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CDP asks what is happening to the Conservative Christian voice?

“Is the DA – ID amalgamation plan an attempt to silence the conservative Christian voice in mainstream politics?”

According to Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader Rev. Theunis Botha, the formation of a united opposition front that excludes Christian democratic principles, may be the right of the parties involved, but the way in which the facts are presented is a clear manipulation of the electorate. The DA has openly declared its liberal democratic principles, whilst the ID, when eventually approving its policy, placed itself squarely in the socialist democratic sphere. Policy wise there should be a world of difference. Perhaps the DA leader, Helen Zille’s proposal of a 50 percent share holding scheme between farmers and their workers was an early indication that liberal-socialism is now going to become the order of the day. “

“With the ruling ANC in the socialist-liberal sphere, it is quite clear, that there is an attempt being made to marginalise the conservative Christian Voice in South Africa. We again appeal to all parties supporting Christian values in politics, to urgently come together and thrash out the way forward, before they are effectively sidelined to a position outside the playing field.”

Waarheen het die konserwatiewe Christenstem heen verdamp?

“Kom die DA – ID-samespanning nie effektief op ‘n skuif neer om die konserwatiewe Christenstem die swye op te lê nie?”

Die leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP), ds. Theunis Botha sê dit is wel die reg van partye om ‘n verenigde opposisiefrent te vorm wat Christen-demokratiese beginsels uitsluit, maar dit is onregverdig hoe feite aangebied word om kiesers te manipuleer. Die DA was nog altyd openlik dat dit die beginsels van ‘n liberale demokrasie aanhang, terwyl die ID, toe dit eventueel ‘n beleid aanvaar het, homself as deel van die sosiaal-demokratiese sfeer verklaar het. Beleidsgewys behoort daar ‘n wêreldse verskil te wees. Moontlik was die DA-leier, Helen Zille, se voorstel oor 50 % aandeelhouding tussen boere en werkers ‘n vroeë aanduiding dat liberaal-sosialisme die toon gaan aanee.”

“Met die regerende ANC wat hom in die sosialistiese- liberalismekamp bevind, is dit baie duidelik dat pogings aangewend word om die behoudende Christenstem te marginaliseer. Ons doen weer ‘n beroep op partye wat Christelike waardes aanhang om dringend bymekaar te kom en koppe bymekaar te sit, om te besin oor hoe voorkom kan word dat die ideale van diegene wat ernstig is oor Christelike waardes – ook in die politiek – kan voorkom dat hulle tot buite die speelveld geskouerloop word.”