veel van hulle sal vereis."