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Rethink health priorities - CDP

“The aim of the NHI, as proposed by the ANC, is to create a mechanism to level the playing-field and create an equitable distribution of resources, resulting in quality health service for all the people. “As Utopian as this may sound, the reality is usually much less idyllic.” So says Rev Theunis Botha, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“The National Health schemes in richer first-world countries need to continually be bailed out by their governments which inevitably lead to increased taxes. There is nothing like ‘free’ health-care, because if you are not paying for it then somebody else is. A strictly market-orientated approach may not be the answer; that is why the CDP has for years advocated a two-tier system where private health-care remains intact, while a 50-50 public-private partnership is entered into to ensure greater efficiency in the administration and maintenance of state facilities. Too much government involvement always leads to bureaucratic red-tape and squandering of tax-payers money. Nowhere is this more evident than in South Africa, where we have in the past, seen the ANC government hurtle headlong into hair-brain schemes such as Outcomes Based Education (OBE), refusing to heed the good advice offered to them and the evidence of failure in those countries that had earlier implemented it. When plans are forged by the foolish, results are always the same.”

“President Zuma’s interview on e-news is a clear indication of what happens when ideology supersedes commonsense. Equating the money raised for the Soccer World Cup to the NHI leaves one wondering. It should be pointed out that world cup expenses, although astronomical, were a once off occurrence and not something like the NHI that will have to be sustained year after year until it comes to its inevitable end. In the USA, the richest country in the world, the Democratic Party is presently facing election defeat for stubbornly insisting on implementing Pres. Barack Obama’s unaffordable health plan. But then that is America, where the voter’s voice still counts for something. “It would make more sense to upgrade present hospital and clinic services and family planning programs, which will check uncontrolled population growth, than to embark on a system which has virtually no chance of being implemented successfully. As it is, the health budgets of most provinces are grossly overspent. This is exacerbated by the fact that neighboring countries have not refunded SA for medical services rendered to their citizens, as was agreed to.”

“As long as the ANC government turns a blind eye to corruption, thievery, mismanagement and a lack of dedication and work ethics, the present chaos will only persist, no matter what new scheme is implemented.”

Herbesin oor gesondheidsprioriteite – CDP

“Die doel van die Nasionale Gesondheidsplan, soos deur die ANC voorgestel, is om ‘n meganisme te skep om die speelveld gelyk te maak en om ‘n herverspreiding van hulpbronne te bewerkstellig wat tot gehalte gesondheidsorg vir al die mense sal lei. “Dit klink utopies, maar die werklikheid is gewoonlik veel minder idillies,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“In ryker, eerste-wêreldlande, moet hierdie tipe skemas deurlopend deur die staat solvent gehou word, wat onvermydelik tot verhoogde belasting lei. Die ongelukkige waarheid is dat daar nie gratis gehalte gesondheidsorg is nie, want as die pasiënt nie daarvoor betaal nie, moet iemand anders opdok. ‘n Volkome mark-georiënteerde stelsel bied ook nie die antwoord nie, en juis hieroor het die CDP al vir jare ‘n tweeledige stelsel bepleit waar die private gesondheidsorg onaangesig gelaat word, terwyl ‘n 50-50 vennootskap gesluit word waardeur groter doeltreffendheid in die bestuur en onderhoud in staatsinstellinge bewerkstellig word. Te veel staatsbetrokkenheid lei tot rompslomp en die vermorping van belastinggeld. Dit is veral in Suid-Afrika duidelik waar die ANC in die verlede reeds holderstebolder in Uitkomsgerigte Onderwys ingedons het, ten spyte van kundige advies en bewyse

dat dit in ander lande waar dit op die proef gestel is, misluk het. Wanneer planne deur die dwases gesmee word, is die uitslag altyd dieselfde.”

“Pres. Zuma se onderhoud met e-nuus is ‘n goeie voorbeeld van waar ideologie belangriker as gesonde verstand geag word. Om die befondsing van die wêreldbeker-sokkertoernooi met die gesondheidsplan te vergelyk slaan ‘n mens dronk. Hoewel astronomies, was die uitgawes vir die sokker eenmalig, terwyl die uitgawes vir die gesondheidsplan jaar na jaar volgehou sal moet word tot dit onvermydelik in duie stort. Op die oomblik staar die Demokratiese Party in die wêreld se rykste land, die VSA, ‘n verkiesingsneerlaag in die gesig weens die implementering van pres. Barack Obama se onbekostigbare gesondheidsplan. In die VSA het die kiesers darem nog deur hul stemreg ‘n sê in hoe sake gedoen moet word.”

“Dit sal meer sin maak om die bestaande hospitaal- en kliniekdienste, asook gesinsbeplanningsprogramme op te gradeer, wat nie net ‘n onbeheerste bevolkingstoename sal stuit nie, maar ‘n beter kans staan as die gesondheidsplan wat bykans geen kans op sukses het nie. Soos sake nou reeds staan is die gesondheidsbegrotings van verskeie provinsiale departement erg in die rooi. Dit word vererger deurdat buurstate nie, soos ooreengekom, die rekenings vereffen van hul burgers wat hier hospitaalbehandeling ontvang nie. “

“So lank as wat die ANC-regering ‘n blinde oog werp op korrupsie, diefstal en wanadministrasie en die gebrek aan toewyding en werksetiek, so lank sal hierdie euwels net in die nuwe stelsel voortgesit word.”