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Child's assault on teacher sickening and disgusting - CDP

"If public reaction to a video showing a grade eight learner assaulting a teacher and driving him out of the class is to be used as a measure, South Africans, in general, appear to be completely unaware of the limitations government is introducing when it comes to the proper discipline of children. Corporal punishment in the home is not illegal in South Africa but it has been outlawed at schools since 2006 and the Government is currently working on draft legislation that will limit the authority of parents by outlawing spanking at home." says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

"The Biblical teaching of 'spare the rod and spoil the child' has become taboo, and the country is paying the price. Yet, child abuse appears not to be decreasing, which is apparently the government's objective, but is rather on the increase.

"The CDP is and always will be against child abuse. We believe open relationships with good communication should exist between parents and their children, as well as between pupils and teachers, but when discipline, even corporal correction is needed, it should be used.

"This grade 8 pupil will most likely one day be a parent himself, and taking into account his obvious lack of respect for authority, there is a good chance that his children could be as messed up as he appears to be."

Kind wat onderwyser aanrand siek en walglik – CDP

"As die reaksie op 'n video beoordeel word wat wys hoe 'n graad agt leerling 'n onderwysers aanrand en uit die klas jaag, is Suid-Afrikaners oor die algemeen uit pas met die beperkings wat die regering nou stel om kinders na behore te dissiplineer. Pakslae tuis is nie in Suid-Afrika onwettig nie, maar dit is sedert 2006 in skole verbied en die regering werk nou aan wetgewing wat dit vir ouers onwettig sal maak om hul kinders te klop." sê ds. Theunis Botha, leiers van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

"Bybelse leer van die die roede nie spaar nie, het 'n taboe geword, en die land betaal die prys met die regering wat selfs beplan om die ouers se gesag te beperk. Tog is kindermishandeling eerder aan die toenaam as aan die afneem, soos wat die regering blykbaar beoog.

"Die CDP was nog altyd, en sal in die toekoms teen kindermishandeling wees. Ons glo in 'n oop verhouding met goeie kommunikasie tussen ouers en kinders, en tussen onderwysers en leerlinge, maar wanneer dissipline nodig is, ook lyfstraf, moet dit ook beskikbaar wees.

"Hierdie graad 8 leerling sal dalk eendag self 'n ouer wees, en gegewe sy ooglopende gebrek aan respek vir gesag kan 'n mens kan maar net vermoed dat sy kinders eendag net so die kluts kwyt sal wees."