PLAY AS AN INDICATOR OF PUBLIC OPINION IN ONLINE POLITICAL COMMENTARY: A CONTENT ANALYSIS OF ONLINE NEWS FORUMS LEADING UP TO THE 2014 SOUTH AFRICAN GENERAL ELECTIONS.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ANC: African National Congress
COPE: Congress of the People
COSATU: Congress of South African Trade Union
DA: Democratic Alliance
DPW: Department of Public Works
EC: Eastern Cape
EFF: Economic Freedom Fighters
GP: Gauteng Province
ICTs: Information and Communication Technologies
IFP: Inkata Freedom Party
MEC: Member of Executive Council
NFP: National Freedom Party
NDP: National Development Programme
NPA: National Prosecution Authority
SA: South Africa
SACP: South African Communist Party
SADF: South African Defence Forces
SAPS: South African Police Service
WC: Western Cape
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This study seeks to look at play as an indicator of public opinion in online political commentary of online news forums leading to the 2014 South African general elections. A qualitative content analysis was used to analyse viewers’s comments about 2014 South African general elections posted online. The concepts of critical discourse analysis, frame analysis play theory and network analysis were applied to extend and inform the study. A corpus of all commentary appended to 2014 South African general election news reports published online by Media24, Times Media Group, Mail &Guardian, Independent Newspapers, Caxton CTP, and TNA Media were selected. The study employed a purposive sampling technique and 1000 comments were extracted. The sample began four weeks before the election and ended two weeks after the event. NVIVO 11 was utilized to code these readers’ comments into their respective categories. The core findings of this thesis reflect that online readers do not just engage in play but are more interactive and participative on these online public forums and their political discourse echo political affiliations with different political parties, bearing in mind that South Africa has 13 political parties that participated and are represented in parliament. In addition, the findings revealed that, play cannot be parted with and remains inseparable with "what is real"; instead, play renews the real world by giving it sense and meaning. Play does not "re-present" nor falsify certainty but it enunciates certainty. The findings also revealed that most participants identify themselves with the ANC as the ruling party, the DA as the main opposition, the EFF as the most vocal party and then other parties. The findings further revealed that participants have different perspectives on different economic and socio-political matters such as, entertainment, slate politics, and political affiliation, cadre deployment, political bias, economic meltdown, diaspora, and western influence, abuse of power by those in high places, land reform programme, political power struggles, leadership change and corruption.
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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND TO THE STUDY

1. Introduction
This chapter will cover the introduction and background of the study, and provide a closer look at the definition of online news forums. The chapter will also look at Stephenson’s definition and argument on play. The chapter further elucidate the research problem, the aim of the study, objectives of the study, research questions as well as the structure of the thesis.

1.1 Introduction and Background to the Study
Online news forums are a ubiquitous feature of online journalism, where readers gather, discuss and even comment on news reports (Siapera and Veglis, 2012:112). A community of readers forms to participate as in a public forum where they post their comments in response to news reports and other readers’ comments. These comments offer researchers an opportunity to sample the public opinion of at least those who have online access to these news sites. This technological privilege means their views do not represent an aggregate political sentiment of the wider population to which they belong, but do at least reflect those found among a mainly middle class population with the means to participate online through their cell phones, personal computers and other digital devices. Play theory argues that audiences select and use media primarily according to the subjective pleasures these afford. In short, newsreaders do not engage in rationalist acts of ‘information acquisition’, but principally play with the media (Glasser 2000: 24). The factors that define play include freedom, self-satisfaction, enjoyment and expression of all basic motives of human behaviour.

Stephenson (1967) argues that reading the newspaper is play, and that people read newspapers because they find it pleasurable in the same way that a child’s game is pleasurable. ‘Where many critics of mass communication have gone wrong, Stephenson’s emphasis is in studying [the media] as essentially an agent of persuasion rather than as an agent of entertainment and pleasure (Berger 1995: 20). Stephenson’s (1967) play theory of mass communication offers a way of articulating both the reasoned and the culturalist aspects of citizenship, by seeing play as the way people typically read newspapers, watch television, listen to the radio and
participate in news forms online. That is, users are neither thoroughly rational nor completely creative in their uses of the news media. They are neither utterly constrained nor completely free. Play occupies the space between these two positions. While Stephenson’s 1967 text ‘has not been widely and favourably received’ (Glasser 1982: 102), its claim that media users principally play with media appears to offer an explanation for the range of online discourse found in news forums that purport to offer space for citizens’ opinion.

Online public news forums therefore offer researchers an accessible indicator of public opinion expressed in a natural setting. They (online news forums) offer raw data on matters people voluntarily talk about. Thelwall (2007: 277) suggests that weblogs offer the “first general-purpose source of retrospective public opinion in the social sciences.” Unlike standard surveys, extracting opinions from these forums provides a data set free of any preconception of the issues people talk about. Surveys and questionnaires require respondents to reflect upon and even modify their opinions, whereas recordings of these opinions expressed in a natural setting might come across as quite different. Surveys are good at capturing long-term changes of opinion, but online forums reveal the short-term shifts that often shape policy discussions. Forums are more informative than opinion barometers like approval ratings because they provide the immediate context in which opinions are expressed. In spite of these advantages, the research potential of using online forums for public opinion research is largely unexplored in the social sciences due to unsolved measurement and validity issues.

Scholars also question how representative online communication is of the public opinion at large (Goidel, 2011). On the other hand, critics of public opinion surveys (such as Gallup polls) point out that, these findings reflect their methodology more than the opinions they seek to gauge (Osborne & Rose, 1999). That is, Gallup polls are criticized for producing a ‘rationalised’ or ‘scientific’ version of what people believe. They find only what their methodology is able to look for and ignore those phenomena to which they are technically ‘blind’. By the same token, however, we can ask what effects the behaviour of participants in online forums has on any analysis of the opinion expressed there, and whether that behaviour gets in the way of measuring public opinion. Public opinion surveys are seen to reduce public
discourse to figures that can be easily applied to policy decision-making. Without such reduction, an account of public opinion would need to consider a discourse rich with emotional, expressive and quite irrational elements that would be difficult to measure. These phenomena are typically found in online commentary, where considered opinions (what is said) are found couched in a bed of emotional, hostile and provocative style (how it is said). This remains problematic for so long as we retain a rational model of media use and consumption. An alternative to the rational model is needed.

Stephensons (1967) Play Theory of Mass Communication posits ‘non-rational’ media practices to be normal media usage. But if one develops the concept of play as a disposition that mediates between the what and the how of political expression, and operationalize that concept in analyses of online discourse, instances of public discourse become amenable to public opinion research without having to reduce the data to a rational core.

This thesis reviews and compares different methods of drawing public opinion indicators from online communication, with a focus not only on what participants in online forums discuss about political issues, but also on how they discuss about it. Thus the concept of play is not only about emotion, but also concerns modification and resistance to preferred ways of reading. Stuart Hall’s (1980) Encoding/Decoding model becomes relevant here as it directly criticises rational assumptions about how people consume media messages. This last point makes relevant the concept of play itself. The thesis aims to investigate and to develop a comprehensive conception of play as an analytical concept. Stephenson’s model is useful to this end, but it becomes necessary to resort of Huizinga’s concept of Homo Ludens (1950) (Stephenson’s source) as well as Herbert Marcuse’s (1955) more critical use of the concept of play to gauge the research potential of online communication as a measure of public opinion, and to compare it to standard methodologies. It goes without saying that a thorough study of research into online public political discourse is necessary in this study. Sunstein’s (2001) use of the concepts of homophily and diversity in analysis of online discourse offer a useful correlate to reason and play.
To this end, this thesis aims to collect empirical evidence during the period leading up to and including the 2014 general election in South Africa to test the usefulness of standard agenda-setting, spiral of silence, framing and other theories that have a bearing on opinion formation in the context of the online communication environment, to include in the analysis at least the two concepts of homophily and diversity in preparation for applying the concept of play in analysis of these data. Hence one needs only consider the influence Habermas’ concept of the public sphere has had on the field to appreciate the difficulties of delimiting the scope of this study. Studies on conversation, discourse, dialogue and communication generally make delimitation all the more difficult.

1.2. Study Context
This study seeks to look at Play as an indicator of the practice of public opinion in online political commentary, a content analysis of online news forums leading up to the 2014 South African general elections. All the findings relevant to this study shall come from online comments that will be drawn from selected online news forums leading to the 2014 South African general elections. These will be commenters who have direct first-hand experience of what this study seeks to establish.

1.3. Research Problem
This thesis tests the usefulness of the concept of play as an analytical tool in the study of online news forums for purposes of gauging public opinion. The problem of this thesis can be stated as a syllogism. That is, if it is true that Stephenson’s (1967) use of Huizinga’s (1950) understanding of play provides a more accurate conception of media consumption than rationalist conceptions more often used to explain news media consumption and if it is true that commentary given in forums attached to online news reports appears to flout standard rationalist conceptions of news media consumption and then one can assume that “non-rational’ elements of public commentary in online news forums may be identified and analysed as instances of play. To that end, the thesis seeks to prove the problem raised by Stephenson’s (1967) use of Huizinga’s (1950) understanding of play that media consumers select and use media primarily according to the subjective pleasures they afford. In short, newsreaders do not engage in rationalist acts of 'information acquisition', but principally play with the media. This understanding becomes a major problem when
one looks at the detailed political and socio-economic problems and solutions thereof raised by media consumers when they engage with each other in online public forums.

1.4. Research Questions
This thesis seeks to answer the following questions:
(a) How do readers online constitute a discursive community that broadens play or public opinion on South African politics?
(b) To what extent does the online public commentary reflect play or interactions among online members?
(c) What are the political and socio-economic issues discussed by online readers during the South African 2014 general elections?

1.5. Aim of the Study
The aim of this study is to assess the relevance of applying Play as an indicator of public opinion in online political commentary through a content analysis of online news forums leading up to the 2014 South African General Election.

1.6. Objectives of the Study
The objectives of this study are:
(a) To establish if there are any political and socio-economic issues discussed by the online readers during the South African 2014 general elections
(b) To establish if readers online constitute a discursive community that broadens play or public opinion on South African politics
(c) To establish if online public commentary reflect play or interactions among online members.

1.8. Ethical Issues
This thesis did not require ethical clearance because it neither dealt with people nor animals but readers’ comments published online. The readers were perceived as using pseudo names thereby remaining anonymous. Their comments were not seen as confidential because they are easily available to every online media user at any given time.
1.9. Structure of the Thesis
The study will be structured as follows:

1.10. Chapter One: Introduction and background
This chapter covers the problem of citizenship and public opinion in online media. It introduces the concept of Play. The chapter also outlined the research problem, the aim of the study, objectives of the study, research questions as well as the structure of the thesis.

1.11. Chapter Two: Review of related Literature
This chapter reviews literature on theories of play, which will underpin this study. The chapter will also look at the public sphere, conversation and dialogue, discursive democracy in online forums, citizenship and public opinion, media use and political participation, interactivity in online media, civility in online discussion, internet-based political discourse, the promotion of online public discussions and comments, the online readers’ discussion community and play in Online deliberation among other issues.

1.12. Chapter Three: Research Methodology
This will discuss content analysis in the context of analysing online data. The chapter will also outline the research design, the research method used in this thesis as well as the ethical considerations.

1.13. Chapter Four: Data Presentation and Analysis
This chapter will present an analysis of the data collected from online sources. The chapter will outline the different concepts discussed by online participants. The chapter will also look at the relationship between play and seriousness as raised by online participants.

1.14. Chapter Five: Interpretation of findings in terms of Play Concept, Conclusions and Recommendations
This chapter interprets the findings in terms of the play concept. This chapter will also summarize all the political themes found in this thesis it will sum up the findings presented in chapter four, the network analysis of readers online discussed and their
connectivity to play theory as touched in chapter five. All in all, the chapter covers the main conclusion, limitations of the study and recommendations for further research.

1.15. Conclusion
This chapter presented the aim of the study, research questions, objectives and a methodology adopted for the study. The study also gives a background of the phenomenon under study and outlines a research problem associated with the concept of play as an indicator of public opinion in online political commentary. The significance of the study explains the purpose for the study and its contribution to the body of knowledge. It ends with stating the ethical considerations and further outlines the structure that shapes the thesis. The following chapter will look at the literature related to the thesis at hand.
CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Introduction
This chapter covers literature review of the various concepts relevant to the study. This includes review of the available literature on play and public opinion in online political commentary. The chapter will also look at the public sphere, conversation and dialogue, discursive democracy in online forums, citizenship and public opinion, media use and political participation, interactivity in online media, civility in online discussion, internet-based political discourse, the promotion of online public discussions and comments, the online readers’ discussion community and play in Online deliberation among other concepts. This chapter will also cover the theoretical framework that underpins this thesis.

2.2. The Public Sphere, Conversation and Dialogue
Livingston & Lunt (2013) noted that, public sphere alludes to a realm of social life in which something moving towards public opinion can be formed. Access is assured to all citizens. A part of the public sphere appears in every conversation where there is assembling of private individuals forming a public body. They at that point carry on either like business or expert individuals executing private undertakings, or like individuals from a constitutional order subject to the legitimate constraints of a state bureaucracy (Livingston & Lunt, 2013). Citizens perform as a public body when they put heads together in an unrestricted manner, with the assurance of the freedom of association and assembly as well as that freedom of publishing and expressing their opinions on issues of general concern. The nature of communication in a big public body needs particular means for information transmission as well as some influence on those that receive it. In the modern days the media of the public sphere is made up of newspapers, radio, magazines and television.

Kellner (2014) argued that, the public sphere is a concept that is central to the study of media because of the idea that the media plays a role as a facilitator of democracy by providing members of the public with equal access to information and equal opportunities to participate in public debates. According to Habermas, the public sphere is the nexus between public life and civil society emerging as an ostensibly neutral social space in which private citizens can engage in debates on issues important in social life. Public opinion can either serve to support or to challenge the
operation of the state. Regardless of what position it holds, public opinion ultimately works to influence state decisions. Habermas went on to note that, the very success of the public sphere depends upon robust rational critical debates which everyone is an equal participant and has equal opportunities to convince others on the strength of their arguments. Habermas noted a number of factors that are necessary for the success of public sphere, comprising extent of access, degree of autonomy, absence of hierarchy quality of participation and the rule of law. Habermas theory of the public sphere is normative as well as subjective which means that it works towards an ideal role as well as the reality of liberal democracies (Fishkin & Luskin, 2005).

Habermas (1991: 1) stressed that a public thing is “open to all”. The notion of a public sphere therefore denotes that the society is able to engage in critical public debates (Habermas, 1991:52). It is therefore a fact that, public sphere require the media for communication and information access by all the citizens. The reason of the public sphere is autonomous of political and economic power (Habermas, 1991: 36). Market laws are suspended as were state laws. Habermas thus stressed that, public sphere does not only relate to the sphere of public political communication only, but also to a sphere that is free from censorship by the state as well as from private ownership, which according to People et al., (2014), is free from particularistic controls. The question arising is, how the notion of the public sphere that is, in some instances related to the idea of civil society is connected to other dominions of contemporary societies. Habermas (1987, 1991, and 2006) stressed in several of his workings that it is a type of the interface and the intermediate sphere interceding between the state, economy and the realm of intimacy and the family. According to Habermas the public sphere is a cautioning system that has sensors, though unspecialized, are very sensitive in the society (Habermas, 1996: 359).

Habermas (1989: 73-74) further argued that, online public commentary acts as “public sphere” and this is where readers share their diverse opinions pertaining to the issues published by the media. Public sphere is a dais where “access is assured to the general populace with the assurance of freedom of assembly, association and freedom to express and publish their opinion about matters of interest” (Habermas, 1989: 73-74). The terms ‘conversation’, ‘dialogue’ and the ‘public sphere’
(Habermas, 1962) have had considerable influence in shaping contemporary communication theory. These terms are often used as synonyms of ‘communication’. The public sphere is seen as a politically effective space of communication, and relates to the importance given to talk in our current culture. Mass communication, by contrast, seems to be a less than ideal form of ‘communication’. For some time after the internet began in the early 1990s, it too was seen as yet another form of mass communication. However with the advent of Web 2.0 digital technologies, the possibilities for more authentic forms of communication became apparent. Online news forums appears to be a public sphere by expanding what was once limited to ‘letters to the editor’ in newspapers, thus they extend this institution by allowing exchanging of ideas between participants in real time.

Asynchronous forums in particular provide “[t]he first general-purpose source of retrospective public opinion in the social sciences” (Thelwall, 2007: 277), but their tone and content often make one wonder if the internet has only succeeded in allowing users to voice opinions that are more extreme than those they would express in public, and in encouraging homogenized cells of public opinion where participants, converged in like-minded discussion groups, become intolerant of opinions other than those they share in common. These discussion groups converge on public forums online where interaction between users situated across the globe could happen in real time. These forums (VOIP, video, convergence media, New Media) are a common place and a part of our daily lives that it is superfluous to list them here. We use email, sms’s, and online news forums without considering how these have changed the ways we communicate. Gone are the days when the public ‘talked back’ only through letters to the editor (Wahl-Jorgenson, 2007), or called a radio station during a ‘vox-pop’ talk show (Hermes, 2006: 297-298). These practices still do occur, but many more citizens choose to express their opinions online, most often using pseudonyms, which allows participants to voice opinions they might not express in a face-to-face setting.

The researcher is of the opinion that, the extensive use of online forums came with positive and negative effects to traditional media practices and thus journalism practice has also changed. The news media traditionally control (and edit) what letters get published, and this ‘talking back’ usually concerns readers responding to
the press. Thus, online news sites now as a matter of course, offer readers a forum to comment on the news and to interact with other participants. A large part of this behaviour might be related to publics finding connections with each other by similar means: via e-mail, listsers, chat rooms, bulletin boards and increasingly sophisticated computer-mediated interfaces. This does pose a problem for public opinion research. It brings many questions that lingers in our minds for a very long time, thus one begins to ask questions such as: How does one distinguish consumers from citizens online? Both seek affiliation, act out of personal and social identity, and both seek information. Perhaps this is no different to the question, who reads newspapers?

To that end, Sunstein (2006: 207) makes a useful observation that, we act at one time as consumers and at another as citizens; and our opinions may be contradictory on that basis. Public opinion surveys position respondents as citizens, but online opinion is problematically found as blend of consumer (what we want for ourselves) and citizen (what we want for the nation, and our place in it). Thus if such citizens are electronically looking for politically relevant information, then they engage in a political activity which means that, citizens do not only vote and attend rallies but decide their future. This means that surfing the internet with political interest must count as a kind of political activity. As a result, participation in online (political) news forums is an act of expressing one’s political opinion and an aggregate of those opinions must in some way be public.

It is noteworthy that, scholarly enthusiasm for online news forums as a locus of discursive democracy has not been muted (Tumber, 2001; Bennett, 2006; Nip, 2006; Reese et al., 2007); though, neither has its criticism (Matheson, 2004). Criticisms of the hyped democratic claims made on behalf of the internet include a finding that “Usenet groups are discursive contexts that do not promote qualitative forms of deliberation” (Janssen and Kies, 2005:318). One problem is the disjunction between, on the one hand, those aspects in theory of deliberative democracy to do with public opinion, and, on the other hand, actual discursive practices found in online news forums (p.325).
Hardaker (2010: 216) found out that, participants in these forums regularly violate Grice’s politeness principles of conversation, and the quality of ‘conversation’ falls far short of an idealized public sphere. As a result, conversation remains an art, even online. In their argument Fishkin and Luskin (2005) noted that, deliberative argument (and rebuttals) among lay citizens should be informed and supported by reasonably accurate factual claims. Participants should be willing to talk and listen with civility and respect. All points of view held by significant portions of the population should receive attention. The researcher noted that, public sphere promotes public discourse and acts as a strategic platform for public discussion. This democratic nature of the public discourse accords every member of the public an opportunity to contribute his or her own skewed or objective opinion. This is what the thesis seeks to prove by looking at the political and socio-economic concepts as discussed by online participants during the run to the 2014 South African general elections.

2.3 Discursive Democracy in Online Forums

Discursive democracy or what Hauser (2004) in Hauser & Grim, termed rhetorical democracy, stresses the importance of active citizenship and public discourse. Dryzek (1990: 475) argues that “democratization is mostly a matter of the more authentic political inclusion of different groups and categories, for which formal political equality can hide continued exclusion or oppression.” In 2004, Dryzek promoted the idea of deliberative publics, whether on a local, national or global scale. Gronbeck (2003: 20) argues that, “Government came to be understood as an organismic institution operating in time and space.” Citizens have various though limited rights in the spaces of a nation-state however, in cyberspace, citizens’ capacity to speak defy space (and time), and seek out information on the internet instead of their government representatives is not limited. In news forums, more and more people read what participants say about political statements than they do of the statements themselves (Gronbeck, 2003: 25).

Those who argue, new media have the power to “protect” democracy (Arterton, 1987) or to enhance it (Barber, 1984) point to the ability of the internet to close the geographic distance between citizens. In news forums, for instance, people can converge with like-minded others (or adversaries) in a common virtual space, establishing a public sphere as has happened, and still happens, in ‘town hall’
forums. The mass media are believed to bring about national and public conversations of news consumers acting as citizens (Barber, 1984). The new media have the ability to take this a step further, allowing for real time conversations to take place on matters of public importance (if not mere gossip). The researcher agrees with the notion that, news forums or internet offers citizens real time, and less censored space to discuss different issues that are of importance to their lives. Thus, the internet to a larger extent unlike other forms of media such as radio, television and newspapers to mention just a few is less censored.

2.4 Citizenship and Public Opinion

Citizenship and public opinion are mutually constitutive entities constrained by the quality and characteristics of the communicative and political environment in which they are formed. However, the concept of public opinion is problematic. In the era described in Habermas’s public sphere, public opinion was a discursive practice. But since the Gallup polls of the mid 1930s, public opinion research was a ‘normal science’ based upon standardised questionnaires. Here the mutual constitution of citizenship and public opinion comes more clearly into focus. Unlike the earlier era marked by a proliferation of newspapers each with its specific market, in “the broadcast era, it was easy to imagine an identifiable ‘public’ as constructed by exposure to similar news sources and political messages and as measured in public opinion polls as statistical aggregates” (Goidel, 2011: 20).

Public opinion research emerged during this period as a complement to the predominant features of broadcast media. “The social construction of the public as an aggregated total of individual opinions in such an environment served the very real and useful purpose of summarizing political attitudes” (Goidel, 2011: 18). Public opinion research had reached paradigm status at this time, but its emulation of natural science meant that what researchers were trying to ascertain was itself is a scientific construct “created by the procedures that are established to ‘discover’ it,” and rested upon the assumption that people are “thoughtful and rational citizens of a democracy” (Osborne & Rose, 1999: 382). The hegemony that Gallup and his fellow pollsters enjoyed into the 1950s remained impervious to occasional interjections by Lazarsfeld (Herbst, 2011: 90-91), Blumer (1948) and other communication scholars
who argued that public opinion, as it was actually measured, was an instrumentalist aggregate that bore little resemblance to the actual beliefs of citizens.

2.5 Media use and Political Participation
The link between news media use and political participation has been well established in research (McLeod, Scheufele and Moy, 1999). Hence the supposition that news about public affairs provides an imperative informational basis for political learning and collective action (Flanagin, Stohl and Bimber, 2006). However, these benefits tend to accrue most to people who are highly involved and invested in public affairs content. Within the tradition of selective exposure, for instance, research shows that audiences opt to encounter and attend to information on issues they consider most important personally or from favoured sources (Iyengar, Hahn, Krosnick and Walker, 2008). The researcher agrees with this notion and is of the opinion that it is not different with online news media, including blogs.

To date, scholars have found that online news sources also have a positive effect on participation (Papacharissi, 2002; Shah et al., 2005; Gil de Zúñiga et al., 2009; Lawrence et al., 2010; Brundidge et al., in press), and it has been argued that the Web has opened space for political reengagement presenting a potentially more equalitarian “digital democracy” (see Kahn and Kellner, 2004; Kobayashi, Ikeda, and Miyata, 2006). In this sense, online media supplement rather than replace offline media (Shah et al., 2005), and given the growth over the last decade of the internet in terms of content and users, a growing number of adults are embracing online technology to engage in public life and public affairs (Green and Coffey, 2006; see also Brundidge, 2010b). Previous studies have stressed the increasing role of the internet as a vehicle for political messages (see Shah et al., 2005; Jankowski and van Selm, 2008) where people can engage in the political process via the online world (Gibson, Nixon and Ward, 2003). News platforms such as blogs and user-generated websites have expanded the options for expression and discussion while offering different degrees of involvement.

However, for the most part, research has paid attention to the undifferentiated visiting of blogs and its impact on levels of political engagement showing a positive effect but without discerning between expressive and consumptive blog use. While
consumptive and expressive media use often may go hand in hand, pure consumptive uses of blogs is, in effect, a contemporary form of selective exposure or attention. People who only read blogs may not be as personally involved or invested in information as bloggers or those who post comments in others’ blogs. Indeed, beyond the consumption of information, commenting and exchanging ideas may elicit deeper intrapersonal reflection and reasoning processes (Cho et al., 2009), and there is evidence that expressive online communication is more engaging (McMillan and Hwang, 2002). The researcher agrees with these authors and is of the view that, consumptive and expressive uses of blogs may thus have varied consequences for people’s level of engagement with democratic processes such as discussing of political affairs, thinking about and reflecting on the information they encounter while participating in politics.

2.6 Interactivity in Online Media
Fiske, (1989) proposed the active audience theory which argues that, in the mass media environment, audience members can actively interpret all kinds of media content they consume rather than just passively receive what the mass media feed them. This theory has helped scholarship to move to a theory beyond the classic Frankfurt School assumption that, people stood little chance in resisting the constant and all-encompassing onslaught of mass culture (Horkheimer and Adorno, 2006). However, the active audience theory is based on a mainly one-way model of communication. Traditional media do not allow audience members to interact with or respond to content providers and the content itself directly, which in the mass audience era, may have limited how active mass audiences could actually be. The contemporary environment, while far from untouched by strategic logic (see Habermas, 1984) and corporate onlookers (Crawford, 2009), at least provides opportunities for interacting with and acting on media. As Jenkins (2006) argues, the current media environment is defined by convergence and creative reworking that allow audiences to archive, annotate, appropriate, transform, and re-circulate media content as well as create their own.

Furthermore, the interactive features of digital media such as real-time conversation, engaging, and no delay in message delivery (McMillan and Hwang, 2002) transform the traditional power dynamics in the relationship between information provider and
receiver. With interactivity at the centre of online media consumption, new media use changes the informational and interpersonal discussion dynamics, which have great potential in the online and offline democratic process (Graber et al., 2004), and provides expressive participatory options that traditional media use cannot easily achieve (Castells, 2007). Research also shows that online settings increase the sharing of information through recurring discussions given that blogs commonly link to all kinds of websites and online documents, blogging is in itself a conversation and exchange of information sources, satisfying both informational and expressive needs (Kobayashi et al., 2006).

2.7 Discussion Attributes: Reasoning, Weak ties and Disagreement

Interactivity is central to internet communication, but the Web, and blogs in particular, have other features that also could favour and enable political participation. For one, the internet is an appealing discursive medium, because online communication is both active and engaging (McMillan and Hwang, 2002). Likewise, the internet is an arena that promotes reciprocity and thus further sharing of information and arguments through recurring discussions (Kobayashi et al., 2006). This kind of involvement lends itself to a greater number of interpersonal discussions and reasoning efforts, and research has shown the importance of this kind of thought processing when it comes to public affairs (Mutz, 2006; Cho et al., 2009), such as discussing with people who back up their arguments with evidence and who propose alternatives for problem solving. Several studies have begun to explain how sharing and commenting on online news contributes to behaviours leading to political participation, whether online or offline (Shah et al., 2005; Gil de Zúñiga et al., 2009), likely based on the notion that the discussion spurred from it mediates the effects of media use on political participation (McLeod et al., 1999).

More important for the present study is the notion that active use such as seeking, sharing, and commenting on information online is more engaging cognitively than traditional media use and aids comprehension and learning. Thus, posting and exchanging messages through blogs also may reflect on these findings more so than just reading them. Hence, Gil de Zúñiga, Correa and Valenzuela (2012) argued that, interactivity also may help to compensate for some of the deficits associated with online news, including selective exposure to only those news stories that are
personally relevant. Although “listening” is essential to processing information and to developing a sense of intimacy with the online environment (Couldry, 2006; Crawford, 2009), additional expressive uses of blogs may translate more readily into actual political participation by helping people to more deeply understand the political implications of their “personalized” (Sunstein, 2001) interests. Further, these activities should also translate into action in the political realm through the effect of different discussion attributes, which mediate the effect of information on participation (McLeod et al., 1999; Valenzuela et al., 2012).

In particular, expressive uses of blogs should lead to the formation of larger networks, which, in turn, may provide access to novel resources and information that are not available in users’ immediate circle (Gil de Zúñiga and Valenzuela, 2011). Indeed, by virtue of their outward focus, people who express themselves online are likely to be the “gregarious” opinion leaders within their social networks, and opinion leadership has been linked to the formation of larger and more heterogeneous social networks (Katz and Lazarsfeld, 1955). Recent research has expanded on the importance of heterogeneous networks, which include “weak ties,” and found that the nature and form of personal networks has an impact on economic and social values (Granovetter, 2005). The importance of networks of weak ties is that they yield more diversity of thought than stronger, familiar ties, thereby exposing those linked “weakly” to new ideas. This is the foundation of the “strength of weak ties” (Granovetter, 1973). Building on this work, the online context is more strongly associated with weak-tie communication.

The internet is not geographically bound, which may facilitate contacts with strangers, or weak ties. As a result, online networks entail greater exposure to weak ties, offering enhanced opportunities for diversity and new ideas that may be central to spur further political involvement (Gil de Zúñiga and Valenzuela, 2011). This possibility is supported by research in the area of interpersonal communication, which suggests that exposure to interpersonal disagreement and diverse political perspectives may stimulate political participation (McLeod et al., 1999; Nir, 2005) by highlighting opportunities for involvement and fostering political learning (De Vreese, 2007). Although some research has found that exposure to crosscutting political perspectives actually reduces political participation due to increased experiences of
ambivalence and interpersonal cross-pressures (Mutz, 2006), Nir (2005, 2011) helpfully points out that it is important to be specific about what is meant by political disagreement and found that it is political opposition in network composition (relative to the ego position), and not competition, that decreases political participation (Eveland and Hively, 2009). Similarly, online exchanges can facilitate exposure to dissimilar views not present in one's immediate circle, as people are likely to be involved in heterogeneous groups online, which increase their chances to confront a wide array of information from many different perspectives (McKenna and Bargh, 2000).

It has been argued that, the internet promotes deliberative exchange of ideas (Papacharissi, 2002) and research has found that, politics entered into online and exchanged in forums of discussion not explicitly dedicated to politics, makes the internet a particularly suitable place to encourage different viewpoints (Brundidge, 2010a, 2010b; but see Wojcieszak and Mutz, 2009). This thesis supports the notion that interpersonal discussions are mediating and or moderating variables that trigger political activities in particular, those exchanges with people who are geographically distant. This is in line with the arguments of Shah et al., (2005); Xenos and Moy, (2007) who argued that, the expressive potential of the internet allows people to participate online and increase both their information-seeking and discussion activities, resulting in new opportunities to become engaged. This has consequences in the political arena.

Traditionally, political participation has been mainly understood in electoral terms as ‘voting’ however, more recent definitions have expanded the term to include all kinds of activities done by citizens with the direct goal of influencing political outcomes such as writing to politicians, attending political rallies, or being involved in political action groups (Brady, 1999). These activities have traditionally been measured in offline settings, but there are also degrees of involvement in online activities with the same political goals. Thus, people can contribute money online, contact candidates via e-mail, sign online petitions, and sign up to volunteer for political campaigns (Shah et al., 2005). Expressive uses of the Web have been shown to enable political participation, yet it is unclear how far this finding extends, to which forms of expressiveness and on which platforms (Habermas, 1989). The researcher is of the
opinion that, although political blog posts and commentary may not be “true political deliberation” they are still likely to be politically mobilizing due to their ability to promote the deeper processing of information and to alert individuals to the political implications of their particular interests.

2.8 The Internet and the Fragmentation of the Public

Arterton (1987) postulates that, there are those who argue for the power of new communication technology to “protect” democracy, or enhance it, and this in the perspective of Barber (1984), points to the ability of the internet to close geographic distance. Barber (1984) further argued that, in the quest to close the perceived geographic space, people can converge in a shared communication space with like-minded others or those who have differing views. Hence the researcher is of the opinion that town hall forums, national conversations on public issues, and media outlets, such as IOL, can bring together people from diverse backgrounds and provide a common set of experiences and information with which to unify the citizenry. The researcher therefore argues that, although these discussion forums minimise the geographical space amongst individuals, the plausible outcome of these diverse discussion spaces is that people end up spending more time arguing and attacking each other than engaging in rational deliberation. White (1997), for example, compares online conversations to teenagers fighting about: “who did so”? “Who did not?”, rather than engaging on meaningful debate.

Others identify the level of conversation as being facile, laced with ad hominem attacks, and far from meeting the ideals of deliberative democracy (Noveck, 2000; Streck, 1998). There are other observers of online discussion spaces who came to the conclusion that, more often than not, people fragment into like-minded discussion groups. Davis and Owens (1998: 124) further noted that, even though the internet has the potential of drawing into political dialogue individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, regions, and ideologies, in fact the discussions through the internet are more likely to be narrow or perhaps even narrower than those across the backyard fence.” Similarly, Selnow (1998) was concerned that the internet, unlike traditional mass media, pulls people into pockets of interests and it is within those pockets of websites and chat rooms, that they will co-mingle, hearing the perspectives they wish to hear, and avoiding exposure to alternatives.
Sunstein (2001) devoted a book to his concern that the internet fragments people into interest groups. In one of his chapters, he offered a hypothetical tale of a group of people who called themselves “The Boston Tea Party”. They had a discussion group online with approximately 400 participants. Over a number of years, members begin to have faith in the information shared such that it now serves as the basis for their political judgments. The individual members have grown more extreme in their perspectives on the role of government in the lives of individuals, radicalizing to the point of sharing bomb-making tips and agreeing on possible targets. This hypothetical Boston Tea Party, Sunstein believes, is an accurate composite of many online discussion spaces. At the core of his argument is a concern that, as like-minded people come together, they will come to hold a more extreme perspective than each individual would hold alone (Sunstein, 2001).

The researcher noted in this literature that, there are two competing claims about the nature of behaviour online. The first one is the diversity perspective which seeks to point that, people from diverse backgrounds converge online to share information and opinions and to argue with one another. The other, is the homophilly perspective which notes that people come online and find people with shared interests. Both have potential consequences that seem unsavoury. In the diversity perspective, the consequence is political talk that is unruly, irrational, and far from the ideals of public deliberation. In the homophilly perspective, people expose themselves only to like-minded perspectives and others, and can become more radical as part of the social interaction with those like-minded others. Both perspectives are in need of further empirical research.

Sunstein (2001), for example, based his critique of the online forum on anecdotal observations, often of the most extreme groups, and argues for longitudinal effects of online participation without having studied a particular discussion group over a period of time to measure whether such extreme movement occurs. Similarly, the studies of usenet often analyse the discussions by counting the number of attacks or observing a discussion for a period of time and concluding that there is little interactivity in posts (few people responding to each other). Therefore, such studies conclude the internet does not meet the ideals of deliberation (Wilhelm, 2000). It is on that note that the researcher discovered that, there is a general lack of studies
that explore users' own perspectives on their experience of engaging in conversation online. Thus scholars have come to their conclusions based on valid observations, but it would further round out the picture of online talk if users' perspectives were also understood.

2.9 Internet-Based Political Discourse
The internet has increased the amount and the availability of political content, thus instigating a debate as to the quality of the newly surfaced online discourse. Some scholars (see Shapiro, 1999; Papacharissi, 2002 and Plant, 2004: 54) suggest that the internet could promote deliberative exchange of ideas because it facilitates the distribution of information and the circumvention of gatekeepers because it enables the emergence of online groups that is, “individuals or organizations that come together through an electronic medium to interact in a common problem or interest space” (see Shapiro, 1999; Papacharissi, 2002 and Plant, 2004: 54). Although these conditions might seem theoretically ideal for invigorated political discussion, most observers remain sceptical. Their skepticism is based primarily on evidence on internet use for information seeking. Here, studies find that the majority of the top 100 most frequently visited websites are dedicated to commerce and entertainment as opposed to political discourse (Gandy, 2002).

Analysis of audience measurement ratings also suggests that over half of internet users do not access any public affairs information online, but seek out sports, financial, and entertainment websites (Tewksbury, 2003). Surveys moreover show that internet users use the internet to read their e-mails or obtain information from groups or websites associated with professions, hobbies, and sports rather than with political issues or causes (Horrigan, Rainie and Fox, 2001). Some scholars thus conclude that the online environment does not involve political discussions, but is rather “coming to resemble a realm of shopping, play, entertainment, and little else” (Barber, Mattson and Peterson, 1997: 38).

The researcher does not agree with the arguments of the above mentioned authors and is of the argument that, although these conclusions may be warranted, what they suggest about informal political talk in online discussion groups remains unclear. Little is known about the extent to which internet users participate in political
online groups, and even less about the extent to which non-political online spaces discuss political topics. Thus to date these gaps in basic knowledge have prevented meaningful evaluations of online political discourse. The researcher’s argument is in line with that of Delli Carpini, Cook and Jacobs (2003) who argued that, while political talk per se may be valuable, it is political talk that involves exchange of dissimilar perspectives that is especially beneficial to individuals and society at large.

It is on the same note that Blader and Tyler (2003) made contradictory predictions regarding the contributions of the internet to cross-cutting political discussion. They claimed that online groups might, for a variety of reasons, invigorate political discourse. Their argument was twofold, and the first one was that, the absence of nonverbal cues may prevent interlocutors from judging opinions based on factors other than the arguments themselves, such as the race or gender of the argument providers, thereby increasing the participation of disadvantaged individuals and diversifying the views expressed. In addition, online groups may facilitate exposure to opinions beyond the confines of participants’ immediate associations (see also McKenna and Bargh, 2000). Bargh, McKenna and Fitzsimons (2002); Stromer-Galley (2003) also noted that, the lowered sense of social presence experienced online may encourage expression of dissenting views and reduce the social risks and potential negative effects of disagreement.

Other scholars have suggested that, the internet primarily enables interactions with like-minded people (Van Alstyne and Brynjolfsson, 1997; Sunstein, 2001). In face-to-face contexts, individuals tend to select discussion partners based on similarities as noted by Laumann, (1973) to the extent that the same principle applies to online interactions hence Internet groups tend to be homogeneity. Online chat rooms or message boards may actually allow people to reinforce their predilections to an unprecedented degree, because the same features that enable internet users the potential to connect with dissimilar individuals facilitate their interactions with agreeable associates. Since the internet transcends the confines of local communities, users might easily locate like-minded online groups in distant parts of the country even if like-minded people were not part of their immediate environment, and via Internet partisans may anonymously voice controversial views without
fearing social repercussions otherwise experienced among dissimilar others (Hill & Hughes, 1998; Norris, 2002).

The researcher noted that, to date, there is no comprehensive empirical evidence on the potential of online groups to engage participants in discussions across lines of ideological difference. The evidence has been inconclusive or suggestive at best because studies that rely on standard random population samples produce too few respondents who participate in chat rooms or message boards, while other research has a larger number of participants, but is constrained by its use of convenience samples of online groups. This is in line with the argument of Dahlberg (2001); Stromer-Galley (2003) thus when they said “not surprisingly, when scholars study online spaces a priod defined as politically heterogeneous, they portray the internet as involving deliberative exchanges among open minded participants who appreciate dissimilar perspectives”.

Hill & Hughes (1997, 1998); Davis, (1999); Wilhelm, (2000); Wojcieszak, in press) further argued that, if researchers focus instead on partisan online groups, they are likely to conclude that the internet consists of echo chambers where like-minded people are exposed to one-sided arguments, which reinforce their initial predilections. To remedy the lack of representative evidence regarding political discourse on the internet, this study takes advantage of extremely large random national headlines related to the 2014 national elections. The researcher then extracted almost all the comments over two weeks prior and two weeks after the general elections.

2.10 Engaging Opposing Viewpoints in Online Forums

Online discussion of political and social issues has occurred over many interactive channels, including of note usenet (Davis, 1999), bulletin boards (Holt, 2004; Brundidge, 2006), e-mail, and chat rooms (Brundidge, 2006). Within online discussion research, some scholars argue that Internet communication serves as an excellent portal for debate among persons of varied opinions and beliefs. Holt (2004) stated:

“The ability of the internet to unite those of disparate backgrounds has great potential for fostering debate and discussion of issues in the civic arena. In
many cases, differences of opinion about, for example, political issues arise from lack of familiarity with the perspectives of other people." (Holt, 2004:14).

Research has shown that, online political discussion does serve to expose participants to non–likeminded partners (Brundidge, 2006). Yet, despite the potential of the internet to bring opposing camps together in a common (cyber) space and provide exposure to different ideas, some evidence suggests that this may not necessarily be occurring. The structure of the internet has been found to offer conditions particularly conducive to selective exposure to media content (Bimber and Davis, 2003). It has also been established that, individuals favour news and information that aligns with their own views (Mutz and Martin, 2001; Bimber and Davis, 2003; Best, et al., 2005). Along this vein, some evidence indicates that selective exposure also occurs in online political discussion arenas which may lead to political polarization. For example, scholars have noted that virtual communities are fairly homogeneous in terms of values and viewpoints (Dahlberg, 2001).

The researcher is of the view that, participants in online discussions often hold comparable political perspectives and tends to engage in civil conversations with those who agree with their views. This view is in line with the findings of Davis (1999) who found from his seminal study of ‘usenet’ that persons engaging in online political newsgroup discussion tended to “gravitate to groups agreeing with their own views.” Davis concluded that “usenet discussion must be viewed for what it is a means for reinforcing pre-existing views rather than a virtual community where people can freely express their differing views with each other …." Thus, online communities may serve to insulate groups from those with whom they disagree (Davis, 1999:162). Despite evidence suggesting otherwise, it is unlikely that online political discussion enhances exposure to different viewpoints, there is potential for online discussion to lead persons of contrasting viewpoints to engage in online discussion. In his study of online political discussion and heterogeneity among participants’ discussion networks, Brundidge (2006) concluded that individuals use the control the internet affords them to “seek out likeminded partners for political discussion but to [sic] do not comparably avoid non–likeminded partners when they are inadvertently exposed to them” (Brundidge, 2006: 21).
2.11 Civility in Online Discussion
The researcher is of the view that, it is of paramount importance to note how individuals interact once they have come together in an online discussion forum. This is on the backdrop of previous research into online political discourse which illuminated a theme of uncivil behaviour by disagreeing participants. In his writings, Davis (1999) concluded that, political discussion on online forums favoured brazen behaviour resulting in “vigorous attack and humiliation” on the less assertive. Davis found that the polite and respectful become discouraged from participation and the discussion becomes controlled exclusively by the belligerent. Such acts of attack have become known as flaming, a term used to describe posts made in online discussion that personally attack another poster or the poster’s ideas (Davis, 1999: 163). The presence of flaming in online political discussion has been reported at varying levels by scholars, with some research pointing to pervasive and disruptive levels of flaming (Hill and Hughes, 1998; Davis, 1999) and other research attributing less prominence to flaming behaviour (Rafaeli and Sudweeks, 1997).

In this research, the researcher noted that, one culprit of uncivil discussion is anonymity. This is in line with other researchers who have noted that, anonymity affords users a level of freedom and power to act in an uncivil manner as well as avoid being held accountable for their statements (see Barber, et al., 1997; Streck, 1998; Davis, 1999). Boyd and Ellison (2007) also noted that, all online deliberators create discrete profiles which consist of an ever-growing array of features and which are personalized by displaying photos, personal descriptions and much more. Once a user joins a group, the affiliation is noted in their profile (unless the group is secret or unless the user chooses not to disclose that affiliation). In addition, their profile image appears in the “group members” section of the group profile. Depending on the level of privacy members have selected for their individual profiles, group members may then view other members’ profiles. If an entry is made to the group discussion, a member’s profile image, along with full name and network affiliation, is displayed (Boyd and Ellison, 2007). Baron (2008) on the same note noted that, network affiliation is most likely a high school or university, but since being opened up in 2006 to anyone with an e–mail address this can also feature employer, country or city.
Baron (2008) further argues that, this is unlike other forms of asynchronous chat online where identifying information is often restricted to merely screen names or icons. It is on this note that the researcher noted that, the names, images and networks displayed in online chat could be false or only partially realistic. However, the amount of information available about individuals participating in discussions may not affect discourse in this unique space. Knowing that participants in a group discussion can access at the very least the name, photograph and network affiliation of a messenger may produce a sense of accountability. Because exchange in group discussion incorporates profile information, and not simply an anonymous screen name, persons engaging in discussion may feel a greater sense of interpersonal interaction. On the other hand, identifying information may be used as a source for *ad hominem* attacks, particularly in instances where the discussion has devolved to uncivil arguments. It is noteworthy that in this study, the researcher could not discredit the issue of anonymity enjoyed by online deliberators because there are no specific rules that forces an online commenter to expose/reveal their identity. It is the assumption of the researcher that anonymity makes online political commentary interesting for one is not afraid of victimisation hence they have the liberty to express themselves freely.

2.12 The Promotion of Online Public Discussions and Comments

Personal, interactive and informal discussions are promoted on online commentary forums by private or public citizens who informally gather to discuss issues pertaining to their day to day lives as published by different media houses (Hauser, 1999; Strandberg and Berg, 2013: 133). The researcher is of the opinion that, these platforms provoke public discussions and acts as a premeditated platform for readers to interact. Hence, Hyland and Paltridge (2001: 1) noted that, dialogue is all about the traditions of how “language works in our engagements with the world and our connections with others, thereby creating and shaping the socio-political and cultural formations of our societies”. On the same note Calhoun (1992); Sellers (2004); Chan, Rafik-Galea and Yap (2014) argued that, public discussion is a combined action of involvement in discussions on public forums where citizens have a right to participate with freedom of speech and expression. Mummery and Rodan, (2013) further argued that, it is these citizens who form a discursive community that emerges consciously to discuss political, economic and social problems that exist in
The scenery of the discursive communities affords each and every member a chance to contribute their own subjective or objective opinions that may deliberately criticize or eulogize any government (Mummery and Rodan, 2013). Contemporary mass media through the Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) has “provided a new epoch of new media, signaling abundant possibilities for citizen journalism” (Banda, 2010: 9). Citizens influence journalists who study their discourse, thus generating a discursive community which influences journalists to learn about their perceptions and this is known as citizen journalism (Chung, 2008: 660). Citizen journalism is regarded as “an individual or a group without involvement from paid and trained professionals” (Nip, 2006: 218). These citizens are individuals without any collaboration with the habitual journalism, they just develop the available communication platforms to report to one another (Domingo et al., 2008; Hermida and Thurman, 2008; Rosen, 2008). The insinuation of this is that citizen journalists research, gather, process, analyses, publish and report news and information, most often utilizing array of technologies made possible by the internet. Lewis et al., (2010) noted that, the availability of new media has to some extent minimized and even opposed the norm of gatekeeping in journalism that curtails news content (see also Ross and Cormier, 2010: 66).

The interactivity of readers on news sites promotes a propinquity of news consumption and this enables journalists to learn about their audience’s perceptions instantaneously (Chung, 2008: 660). However, the trend of interactivity “is now changing to participatory journalism for it captures the idea of collaborative and collective action and not a mere exchange of ideas” (Thilaka and Natarajan, 2012: 117). This makes participatory journalism and citizen journalism to be close in form. It is noteworthy that, participatory journalism involves news users who are given a chance to share their perspectives thus affording professional journalists a chance to utilize news produced by the audience (Nip, 2006: 218). This can be viewed in other contexts as an opportunity for audience to act as news agents, for they set the agenda, and discuss issues as agenda setters thus by determining the agenda setting, they act as news producers (Domingo et al., 2008: 335). These online discussions have aroused scholarly debate and empirical research studies.
Scholars noted that, online discussions are significant platforms for citizen deliberations (Banda, 2010; Ross and Cormier, 2010; Lewis et al., 2010). Although empirical studies dispute the online discussion as void of true deliberation, the discussion forums remain significant as public spheres (Strandberg and Berg, 2013). The public deliberation refers to readers' involvement into public discussions necessarily for problem solving (Manosevitch and Walker 2009: 2). These public spheres influence gatekeepers or journalists who study the discussions, “track reader’s behaviour”, and incline to select news stories that suit “readers’ content preferences” (Shoemaker, 1996: 80; Vu, 2014: 2). Santana (2011) also noted that, online comments have been so useful to news reporters. Thus commenters have challenged reporters to re-examine the news worthiness of a topic and have also provoked them to think of new and different stories to tell while pressurizing them to adopt a creative way of telling stories (Santana, 2011). In another study Karlsson (2011) also noted that, readers play different roles such as to criticise misleading headlines. Karlsson (2011) analysed the readers’ comments posted on four Swedish newspapers about the swine flu news reports. The study discovered that readers’ comments are so effective in the dominant media and influence the writing of news (Karlsson, 2011).

Shoemaker (1991: 79) noted that, readers’ discussion forums have been influential on journalists or the media and have somehow reduced the role of gatekeepers. Gatekeeping occurs when journalists select “what to write and what to include and what to leave out”. Traditional media as gatekeepers, select or decide on whether or not “to allow a particular news report, to pass through the ‘gates’ of a news medium into the news channels” (McQuail, 2010: 309). Gatekeeping is further described as “writing, editing, positioning, scheduling, repeating and messaging information to become news” (Shoemaker et al., 2008: 73). This means that journalists cannot write everything and publish all the received stories, meaning “some selection of news items is necessary” (Shoemaker, 1991: 80). The news stories are selected to fit into the space available in the newspaper. The media gatekeepers have been non-transparent and over-determined on the selection of stories for publication, which were not questioned by the public (Goode, 2009). Journalists were “aloof from their
audiences in the context of traditional media” (MacGregor, 2007; Vu, 2014: 3). In learning from their audiences, the media organisations used to depend on letters to the editor and radio phone-in programmes (Wahl-Jorgensen, 2001: 303-304). This had limited influence on news producers and editors for them to “adjust their daily editorial decision making” (Shoemaker and Reese, 1996:105).

2.13 Discursive Spaces, User Engagement and Perspectives on Public Platforms

Studies have been focusing on analyzing readers’ annotations featuring on online news articles (Abdul-Mageed, 2008; Singer, 2009; Manosevitch and Walker, 2009; Diakopoulos and Naaman, 2011; Milioni, Vadratsikas and Papa, 2012; Ajiboye, 2013; Henrich and Holmes, 2013). These studies explore the role of discursive spaces and user engagement on public platforms coupled with their perspectives. Singer (2009) employs a content analysis of user’s comments on three Scottish newspapers. Singer’s aim was to understand the political discourse and to identify online political communities and their characteristics. The findings showed that discursive spaces enable users from different areas to come together and debate on issues of common interest, while at the same time serve as channels for social interaction and community building (Singer, 2009).

In another study, Ajiboye (2013) examined the discursive strategies in online news feedback platforms and how they influence readers’ ideological perspectives. The data comprised of 201 readers’ comments derived from online news media reports on two socio-political crises in Nigeria. Ajiboyediscovered that, readers as social beings form a discursive community that plays a role in building social attitudes and public opinions (Ajiboye, 2013). They share common knowledge derived from a social context as they inform one another (Ajiboye, 2013). Their discourse is determined by the socio-political events and circumstances. Readers as social actors make use of ideological strategies such as polarization, generalization and hyperbole as they interact (Ajiboye, 2013). Milioni, Vadratsikas and Papa (2012) applied a content analysis to readers’ comments in Greek online mass media and they found out that, user engagement in raising new issues and arguments is very low. Readers rather discuss issues of common interest that have been released in the news articles (Milioni, Vadratsikas and Papa, 2012).
Manosevitch and Walker (2009) used content analysis to analyse the readers’ comments posted within the opinion pages of two major regional American newspapers. They established that, the involvement of readers in public discourse shows the aspiration for public interaction in most cases and that readers spend hours debating and responding to one another and they engage in political discussion. Manosevitch and Walker (2009:2) postulate that, readers’ comments are “analytic and supportive of social order”. Their comments are essential for public deliberation and can be taken into contemplation for solving political or social problems. Manosevitch and Walker, (2009: 21) noted that, readers’ comments offer information that is factual and rational. Manosevitch and Walker, (2009: 21) also discovered that, some “commenters engage in discussions for more than one point in its lifecycle” while some commenters stay online and comment in real time. Manosevitch and Walker (2009: 21) further noted that, “some commenters respond to each other by direct reference to username or by responding to questions raised, clarify positions or follow up with information”.

Similar to the above argument, the researcher noted that, the online commenters’ usernames are identical and common among commenters and that, readers do not just criticize one another but they also address each other, raise questions and share additional sources of information in a dignified way. Diakopoulos and Naaman (2011) mainly studied the readers’ comments on SacBee.com news articles and discovered that news sites are increasingly changing to become platforms for communities to discuss and address common issues that affect the general populace. In most situations, the discourse of readers’ comments reflects the nature of topicality, tensions and different perspectives within online communities. Hence Diakopoulos and Naaman (2011) pointed out that, journalists and readers at times view the quality of online comments as sometimes offensive with the potential to arouse counter responses or insults.

Abdul-Mageed (2008) on the other hand investigated readers’ comments on Al Jazeera news site and found that readers comment on the site regularly on different stories and that the news articles focus on themes mostly related to military and political, foreign relations, and covered events related to the Arab world (Abdul-Mageed, 2008). Henrich and Holmes (2013: 1) pointed out that, readers respond to
other readers’ comments online recurrently. They further noted that readers’ comments are “a rich source of qualitative data that reflect public opinion and provide insight into how decisions are made and beliefs formed” (Henrich and Holmes, 2013: 1). Readers may also correct what they believe to be misinformation in other comments, argue as they support ideas, share websites links with relevant information and provide factual information (Schuth, Marx and de Rijke, 2007). Their attitude is shown through clicking on either like or dislike on the comment. However these comments “cannot be taken as representative of the views of the general population” but instead the high number of comments available reflect the opinion of a large segment of the population (Henrich and Holmes, 2013:2).

Strandberg and Berg (2013) examined whether readers’ comments in a Finnish newspaper website represent democratic discourse. They used content analysis as method to analyse 300 reader comments in a timeframe of three weeks. The findings of their research indicated that some readers’ comments reflect a democratic and non-democratic conversation. Mcmillen (2013: iii) explored the “deliberative properties of social interaction in online comment thread.” The sample of the study was collected from three different online news sites the hill.com, nation.com, and the nationalreview.com. The research findings stated that online comments reflect “evidence of informal conversational style” (Mcmillen, 2013: iii). The study discovered three common themes of social interaction which are “tolerance for hostility, encouraging quality debate and a value of information exchanges” (Mcmillen, 2013: iii).

2.14 The Modes of Public Participation in South African Democracy
As South African democracy evolves and potentially matures, South Africans have been using a range of democratic institutions and processes (both claimed by the citizens and government-initiated) to constitute their continuously evolving interface with government. This section first provides general conceptualisations of participation and participatory democracy, and then develops the concept in its South African application. Cvetkovich and Earle (1994: 163) observe that public participation can take many forms, including testifying at hearings, taking part in public opinion surveys and serving on advisory organs. In addition, direct action, including peaceful and violent protests, constitutes powerful forms of civil society
participation in governance and engagement in the policy processes (across the analytically differentiated phases of the policy process).

The DPLG (2007b: 15) argues that public participation denotes an ‘open, accountable process through which individuals and groups within selected communities can exchange views and influence decision making’. Cvetkovich and Earl (1994: 164) found out that, one of the fallacies regarding public participation is that the mere act of participation satisfies people and makes them believe that justice has been done. People in the act of participation are given ‘voice’. They have the opportunity to express their opinions on matters that affect them. Referring to the work of Sampson, Cvetkovich and Earle (1994: 174) argue that the problem with this ‘accommodative voice’ is that power relationships are left unchanged. Instead, the key to public satisfaction is the giving of ‘transformational voice’, which enables people to also affect outcomes and to be satisfied with the knowledge that they had exerted that power.

These observations are notable for the report, given that they emphasise that participation is not merely acts of engagement for the sake of engagement, but is exercised for particular progressive and developmental objectives. For the purposes of the study at hand, the following six modes of popular participation are distinguished: The first one is that members of civil society could desire active engagement in the phases of agenda setting or in policy formulation. The analysis conceptualises this as ‘proactive (conventional) participation’. It may be manifested upon request and initiative by government, or be of a more spontaneous nature. It may emanate from community and/or NGO initiatives. Secondly, citizens might be satisfied with having their interests represented by their elected members of government, across the respective spheres. ‘Representation’; or representational participation, is the term used in this regard and it relates to the notion of indirect or representative democracy.

Thirdly, the political and bureaucratic executives drive processes for the integration and coordination of policy and governance. These include a wide range of centre-driven initiatives, also in the domain of giving effect to policy initiatives. This became the centre of the top-down range of participatory initiatives that were solicited from
mainly elite civil society stakeholders. However, several of the initiatives in the next bullet point were also linked to these ‘centre initiatives’. Fourthly, ‘community-engagement participation’ is identified as participation that relates to a range of important phases of the policy process and governance, and has a bearing on engagement with members of both the political and the bureaucratic spheres of government. It is also ‘extended’ participation, because these initiatives often involve participation that helps bolster the conventional channels of representation. It brings executives, legislatives, bureaucrats and citizens together to help address developmental issues that might have become neglected in the processes of more conventional representation and participation.

Fifthly, civil society members could regard the formal processes as ineffectual, and feel that pressure, protest and mobilization are the required forms of policy participation. This is referred to as ‘alternative (or unconventional) participation’. It constitutes an extension of the modes of public participation, and, at this stage in South Africa’s unfolding democracy, is also aimed at the deepening of democracy. Lastly, participation may also evolve in more passive, ‘information-related modes of engagement with government’. Most citizens, in some form or another, receive government and policy-related information. This would be either directly from government media, or from the mass electronic and print media on government. Citizens may use this information to try to become more active participants in public affairs. The initiative for the first and third options comes mainly from government; the initiative for the fifth type of participation is overwhelmingly bottom-up, while that of the second category is initiative from below but with dependence on facilitation from government in order for it to manifest itself. However, the majority will remain relatively passive recipients on information that will, in due course, impact on the other modes of participation either to change or to sustain prevailing modes.

2.15 The Online Readers’ Discussion Community

The online readers’ discussion community forms subjective opinions and these valuable subjective judgments have an impact on shaping public opinions and general social attitudes (Ajiboye, 2013). Readers form a discursive community that plays a role in building social attitudes and public opinions. They share common knowledge derived from a social context as they inform one another about different
socio-political issues (Ajiboye, 2013). It is on this backdrop that Ajiboye (2013) noted that, readers make use of ideological strategies such as division, simplification and exaggeration so as to shape other readers’ attitudes and judgments.

Diakopoulos and Naaman (2011) also renowned that, the online discourse reflects a scenery of topicality, meaning readers could discuss issues from one topic to the other. However, Readers can insult one another, correct what they believe to be propaganda in other comments, generate their own arguments as they support ideas, share websites with relevant information and may go as far as providing factual information (Schuth, Marx and de Rijke, 2007). Their annotations are in addition “a rich source of qualitative data that reflect public opinions and provide insight into how decisions are made and beliefs formed” (Henrich and Holmes, 2013: 1). It is however important to note at this stage that, some readers’ comments reflect a democratic conversation on one hand and non-democratic on the other hand.

2.16 Competing Conceptions of Democracy

John Rawls argued that, politics is concerned with “political justice and the common good, and about what institutions and policies best promote them.”(Rawls, 2007:1) In making decisions about these values and the shared institutions which advance them, political communities face both procedural and substantive questions regarding settlement of pervasive contentions. Members sometimes disagree with fellow community members on political questions such as: Who should legitimately participate in the decision making? How, and under what circumstances? Who should be bound by the decisions? In situations like these Cristiano (2003:1) noted “democracy is just one system of collective political decision making which provides solutions to this disagreement problem”. To make matters more complex, democracy itself is a political issue and its conception is not outside the nucleus of political controversy. Democratic theories come in different forms and varieties. In his essay titled “Three Normative Models of Democracy” (1994), Habermas proposed the conceptions of democracy. All of these conceptions of democracy fall within the same tradition of political theory, but have important differences.
According to Habermas, the first of these models, the liberal conception, views democracy as an arrangement in which the divergent interests of private citizens are aggregated through competitive elections (Habermas, 1994: 2). He traces this view to the English philosopher John Locke. In modern times, the aggregative conception is highly influenced by Joseph Schumpeter’s great post-war publication capitalism, socialism and democracy (Schumpeter, 1942). Shumepeterians do not speak in a monolithic voice; yet they agree on some fundamental pillars of democracy. They emphasize the liberty of the ancients- negative political liberties. The legitimacy of a given political arrangement is measured insofar as it gives equal consideration to interests pursued within the legally defined private boundaries of citizens. They conceive political process not just in proceduralist terms, but as the fundamental constitutive element of social life, where members of a political community create solidarity through participation and deliberation, and where members through mutual understanding and reciprocity articulate the common good. Perhaps, Ronald Dworkin’s (2006) “Partnership Democracy” best fits this non-adversarial, non-aggregative democracy even though Dworkin himself isn’t a radical maximalist.

Habermas, whose sympathies lie with the latter view, nonetheless charged modern republicanism of ethically overloading politics, of assimilating politics to “a hermeneutical process of self-explication of a shared form of life or collective identity”(Habermas, 1994:4). He proposed a third theory: the discourse theory of democracy, which argues for a “de-centered” society. By treating the political system just as one “among several subsystems” of a society, discourse theory makes a sharp distinction between political questions and ethical questions relating to the common good. It salvages the republican roots of democracy, but steers clear of conflating the issues of justice with ethical discourse. In the sense that it calls for public reason, it is maximalist. Yet it is also proceduralist in that it calls for politics to “be structured and steered” (Habermas, 1994:10). Broadly speaking, republican and discourse theory can be referred to as civic-public theories of democracy, as opposed to the liberal-aggregative theory.

This dichotomy is important because, despite Habermas’ insistence on the distinction, maximalist democracy theorists don’t necessarily respect the sharp lines he drew. “Even if we consider some distinctions between the right and the good at
philosophical and institutional levels as being essential to preserving democratic freedoms in societies in which multiple visions of the good compete,” Seyla Benhabib wrote, “this distinction does not commit one to build a cordon sanitaire around political discourse such as to block off the articulation of issues of collective identity and visions of the good life” (Seyla, 1996: 7). As Starr (2008) rightly claims, the historical narrative of the liberal-aggregative conception of democracy tends to be generally progressive. Minimalist democrats therefore instinctively believe that new technology including the internet always leads to increasing democratization and development. Indeed, the sources of most of the triumphalist rhetoric in the early days of the internet were minimalist democrats. Yet it is minimalist democrats who are left with daunting questions to answer in the debate on the internet and democratization in authoritarian countries.

In contrast to minimalists, the civic-public democrats are less inclined to declare victory. They tend to see the history of democratization as that of “struggle and betrayal” (Starr, 2008: 41). From Dewey to Postman to Habermas, civic-public democrats have viewed new forms of media very critically. The internet is no exception, and famous critics of the internet’s democratization deficit like Cass Sunstein and Eli Noam are entrenched members of the civic-public group. Paradoxically, the more convincing cases about the positive relationship between the internet and democratization in authoritarian countries are made by the maximalist democrats. In a perceptive article, Min Jiang, for example, argued that the internet is expanding public deliberation in China. This is largely because, as previously mentioned, the internet’s many-to-many architecture is suited to participation and deliberation (Jiang, 2009). In light of this, a more reliable evaluation of the internet’s democratization potential is one that uses the maximalist approach. However, one problem of this flexible application of democratic theories is, as Patrick Bernhagen (2009:27) noted, “the ability of defining what the thing is independent of and why one is interested in it”.

2.17 Measurements of Online Democratic Participation
The preeminent action in the civic-public version of democracy is participation (Pateman, 1970). There is a tension among theorists of this camp regarding the normatively attractive ideals of participation. Some articulate a theory of democracy
which attributes instrumentalist functions to participation. Cohen, (1997) stated more concretely that, this view holds participation as a method of decision making with its main task being “problem-solving”; however others consider this view as too narrow. They propose a conception of participation which is “dialogic”, where citizens interact with each other politically to “understand mutually the self and others, resulting in the production and reproduction of rules, shared values and public reasons for deliberation” (Kim and Kim, 2008:54). This difference in the conception of democratic participation underpins the contention among civic-public theorists regarding the nature and sense of democratic political space. Instrumentalists, with the assumption that disagreements of political nature can be solved through deliberation, set varying but generally stringent normative constraints on political space to secure democratic legitimacy (Cohen, 1989; Elster, 1998; Rawls, 1999; Ackerman and Fishkin, 2003; Dryzek, 2006). Barber (1984) noted that, those who emphasize the dialogic dimension of participation, however, are reluctant to set too many conditions of participation since rigorous structures and procedures are considered to excessively limit every day non-purposive political talk. The political space here is conceived as very informal a view that the researcher agrees with for there is no formal code of conduct to follow or structure of argument that formalise the online political sphere.

Irrespective of these differences discussed above, it is purposeful to define a minimum set of criteria of political spaces that can be agreed upon by the contentious theorists of participation. Benkler (2006) identified five minimal “desiderata” of what he called “the public sphere”: namely, universal intake, filtering for political relevance, filtering for accreditation, synthesis of public opinion, and independence from government control (Benkler, 2006: 182-185). Although he claims that this set of requirements is agnostic to the competing conceptions of democracy, there is little doubt that they are, at least, more relevant to the active conceptions of democracy. The aggregative conception of democracy will see a public platform constrained by any desiderata except those that ensure the pursuit of private interests (or aggregated individual interests) without the interest holders stepping into each other’s boundaries with stern skepticism. Benkler’s requirements are too positive for that version of democratic theory and his proposal is incisive. But it misses two requirements most theorists of democratic participation would settle on: universal representation and accessibility.
Universal representation is different from universal intake in that, while the latter looks at diversity in terms of differences of views and opinions and emphasizes that, in principle, the views and opinions of all citizens are accorded equal respect and concern, universal representation focuses on issues of political presence, the view that puts the “mirror test” on the legitimacy of a political system (Young, 1990). The mirror test rejects the classical liberal notion that values diversity of ideas not characteristics of the agents of the ideas as a “damning complacency” (Phillips, 1996: 141). The central message in the mirror test theory is that: who represents is as important as what is represented. Advocates of this view approach the issue from different theoretical directions. Some raise the question of political equality and power, questioning the full legitimacy of a democracy that doesn’t deal adequately with “the experiences of those social groups who by virtue of their race or ethnicity or religion or gender have felt themselves excluded from democratic process” (Phillips, 1996:141). A few others offer statistical justifications: the politics of presence as the reflection of the make-up of society.

The slightly different version of the statistical argument comes from theorists of participatory democracy who put a normative requirement of transcending particular affiliations in participatory discourse, but accept that a valid question can be asked about the robustness, if not the legitimacy, of a democracy if platforms of public participation don’t fairly represent the distributions of characteristics of a society. Even egalitarian liberals, who give qualified support for participatory views of democracy, recognize the mirror test in one form or another as a corrective measure of a distorted reality. Ronald Dworkin, for example, supported identity-based preferential treatment as a means of reducing the degree of identity-consciousness in society (Dworkin, 1977:224-39). There is a theoretical possibility that a participatory political platform with universal intake and universal participation is still inaccessible to a fair chunk of citizens. We can, say, imagine a legislative body meeting with a “manageable set of political discussion points” and the presence of members of diverse groups but with significantly constraining rules of citizen petition and consultation.

The story of a citizen alienated from her political system owing to its inaccessibility is a common narrative of books and surveys about modern politics. This pervasive
anxiety is not necessarily just a result of lack of representation of one’s ideas as some commentators would like us to believe. It is, to a large extent, a result of the feeling of losing control and power. Civic-public democrats put a great premium on citizens’ engagement in political process. A participatory political platform which doesn’t have a fair degree of accessibility to citizens potentially founders on its alienation of citizens from the political system. Added to Benkler’s (2006:182-85) desiderata, these two criteria form a promising, empirically useful, set of requirements for a participatory political platform.

2.18 Theoretical Framework
This thesis may be seen broadly as a textual analysis of popular media forms. The framework is qualitative and interpretive in so far as it entails a close interpretation of texts to discover their deeper discursive meanings. Schwandt (2001) noted that, qualitative research is a comprehensive term which covers a wide range of techniques seeking to describe, decode, translate, and somehow come to terms with the meaning, rather than the measurement or frequency of phenomena in the social world. Thus, qualitative research is more inclined to text rather than numbers. Hence interpretive research is defined in terms of epistemology. That is, the foundation supposition for interpretive research is that information is obtained and filtered through social structures such as language, cognizance and shared meanings. An interpretive framework assumes that opinions expressed online articulate discursive deep structures. A content analysis would operate within that assumption. It is on that assumption that this thesis builds on the homophilly and diversity and the play theory as its theoretical framework.

2.18.1 Homophilly and Diversity
The homophilly perspective holds that people go online in search of people with the similar concern. By contrast, the diversity standpoint holds that people from different backgrounds meet online to part information and sentiments and to debate with one another (Sunstein 2001). Both perspectives point to problematic aspects in online participation or deliberation. Homophilly points to a tendency in participants to reveal their views only to where like-minded views are expressed, and to become more radical than they would do in an ‘offline’ context. The diversity perspective notes the tendency of online political talk to become unruly, irrational, and far from the ideals of
public deliberation. Stromer-Galley (2003) criticizes Sunstein’s views for being based on anecdotal observations “without having studied a particular discussion group over a period of time to measure whether such extreme movement occurs.” She adds that “[b]oth perspectives are in need of further empirical research.”

Habermas (1962, 1989) on the other hand noted that, political deliberation, or conversation among diverse people brought together in a public sphere to discuss and solve common problems, is important to public opinion and democratic practice. A number of writers (Goidel 2011; Gronbek, 2003; Voltmer and Römmele, 2002; Wang, 2010) argued that the internet plays a role in promoting participatory democracy (or deliberation) by bringing people together to engage with a diverse range of (political) opinions. But political communication theorist Cass Sunstein (2001, 2009) is concerned that the internet actually divides people into interest groups, thus discouraging meaningful democratic participation. Sunstein’s argument rests on two key perspectives or arguments about participation in online forums.

This researcher used homophilly and diversity as one of the analytical tools because of their assumption. The assumption of homophilly that, people go online in search of people with the similar concern is in line with what this thesis seeks to prove. That is people amalgamate online to share political commentary on online news forums leading up to the 2014 South African general elections. The diversity perspective is also useful in this thesis in that, it notes the tendency of online political talk to become unruly, irrational, and far from the ideals of public deliberation an idea that the thesis seeks to prove.

2.18.2 Play Theory

Play theory argues that audiences select and use media primarily according to the subjective pleasures they afford. In short, newsreaders do not engage in rationalist acts of ‘information acquisition’, but principally play with the media (Glasser 2000: 24). The factors that define play include freedom, self-satisfaction, enjoyment and expression which are all basic motives of human behavior. Stephenson argued that reading the newspaper is play and that people read newspapers because they find it pleasurable in the same way that a child’s game is found to be pleasurable. “Where many critics of mass communication have gone wrong, Stephenson emphasis, is in
studying [the media] as essentially an agent of persuasion rather than as an agent of entertainment and pleasure” (Berger 1995: 20).

Play theory is most notably associated with the work of Dutch cultural historian Johan Huizinga (1950), but it was psychologist William Stephenson (1967) who first applied Huizinga’s thinking to mass communication. That mass communication scholars have not taken play theory seriously (Glasser 1982, 102) may have a lot to do with its association with games, children and other ‘things’ not considered sufficiently rational and adult-like. Certainly, for Stephenson the fundamental outcome to be derived from much of mass communication is merely plain, old-fashioned fun. Thus, in his writing he stated that, "Our theory . . . in as far as mass communication involves entertainment is typically a matter of communication pleasure without any substantial achievement and obliges no work purposes, but it does induce certain rudiments of relaxation" (Stephenson 1967, 59). Glasser, however, finds this theory to be “a fresh and compelling alternative to and in many ways a convincing refutation of conventional explanations of media consumption” (Glasser 2000, 23). Berger describes Stephenson’s book as “one that offers some offbeat and interesting ideas” (Berger, 1995, 19).

It is noteworthy that, Huizinga’s presupposition of play was and is still a subject of criticism for no one has yet established a working definition of and argument thereof. In his definition of play, Huizinga began with the suggestion that play is realised, imaginable, and coherent when an array of mind dissects the entire determinism of the universe (Huizinga, 1950). According to him, play is the opposite of seriousness, which is subjugated by determination. It thus offers relaxation away from real life for it is deliberate and impulsive. It transpires within identified parameters and transpires timeously. Thus play commences and concludes on its own and yields nothing more than play itself. The essence of play is to have fun since it encompasses a play community distinct from others by means of special uniforms, emblem, or formalities. Fundamentally, Huizinga asserted that play is an intricate phenomenon, an essential category that can only be defined in terms of its opposite thoughtful, normal, day to day life. Huizinga (1950:68) argued that, Play is a fundamental category, not only because it cannot be explained by anything else (“the fun of playing resists all analysis, all logical interpretation”) but also because it precedes human society and
culture chronologically. "Play is older than culture, for culture, however inadequately defined, always presupposes human society, and animals have not waited for man to teach them their playing (Huizinga in Buytendijk, 1933, 1976).

In this thesis, the play theory is tested against many critics however in so doing, the objective of this thesis is not to demystify Stephenson's theory or infer somewhat flawless unanimity but to maintain the argument and enhance the terms of the argument. Hence, the researcher noted that, although deliberated by many scholars, Play theory has not been spared from criticism. The supposition that ‘Huizinga's formulation of the link between play and reality is erroneous’ seems true. On the one hand, Huizinga constantly contended that play does not disregard seriousness if the two were reciprocally circumscribed; it would clearly make no sense to probe how far culture itself encompasses the character of play. On the other hand, Huizinga was equally insistent on maintaining play and seriousness as two separate categories. As a result of this ambiguity, he was unable to provide an objective criterion for judging where play ends and seriousness begins.

This researcher chose play theory as the analytical tool because it explains why online participants are not always involved in serious debates but finds time now and again to play with each other. The thesis follows the supposition that play offers relaxation away from real life for it is deliberate, impulsive and it transpires within identified parameters and transpires timeously. Thus play commences and concludes on its own and yields nothing more than play itself.

2.19 Play in Online Deliberation
Coleman and Blumler (2009: 4–5) in Caldwell (2013) noted that, citizen is normally taken to be an individual, resident of a state, with absolute rights, informed by the mass media, with contribution to public discussions on matters of public interest, voicing his/ her interests in the public domain, trying ‘to influence public policies and decisions, ranging from choosing and voting for a certain individual or political party putting up posters, being part of advocacy assemblages or be part of the law breaking citizens. However, it was (Oakeshott 2004: 65) borrowing from the writings of the political philosopher Michael Oakeshott's (2004: 496) who with great emphasis postulated that, citizens are ‘members of a community and of a country as
a whole’. Certainly, citizenship embraces participation in public dialogue in as much as dialogue constitutes democracy (Kim, Wyatt and Katz 1999: 362). Dialogue is evasively a distinctive phenomenon of citizenship than is membership of a state, not restricted to activities such as voting, and tax remittance. In their writings on deliberative democracy, Fishkin and Laslett (2003: 4) postulated that ‘there are many possible institutional settings for deliberation’. A notion which Sunstein (2003: 80-81) agrees to when he noted that “…each society has its own internet discursive collectives who engage in discussions on day to day issues”.

It is noteworthy that, extensive literature has been covered with the intention to investigate how the internet has become a leading site for political parties and government agencies to assess public opinion (Goidel, 2011; Voltmer and Römmel, 2002; Wang, 2010), and news media surveying ‘those with internet access with an interest in the news and subsequently weighing in their expressive response’ (Myers 2004: 67). Moreover, the internet has developed into a site for public discussion by people who are side-lined by the real politics, as well as for associations with a global reach (Caldwell, 2013). Those vying for ‘online democracy’ have stimulated the belief that an invigorated public sphere is in the offing; that the option for ‘letters to the editor’ will, in internet, become a dialogical discussion between participants in a more or less real time basis (Crespi, 1997: 89-94; Morris 1999; Bennett and Fessenden, 2006; Barlow, 2008; Mossberger, Tolbert and McNeal, 2008).

This thesis, is dealing with interaction in an online news forum. The data set comprised reports published on Media24, Times Media Group, Mail & Guardian, Independent Newspapers, Caxton CTP, and TNA Media during the period leading up to and including the 2014 general election. Primarily it was supposed that the comments would be coded and analysed in order to indicate public sentiment about online discourse, if not actual ‘public opinion’, given the representativeness of participants with online access. Using insights drawn from conversation analysis, the interaction between participants on the forum would be studied as an expression of citizens’ deliberation, if not deliberative democracy. In line with the above oversight the data gathered reflected that participants would either respond to each other or respond directly to the story. This to some extent portrays that the internet is reach in public opinion though it does not debunk the fact that play is involved.
2.20 Differentiation of Play from Seriousness

Although not the primary objective of this thesis, it remains imperative that there is a certain disparity between play and seriousness. In so doing, the work of Benveniste (1996) proves exceptional in paving the way for a workable indulgent for he provides a formula for distinguishing the structural relationship between play, as he conceives it, and serious activity. Benveniste (1996) reiterated that “….each comprehensible and structured expression of communal and individual life is exchangeable into play when the coherent and or pragmatic impetus which makes it efficient is disregarded.”

The question that remains outstanding is what then differentiates play from any other gratuitous activity, such as compulsive behaviour or apparently motiveless crimes? And if play is distinguishable from seriousness only by its futility, how can it be said to have a civilizing influence, which is Benveniste's thesis as well as Huizinga’s? To date, Benveniste's theory fails to address these questions. These two authors’ dissimilar clarification is seen at length where Huizinga alleged that play and seriousness are two separate but companionable categories, Benveniste infers that play is simply a lower order of reality thus, seriousness minus its rational or empirical motivation. Consequently, he fares little better than Huizinga in explaining whether and how the higher forms of culture can be, at one and the same time, playful and serious.

Accordingly Huizinga (1950) and Caillois (1961) and mostly Stephenson (1964, 1967, 1969) as well made a mistake by treating reality as degraded play and play as separate from reality. At the time Huizinga contended, equivocally, that play and seriousness are two separate ideologies nevertheless harmonious categories, he failed to realise the important relationship between play and the real world, an association more reciprocal than adversative (Anchor, 1978: 89-93). Ehrmann (1971:55) adequately, debunks that "play cannot be defined by isolating it on the basis of its relationship to an a priori reality and culture".

2.21 Relationships between Play and Reality

In his writings, Eugen Frink (1960) had a take on the relationship between play and reality. Fink agrees with Huizinga and his critics that play is a unique phenomenon, "an essential element of man's ontological makeup, an existential phenomenon . . . a
clearly identifiable and autonomous one that cannot be explained as deriving from any other existential phenomenon" but he denies that play is the only such phenomenon, and that it is unique because it stands apart from or in opposition to the rest of reality (Frink, 1960; 2016). The researcher noted that, for Fink, it is the symbolic function of play that makes it unique and useful as a tool of philosophical and historical understanding. To that end, the researcher is of the opinion that, if we define play in the usual manner by contrasting it with work, reality, seriousness and authenticity, we falsely juxtapose it with other existential phenomena. Thus, play is a basic existential phenomenon, just as primordial and autonomous as death, love, work, and struggle for power, but it is not bound to these other phenomena in a common ultimate purpose. Play, so to speak, confronts them all and it absorbs them by representing them for we play at being serious, we play truth, we play reality, we play work, we play love and death and we even play play itself.

Frink (1960; 2016) attributes the symbolic quality of play to its double character by asserting on one hand that man plays in the real world and knows himself to be playing even as he plays (unlike the schizophrenic, who cannot tell the difference). While on the other hand he asserts that play is not subordinate to the serious purposes served by all other human activities. The play world as seen from Frink’s assertion is unrelated to anything outside itself. Thus, the player consciously exists in two different spheres simultaneously, because this double existence is essential to play (and to the higher cultural forms derived from play). The play world possesses its own internal space and time, which set it off from the real world, but without concealing it.

This capacity to exist in two different spheres at once is uniquely human because it enables the player to withdraw temporarily from the real world, and to assert his freedom by recreating it imaginatively, without losing touch with reality. Thus, play is always partly, but never wholly, the creation of fantasy. It always has to do with real objects, which fantasy transforms into play objects. And the plaything - the doll that becomes a child, the broom that becomes a horse, the finger that becomes a pistol - forms the link between the pure subjectivity of the player and the concrete world that surrounds him. The relationship between play and reality is not antithetical, but rather symbiotic. Frink (1960; 2016) further noted that "...the play world is not
suspended in a purely ideal world. It always has a real setting, and yet it is never a real thing among other real things, although it has an absolute need of real things as a point of departure”.

From this twofold nature of the player and the plaything, Fink concludes that the play world is a replica of behaviour in the actual world. To him, play mirrors the real world in the same sense of the mirror reflecting the real. Unlike a mirror, however, the play world does not simply reflect passively something outside itself. As with the player and the plaything, the play world also possesses a double nature, because the behaviour reflected in play is the behaviour of the player himself and the real world in which he lives. Thus, play is at the same time the thing reflected and the reflection itself; and man at play is both the subject and object of his playing. The play world, then, reflects reality symbolically; in it man seeks the meaning of existence. "Even if it has long been forgotten human play is the symbolic act of representing the meaning of the world and life" (Frink, 1960, 2016).

2.22 Communication as Play
According to Dewey (1958: 204-205) the link between communication and play is not farfetched. Significantly, communication as play can be enjoyed by media consumers; naturally ultimate, instantly congenial and intrinsically treasured familiarity, this is as described by Dewey (1958: 204-205) as "a sharing in the objects and arts precious to a community, a sharing whereby meanings are enhanced, deepened and solidified in the sense of communion." Thus, in a sentimental understanding, play promotes a sense of self inspection in relation to the community which we form part of for play instils a sense of togetherness, "an enhanced sense of membership in a congenial whole" (Dewey, 1958:206).

Play in a figurative way, combines connotation; and connotation unlike means of animate conduct is the essence of personal conversation. Play triumphs over ambiguities of the pragmatic world and transforms it into something coherent; a world of right or wrong, good or bad; a world that distinguishes between significant and insignificant, substantial and trivial. Play is predominantly expressive and consequently communicative in that it follows, unlike the way it sends information but as it augments the understanding of people and helps in the realisation of and
gratification for their prominence and importance in society at large. However, not all communication is play; but decidedly all play is communication. Hence Ehrmann (1971: 56) clearly noted this when he submitted that, any theory of play entails a theory of communication:” In the same way as culture is, in the same sense as communication so is play.”

2.23 Linking Play Theory to the Study
In the quest to determine whether online participant engage in play or serious discourse, this thesis utilized NodeXL as a tool for extracting and analysing online readers’ comments and NVIVO 11 for analysis. This is in line with Huizinga’s thought that, play is clearly seen in language patently as allegory that is basically a play on words, a depiction, ingenious restoration of authenticity in metaphorical or expressive terms. Huizinga’s analysis of the words used in various languages simple, orthodox, and contemporary to express the idea of play convinced him that the play concept appeared earlier and is more fundamental than its opposite (seriousness).

Thus in relation to this thesis, online discourse though essentially a contributing factor towards public opinion cannot be divorced from play. In essence, online participants derive pleasure from reading news and engaging in dialogue in online political discussion. Hence In his book Homo Ludens, Huizinga portrays contemporary civilization as one in which material interests, cynicism, and the negation of every norm not only exist (as they always have), but are eminent principles which replace the rules that inspire all play, all noble activity, and all honourable competition. To him the dissipation of play is apparent in the dissection of the discrepancy amongst play and seriousness, thus the day to day life of politics, war, economics, and morality deteriorate into pseudo-play, and play loses its essential abilities of extemporaneity, impartiality, innocence, and enjoyment.
2.24 Conclusion

This chapter mainly looked at various writings on readers’ political discourse and hinges around the concept of play theory and public opinion which is the cornerstone of this study. The researcher noted that, play cannot be parted and remains inseparable with "what is real"; instead, play renews the real world by giving it sense and meaning. Play does not "re-present" nor falsify certainty but it enunciates certainty. That is, people are constantly steered by a diversity of veracities formulated by different institutions which may be involved in formulating our play. Considerably, the "multiple realities" offers conflicting interpretations of the same thing in as much as is the same. Simply put, play is fiction and thus "unreal" only in the sense that a novel is fiction for it includes both liberty with “facts” although both can offer a clear and captivating understanding of the meaning and importance of the world in which we live. In Carey’s (1975:16) understanding, play stands as a sign for reality and not a representation of reality for it molds the very veracities it represents (Caillois, 1961). Other issues that were critically discussed in this chapter are conversation, ‘dialogue’ and the ‘public sphere’, citizenship and public opinion, media use and political participation, interactivity in online media and internet-based political discourse. Also discussed is the civility in online discussion, the modes of public participation in South African democracy, online political commentary, media and citizenship as well as the theoretical framework that underpins this thesis. The following chapter will look at the methodology used in this thesis.
CHAPTER THREE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Introduction

Political commentary in online public news forums often catch a glimpse on issues that are of paramount importance to the day to day livelihood of any country’s general populace. It is on this backdrop that this study seeks to explore the conception of play as an indicator of public opinion in online political commentary: A content analysis of online news forums leading up to the 2014 South African general elections. The researcher seeks to look at the readers’ political perspectives through a qualitative content analysis of their comments posted online. Qualitative content analysis is comprehensive to a mixed method, network analysis, which looks at readers’ interaction and participation online.

This chapter will extensively delineate the research methodology, population, data collection and sampling technique adopted by the researcher in this study. Specifically for this study, the population consists of the online participants who are assumed to be conversing on the headlines leading up to the 2014 South African general elections; though, there is a possibility that others participate for different reasons. According to Du Plooy (2001:100), the phrase “population” does not solitarily refer to people, but can also be used in the definition of any group or collective of individuals, groups, organisations, social artifacts, or social relations” inter alia. For the purpose of data collection, the rationale was to gather a corpus of all commentary appended to all 2014 election news reports published online by Media24, Times Media Group, Mail & Guardian, Independent Newspapers, Caxton CTP, and TNA Media.

3.2 Research Design

The thesis follows a single-system design much like that of a case study. As an observation and in-depth analysis of a single system, it is a case study of online public commentary of online news reports concerning the South African 2014 general election. An alignment must be drawn between the method of content analysis and the typical research design of a case study. The question of whether a study needs to use a conventional, directed, or summative approach to content analysis can be answered by matching the specific research purpose and the state
of science in the area of interest with the appropriate analysis technique. This study has a directed design.

Content analysis using a directed approach is guided by a more structured process than in a conventional approach, which “is generally used with a study design whose aim is to describe a phenomenon when existing theory or research literature on a phenomenon is limited” (Hsieh and Shannon, 2005: 1279). The directed approach allows for theory to direct the analysis, which in this case is play theory, without however starting with pre-existing codes (Hsieh and Shannon, 2005: 1281-1282). These would still need to be identified in the data. The following quote applies directly to this thesis: “The main strength of a directed approach to content analysis is that existing theory can be supported and extended. … as research in an area grows, a directed approach makes explicit the reality that researchers are unlikely to be working from the naive perspective that is often viewed as the hallmark of naturalistic designs” (Hsieh and Shannon, 2005: 1283).

3.3 Research Method
The methodology is qualitative content analysis, which requires drawing on discourse theory; frame theory and possibly network analysis (Krippendorff, 2004: 14-17). Content analysis is historically defined as “a multipurpose research method developed specifically for investigating any problem in which the content of communication serves as the basis of inference” (Holsti, 1969:2). Krippendorff (1980; 2004) defines content analysis as a research technique for making replicable and valid inferences from data to their context. As for Weber (1990) it is a research methodology that utilizes a set of procedures to make valid inferences from text. This is what this study also sought to do as the use of content analysis helped the researcher to be able to make replicable and valid inferences from the data collected.

It is noteworthy that, there are two broad methods of content analysis: qualitative and quantitative (Elo and Kyngas, 2008). Content analysis may be used in an inductive or deductive way; the approach applied is determined by the purpose of the study (Elo and Kyngas, 2008:109). Qualitative content analysis is concerned with analyzing emerging themes and issues in media content (Mayring, 2000), whereas
quantitative analysis applies numerical values to certain categories and units (Berelson, 1952). This thesis is specifically qualitative and thus made use of qualitative content analysis. Content analysis typically proceeds by way of the following steps (adapted from Weber, 1990: 15-25): read through the transcript and note relevant information (NVivo has a useful memo function for this purpose); list and categorise the different themes found in the notes; link themes into major categories and identify any minor themes these contain; compare and contrast the various major and minor categories; review all of the categories and ascertain whether any can be merged; if there is more than one transcript, repeat the first stages again for each transcript; when completed, collect all the categories and examine each in detail and consider if it fits and its relevance; return to the original transcripts and ensure that all the information that needs to be categorised has been sorted.

3.4 Content Analysis
The study at hand is a content analysis of online news forums leading up to the 2014 South African general elections. Content analysis is a research method that has been broadly practiced in social media and journalism. Researchers have been using content analysis to study “user generated content and its democratizing potential, common online in the form of blogs, wikis, podcasts, pictures and social networks” (Yildirim,Gal-Or and Geylani, 2010: 1; Milioni, Vadratsikas and Papa, 2012: 1). Mostly theories related to these studies have been discourse, framing, and textual analysis, just to mention a few.

Mayring (2000a) defines content analysis as “an approach of empirical, methodological controlled analysis of texts within their context of communication, following content analytical rules and step by step models, without rash quantification”. He contends that, the strength of qualitative content analysis is that it is strictly controlled methodologically and that the material is analyzed step-by-step. Central to it is a category system which is developed right on the material employing a theory-guided procedure. By using this category system, the aspects, which are to be filtered from the material, are defined (Mayring, 2002: 114). Titscher et al., (2000) stated that: "The core and central tool of any content analysis is its system of categories: every unit of analysis must be coded, that is to say, allocated to one or
more categories. Categories are understood as the more or less operational definitions of variables” (Titscher et al. 2000: 58).

Content Analysis is one of the extremely imperative used research methods in the field of social sciences. Krippendorff (2004: xiii) postulates that, “content analyst views data as depiction not of physical events but of texts, images, and expressions that are created to be, read, interpreted, seen and be noted for their meanings, and must thus be analysed with such approach.” Content analysis is different from other research techniques such as interviews in that “content analysis usually yields inconspicuous measures in which neither the sender nor the receiver of the message is aware that it is being analysed” (Weber, 1990:10). Content denotes what is contained and content analysis is the analysis of what is contained in a message. Broadly content analysis may be seen as a method where the content of the message forms the basis for drawing inferences and conclusions about the content (Nachmias and Nachmias, 1976). Further, content analysis falls in the interface of observation and document analysis. It is defined as a method of observation in the sense that instead of asking people to respond to questions, it “takes the communications that people have produced and asks questions of communications” (Kerlinger, 1973). Therefore, it is also considered as an unobtrusive or non-reactive method of social research.

It is noteworthy that, a number of definitions of content analysis are available. According to Titscher et al. (2000: 55), content analysis is "the longest established method of text analysis among the set of empirical methods of social investigation". However, there does not seem to exist a homogenous understanding of this method at present, but originally the term "referred only to those methods that concentrate on directly and clearly quantifiable aspects of text content, and as a rule on absolute and relative frequencies of words per text or surface unit" (Titscher et al., 2000: 55). Later, the concept was extended to include all those procedures which operate with categories, but which seek at least to quantify these categories by means of a frequency survey of classifications (Titscher et al., 2000: 34).

According to Babbie (2001: 304), content analysis can be defined as "the study of recorded human communications". It is "essentially a coding operation," with coding
being "the process of transforming raw data into a standardized form" (Babbie, 2001:309). Actually, Ryan and Bernard (2000: 780) see content analysis as one of the "major coding traditions". They contend that "coding forces the researcher to make judgments about the meanings of contiguous blocks" and that coding is "the heart and soul" of (whole) text analysis (ibid.). According to them, classical content analysis "comprises techniques for reducing texts to a unit-by-variable matrix and analysing that matrix quantitatively to test hypotheses" and the researcher can produce a matrix by applying a set of codes to a set of qualitative data (for example written texts etcetera), with the assumption being that the codes of interest have already been discovered and described beforehand (Ryan and Bernard, 2000: 785).

It is significant to note that, the development of content analysis is fundamentally connected to the development of mass media and international politics and content analysis has gained significance in the first half of the twentieth century with the dramatic expansion of mass communication (Mayring, 2002:114; Titscher et al., 2000: 55). In fact, the theoretical basis of the first moves towards analyses of contents was Harold D. Lasswell's model of mass communication, and later on also the news transmission model of Shannon and Weaver (Titscher et al., 2000: 56-57). According to Gillham (2000: 71), the "essence of content analysis is identifying substantive statements that really say something".

A careful examination of the definitions of the method show emphasis placed on aspects such as system, objectivity, quantification, context and validity with reference to the inferences drawn from the communication content about the sender, the message or the receiver of the message. Thus, content analysis is all about making valid, replicable and objective inferences about the message on the basis of explicit rules. The material for the content analysis can be letters, diaries, newspaper content, folk songs, short stories, and messages of Radio, Television, documents, texts or any symbols. Further, like any other research method, content analysis conforms to three basic principles of scientific method. They are:

1. Objectivity: Which means that the analysis is pursued on the basis of explicit rules, which enable different researchers to obtain the same results from the same documents or messages?
2. Systematic: The inclusion or exclusion of content is done according to some consistently applied rules where by the possibility of including only materials which support the researcher’s ideas – is eliminated.

3. Generalisability: The results obtained by the researcher can be applied to other similar situations.

Now, if content of communication forms the material for content analysis, where does a content analyst find himself/herself in the communication process? Figure 1 shows the communication process and where the analyst figures.

![Figure 1: The communication process](image)

As can be seen, the analyst figures at the point of the message, and as Holsti (1968:601) points out, draws inferences about sender(s) of message, characteristics of message itself, or the effects of the communication on the audience that is the researcher interprets the content so as to reveal something about the nature of the audience or of its effects. Lasswell incorporated these components in his classical formulation: *WHO says WHAT to WHOM with WHAT EFFECT?* It is on this backdrop that Elo & Kyngas (2008) noted that there are basically two broad methods of content analysis: qualitative and quantitative Content analysis may be used in an inductive or deductive way; the approach applied is determined by the purpose of the study (Elo & Kyngas, 2008:109). Qualitative content analysis is concerned with analysing emerging themes and issues in media content while quantitative analysis applies numerical values to certain categories and units (Berelson, 1952).
3.4.1 Qualitative Content Analysis

Qualitative content analysis on texts was used; this involves the coding of data, the interpretation and classification of readers’ comments into their thematic categories. In this thesis, qualitative content analysis is taken as an “approach of pragmatic, methodological controlled scrutiny of texts within their parameter of communication, following content analytical rules and step by step models, without rash quantification” (Mayring, 2000:5). The applicability of qualitative content analysis also encompasses the coding of raw data into conceptually possible categories (Hsieh and Shannon, 2005 and Elo and Kyngas, 2008). Explicitly for this study, the raw data are the readers’ comments on news forums leading up to the 2014 South African general elections extracted online.

Qualitative content analysis focuses on objects such as the discourses, video tapes, and documents. However, in this thesis the themes are derived from the contextual meanings which are taken as prime content while the contextual information, the news headlines and the readers’ comments are taken as underlying content. This thesis adopts the writings of Mayring (2000) and Finfgeld-Connect (2014) on the procedures of qualitative content analysis. The procedures of qualitative content analysis are built upon the foundation of quantitative content analysis. “The explicit use of qualitative text analysis made possible by preserving the “advantages” of quantitative content analysis” (Mayring, 2000:6-7). The first process is based on “fitting of material into a model of communication” (Mayring, 2000). This means that comments extracted online were purposively selected in order to fulfill the objectives of the study and infer their contextual meaning through a study of a news article.

This procedure involves the induction of framing theory in evaluating the commenter’s frame of thought and individual entitled opinions. The second procedure involved the “rules of analysis”, in which the comments were analysed step by step using the rules of quantitative content analysis and reducing the material into content analytical units. This process took considerable time of finding themes portrayed out in the readers’ comments. The third step is based on categorization. Categorization means assemblage of material in categories that seeks to answer research questions (Mayring, 2000). Specifically for this study, allocation of material into categories was accurate; every comment was allocated
Qualitative content analysis was used in this thesis because it enabled the researcher to extract readers' comments online in order for the researcher to determine if online readers engage in play or serious discourse that adds value to the socio-economic and political debate leading to the 2014 South African general elections.

3.4.2 Frame Analysis

This study also made use of frame analysis to analyse how issues are discussed in the news and the way of talking about the political discourse. Frame analysis investigates the "selection and salience of certain aspects of an issue by exploring images, stereotypes, metaphors, actors and messages" (Entman, Matthes and Pellicano, 2003:180). It has become an important method (Entman, Matthes and Pellicano, 2003:180), which can be used to analyse how an issue is represented in the newspaper, television or online (Kitzinger, 2007:138). It also analyses “how an issue is discussed in the news and how the ways of talking about the issue are related to the evolution of the issue in political debates” (Pan and Kosicki, 1993:65). For this reason, framing is an appropriate tool for studying the contested definition of play as an indicator of the practice of public opinion in online political commentary. There are two broad approaches to frame analysis: deductive and inductive methods.

3.4.2.1 Deductive and Inductive Approaches

A deductive approach involves operationalising frames that have been developed prior to the analysis of texts to verify the extent to which they occur in the news and is suited to large samples. Some deductive studies “theoretically derive frames from the literature and code them in standard content analysis” (Marthes & Kohring, 2008:262). However, the most fundamental limitation of the deductive approach is that “frames are known before hand and they suit the topic currently under investigation” (Marthes & Kohring, 2008:262). The inductive approach on the other hand involves analysing media content with an open view to identify possible frames; an approach well suited to small samples (De Vreese, 2005:53). This thesis uses an inductive approach to identify frames in a relatively small sample of people’s
opinions online four weeks before the 2014 South African general elections and ends two weeks after the elections.

3.4.3 Inductive Category Development
The procedures of an inductive category development were used to analyse and understand the readers’ comments before coding. With the adoption of inductive analysis; qualitative researchers begin the study with “few preconceptions about a topic” (Finfgeld-Connect, 2014: 342). The inductive analysis begins with studying the raw data, readers’ comments, before making inferences. The inductive category development is an approach meant to develop the “aspects of interpretation, the categories, as near as possible to the material, to formulate them in terms of the material” (Mayring, 2000:10). The inductive category development is meant to “formulate a criterion of definition” built upon theoretical assumptions and research questions which drives to the textual material selected for the study. Employing the inductive category development model helps in evaluating the readers’ comments and formulating categories for data analysis. Verification and revision of categories assisted in reduction of sub-categories into main categories determined by their reliability. The steps of inductive category development are displayed in Figure 2 below.

![Figure 2: Step model of inductive category development (Mayring, 2000 a: 11)](image)

The diagram above shows the six steps of the inductive category development. The category definition was carefully determined by the themes extracted from the readers’ comments. The researcher defined categories while guided by a research
question in mind. It took a long process due to the large number of comments worked on. At 10 to 50 percent of the material coded and categorized, the researcher revised and evaluated the process to check reliability. This ultimately resulted into the interpretation of data. The process of coding and categorizing was facilitated by NVIVO 11 software. The researcher used NVIVO 11 as a research tool to code the collected data into political and economic categories. NVIVO 11 is a research tool oftenly used for coding, evaluation and interpretation of data. It has the capacity to evaluate what it aims to evaluate (Krishnaswamy, Sivakumar, Mathirajan, 2009:265). Thus, comments extracted from 2014 election news reports published online by Media24, Times Media Group, Mail &Guardian, Independent Newspapers, Caxton CTP, and TNA Media were loaded into the software. Then a step by step coding of data was implemented through categorization of comments into specified nodes.

3.4.4 Network Analysis

This thesis also utilised network analysis research method to analyse the readers’ online interaction. Network analysis is a mixed method research method and it involves the application of a broader field of network science to the study of human relationships and connections (Hansen, Shneiderman and Smith, 2011:3-5). It can also be used to study the blueprint of social patterns or communication patterns in a wide range of “physical social phenomenon” (Hansen, Shneiderman and Smith, 2011:3-5). NodeXL is one of the most used software to analyse how people interact at different levels thereby enabling a wider pattern of connections be drawn. Exclusively for this thesis, the number of dominant readers was calculated and reduced to numbers. The participants were analysed as vertices, the connections among readers were also analysed as edges and the total number of replies to a commenter are evaluated as a degree of centrality.

In this thesis, the researcher used network analysis which according to Hansen, Shneiderman and Smith, (2011:32) can envisage “multifaceted sets of associations of the online converse and calculate specific measures of the size, shape and density of the network as a whole and the positions of each element with it”. The visible graph metrics (NodeXL) is used to calculate the inter-connections and measure the density of the network then presents links and available images.
network analysis gives a broader view of the online community varying from one commenter to another.

3.4.4 NodeXL

This thesis used NodeXL, as representative of connections or relations between entities which are readers online. According to Aldhous, (2012), NodeXL is a template for Microsoft Excel (2007) and (2010), which makes network analysis easy and intuitive. It has a menu ribbon with a worksheet called edges and vertices. The vertices represent the readers displayed in their pseudo names, meaning the identity used on the online commentary and the edges represent the number of replies made on a comment. The pseudo names of the participants are presented as they are online commentary. The study identifies the replies made to a commenter as the number of replies which determines the social interaction of that individual. Replies made from one commenter to the other were seen as directed communication (Aldhous, 2012). As depicted in Figure 3 below the vertices, (vertex when singular) and edges are arrows that stand for directed communication. A vertex depicts a participant while the edges depict the number of direct replies an individual received. A NodeXL graph of readers’ participation interaction online was clearly drawn out.

![Figure 3: Edges and vertices](http://nodexl.codeplex.com)

3.4.4.2 Graph Metrics

Graph metrics is used to calculate the degree of vertex or degree centrality, betweenness centrality, closeness centrality, eigenvector centrality and clustering coefficient (Hansen, Shneiderman and Smith, 2011). This thesis utilised these metrics to analyse the readers’ interactions online. Degree or degree centrality refers to a count of edges that are connected to a vertex (Hansen, Shneiderman and
Betweenness centrality is “a measure of how often a given vertex is seen on the shortest path between two other vertices”. Betweenness centrality determines the echelon of influence an individual has in the society.

Specifically for this thesis, it was used to analyse the influence that a reader has in the discursive forum depending on the number of interactions and this is inline with the writings of Hansen, Shneiderman and Smith (2011: 72). Closeness centrality takes a different angle from the network vertices capturing the average distance between a vertex and other vertex in the network”, (Hansen Shneiderman and Smith, 2011:72). Thus closeness centrality looks on how close participants are in the network. This approach is used in this thesis to appraise the closeness centrality of readers in the network comment forum online. The eigenvector approach is interpreted as an endeavour to find the most central participators (Hanneman and Riddle, 2005:8). The central participators may be taken as the most influential figures, those who are always available and active online. Hansen, Shneiderman and Smith (2011) notes that, clustering coefficient looks on how connected are the community members. This thesis utilises the clustering coefficient to analyse the level of connection and interaction that readers have online. See Appendix 1 for the complete diagram.

3.4.4.3 NVIVO
NVIVO is used to code and categorise a corpus of readers’ comments into different themes and their sub-themes. The nodes in the centre of the diagram indicate the main themes of the discussion and other surrounding nodes indicate the sub-themes connected. The main theme is interpreted as the parent and represents the central theme of discussion. The sub-theme which originates from the center is interpreted as the child. The main theme may be taken as the headline of discussion and the sub-theme as the sub-heading. This is as illustrated here (parent=main theme, child= sub-theme).

3.5 Reliability and Validity
Reliability and validity are the most imperative criterion for evaluating qualitative and quantitative research methods. Just like any other method, Content analysis as a
research design has its own strengths and weaknesses; nevertheless it is a triangulation research design for it involves both qualitative and quantitative research designs. This thesis used qualitative content analysis extended by network analysis, which is both a qualitative and quantitative research method. The amalgamation of these two research methods means the research design was triangulation. Morse et al., (2002) defines reliability as the consistency of the measurement. In content analysis, reliability depends on how the data is collected and the procedure in which data analysis was conducted (Krippendorff, 2004).

According to Krippendorff (2004:211) reliable data is “data that remain constant throughout variations in the measuring process”. The research data was collected independently and purposively without any alterations. A corpus of comments was collected against any distortions or biases, meaning to say that every comment on political news articles regarding 2014 general elections was extracted unevenly. In Content analysts the researcher must be certain that the data have been collected under “plausible protection” against possible bias or distortion (Krippendorff, 2004:211). News articles with more user readers’ comments were prioritized. The readers’ comments were considered reliable on the terms perceived as promoting political discussion on issues that were regarded important in setting out themes for this thesis. The readers’ expressions online were treated as dependable data since the readers were commenting without the knowledge that they will be analysed.

The researcher used the inductive category development procedure as a guideline for a qualitative content analysis research. According to Weber (1990:17) “Inconsistencies in coding may constitute unreliability”. After a step by step formulation of inductive categories out of a corpus of readers’ comments with the aid of Nvivo11, a revision on the categories formulated was done in order to authenticate their consistency which resulted into renaming or even renaming where necessary of some few categories (Mayring, 2000). In content analysis, the reading of textual data as well as of the research results should be replicable (Krippendorff, 2004:212). The process of data coding was done constantly by more than one coder, thus producing the same results of inductive categories so as to increase reliability. This process of reliability is called reproducibility. Weber (1990:17) defines Reproducibility, sometimes called inter coder reliability, as “the extent to which content classification
produces the same results when the same text is coded by more than one coder”. Nevertheless, content analysis as a research method does not depend more on reproducibility but more importantly on stability because reproducibility involves more than one coder while stability would require the consistency of research findings done by one coder (Weber, 1990).

In content analysis, validity is determined by “the classification scheme or variables derived from it and the validity of interpretation relating content variables to their causes or consequences” (Weber, 1990:18). Validity concerns the truth, which means it looks on the factuality of the results obtained from the research (Krippendorff, 2004: 212). Validity tests the soundness, effectiveness of the measuring instrument. Which means validity is concerned with the other factors of research, that is, the research findings on the same phenomenon done by other researchers. According to Krippendorff (2004: 212), “Validity provides assurances that the claims emerging from the research are borne out in fact”. In order for the researcher to guarantee valid results, readers’ comments on the 2014 general elections were studied and extracted from the current South African news articles. Readers commented in response to current news articles and converse with one another as they brought about new issues. This assisted the researcher to collect data which was contemporary and had contextual meaning.

The researcher also coded data from different news websites published online by Media24, Times Media Group, Mail & Guardian, Independent Newspapers, Caxton CTP, and TNA Media so as to avoid a bias of research findings by not leaving any contribution from the different opinioned readers. This shows that the validity procedure used in this study is a triangulation one by using several investigators or observers, with various sources of data and methods. In addition, screening data from diverse angles was done to contain any intensifying theme which needed to be categorized so as to gain as much valid inferences. It must also be noted that the use of NVIVO 11 in facilitating the classification of data helps the researcher to avoid mistakes in coding, therefore ensuring a reliable and valid data coding procedure. Testing and retesting procedures done in this study where determined by re-reading, re-categorizing after the coding of 20 to 60 percent of data. The revision of categories and formations of sub-categories helps the researcher to come up with
valid variables. After sometime of checking and revision, the research yields into stable results. Stability is defined as “the extent to which a measuring or coding procedure yields the same results on repeated trials” (Krippendorff, 2004:215). The unchanging results under the testing and retesting conditions make it possible for the analysis of the data.

3.6 Ethical Considerations
The University of Fort Hare has its ethical rules and regulations that govern the conduct of research and it is ethical for every researcher to follow these specified ethics. This thesis did not require ethical clearance because it neither dealt with people nor animals but readers’ comments published online. The readers were perceived as using pseudo names thereby remaining anonymous. Their comments were not seen as confidential because they are easily available to every online media user at any given time.

3.7 Conclusion
A qualitative research design was used in this study by making use of qualitative content analysis extended by both quantitative and qualitative network analysis. The use of content analysis was informed and extended by the play (Glasser 2000, 24). This thesis used qualitative content analysis as a research technique for data analysis. The thesis also employed network analysis as both qualitative and quantitative research design for further exploration of readers’ interactions online using NVIVO 11 and NodeXL. The thesis adopted a triangulation strategy by using content analysis to study a corpus of readers’ comments online, extended by the use of network analysis. Content analysis is one method of analyzing a representative corpus of comments found in news forums. Content analysis as a research method involves the assumptions, rules, techniques or strategies used in the analysis of text (Krippendorff, 2004). Content analysis involves both qualitative approach and qualitative approach. However this study employed a qualitative content analysis approach while preserving the basic principles of content analysis such as the units of analysis, step models, working with categories and validity and reliability (Mayring, 2000). Data analysis and presentation will be presented in the following chapter.
CHAPTER FOUR: DATA ANALYSIS AND PRESENTATION

4.1 Introduction

This chapter covers data analysis of both network analysis of online readers’ interaction and qualitative content analysis of readers’ comments on public opinion in online political commentary of online news forums leading up to the 2014 South African general elections published by Media24, Times Media Group, Mail & Guardian, Independent Newspapers, Caxton CTP, and TNA Media. The network analysis assisted by a Microsoft Excel worksheet called NodeXL was used to present the findings of the online participants and their outline of interface online. NodeXL assists in measuring the latitude of interaction and the influence that each and every individual has in the discursive community. The NodeXL graph metrics was used to further calculate the “degrees” of interaction. The discursive community is interactive and formed to argue or debate on political, social and or sharing of public opinion. The most participative reader has the highest degree centrality while the lowest has the lowest degree centrality.

A corpus of 1000 readers' comments were coded and categorized into different themes and their sub-themes using NVIVO 11. The coding process was done inductively, comments were studied within their contextual use with regard to the research questions and the researcher had no direct influence on the comments posted. Every comment analysed and coded has explicit words that are highlighted in reference to specific extrapolation. Some of the terms used by readers imply play, ad hominem, political or public opinion. The chapter ends with the researcher linking to Hezinger’s play theory to the study and either agree with it or formulate a new theory all together.

The researcher saw it appropriate to reiterate the research questions that this thesis seeks to answer since they will be answered through data analysis:

(a) How do readers online constitute a discursive community that broadens play or public opinion on South African politics?
(b) To what extent does the online public commentary reflect play or interactions among online members?
(c) What are the political and socio-economic issues discussed by online readers during the South African 2014 general elections?
4.2 Analysis of the Online Discursive Community

The findings of this thesis ascertained that, the online discursive community consists of common and new social identities commenting across the news stories. This is in line with the findings of Myers (2010) who stated that, most if not all of the cluster of individuals who use online blogs and wikis have particular social identities. In this thesis, the researcher found out that there are common online contributors, players or commenters, who are always available from one comment forum to the other and those who occasionally comment. This was as seen from a corpus of all comments appended to all 2014 election news reports published online by Media24, Times Media Group, Mail and Guardian, Independent Newspapers, Caxton CTP, and TNA Media. Readers comment haphazardly across stories with some readers provoking many responses than the others. The researcher found out that, comments that arouse from the conversation counteract each other which may result in negative or positive responses which may end up sparking controversy in the sense that they may be informative or ridiculous.

It was also evident in this thesis that, online readers show some understanding of the current news and appears to be updated with the South African political situation more especially constitutional; election and party related issues and their comments are rich in public opinion. Some of their comments have common and popular names of political leaders and parties used in current media. The words like showerhead or Nkandla in reference to Jacob Zuma the President of Republic of South Africa are most common. Other names used are fat one referring to Malema and Floyd, red train in reference to EFF, blue train DA and GUPTA in reference to corruption among others. Some of the readers reflect an emotional behavior, abusive and sarcastic. The readers online also reflect a wavering mood determined by the tone used in the news story. Although they contribute sound and educative information their reasoning tends to be unstable and sarcastic.

The views of participants revealed that, sarcastic responses and insults or play in general are more exchanged when one commenter arouses or insults the intelligence of the other. This was evident when ANC, EFF and DA followers ridicule each other and barely show any affectionate dialogue. This to the researcher may reflect a South African political atmosphere with a democratic mood, friendly political
stance and or maybe people playing or provoking conversation. Hence, the researcher in line with the findings deduced that, differences in ideas and opinions shows how the discourse online reflects a political sphere or platform where people have a multiple of perspectives. However the researcher noted that, intolerance to other political ideas may be a resemblance of a less democratic state and tolerance to new ideas and open mind to other political views may represent a democratic state where there is freedom of choice and expression. This means there are different approaches to human rights and freedom of individuals.

The diagram below shows the analysis of interaction of online readers. The characters captured represent the interactive participants online. The findings of this thesis shows that, most if not all of the participants do not use their names but choose to use pseudo names. In the diagram bellow, the largest vertices represent the most dominant ones and the smallest represent the less dominant. Of the total participants whose data was extracted there are those who were found to be highly interactive due to the number of responses they attracted. The rest could post a comment once but the dominant commenters could post unevenly from one story to another. This may mean that, the more dominant ones, stay online responding to other readers or that they post interesting or controversial comments.

This is in line with Abdul-Mageed (2008), who in his study found out that readers commented on the sites regularly but their commenting was distributed unevenly across stories and based on the comments they provoke. The analysis above helped the researcher answer one of the research questions as stated below: How do readers online constitutes a discursive community that broadens public opinion on South African politics?
Interaction of online readers

Figure 4: Network Analysis

4.2.1 Analysis of Online Readers Interaction

The findings of this thesis show that, the most influential online readers provoke more news or responses apprise and purposefully respond to other online readers. Some post messages several times while others just wait to respond on more personal or touching issues. The likes of Progressive Prick and Valkenburger for example would comment once and attract many responses. This means that they opened more informative or interesting political debate allied with the 2014 National elections and other public opinion themes. The researcher discovered that, other participants were more interactive because they would remain online for some minutes and contribute as they respond to every upcoming feedback. In this case for example Art, Dr. Zeek and Running-Kick-Slap would comment many times within a short space of time. It was also evident from the views of the participants that some of the readers’ comments reflected their political affiliation while others were just commenting because they have access to the internet thereby resulting in them engaging in play. Others were commenting about lack of freedom of expression or media censorship for their controversial comments about the ruling party ANC were
either deleted or marked as spam. Readers sometimes could post a link to other websites or youtube.com in reference to any relevant information. For example, the public protector’s response on Nkandla and the now Deputy President of South Africa’ conversation with the minister of police and the CEO of Lonmin mine during the Marikana uprising where they were talking of shooting the striking miners for they were now out of order and were acting as thugs and there was need for decisive action rather than a civil approach.

The Graph metrics in Appendix 1 reflect the autonomy of online interaction and inter-networks within a conversational public. The findings of the thesis reflect that, online participants interact to the degree that they address each other directly and are acquainted with each others’ identities, and style of conversing. The ones who seem to be in the middle of all conversation in this thesis include the likes of Yarwellnofine, Yasin Asvat, Whitelour, Igs, Pragmatic_realist, Dr_Zeek, Progressive Pri’ck, Zipper Z, Joe Public, Owl, Mike Watkins, Mntungwa Mbulazi, Art, Unfckngblvbl, Liberal, Luigy, Mark Stevens, Luigy, Piet Bylevloek, Pigsty, Crack3r, Valkenburg, VanPersie to mention just a few. These relations are reflected on the graph above and can be seen by looking at the graph metrics such as the degree centrality, (in-degree and out degree), betweenness centrality, closeness centrality, eigenvector centrality and clustering coefficient.

According to Hansen, Shneiderman and Smith (2011), degree refers to a total number of in-degree and out-degree. In-degree measures the number of replies (connections) epitomized with edges pointing inward at a reader refered to as(vertex) in NodeXL terms. The number of replies a participant receives, determines the effectiveness of the messages sent or the reader’s regular interaction. The reason behind more responces either means the message provokes more reason or aggravates abusive responses. Readers with the highest in-degree shows that they interact more than others. Out-degree on the other hand shows the activeness of the reader in the discursive community and it (out-degree) implies the outward communication responding to other contributions. In this study Art has the highest degree of 68. This reflects that Art is a regular online participant who comments in many stories commenter.
Betweenness centrality is a measure of how often a reader or online participant interacts with other members in the discursive public this is in line with the writings of Hansen, Shneiderman and Smith, (2011). Betweenness centrality depicts the level of influence a participant has in the discursive public. The graph shows that Art has the highest Betweenness centrality of 74360.966 more of his comments are sarcastic, abusive and anti ANC, anti-corruption, anti Zuma and after service delivery, followed by Owl, whose comments are rich in public opinion, joke sharing, national building, anti ANC and Zuma antics with 59943.317 Betweenness centrality then Valkenburger with 58423.997 and Unfckngblvbl with 52796.938. The highest Betweenness centrality also denotes that the participant responds intermittently to other feedbacks and may suggest that the participant is always online or follows online commentary fervently.

Hansen, Shneiderman and Smith (2011:32) noted that, closeness centrality takes a “different perspective than that of the network vertices and it captures the average distance between a vertex and other vertex in the network”. Online discussion forum as per the findings of this thesis shows that the participants’ posts in real time. This implies that time taken to receive a response from online participant determines the closeness centrality of those participants. Readers keep connected and continue to discuss online as long as they are logged in. In this thesis, participants seem to be having an average closeness centrality ranging from 0.500 to 1.000. Eigenvector centrality introduces the proclamation that, one prefers communicating to some other participants and might do so better than when communicating to others, which literally means some connections are valuable as compared to others. Hanneman and Riddle, (2005:8) noted that, the eigenvector approach is an “exertion to finding the most central actors in terms of the structure of the network”. This indicates that, these central online readers are more active than others. Thus, other readers comment in reply to other readers but do not do so to others.

The participants in Appendix 1 are most central and active members in the online discursive community. The graph ranks participants from the more active to the less. Clustering coefficient focuses on evaluating the interaction of online participants in terms of their connectivity. According to Hansen, Shneiderman and Smith (2011:33) clustering coefficient looks on how connected is an individual to their friends.
The online based community reflects character and personal connectivity. As portrayed in the diagram above, other readers’ eigenvector centrality is 0.000 while for other readers the eigenvector centrality ranges from 0.011 to 0.017. This may reflect that, the online participant with the highest eigenvector centrality sends friendly messages or abusive language. In this case, Valkenburger and Art have the highest eigenvector centrality of 0.017. Using Kelly, Fisher and Smith’s (2009) distinction between friends, foes and fringe, the researcher found out that some participants addressed each other as opposition while some addressed each other in a friendly manner and others were on the fringe of the ongoing interaction. Many posts were addressed to one another while others responded to the news article. This analysis helps the researcher provide the answer to one of the research questions: to what extent does the online public commentary reflect interactions among online members? The rest of the refletion of participants’ interaction is presented in Appendix 1 (Graph Metrics).

4.3 Analysis of the Online Participants Discourse

The participants’ views revealed that, online readers’ comments vary from concept to concept and reflect many views ranging from ‘Godly’ issues to ‘politics’ in general rather than just a mere political discussion and passing time (play). It was evident that their political discourse encompasses political affiliations, parliament, dishonesty, western influence, freedom of speech and work related issues which mean that the political discourse cannot be divorced from play for they are interrelated. The diagrams below depict the political and public opinion issues discussed online. The nodes in the centre of the diagram indicate the main themes of the discussion and other surrounding nodes indicate the sub-themes connected. The main theme in NVIVO terminology is interpreted as the parent and represents the central theme of discussion and the sub-theme which originates from the center are interpreted as the child (main theme=parent, sub-theme= child). The arrows have been used to make a clear demarcation within the nodes. The online discourse can be interpreted according to Harold Laswell’s theory which says, Who-says What to Whom with What effect and focus not only on what participants in online forums think about political issues, but also on how they think about it.
4.3.1 Analysis of Participants’ Political Affiliation

This section will assist the researcher answer the research question: What are the political and socio-economic issues discussed by online readers during the South African 2014 general elections? In this section, analysis focuses on political affiliation as the parent with different children thus bearing in mind that, the main theme in NVIVO terminology is interpreted as the parent and represents the central theme of discussion and the sub-theme which originates from the center is interpreted as the child (parent=main theme, child= sub-them). Figure 5 below depicts online readers’ different political affiliation. The views of participants in this thesis indicated that they converse about different issues according to their political affiliation. In the diagram below, online readers’ political affiliation is linked to democracy. It was evident that, most of the readers are either affiliated with ANC, DA, EFF which are the main discussed parties or some of them to COPE, AGANG, ACDP, AZAPO, PAC, NFP, UDM and IFP. Out of the readers who discussed political affiliation concept, 390 readers discussed the concept of ANC political governance.

Political affiliation: The discourse online (created using Nvivo11)

![Diagram showing political affiliation]

Figure 5: Political affiliation

The views of participants revealed that, readers’ comments revolve around the issues of ANC, ANC failure, support of the ANC leadership, ANC divisions, and anti-previous ANC leadership, anti Zuma and ANC downfall among other things. On the
other hand 100 sources were found to be anti-ANC as they hold several perceptions on political issues, namely misuse of funds, ANC lies, vote buying, the deployment bias, mafiarism and abuse of power by previous and current ANC political leaders. Commenting on ANC, one of the participants said:

“ANC has done it b4 and it will still DO it again idiot of nie...VIVA ANC VIVA!!!”

The other participant who was pro-ANC said:

“The ANC leads! The ANC lives! The early trends, both nationally & provincially, favour the people’s movement, AGAIN!!! As at 4am more than 665 000 votes had been cast in favour of the ANC! This is the more significant when one considers the fact that these results come from the smaller urban stations, which theoretically should be favoring the minority party of white privilege, the desperate alliance! The trend line does not augur well for the deceitful desperate alliance that the Electoral Court found to have lied & instructed this relic of apartheid to retract its blatant lies! The African National Congress leads!!!”

While one of the anti- ANC participants said:

“There is a big difference between leadership and management, ANC are the headless ruling party whose don’t even know and understand the word democracy. No plan no skills no vision no objectives. Malema far much better he is grown now”.

One can note from the issues raised by participants that, online public opinion is not biased towards one particular topic. This further shows that participants are engaged in serious discussions and not just playing online. This is as shown by the views of participants in this analysis which reflects participants’ views who commented on different political affiliations with the concept ‘DA’ attracting 127 commenters under the theme political affiliation. The comments revolved around DA deployment bias, DA split where most commenters were commenting about the floor crossing of different DA members or those from other parties joining DA, some discussed the DA splits, DA failures and achievements while others were anti DA some were pro DA. Some of the comments were about the DA leader Helen Zile; other views were anti Zile while some were pro Zile. Maimane was also not spared from comments as well, for he also had anti and pro comments. The deployment policy of DA was also subject of discussion where views pointed on their deployment bias; one participant had this to say:

“Are there coloureds on the DA's candidate list? I see blacks and I see whites, I don't see coloureds. I wonder why.
There are some online commenters who were anti-DA and some were pro-DA in their respective comments. One of the participants who commented about DA had this to say:

"Go DA!! Already very optimistic! Don't care if you guys win or not as long as you take a province or 2! Can't wait for the results. Truly a nail biting election!"

A pro-DA participant had the following to say:

"I'm saddened that you don't support the DA. They Are by far the one and only non corrupt and honest politicians by far and large I cannot say the same for the ANC Or eff. Don't forget Zuma and Julius were cut from the same cloth. I'm also saddened Agang didn't gain much. They should have been at least in the lead. Either second to the da. But not eff. Oh well. It's your Democratic right to vote the party of your choice."

The anti-DA participant on the other hand had the following contribution to make:

"Everyone knows that, DA is planning to bring back the apartheid, since you are racist. We rather vote another African led party like EFF, NFP, PAC etc but not DA no no no."

It is noteworthy that, South Africa is one of the countries with many political parties; the recently formed EFF attracted its own share of followers as well as online commenters. Of the total readers compiled towards the 2014 South African national elections, 89 readers discussed the concept 'EFF'. One of the participants who commented about 'EFF' had the following to say:

"EFF is the answer. :-)".

Some of the commenters were 'anti-Dali Mpofu' who they blame for betraying ANC and joining EFF. Other participants were already predicting EFF failure for they raised issues of failure of EFF to attract enough voters while others were pro-Malema whom they were praising for his smart decision to leave the ANC and form his own party. Below is one of the comments raised by a participant:

"MALEMA is the next President of SA. The guy represents the poor even though some might disagree more."

The same cannot be said though of Floyd who attracted many comments that were anti him the same applies to the other commenters who came up with anti EFF issues. One of the participants had this to say about 'EFF', 'Floyd' and 'Malema':
“...Floyd and Julius are self-serving. They have established a party which they hope will catapult them back to the ANC. They sing praises to ANC leaders long past, profess adherence to the Freedom Charter and adapt ANC songs to sound EFF! EFF promises in its manifesto are so wild that it dupes only those who cannot see beyond rhetoric, with emphasis on nationalization and expropriation. The rest is a repeat what is already in place or is contained in the ANC election manifesto - plus wild promises of doing the same with more money to those who are promised to get that money (workers, pensioners and the rest). Julius claims to be revolutionary. He probably knows too well that it is not every revolutionary-sounding slogan that is revolutionary. This is given by the failure by the EFF to march to the Union Buildings as the EFF promised”.

The findings also revealed that EFF did not only attract negative comments, it also attracted some positive comments for there are some who were pro-EFF. Thus participants had high hopes and banking their trust in EFF as the new dawn to South African politics. Some participants attributed Julius Malema the leader of EFF’s mediating capabilities during the Marikana crisis to the party. They saw the EFF as the only party that can bring hope to the South African voters as one of the participants stated that:

“...After a wonderful campaign, I am back. EFF is the best thing that has happened to the ANC and the country since 1994. The historically dispossessed need a true alternative on the left of the ANC. The demise of the PAC and Azapo and weakened the ANC. With EFF talking extreme leftist politics, the ANC will be pushed into talking left and walking left, as opposed to the trend since 1994 when the ANC talked left and walked right. I am happy that the EFF has managed 25 seats in parly, I would have been happier if they had 89 seats, not the anti-worker deep blue sell-outs”.

It was also evident in the analysis that, while other participants were singing positive praises about the party (EFF), there are some who had no confidence in the ‘commander in chief’ Julius Malema as indicated in Figure 5 above which resulted in them being anti-Malema. They stated that he was using EFF as a revenging tool towards the ANC who had evoked his membership from the ANC. Participants labelled Malema as an angry leader who is using EFF as a shield to fight his battles with Jacob Zuma led ANC. Thus one of the participants raised the following argument:

“Not so fast Sir, you haven't won even a single ward, let alone a municipality, a province, not to mention a country in which capacity are you sharing the same stage as nation leaders? Too ambitious Juju”.
The other political party that the participants discussed about was ‘AGANG’. The concept ‘AGANG’ was discussed by 4 online readers, some were anti while others were pro-AGANG. The other commenters were disappointed by Mamphela Rampele’s political tactics and ended up labelling her a looser while others raised hope in her. Thus one of the participants had this to say:

“This woman has more integrity than the DA and ANC put together! I fear that she is lost in the world of filth we call politics here in SA. The average South African voter will have no comprehension of what it is she is talking about, as clearly demonstrated in this forum. Here is an ANC stalwart, who did not leave the party under some controversy, joined by fellow stalwarts, and together they have vocalized their opposition to what the ANC has become under Zuma. If anyone knows anything about the struggle, it will be her, simply by her close association with Biko. Agang cannot be labeled an Apartheid institution, like the DA, nor can it be called an ANC defection like COPE, nor does disgruntled ANC reject like the EFF. It is also not the corrupt den of thieves the ANC has become. Its policies are sound; its leadership is strong, so why would people still vote for the ANC? Because they are stupid, uninformed or corrupt themselves. There can be no other reason”.

The concept ‘COPE’ was raised by 4, ‘ACDP’ 2, ‘AZAPO’ 1, ‘PAC’ 1, ‘NFP’ 6, ‘UDM’ 2 and ‘IFP’ 3. These parties were seen as just adding to the options for voters but do not count that much in the political debate. Thus one of the participants had this to say about ‘COPE’:

“Even Cope will get more votes than Agang”.

The other participant who commented about ‘PAC’ had this to say:

“Are you really serious by saying Viva Azania, Viva PAC.? This so called PAC and Azania died in 1994 after the first democratic election. Really PAC failed, wake up and see what is happening outside. You are dreaming Azania and PAC”.

Commenting on ‘AZAPO’ one of the participants said:

It’s a psychiatric hospital in Cape Town. And the Azania story is quite true. AZAPO got it wrong - they should have been blowing things up in Mombassa in the 1980’s.

The one who commented about ‘NFP’ had this to say:

“National Freedom Party? First time hearing about it”
One of those who had time to comment about ‘UDM’ said:

“I’m heeding Ronnie Kasrils’ call by not to voting for ANC the party I used to love and which my grandfather paid dearly for by tolerating abuse by apartheid police, and spent time on Robben island for by voting for UDM’s Gen. Bantu Holomisa, who exposed Nkandla corruption, IEC corruption and other ANC criminal activities”.

While the ‘IFP’ one said:

“I think around here in our place elections went very well…viva IFP viva!!!”

The online readers associated the concept ‘political affiliation’ with ‘democracy’. Under ‘democracy’ they discussed concepts such as liberation struggle. They were of the view that democracy that they have of affiliating with any political party of choice was as a result of the liberation struggle to emancipate South Africa from the yoke of colonialism. However others were lamenting the fact that South Africa remains a capitalist state although they are free to exercise democracy. One of the participants who commented on the concept ‘capitalism’ said:

“SA is still ruled by race-based politics. As long as their is a large cap in economic status between races, SA is far from being a unified country were all races can work together”.

Others were of the view that South Africa remains a despotic state as long as there is one party that enjoys the majority rule in parliament and continues to exclude others. One of the participants who commented on ‘democracy’ had this to say:

“Let’s allow democracy to take place. The majority rules. If this was a white majority, all these people would have said nothing. THE MAJORITY RULES. Accept it or leave this country!”

It was also evident in this analysis that, participants do not only engage in serious political issues but find time to play. This goes on to show that, one cannot separate play from serious debate. This was seen when one of the participants stated that:

“Oh wow, what a funny moment. Two oppressive racist scumbags having a bit of a giggle. Lah-dee-dah. They and anyone who voted ANC/EFF can go eat a massive bag of shit”.

The researcher noted that, despite all their play and lamentations, participants expressed one common view that is; they have freedom which enables them to affiliate with any party of choice thereby rendering South Africa a democratic state.
See Appendix 2 for detailed discussions of participants based on the comments compiled using NVIVO 11. The findings discussed above are inline with the previous studies which have stressed the increasing role of the internet as a vehicle for political messages (see Shah et al., 2005; Jankowski and van Selm, 2008) where people can engage in the political process via the online world (Gibson, Nixon and Ward, 2003).

4.3.2 Analysis of Participants’ God related Comments

This section will also help answer the question: What are the political and socio-economic issues discussed by online readers during the South African 2014 general elections? In this analysis, the researcher noted that online commenters did not only discuss politics but took time off politics to reflect on their day to day life. Some took time to comment about ‘Godly’ issues. In this section ‘God’ is refered to as the parent with different children thus recollecting that, the main theme in NVIVO terminology is interpreted as the parent and represents the central theme of discussion and the sub-theme which originates from the center is interpreted as the child (parent=main theme, child= sub-theme). As reflected in Figure 6 below, the concept ‘God’ attracted 10 commenters. One of the participants had this to say about ‘God’:

“When you see suffering try to alleviate it, you are a hero in Gods eyes”.

This pont was seconded by another participant who said:

“I second that. Any help, especially divine is welcome. Divinely from the good source and not the bad”.

The rest of the comments as extract from NVIVO of the conversation on Godly issues are shown on Appendix 3.

![Figure 6: God](image-url)
4.3.2.1 Social Issues

In their conversations, some participants conversed about ‘poverty’, and the theme poverty attracted 19 commenters. Amongst those who commented about poverty, 17 conversed about ‘job loss’ and were attributing poverty to job loss. Another commenter raised the issue of ‘grant’ as a contributing factor to his impoverished lifestyle. While the other 7 were lamenting that poverty has led to human rights violation. This at times resulted in commenters dissing each other thereby promoting hate speech. One of the participants had this to say:

“…..And the majority of the population will also remain in shacks with no electricity, no water, no jobs, until "Jesus comes"……”

The views of participants in this thesis revealed that, online participants did not only discuss the concept of ‘God’ and ‘poverty’ only, they went as far as discussing about ‘old aged’ and ‘child grant’. The concept ‘grant’ was raised by only one participant who attributed his/her poverty to the fact that his parents could not afford to send him to school for they were dependent on government handout. The participant had this to say:

“My parents had no money and education to afford and support me without receiving Govt /taxpayer handouts”

The other four raised the concept ‘job loss’ as a contributing factor to the current poverty situation in South Africa. One participant had this to say about ‘job loss’:

“He told me with great pride yesterday that he was a SANDF member; I reckon he is a parking attendant outside an internet Cafe!”

The other concept discussed by online participants included ‘human rights violation’. The concept ‘human rights violation’ was raised by 7 commenters while ‘hate speech’ was found in 19 commenters. The concept ‘hate speech’ or direct attack on another participant is found to be linked to the concept ‘human rights violation’. That is those who end up passing hate comments were disappointed by the level of human rights abuse in South Africa. One of the participants posted a comment that directly attacked the other participant by saying:

“You are an idiot you know that? People like you need to be squashed like an insect and thrown in the middle of the sea. You racist bastard!!! Rather leave SA; we don’t need idiots like you”.
As the researcher was analysing the online discourse on the road to 2014 South African national elections, he noted that, online discussions were not only limited to one topic and individuals were free to raise new concepts for discussion. It also shows that participants are not just playing online but seriously involved in discussing topical issues that affect the country. For instance, Health is one of the concepts that participants took time off politics to discuss about. They discussed concepts like food shortages, family planning, injuries, good living, short life span, health tips, drug abuse and HIV and AIDS which to me are directly linked to health and subsequently to politics for it has a bearing on the day to day life of the South African general populace who happens to be the voters. The concept ‘injuries’ was only raised by one participant and had the following to say:

“I fell....turning my head”.

This shows that the other online participants did not find the topic interesting hence lack of responses.

4.3.2.2 Recreational facilities and Entertainment

Recreational facilities concept was also raised by one participant. This participant’s point of discussion was not interesting neither did it provoke audience hence was only raised by one person and not discussed by any. The concept ‘entertainment’ was raised by 6 online participants. One of the participants had this to say:

“Don't hope....or perhaps they will....SABC will now have one entertaining channel”.

This shows that online discussions are rich in diverse story lines. They are not confined to politics, joke sharing or public opinion issues. People are free to come up with their respective storylines and if participants are interested then they will engage. Online comments extracted from the online blogs during the 2014 national elections reflects the researcher sentiments and this is as shown in Appendix 3.

4.3.2.3 Sports

As depicted in Figure 6 above, participants took time off politics and elections to discuss ‘sports’ and this concept was discussed by 11 online commenters. They conversed about cricket, soccer and rugby. However there was an element of political gimmick in their discussions for there was a little bias when it comes to
choice of sporting code. Some of the participants were associating rugby with whites and soccer with blacks as noted by the discussions extracted from their respective online discussions and coded by NVIVO 11. Thus one of the participants had the following comment to share:

“The rugby world is. Much like the baseball world comprises the USA and......the USA. We profess that soccer is the "game of the people", but it seems that “the people” are quite useless at their own game. We keep on hearing that the world doesn't understand the African style of football, but that style seems to include trying to miss the goalposts at almost every opportunity”.

4.3.2.4 Health

As reflected in figure 6 above, the concept ‘short lifespan’ was raised by 3 online participants. These participants who raised the concept ‘shot lifespan’ were responding to Mr Kasril’s outrage on ANC. Participants were annoyed by his vote against ANC stance for he is a former member of the same party who saved under President Mbeki. They were blaming him for the former President stance of blaming poverty for the deaths of many South Africans and not HIV and AIDS. They were now viewing his stance as reactionary for he was not supposed to point fingers at the failures of the Jacob Zuma led administration. Some of the participants saw Ronnie’s tactics as an act of divulging inside information to get back to those who had fired him from cabinet just for personal gains. One of the participants had the following comment to make:

“They didn't ignore the problem in fact they were one of the first to highlight the problem to government. But they were not allowed to roll out anti retrovirals without the department of health's permission and that was not going to come from that mad boozed up Dr Garlic and beetroot and her denialist President”.

4.3.2.5 Other Social Issues

The concept ‘drug abuse’ was discussed by 2 participants. As the researcher noted earlier, online participants do not only focus on one thing, in this case they were found discussing what is affecting lives of those who waste their time on drugs instead of studying for a better future. However others like Valkenburger raised the concept in a sarcastic way. Thus one of the participants had this to say:

“How many people in those squatter camps fail matric because they are to busy smoking dagga and stealing, ending up in juvenile prisons and 20 years on they still blame apartheid? Go and look at successful black people and you
will see most of them worked their asses off, studied to become what they are”.

The concept ‘food shortages’ were discussed by 4 online participants. Participants were linking the current food shortages to the failures of the ANC which in this case had nicknamed CANCer. Some were attributing the issue of food shortages to the immigration of white farmers who have since reduced since the attainment of independence in South Africa in 1994. In relation to the concept ‘food shortages’, one of the participants said:

"Net food importer, because the CANCer has destabilised the agricultural sector to starve millions of South Afrikaans because the ANC and SACP became so accustomed to overseas donations and fame during the 'struggle that they need millions of starving mouths to get more charity flowing into the nation”.

The rest of their comments are as reflected in Figure 6 above and presented in Appendix 3.

The concept ‘family planning’ was discussed by 4 participants. Thus they had time to discuss about issues that contribute to poverty and the influence to vote for a party that takes care of its own. In this case Mark Neil Wade was condemning those who do not exercise family planning and just give birth yet complain that they are living under the poverty datum line. The researcher noted that, online participants considered many factors before casting their votes and the issue of poverty is one though they do not out rightly blame the seating government for that rather on poor family planning strategies among individuals. As they were conversing about poverty, one of the participants said:

This is why we need strict controls on people who have kids, if you can't afford then you must be force sterilized and children removed. Democracy does not work when majority are uneducated and impoverished.

It is noteworthy that, HIV and AIDS is a pandemic that every individual is afraid of. Online participants had their own views regarding the spread and containment of HIV and AIDS. They took a swipe at the decision of the then President Thabo Mbeki administration that blamed the deaths of people because of poverty and appalling living conditions rather than the disease. All the online participants who discussed on this concept were in agreement that people must be given ARVs and that most of the
people who are HIV positive are miners because of their living arrangements. They are in a way blaming the government for the living arrangements where working miners leave their spouses at home and live in compounds where they are prone to prostitution. This is what one of the participants said:

“Mr Kasrils is a hypocrite and a bitter old man, when he was serving under Pres. Mbeki he never raised a finger when people were murdered by the HIV. Today, we have millions of kids that were born with HIV who could have been saved. If he is really honest, he could have advised the former President better. People should use their democratic right to vote and stop being manipulated by these greedy has-been politicians”.

In a way the researcher agrees with these participants, government must make better living arrangements so as not to separate families if they want to get rid of HIV and AIDS in mining towns. The government must encourage free testing and counselling to all mine workers and their families and make sure that ARVs are given to those in need of them. The rest of the views of the online participants on the HIV and AIDS concept were extracted online and coded using NVIVO11 and are presented in Appendix 3.

The other concept discussed was ‘good living’ and it was discussed by 10 participants. These participants took their time off political issues that is the 2014 national elections to focus on their lives, what they eat and spending time with their families on holiday. However some took time to swipe at the mine workers who were demanding a salary rise comparing them to the Australian workers and subsequently to those who are educated. It is noteworthy that online discourse does not only confine participants to one topic but rather it allows them to discuss issues that affect their day to day lives ranging from social, economic, political and even health lifestyle. In this study at hand the concept ‘health tips’ was discussed by 15 participants. One of the participants had this to say:

“Try dischem for the coconut flour, or online for that matter. Didn't know about the health issues re the almond flour? For me the jury is out on the carbs issue, I do cross fit, and sticking strictly to Tim's diet or going caveman, I find that I battle to train. I just minimise carbs as far as possible to natural carbs, and no carbs after five in the afternoon. This recipe seems to be working for me. I am fitter and stronger now at 48 than 95% of the kids in the twenties. In fact (boast not intended) there are only a handful of guys, all of whom are old enough to be my sons, who train with me”.
As can be seen from one of the quoted comments, participants took their time off political issues to discuss and give each other tips about their health lifestyle, others were boasting of how they are living a healthy lifestyle while others had a chance to play. Thus, participants were seen now and again to be posting comments that have nothing to do with the topic at hand which resulted in their comments being classified as play. This was evident in one of the participants’ post who said:

“Shit man, leave this poor guy alone! Can’t you see he is struggling and works very, very, very Haad!!”

The rest of the comments were extracted online using NVIVO 11 and are presented in Appendix 3.

The researcher noted that, from the different discussions carried in different blogs, online conversations are not restricted and they allow different readers to form a community free from personal judging for they do not or are not obliged to use their real names but can use pseudo names. This therefore serves as a confirmation that, online news forums are reach in public opinion for there is limited or no media censorship in most cases although one cannot out rightly rule that there is media curtailment for some comments are deleted which shows that they are censored. Participants expressed themselves freely without fear or favour and not even afraid of victimisation. Online blogs can be said to be the best platforms where participants are free to air their views with the aims of making their government and different political organisations they affiliate with to account.

The findings discussed above are in line with the arguments of Ajiboye (2013) who noted that, the online readers’ discussion community forms subjective opinions and these valuable subjective judgments have an impact on shaping public opinions and general social attitudes (Ajiboye, 2013). Thus Ajiboye (2013) argued that, readers form a discursive community that plays a role in building social attitudes and public opinions. Ajiboye (2013) further noted that, online participants share common knowledge derived from a social context as they inform one another about different socio-political issues.
4.3.3 Analysis of Online Participants’ Discussion on Parliament and Other Related Issues

Figure 7 below depicts the conversation of online participants as coded using NVIVO 11. The researcher decided to name this conversation ‘parliament’ for the issues discussed were linked to parliamentary issues. It is noteworthy that, the main theme in NVIVO terminology is interpreted as the parent and represents the central theme of discussion and the sub-theme which originates from the center are interpreted as children (main theme=parent, sub-theme= child). In this scenario issues discussed include parliament as the parent and majority rule, poor debating skills, rendezvous, rules of parliament, SAPS, reconciliation, education, poor educational system, technology, illiteracy, service delivery, accountability, good service delivery, poor service delivery, critic, separation of power, service delivery protests, Nkandla scandal, abuse of power, infrastructure, tax payments, road potholes, electricity outages, expensive road tariffs, international affairs, national security, law and order, African solution to African problems, African political affairs, national crisis, women abuse, job creation, job hunt, ill-treatment, unemployment, feminism, labour movement, national resources, political coalition, ANC and DA coalition, ANC-DA comparison, AGANG and DA coalition, Zuma and Malema friendship, DA and AGANG alliance, DA coalition, ANC and EFF coalition, floor crossing as children. All the issues mentioned above are as depicted in Figure 7.
4.3.3.1 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Parliament

The concept parliament was discussed by 14 participants. Some of the participants were conversing about the confusion about the parliamentary procedure, with others attracted to Julius Malema and the other EFF parliamentarians’ dressing. In this analysis, the researcher noted that other participants were of the view that Honourable Moulder has experience in parliament and he must be in the forefront when it comes to the correct interpretation of the rules of parliament.

The researcher also noted that, some participants had their own different views when it comes to the confrontations between ANC and EFF in parliament, others saw it as entertaining while others viewed it as disturbing. Others were lamenting the breach of the parliamentary dress code starting with the EFF’s refusal to adhere to the formal dress code of parliament opting for their red regalia which they attribute to working class and more especially the domestic workers whom they claim to be representing. One participant had this to say in reaction to the rules of parliament:

“Not at all - he understands and accepts the rules of Parliament - unlike these ANC and EFF morons - watch them flaunt any of the rules they disagree with - starting today with the EFF’s refusal to adhere to the dress code - why were they allowed in?? If they can't/won’t respect the basic rules and principles of Parliament how can they be trusted to make sound decision that affect every SA citizen? Oh boy - watch this space!”

The coming of EFF to parliament was attributed to the failure of the ANC hence voters opting to vote for the EFF. Some of the participants view the parliament as the only platform where President Jacob Zuma is going to be held accountable to the voters. Other participants were also of the view that, DA as the main opposition is going to use this platform to make President Zuma account. One of the participants had the following to say:

“This is the platform where she would be able to confront Zuma not as a premier but as a leader of the official opposition in parliament. Maybe it should be compulsory for party leaders to leader in party as well”.

Some participants lamented the bending of parliament rules by EFF and ANC to suite their own selfish cause. However, some see the coming of EFF to parliament as a good thing; they are of the view that it (EFF) will offer radical debate and entertainment unlike the right wing buffoons from the FFPlus. One participant was perplexed by the failure of the chief justice Mogoeng-Mogoeng to correctly interpret
the rules of parliament. He went on to register disappointment for the soft sport shown to Julius Malema by bending the parliamentary rules for his convenience. The participant had the following comment to make:

“Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng later indicated that “must” should be interpreted as “may”, as no one could be forced to vote. I am gobsmacked. In all legislation, “may” means just that: there is a choice, you may, but you don't have to. "Must" is replacing the more gracious "shall", because it was felt that in South Africa, legal language should be more straightforward. "Shall" always did mean "must", but the word "shall" is falling away in favour of "must". As far as "must" is concerned, there never was any doubt or ambiguity - where legislation says "must", IT MEANS MUST! It's totally terrifying that we have a so-called Chief Justice who doesn't know the difference between "may" and "must" in law. Malema has only just arrived in parliament, and the rules are already being ignored for his convenience”.

Another participant was anticipating that parliament will be funny, with the swearing inn ceremony drama and the EFF regalia as just the beginning of interesting things to come. This is what the participant raised:

“At least it will be more entertaining than having those right wing buffoons from the FF”.

These conversations are as shown in Appendix 4 as they were extracted online and coded using NVIVO 11 software.

4.3.3.2 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Rules of Parliament

It was evident in this analysis that, parliament has its own rules and regulations that all parliamentarians must adhere to with no exceptions. Rules of parliament were discussed by 1 participant. The participant had this to say in connection with the rules of parliament:

“Rules say May and not must as Mulder says”.

The researcher noted that this concept was not regarded as that important hence the reluctance of participants to respond to the comment.

4.3.3.3 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Majority Rule

Participants took their time to discuss the concept of majority rule. The researcher noted that, when South Africa gained her independence in 1994 she put an end the minority for majority rule. It is on that note that the concept ‘majority rule’ was
discussed by 2 participants and they were in agreement that white rule is a thing of the past and it will never be seen in the near future for they now belong to the elite. Separation of power is one of the things that any democracy is thriving for. One of the outstanding comments by the participants was:

   “Whites will never rule this country. MORON”.

4.3.3.4 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Separation of Power
The concept ‘separation of power’ was discussed by 3 participants. In their conversation they were referring to the political affiliation of the public protector, some were of the view that she is independent as required by the constitution while the other one was of the view that she cannot separate her duty from her political affiliation for she is an ANC member in good standing and therefore biased towards the ANC. One of the participants had this to say about the concept separation of power:

   “This revision will once and for all establish whether the present Public Protector is truly independent as required by the constitution, or whether she is engaged in a vendetta against government,” he said.”

4.3.3.5 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Poor Debating Skills
Participants took time to discuss other issues among them was poor debating skills. The concept ‘poor debating skills’ was raised by 16 participants. In their conversation they were lamenting how other participants lack debating skills, they termed them blinkered or biased such that they cannot see what is right or wrong. Some could not substantiate their debate by bringing tangible facts, they were just assuming. Others were even lamenting the way others were subjecting all their debates to racism all the time instead of debating on political issues affecting South African citizens. The following coment was as raised by one of the participants:

   “More stupid lame rhetoric accompanied by some pathetic cut ’n pasting, you have a flawed argument and you have neither the intelligence nor the logic to even realize it........ Oh and please stop using terms like “fact is”....you wouldn't know a fact if it jumped out and bit you in the face. Please don't bother to again......I have no interest in trying to converse with a farm fence post”.
4.3.3.6 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Rendezvous

The concept ‘rendezvous’ was discussed by only one participant. Here the participant was responding to the other and setting up a meeting. This concept had nothing to do with the other participants hence their reluctance to comment. This is one of the comments that can be regarded as play for it does not contribute to the debate at hand. The participant had this to say:

“See you there, just name the day and time!”

4.3.3.7 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Political Coalition

During data analysis the researcher noted that, the online participants who were on the news forums where data was extracted took their time to discuss about the different existing and suspicious political coalitions. The concept ‘political coalition’ was raised by 10 participants. One of the participants went further to suggest that the ANC was a coalition of SACP-COSATU-ANC. The other one suggested a coalition of multiple parties since the ANC just follows one ideology; other party ideologies should be brought into the law making scene. Here participants were of the suggestion of political tolerance, where all political parties come together make a coalition and rule the country combining their different ideologies thereby benefiting every citizen regardless of their political affiliation. One participant suggested that:

“Coalition is the only way to root out out the decay in this country. Will give a wider unity and cross view of opinions that will be followed through with. Thank goodness we have a watertight constitution garrotting and hindering further decay. Thanks to Roelf and the boys”.

The researcher noted that, some of the participants had their own political coalition suggestions and suspicions hence the concept ANC and DA coalition was raised by one participant. Here the suggestion was that ANC and DA will make a coalition and gang up against EFF. One of the participants was of the view that if the DA is to win any other province than the Western Cape (WC) then they need to form a coalition. The concept ‘DA coalition’ was raised by 1 participant. Others were of the view that there will be a coalition between AGANG and DA. The concept ‘AGANG and DA coalition’ was raised by 3 participants. They were of the view that the coalition between AGANG and DA was going to benefit AGANG as the new kid on the block. One of the participants had this to say:
Oh!!!! Mamphela, she just doesn't have the balls at all, a one year attachment as a prodjiee’ to Zille could go a long way.

It is noteworthy that online participants are free to suggest or assume anything they deemed necessary. Some were of the opinion that Jacob Zuma and Julius Malema will continue with their previous relationship that saw Malema suggesting to kill for Zuma in 2010. The concept ‘Zuma and Malema relationship’ was raised by 5 participants. This suggestion resulted in some pointing out that they (Malema and Zuma) bowed to each other showing that they still have unfinished friendship which will be strengthened by their parliamentary reunion. One of the participants however suggest that Malema will be Zuma’s puppet and Zuma the master and the other one even went further to suggest that Zuma will forgive Malema and ask him to re-join ANC. One of the participants had to compare DA and ANC voters. The concept ANC and DA comparison was discussed by one participant. The comparison is mainly of the voters that each organisation attracts. The insinuation was that ANC mainly attracts black and poor voters who reside in shacks while the DA attracts the rich, white elite and those who have better accommodation.

The views of participants revealed that, besides the Malema-Zuma relationship, participants were of the view that EFF and ANC will form a strong coalition. The concept ‘EFF and ANC coalition’ was discussed by 8 participants. With one participant assuming that, the theory that the ANC and EFF will combine in a coalition so that the constitution can be changed may not be that far off the mark. The participant went on to suggest that, the "toe-nadering" between Zuma and the fat boy (Malema) is cause for concern. One participant even suggests that, ANC policies are no fundamentally different from those of the EFF, except where the EFF goes to the extremes that is talks of mine and, land and banks nationalisation. One of the participants said:

“So, in reality, the EFF is likely to vote with the ANC than with the DA....just as many small parties like COPE, UDM, Minority Front and others have done, which will also spell their death because people will start asking why they vote for these parties instead of voting for the ANC”.

Participants pointed out that, they are open to any disappointments as ANC makes a coalition with the EFF for they are of the view that EFF is composed of the young and intelligent while the ANC is of the old and dull, hence they need new blood to
add to their experienced old dogs. Some see the coalition between EFF and ANC as the only way forward and if they do that they will be able to dominate in parliament. One of the outstanding comments on political coalition is as quoted bellow:

“Coalition is the only way to root out the decay in this country. Will give a wider unity and cross view of opinions that will be followed through with. Thank goodness we have a watertight constitution garrotting and hindering further decay. Thanks to Roelf and the boys”.

**4.3.3.8 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Floor Crossing**

It was also revealed in this analysis that, besides discussing about political coalition, online participants discussed about floor crossing among different political parties. The researcher came to the understanding that, in any democratic state the issue of floor crossing is mostly dominant during elections and South Africa is not an exception. The concept ‘floor crossing’ was discussed by 31 participants. Based on the online comments extracted, the researcher discerned that, most of the members who were involved in floor crossing were either DA members diverting to ANC or ANC members crossing to join DA. The most discussed member who was involved in floor crossing is Pascoe, the former DA member who crossed to ANC. One of the participants had this to say:

“I read Pascoe’s account and interestingly he still strongly supported the DA and criticized the ANC about a day ago, so one can only assume the ANC lured him with a lifeline knowing his political career was probably over at the DA. Mayor De Lille was spot on when she said this is naked opportunism”.

Some participants went on to compare the time when Nosimo Balindlela and King Dalindyebo crossed floor from ANC to DA , the way the news were broadcasted but now when DA members cross to ANC the DA pretends as if it’s not moved. They also discussed the floor crossing of IFP members to NFP which was marked by political violence which at times resulted in deaths of innocent citizens. One participant had this to say in connection with floor crossing:

“When Noxolo Balindlela and the dagga king joined the DA, it was news; and now that a senior leader of theirs has joined the ANC, it is now “truly not a big deal”. Ha- ha- ha. Concentrate on Gauteng while the WC slips away slowly”.

**4.3.3.9 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on National Crisis**

Participants, it may be argued, become articulated and politicised especially when their citizenship is threatened in some way. They (participants) pointed out that, the dawn of formal democracy in South Africa brought an end to the racial discrimination
of apartheid and extended citizenship rights to all South Africans. However there are still outstanding issues that citizens regard as national crisis. In the data collected during the run to national elections the concept ‘national crisis’ was discussed by 3 participants however there are different children that are linked to this concept as shown in Figure 6 above. This concept in so far as the researcher is concerned was supposed to be one of the most discussed for it affects everyone. However it can be seen from the number of cemments that it was not regarded as important mainly because participants were concentrating on more political stories. The quote below was extracted from the conversation:

“The mine bosses are in it for what they can get out of it. Everybody knows it and they do not pretend they are in it for their idealism. Mathunjwa is keeping the strike going and he is not sharing the suffering of these miners. If it was not for the intimidation the strike would be over a long time ago. I challenge the unions to give the miners a secret vote like we have at the elections. In other countries members make union contributions mainly to build up a strike fund, so when the unions call for a strike, they pay their members a living allowance. Unions also spend money on education for their member. Here union contributions goes to the union bosses who do not seem to need to account for it, they live in luxury and pay their stooges to keep the intimidation up”.

4.3.3.10 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Labour Movement

It was clear in this analysis that the concept ‘national crisis’ is linked to the concept labour movement. The concept ‘labour movement’ was discussed by 13 participants. Participants saw the issue of labour brokering as a national crisis and deserve to be aired without fear or favour. They also touched on the issue of corruption and division that is going on amongst labour movement societies such as NUMSA and COSATU. The issue of labour movement was given enough attention because it coincided with the Marikana crisis. As they were discussing this concept, participants were concerned that political partiwes would want to take advantage of the Marikana situation and manipulate miners to vote for their party. However participants were quick to point out that miners were not politically inclined but were more concerned with their working and living conditions. One of the participants had this point to make:

“AMCU has declared that they will not be aligning themselves with any political party and so far all their actions have been based on workers' rights and very little political rhetoric so your conclusion that they would be EFF supporters is a little off mark”.

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4.3.3.11 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Salary

During this analysis the researcher noted that, amongst some of the issues that are regarded as national crisis in any democracy is the issue of salary scale. Participants were of the opinion that, in order for a working class citizen to survive they have to earn a decent salary hence the zeal for participants to converse about salaries. The concept ‘salary’ was discussed by 11 online participants. Some were worried about the gap that exist between the salaries of the white and blacks, with whites earning far much better than blacks thereby further widening the gap between the white rich minority and the majority poor black employees. Once more this issue was linked to the striking miners who wanted a better salary. The demands of miners according to participants were justified for they were being exploited by their employers. The most concerned participant had this to say:

“Do you think these miners would complain if they got R12 500 and Griffiths got R30 million P/A? The problem is that employers are hell-bent on raking all the money...”

4.3.3.12 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Protests

Participants took time to discuss the issue of protests. They were of the opinion that, those who work hard must be compensated for their hard work. The participant who contributed on this issue was not happy with protests. This was in response to the headline calling for national protest as fuelled by the issues of national crisis, labour disputes and salary complaints. The article suggested that, South Africa is not spared from protests. The concept ‘protest’ was discussed by 1 participant. He had this to say:

“I don’t have anything to donate but even if I had I wouldn’t. You deliberately stay away from work then expect me to feed your family, that's crazy”. 

4.3.3.13 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Violence

It is noteworthy that, when left to pile up, all the concepts discussed above will culminate in one thing and that is violence. In South Africa violence has been the order of the day whenever there are disputes amongst parties, for example the genuine complains of miners in Marikana was marked by violence as the last resort to solving the dispute. In this case participants are concerned with the violence as a result of difference in political affiliation. They see no need for forcing one to vote in a democratic state like South Africa. The run to the 2014 national elections according
to some participants has been marked by political violence. This according to them has to come to an end. Some participants were of the opinion that there is no solution to violent crimes as a result parties buy voters with food parcels and t-shirts. Other participants were anticipating that, if the ANC losas to the DA they will not accept the results and revert to violence. Another participant was against forcing people to vote for one party or the other in a democratic South Africa. The concept ‘violence’ was discussed by 7 participants. One of the participants had this comment to make:

“The results will be catastrophic if the DA wins too - all those ANC supporters who didn't vote (foolishly thinking it's a form of protest) would not accept the result. And they're half of the population. There'll be violence”.

4.3.3.14 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Job Creation

It was also evident in this analysis that, online participants have freedom of speech and are free to suggest anything more especially during or when an election is imminent. In their campaigns different political parties were preaching the need for job creation in order for the country to better the lives of its citizens. The ANC has been cited as the party that has been in the forefront in promising job creation as a ruling party. Now citizens think it’s high time for the ANC leadership to deliver on their promise. After all, it is the promise that made participants (voters) trust the ANC leadership with their ‘vote’ during the previous elections. It is noteworthy that, during election campaigns almost all political parties promise the general populace jobs. Now citizens are conversing about the prospective of the incoming government creating jobs for them. Some are even demanding jobs as per the promises made during the campaigns. The concept ‘job creation’ was discussed by 6 participants. The quote below was extracted from one of the comments by participants:

“It's time for the ANC to deliver the 3333 jobs per day they promised sadly; the voters will find out that the ANC are big liars”.

The researcher noted that, some participants were optimistic that the ANC remains the right party to deliver on their promises of job creation.

4.3.3.15 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Unemployment and Job Hunt

Participants pointed out that, South Africa’s unemployment rate is at 25.5% up from 25% during the 2014 South African general elections. This according to them deserves an ear hence their decision to discuss about it. The concept
‘unemployment’ was discussed by 7 online participants. However this does not mean many citizens are neither affected nor concerned; it only means that these were the participants who took part in the online discourse at the time data was collected. One of the participants had this to say:

“When the country has 25% unemployment, starvation, continuous protesting, lack of service delivery, lack of proper job creation and large debt problems with every municipality except the one in Cape Town? Then yes the whole car story is wrong. If none of these issues existed then there would be no issue. There however is. Why should these Officials receive benefits when they are failing their own country and people in it?”

Participants pointed out that, whenever there is high rate of unemployment, citizens are forced to go for job hunt. Those who were conversing about job hunt were suggesting that one should live their comfort zones and go to big cities and look for jobs. The concept ‘job hunt’ was discussed by 3 participants. A direct quote from one of the participants is as seen below:

“It's time to break that dusty umbilical cord and leave papa's farm. There's a labour broker in Gauteng who will show you how to get that wonderful position in the gantries”.

**4.3.3.16 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Natural Resources**

Participants pointed out that, the African continent is rich in natural resources and South Africa is one of the countries that are very rich in natural resources. They went on to suggest that, one of the reasons why the British and the Dutch colonised South Africa was because of its mineral resources. The concept ‘natural resources’ was discussed by 2 participants, their conversations were in a way blaming the first South African inhabitants for not being able to utilise the natural resources at their disposal until the arrival of the colonisers. One participant had this to say:

“My uncle mentioned it to me the other day. If you google it then you will find some information regarding it. http://www DOT news24 DOT com/Green/Oil-gas-tests-enrage-environmentalists-20130414-2 if what they say is true then there are oil fields covering the entire Eastern Cape coast... Black GOLD!!! I wonder how well Malema can swim...Eh”.

Some of the participants were of the view that, the indigenious South Africans did not even know that they are seating on top of gold mines. They were of the opinion that had it not been because of the white settlers, then South Africa would have not known that it is endowed with natural resources.
4.3.3.17 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Women Abuse, Feminist and Ill-treatment

South African constitution provides that 50% of the political deploys be women and the ANC seems to be following that provision. However in the eyes of the online participants Jacob Zuma seems to be abusing his powers and takes chances to abuse the same women he is supposed to protect. Some of the participants were taking a swipe at each other for passing abusive comments towards women. The concept ‘women abuse’ was discussed by 6 participants. One participant said:

“Zuma sees black women as subservient, obedient and easily controlled! ... Hence the appointment of all black women”

On the other hand, the concept ‘feminist’ was seen in conversations of 4 participants. Below is a direct quote from the comments:

“Well my friend these nothing I can do with my face but I can guarantee you, I respect them 100%...Women are the most precious God’s gift to life”.

Participants also noted that, election campaigns and subsequently polls are marked with the abuse and ill-treatment of the poor by the rich. In this scenario online participants were conversing about how the poor masses are ill-treated by the rich politicians after voting for them into power. The concept ‘ill-treatment’ was discussed by 1 participant. The participant had this to say:

“Correct Anton! Unfortunately it’s a sad circus when greedy politicians use the uneducated/unenlightened masses to enrich themselves”.

4.3.3.18 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Education

Participants noted that, an educated nation is a better nation and that means an informed populace. It was evident in this analysis that, online participants saw a gap between the educated and politicians. They are of the assumption that, not many politicians are educated with the President being the first example. Some even go as far as scrutinising other participants’ comments and if they don’t make sense subject them to the uneducated populace. Others went as far as suggesting that when it comes to politics, the educated are a minority. The concept ‘education’ was discussed by 18 participants. One participant had the following comment to contribute:

“The problem is that the educated/enlightened are in the minority, especially when confronted by politicians and politics”.

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4.3.3.19 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Poor Education and Illiteracy

Participants argued that, in Africa, South Africa is regarded as one of the countries with a very poor primary and secondary educational system with 30% regarded as a pass at matric level. Online participants were of the suggestion that the educational system should be reviewed in parliament so that it can be better. Others were blaming apartheid for the poor educational system for the 30% pass rate is mainly considered in those schools that are regarded as public and mainly black schools and not the A or private schools which mainly caters for the white elite. Participants blamed the ANC for this poor education and they attributed it to the lack of educated deploys amongst the party. The concept ‘poor educational system’ was discussed by 11 participants. One participant had this to say:

“Lyall is seriously lacking in reading skills --- perhaps he’s a product of the ANC education system (30% pass just isn't good enough, Lyall)”.

The researcher also noted that, South African politics and politicians are associated with the uneducated more especially those that are aligned to ANC starting with the President who is regarded as very dull. Some of the participants attribute the lack of coherent construction of arguments during their online discussions to illiteracy. It was also evident from the comments that some participants resorted to insults in their response. Just to quote one insult posted as a response to another comment:

“I did say "don't bother to "........dumb as fvck aren't you? PS - I said farm "FENCE" post......not farm post. Learn to read fvcktard.....”

The concept ‘illiteracy’ was discussed by 26 participants. Below is a direct quote from one of the participants’ comment:

“You must be one of the 33% who can’t read”.

4.3.3.20 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Technology

Those who participated in the online discussion were of the opinion that, it is high time now for elections to be technologically conducted. They were discussing issues such as the deliberate loss of ballot papers and attributed this to the fact that they are not bar coded and if they were then they would not get lost and this will also go a long way in plummeting election rigging which is a problem in any election. Some were of the suggestion that voting itself should be electronic for it takes care of many
inconsistencies that are associated with elections. The concept ‘technology’ was discussed by 7 online participants. One participant had this to say:

“The easiest way to assure that missing ballot papers does not become an issue each and every one should have a barcode - that barcode should be associated with a voter You make your mark, put the voting paper through a scanner that captures the result - speeding up the counting process - and the voter keep the ballot papers on their person If required, or if there is an issue with the votes, the voters can revote in a particular area, safe in the knowledge that the security of their vote cannot be tampered with by the simple act of opening a box. Yes this is more costly, but is a very viable option in the busy cities Even a better version would be a scanner in the voting booth that scan your barcode in your ID, thus verifying that you are registered and allowed to vote, If all is OK a touch screen or similar lights up, and you make your selection - national and provincial - and a security sticker is issued that records this info is issued and you the voter stick it in your ID. This will also save a fortune on ballot paper printing Simple”.

4.3.3.21 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Service Delivery

In was also evident during the analysis that, service delivery is one of the reasons the general populace vote in and out political parties. It is noteworthy that before one trusts any political party with their vote they first take a good look at the level of service delivery by any particular party that has been in power in a particular province. The WC province which has been under the DA for a long time is regarded by most of the participants who were discussing the concept of service delivery as a leading province when it comes to better services. Here participants are seen putting across their views and point out the fact that they are the ones paying tax and therefore are entitled to put to task those in government whenever there is service delivery or lack of it thereof. One participant had this to say:

“Sorry Mark I pay for that to be done and expect service delivery, something that’s obviously not happening in that particular place”.

The researcher is of the same view as that of the participants that, any government must not take chances when it comes to service delivery for it is the tax of the general populace hence they must benefit from it. The concept service delivery was discussed by 20 online participants. Participants went on to say that, citizens, as taxpayers deserve good service delivery from their government for they are the ones who voted them to power. Elections according to participants are associated with the vetting of the previous government in terms of their level of service delivery that is it poor or good. It was the case again with the 2014 general elections where voters
engage in online discussions discussing about different service delivery standards in their respective provinces. The province so far that is topping the list of those who has seen poor service delivery to date is Eastern Cape but remains loyal to the ruling party ANC. The concept poor service delivery was discussed by 16 online participants. Thus one participant had this to say:

“Poor service delivery, come to Vanderbijpark and see the kingdom port holes, municipal rates and taxes are cooked at a tavern”.

On the same annotation, service delivery protests have been the order of the day in South Africa. It has its roots in the apartheid South Africa where the majority poor black people would engage ion service delivery protests against the apartheid government. The democratic South Africa has not been spared from these protests where citizens take to the street to protest against the seating government for neglecting them. Most of the provinces that have the most service delivery protests are those under the ANC with those under DA having the list. Online participants get a chance to hold any government accountable for they say it as it is, in this scenario, they are mentioning the fact that when one needs to be voted for they promised you heaven on earth but when voted for they forget seat back and do not deliver on their promised services. Towards elections the inhabitants of Bekkersdal took to the street in protest for better services. The concept ‘service delivery protest’ was discussed by 5 online participants. One of them had this to say:

“Which province has more service deliveries? Oh sorry service delivery protests???”

Participants were however quick to point out that, Western Cape Province is on the top of the provinces that has seen good service delivery so far in South Africa. One of them said:

“What’s wrong with pro-western politics? They work don't they? Look at the WC, Pro western - no potholes, crime in CBD down 90%, NO E-Toll, Good Service delivery, etc., etc., etc. On a municipal level - Mid Vaal same there please, please, please ARGUE that......”

The concept good service delivery was discussed by 2 participants. Citizens as pointed out by the participants appreciate better service delivery and when they get adequate service delivery they do not protest. The concept better service delivery was discussed by 2 online participants. They had this to say:

“Ahhhh- incorrect - there would then be service delivery & hence no protest”
4.3.3.22 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Policy Implementation

Participants pointed out that, it is the responsibility of those voted for to make policies and implement them. However it becomes a futile exercise if those policies are not implemented. It was on that note that the researcher noted that, South Africa is viewed as one of the countries that have very good and viable policies in Africa and even in the world; their only problem is implementing these policies. It is the researcher’s view that good policy or bad lack of implementation renders the responsible body or government useless. In this scenario participants were conversing about ‘poor policy implementation’ by the ANC government. Participants had this to say:

“The economy at whose expense; the expense of social and economic justice; There is no point in wanting to overthrow a policy that is for bringing about equality, rather fix the problems in the implementation which is leading to abuse of the system by all race groups”.

The concept ‘policy implementation’ was discussed by 3 online participants.

4.3.3.23 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Criticism

It has been clear so far that, people who engage in online debate have different agendas, some engage for political, economic, educational or social reasons while others are just there to either critic the government, a political party or other participants’ views. In general there is nothing wrong for the online forums are free for all and one has to air their own vies on any issue they deem necessary. It was evident from the comments extracted that, some of the participants were sceptical of different party affiliates who were just criticising another political party just for the sake of critiquing it even though there is nothing wrong that party has done and in some cases where the party is even doing good for the general populace one is found to be against that party. The concept criticism was seen in comments of 6 participants. One of the comments posted was as below:

“I doubt they only know how to criticise, like their followers in this forum”.

The comments quoted above were in response to the argument that, Ronnie Kasrils the former ANC minister of inteligency is a hypocrite and a bitter old man.
4.3.3.24 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Accountability

Participants argued that, those in positions of power must account to their constituency who voted them into those positions. Participants pointed out that, South African citizens want their government that they voted for to be held accountable to them. One interesting coment was as quoted below:

“Good move with legit reasons... Every party has its demon and Zille definitely has been looking out for white interests without taking to account the realities facing previously disadvantaged people in the corporate world. The EE stance is a straight out reflection of her attitude to equality”.

In this case one of the participants is accusing the Helen Zile led DA of only being accountable to the Western Cape and forgetting other disadvantaged provinces where her party has voters too. When the office of the public prosecutor was investigating President Zuma South African citizens were waiting for a report to be published publicly thereby encouraging accountability by those in position of power no matter the position they hold in government. Participants are accusing the ANC of nursing the feelings of Zuma thereby putting him first instead of putting the general populace which makes up their voters. The concept ‘accountability’ was discussed by 25 participants. This was seen in the comment below:

“ANC puts Jacob Zuma first!!!! Surely they should be putting the people who vote for them first.....”

4.3.3.25 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Ineptitude

According to the participants, for a party to account, there must be a hard working candidate deployed to serve in a particular office. Hence the researcher noted that, there is nothing as irritating to general voter as a political party that deploys an ineptitude candidate. When the ANC won the previous elections, they deployed Nomvula as their MEC and subsequently premier of Gauteng the following term. This did not go down well with the general populace for they saw how incompetent she was when she was the MEC. However, the researcher can generally say these are the views of those against the ANC for the organisation would not deploy the same candidate unless the person is capable of delivering. In this instance participants are seen arguing that there is too much ineptitude in the politicians serving them. The concept ‘ineptitude’ was discussed by 11 online participants. The quote below was directly extracted from one of the participants’ comments:
“Lol shame on u black u voted them again lol "i don't expect 2 c service delivery protest" Remember Nomvula was MEC of Gauteng dept. of housing during that time,& she knew very well about it da problem is she 4got about Diepsloot after being so called primer”.

4.3.3.26 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Maladministration

Participants noted that, maladministration is one of the factors that cripples the economy for there will be an element of corruption associated with it. They went on to point out that, when voters are preparing for an election they reflect on the previous administration to see if they indeed delivered what they promised them in the previous election. It is the case here where online participants are seen to be conversing about their views on maladministration in South Africa. Their first point of call being the IEC that is responsible for the smooth running of an election. They are accusing the body of being under ANC and corrupt such that if there is maladministration no one sees it. Participants are of the view that where there is maladministration there is blame game for no one what to take responsibility. The concept ‘maladministration’ was discussed by 20 online participants. One of the participants who commented on ‘maladministration’ said:

“The positive/ negative to this dilemma, makes no difference who he appoints, the results will be just as dismal as they have been for the past 5 years. Lack of service delivery and all the other bad things his previous appointment”.

4.3.3.27 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Nkandla Scandal and Abuse of Power

Participants took their time to make their input on the ‘Nkandla debacle’. They wheighed in on whether the upgrades were normal or ther was misuss of state/tax payers funds. The observation of the researcher was that, South Africa has a standing policy when it comes to the protection of its President; they make sure that his security is tight stating with his place of residency. Hence Presidents before Jacob Zuma had their homes upgraded for security reasons. However there was nothing extraordinary from the previous upgrades for the money spent were reasonable. President Jacob Zuma’s Nkandla homestead upgrade rocked the South African media circles thereby attracting attention from the general populace hence the discussions termed Nkandla scandal.
Nkandla scandal was one of the biggest fiascos to make headlines in all media forums with some participants contemplating leaving the ANC because of the scandal. The scandal called for a chapter 9 institutions to investigate the saga and the office of the public prosecutor found out that this one of the worst scandals involving a head of state in South Africa with an alleged misuse of funds amounting to 263 million rands. Participants had to scrutinise all the stories surrounding the security upgrade of Nkandla. They found out that some of the structures built were not security related for example the cattle kraal, swimming pool, fowl run to mention just a few just like the findings of the Public Prosecutor and concluded that the ANC under president Zuma has become one of the most corrupt organisations in South Africa and it is not surprising if in Africa and subsequently the world. Some even see the Nkandla scandal as one of the reasons for not voting for ANC for they are a corrupt organisation that is led by an uneducated and controversial candidate.

The researcher concurs with the online participants for the Nkandla upgrades were not necessary while the general populace is languishing in poverty and the educational system in the brink of collapsing. The money used for Nkandla could have been used for other developments that could benefit many citizens and not one self-centred head of state. The concept ‘nkandla scandal’ was discussed by 38 online participants. One of the direct comments extracted from the online comments is as below:

“Everyone is aware that Msholozi received unfair benefits. If he didn't notice the upgrades going into Nkandla, then he is unfit to be president. If he noticed and did nothing to stop the process, he is unfit to be president. If he noticed and thought that there was no wrongdoing in the process, then he is unfit to be president. He has done nothing to correct the issue. He is guilty of knowingly receiving benefits to which he is not entitled”.

It is noteworthy that Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for any if not all security upgrades to be done to any house of the head of state and ministers. In the researcher’s opinion, President Jacob Zuma just like any other head of state has a duty to lead by example and he breached that duty. He has a fiduciary duty to act on behalf of all South African citizens, now during the upgrades of his home he broke the trust and thereby abuse his power as the head of state. Instead of him letting DPW do its work he recommended his own architect Minenhle Makhanya knowing
very well that the minister of PW will not refuse the command. This debacle made headlines and online participants just like any other citizen had to discuss about the abuse of power by the president.

The concept ‘abuse of power’ was linked to the Nkandla scandal and participants were of the view that Jacob Zuma unduly benefited from the project thereby abusing his power. Online participants noted that abuse of power is now the order of the day for the ANC and this will cost them dearly during elections and might end up losing many votes or membership for that matter. the Nkandla case is not the genesis of abuse of power by the ANC, it dates back to the time when Jacob Zuma was facing many charges some of which were crystal clear that he did commit, but the ANC had to make sure that they bend the rules for the number one by using their majority rule and control of the country thereby abusing their power. The concept ‘abuse of power’ was discussed by 33 participants with one of the quotes below being an example of what participants thought:

“Amazing how ANC people think. Zuma faces 783 charges of fraud, corruption and racketeering and he dodges going to court with the help of the ANC. A young man who speaks his mind is arrested on trumped up charges and people in the ANC are now salivating in anticipation of seeing him going to jail. That is definitely a travesty of justice and will not be unpunished forever”.

4.3.3.28 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Infrastructure, Expensive Road Tariff and Road Potholes

Data also revealed that, in Africa, South Africa is one of the countries with the best infrastructure. However the researcher noted that, the only problem that South African citizens complain about is lack of adequate maintenance of this infrastructure in other provinces. The construction of etoll in GP was one of the talking points where citizens saw that as being unfair. The concept ‘infrastructure’ was discussed by 6 online participants. They had this to say:

“You raise a valid point. I’ve always maintained that if I worked for municipality for instance and drove the same roads every single day to work and back that were riddled with pot holes, street lights weren’t burning or road signs were missing I’d call it in. These guys, not a fat chance, it’s not their department so why should they care”.
Participants connected the issue of infrastructure with that of road tariffs. The concept expensive road tariff was discussed by 4 online participants their main concern was the construction of e-tolls that were too expensive for motorists in GP. The issue of e-tolls as suggested by the online participants who are part of the voters was a wrong move by the ANC and will cost them votes in GP for it was making the poor poorer and the rich richer. One of the participants was even contemplating not complying with the e-toll rules by saying:

“Won't pay e-tolls”.

Participants also took a swipe at the president for awarding the e-toll tender to his friends. Of the total participants who were engaging in online discussions during the 2014 general elections, almost all of them had complaints about the ruling party and subsequently the government. Now one would understand them just like in this scenario, after paying expensive road tariffs still one has to face road potholes. Those who discussed the concept road potholes raised their concerns about the tariffs they are paying while they still see dangerous potholes a condition they regard as unacceptable. The concept ‘road pothole’ was discussed by 3 online participants. One of the participants had this to say:

“Michelin face that hit Johannesburg potholes”.

4.3.3.29 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Electricity Outage

Participants took time to converse about electricity outages in the country. Their concern was that, amongst other factors that were adding to the reduction of ANC membership the issue of load shading added salt to injury. Participants noted that, South Africa was facing a problem with decaying Eskom infrastructure and there was a need for an immediate intervention. The government through Eskom had to take a decision to effect load shading to conserve electricity, curb costs and deal with infrastructure upgrade. Thus plan load shading resulted in countrywide electricity outages. One of the participants shifted the blame for the electricity outages to the ANC government. This can be justified if one takes into account that ANC is the ruling party. However this can not be justified if taken from the ruling party’s perspective that they are maintaining the infrastructure to avoid unnecessary power cuts. The comment below is a direct quotation from the comments extracted online:
“Wow the electricity is gone at work. For those who voted ANC this is what happens if you don't listen to other parties. Believe me it has implicated a negative impact (electricity shut down at one of the tallest buildings in SA). Mashele knows what I am talking about”.

The concept ‘electricity outage’ was discussed by 2 online participants.

4.3.3.30 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Tax Payment

Participants noted that, the South African legislation has a provision which states that every working class personnel must pay tax as determined by SARS. South Africa uses this tax for different purposes ranging from education to payment of social grants. It is noteworthy that it is the responsibility or every worker or business to make sure that their tax is in order. Participants were a little worried about Malema’s tax evasion issues with others having the opinion that he might be stopped from being a member of parliament if found guilty of the offence. However one participant was quick to point out that Malema is not the one whose tax is not in order but that of his company. The participant had this to say:

“Malema’s taxes are in order; it is those of the Ratanang Trust that are in disarray. Remember, if the over 1 million supporters of EFF donate R16 each then the R16m tax settlement would be raised in the blink of an eye”.

The concept ‘tax payment’ was discussed by 8 online participants.

4.3.3.31 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Reconciliation

Participants were of the view that, the end of apartheid saw the birth of democracy in South Africa and it was the dawn of a new era of one men one vote. Thus they noted that, when apartheid ended with Nelson Mandela democratically elected to be the president of the republic he chose the reconciliation route and pronounced that South Africa is for everyone who lives in it. Some said, while others were happy that there has been reconciliation in South Africa others were of the view that there will never be reconciliation for they still feel the pain suffered under the white rule during apartheid. The concept ‘reconciliation’ was discussed by 6 online participants. One participant who was in support of reconciliation said:

“The only way in which to accomplish the late great Nelson Mandela’s goals for South Africa would be to forgive the past as this cannot be changed. We can however change the present and the future so instead of making comments that provokes hate and racial divide I suggest you all do something to make the future better for all South Africans. Learn from the mistakes
people made from History....go back study the History of South Africa. See where they went wrong and Change it for your children and your children's children. Only peace leads to prosperity so be a good South African and do what's right. Love and Peace!

4.3.3.32 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Racial Discrimination, Racism and Anti-Racism

Participants pointed out that, the apartheid system in South Africa had two faces, racial discrimination and financial exclusion. Racial exclusion is a system where people discriminate against each other based on race. South Africans like any other state that was colonised experienced the most painful type of racial exclusion during the colonial period and online participants saw it fit to discuss about it. Some seem to think that racial discrimination is a thing of the past while others see it as still existing and will never end because the idea of white and black living areas still exist in South Africa. Racial exclusion seems to be a worldwide virus that is not easy to deal with though many organisations for example UN are trying their best to eliminate it. The concept ‘racial discrimination’ was discussed by 3 online participants as depicted in Figure 7. One participant had this to say:

“Because there are only 8 of them; if there were 10, then they could have 1 mlungu, since they're about 10% of the population. So the whiteys just missed the cut, they should have tried harder to get their mlungu friends to vote ANC, it's their fault”.

It is noteworthy that during apartheid, South Africa had two major enemies to fight against which is capitalism and racism. It is the researcher's understanding that they managed to defeat racial exclusion although not outrightly. When South Africa attained her independence in 1994 and Mandela was elected as the first black President, he denounced racism and pronounced that South Africa is for all those who live in it regardless of race, colour or creed. However one cannot run away from the fact that racism still exist in South Africa hence online participants had to discuss it. One can further note that even the online participants attack each other along racial lines by attaching their comments to a particular race. Even though many political parties try to defy racism by including everyone in their organisation, one can still note that voting is still done along racial lines with political affiliation to some extent done along racial lines.
Participants pointed out that, the ANC is the ruling party which caters mostly for blacks and the DA is the official opposition looking after the white interest. The researcher noted that, there is a lighter side composed of those who do not support racism just like during the apartheid where not all whites nor blacks were racists. The concept ‘racism’ was discussed by 42 online participants with one of them ponting out that:

“As long as the level of inequality persists then people will continue to vote along racial lines. As long as people continue to insult other races on platforms such as this one then people will continue to vote along racial lines. As long as people resist transformation policies then people will continue to vote along racial lines”.

From the analysis above, one can note that, online discussions are rich in public opinion, for they are not confined to one point of view and neither are they restricted to one area of discussion. All participants are free to air their views without fear or favour for it is their democratic rights as embedded in the constitution of the Republic. In their discussion others raise racist remarks and others seem to be anti-racism. It was also the case in the run up to the 2014 general election where online participants had to analyse different political parties, their deployment and different policies. However in their discussion some raised direct racial comments and others had to correct them or at time agree with their views. Some of the online participants were of the view that racism is a thing of the past, we must forgive and forget and live together in harmony regardless of race. The concept ‘anti-racism’ was discussed by 28 online participants as can be seen in the quote below.

“To cure racism permanently, one must first address the root problems, which are: stereotypes, unfamiliarity, selfishness, and environmental aspects. When we cure and address those things, we will cure racism as well”.

4.3.3.33 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on International Affairs

In this analysis, the researcher noted that, some topics did not attract comments than the other. The concept ‘international affair’ was raised by only 1 participant. The participant had this to say:

“Timbuktu? Do you know where that is??? AFRICA I believe!!! Bad choice my mate... Also Luxembourg is a Neutral Peace loving country situated between France - Belgium and the Netherlands I believe”.
The researcher noted that, lack of comments on this concept shows that online participants had their own preference of stories to discuss over the other.

4.3.3.34 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on African Solution to African Problems and African Political Affairs

Africa according to participants just like any other continent has her own problems though not unique but requires the attention of her inhabitants. The researcher is of the opinion that Africa can solve her own problems if let alone to deal with them without interference from the first world countries. This view was also shared by the online participants as they were discussing 2014 national elections, the concept African solution to African problems was discussed by 8 participants. One participant had this to say on this matter:

“That’s European culture; let us deal with this the African way”.

Participants further stated that, the African continent is marked with political controversy. They pointed out that, there is no state in Africa that stands out to blame another from political affairs to socio-economic issues we seem to be sailing in the same boat. This means that if there are any problems in Africa, we must seat down as African countries and find a solution to our problems rather that looking to other continents for help. All the discussions affecting Africa must be found in Africa and must be held in Africa. One cannot dispute that part of the African problems are man made by the same countries that will offer to help although some are genuine well-wishers just like when African was fighting colonialism.

Online participants took time to reflect on the African political affairs to see if South Africa and her different political parties stand out when it comes to political practises. However some of the online participants were of the view that other African countries like Somalia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia to name just a few are taking advantage of South Africa because of her good national, international and economic policies. This to them, is costing the citizens who pay tax and in return benefiting mainly one political party the ANC of which to some is unacceptable. The concept of ‘African political affairs’ was discussed by 22 online participants. One participant went on to say:
“You have to admit that we are also paying the price for the mismanagement of Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Somalia, Nigeria, Ethiopia...to name a few. There is no doubt that the general consensus is that taxpayers are willing to build, we all benefit, but really, to then be screwed in the way the ruling party does, is too much. The villains here are not the taxpayers, it is the ANC”.

4.3.3.35 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on National Security and Law and Order

The researcher noted that, it is the responsibility of any government through parliament to ensure its citizens of a vibrant national security. South Africa has South African Defence Forces (SADF), South African Police services (SAPS), National Protection Authority (NPA) and other government wings that are responsible for national security. In this analysis, participants were at one point worried about national security but had to reassure each other that there are security forces in place to make sure that all citizens are safe. It can be seen from the number of comments that the concept national security did not attract much attention. This can be attributed to the fact that it did not have a direct impact on national elections. The concept ‘National security’ was discussed by 7 online participants. One participant had this to say:

“Oh please no! No more. When he left buck palace after his visit to see old queenie, he was searched. Mm, they found spoons, goblets, shiny tourist information brochures hidden under his rear flip top head. The animal had tried to steal anything that came into his path”.

The concept discussed above brings us to the recognition that, according to international law, each and every sovereign state has its own municipal laws and those laws have a provision for law and order. Citizens need to be guaranteed that they reside in a democratic state where law and order is upheld. Participants echoed that, there is nothing as disturbing as a lawless state where citizens do as they please thereby risking lives of those who cannot protect themselves. They stated that, since its time for a national election there is need for citizens to take their time and discuss about law and order. Some of the participants were of the assumption and fear that with Malema in parliament there is going to be chaos and ignorance of parliamentary law and order. One participant went on to say:

“When Malema transgresses the rules and the speaker orders him to leave the chamber, will he leave or will they have to carry him out. That will be hilarious to watch”.
It must be noted however that, some participants saw the chance to insult other participants. Thus when one participant in response said:

“Don’t talk nonsense! What law are you talking about which presumes someone guilty until proven innocent? And which case are you talking about because in a separate but related case Malema’s alleged corruptors were recently acquitted and released? You obviously know nothing about that being blinded by your hatred of Julius. Do yourself a favour and try and get your facts right before you venture into this debate”.

The concept ‘law and order’ was raised by 11 online participants.

4.3.3.36 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on SAPS, Public Protection, Security, Prison and Arrests

The concept ‘SAPS’ was raised by 1 participant. The participant was concerned with the behaviour of the police. According to this participant, the police needs more education for they are not well versed with how to go about their daily duties. South African Police services as noted by the researcher, is responsible for maintain law and order on the ground and if there are any transgressors of the law they are supposed to make arrests and hand that particular individual to the courts of law for the law to take its course. However it must be noted that the police does not just go out and arrest people where there are no complaints. This concerned participant had the following comment about the police:

"The police refused arrest because there were no complaints. Some of our police needs to be educated about their job".

On public protection participants pointed out that, it is the responsibility of the state to protect its national however it is the sole responsibility of an individual to make sure that they protect their own identity. In this analysis, the researcher noted that, online participants are not obliged to show their profile pictures hence they can for their own protection from political victimisation choose any profile they deem fit for the purpose. The concept ‘public protection’ was raised by 3 participants. The comment below reflects one of the participants point of view:

“Profile picture is just a profile picture. I know I voted for ANC at the ballot paper. DA and EFF made it clear that Mmusi Maimane and Dali Mpofu will be Gauteng premier candidate. Why ANC can’t do the same? SA people just vote for one party because of apartheid struggle and Mandela legacy. That is the past now. Let’s vote for best candidate with the best manifesto on the ballot paper. SA people need politics education because we are going nowhere with one party interest".
Those participants who discussed the concept security were of the suggestion that, in order for you to publicly voice your concerns you must have security precautions at your disposal. Participants pointed out that, although there is security service that is responsible for the security of all citizens one has to take care of their own security needs. The concept ‘security’ was raised by 3 participants. One of the participants had this concern when it comes to security:

“Be careful!! Do you have: 1. a gun; 2. a torch; 3. a dog; 4. Pepper spray?? : P”.

Law transgressors according to participants are supposed to be sent to prison when found guilty of the offence tried for. The concept prison was raised by 1 participant. The participant had this to say:

“In the same cell with big brother camera, I will be watching with popcorn”.

As can be noted once more, the concept ‘prison’ did not attract many comments. This can be attributed to one or two assumptions. The first assumption is that, the timing was not right for many participants were concerned with the elections. The other assumption is that the participant who commented on this concept did not have many followers.

In discussing the issue of arrest, participants were of the opinion that, a lawless country is a disaster in itself. They thought that, if there are any law transgressors they are supposed to be arrested by the police and law has to take its course. However they noted that, one does not just get arrested without proper investigation. Thus participants are of the view that there is need for independent investigation without interference from any political party if the law has to take its course. The concept ‘arrest’ was discussed by 2 online participants and one of the participants had this to say:

“Criminals cannot arrest criminals???”

4.3.3.38 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Rule of Law and Equity

It was evident in this analysis that, democracy is marked with sound rule of law. This was as noted from the participants comments who pointed out that, South Africa as a democratic state and well complimented for its rule of law is one of the few African
countries with more than five political parties that participate in national elections. It was the view of the online participants that in politics opposition is healthy. The concept ‘rule of law’ was raised by 2 online participants with one of them stating that:

"A good strong opposition party can only be good for ordinary South Africans. Just the same as, competition in retail and banking best serves consumers. Anyone that says otherwise either does not understand democracy or prefers dictatorship".

It must be noted as raised by participants that, no citizen is above the law and all citizens must be treated with equity. Of the Online participants who participated in the 2014 general election discussions 4 raised the concept ‘equity’. One participant contributed by stating that:

“Faith, we've got to the stage where white interests also need to be protected. Having said that I repeat that, she stands for all races”.

It is noteworthy that, though participants were engaging on serious issues that affect their day to day way of life, they always found time to play. Thus, in as much as they would engage in serious political and socio-economic debate, participants would now and again post comments that reflect play. This was seen in one of the participants who said:

“I normally don't read your comments as I know are crap. I just respond to you, I don't waste my time.”

The other participant said:

“Sounds like you live at the dump, the way your'e carrying on. It typifies your ilk, quick to complain but slow to action...Get a life or at least a hobby!”

This goes on to show that one can draw a thin line between play and seriousness. Thus, play cannot be parted and remains inseparable with “what is real”; instead, play renews the real world by giving it sense and meaning. Play does not “re-present” nor falsify certainty but it enunciates certainty

During the analysis, the researcher comprehended that the concepts captured in Figure 7 above are interrelated and no one can discuss one without touching on the other. Online forums offers citizens a chance to discuss on news and issues that affect their daily live and subsequently their voting choice. It is the responsibility of the citizens to put to task any political organisation that is campaigning to be voted
into power and subsequently the government of the day. These checks and balances are the ones that make sure that democracy prevails. It is noteworthy that citizens have freedom of speech and South Africa is one of the best countries that upholds freedom of the press hence the chance for online discourse where participants take chances to hold their political representatives accountable. In as much as one would like to discuss one concept and get done with it, it is not the case with online discourse for participants raise different concepts randomly.

In this thesis the researcher had to group different concepts according to his understanding of their relation and how one depends on the other. It is also important to note that the researcher had to correct some of the spellings although the researcher was careful not to change the tone or meaning of participants’ contribution. The idea was to make sense of what was being said for some participants used slang when chatting to their peers. Conversations of all concepts illustrated in Figure 7 and discussed in this section were extracted, analysed using NVIVO 11 and presented in Appendix 4.

These findings are inline with the findings of Habarmas who argued that, a public thing is “open to all”. Habermas (1991:52) also noted that, the notion of a public sphere therefore denotes that the society is able to engage in critical public debates. Habermas (1991:52) then concluded by noting that, It is therefore a fact that, public sphere require the media for communication and information access by all the citizens.

4.3.3 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Dishonesty

In this section the concept ‘dishonesty’ is the main them with 15 sub-themes. It is noteworthy that, the main theme in NVIVO terminology is interpreted as the parent and represents the central theme of discussion and the sub-theme which originates from the center is interpreted as the child (parent=main theme, child= sub-them). Therefore the concept ‘dishonesty’ is the parent with 15 different children. Participants noted that, elections in many African countries have been marked with dishonesty and South Africa has not been an exception. There are some voters according to participants who prove to be dishonest and use their relatives IDs to vote and the IEC personnel do not notice that or they choose to ignore it. In this
thesis the concept dishonesty as the parent is linked to 15 concepts (children) that
the researcher presumed to be interrelated. The concept ‘dishonesty’ was raised by
3 participants and one participant had the following comment to make:

“The same friend you supposedly gave your sisters ID could have
electronically voted on her behalf. And that makes it right? Like voting on
behalf of your dead mother, sister or cousin?”

4.3.3.1 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Corruption and Bribes
Participants suggested that political corruption is deeply rooted in South Africa.
Comparative experience does not indicate that the historical South African political
environment was especially likely to nurture a venal bureaucracy as a fairly
industrialized and extremely coercive state. To them the apartheid era may have
been less susceptible to many of the forms of political corruption analysts over other
post-colonial developing countries. Participants pointed out that, democratization has
made government less secret, inhibiting corruption in certain domains but through
extending government's activities opening up possibilities for abuse in others. They
further noted that, today’s authorities argue that the present extent of corruption is
largely inherited and indeed certain government departments, notably those
concerned with security and the homelands, as well as the autonomous homeland
administrations themselves, had a history of routine official misbehavior.
In this analysis, some participants blamed the ANC and they went as far as labelling it a thief. Corruption within the top government prompted the office of the public protector to investigate them. There are some of the well discussed corruption cases online such as the Gupta gate scandal, Nkandla, e-toll scandal, the corrupt relationship between Zuma, Shaik and Maharaj. Some even go as far as discussing the alleged corruption within the union leaders such as the AMCU boss corruption allegations. The concept ‘corruption’ was raised by 78 participants. One of the concerned participants mentioned that:

“There was absolutely no reason for money to have been transferred into Masualle’s account in the 1st place....red flag, corruption spotted no doubt there will be further release of factual evidence of fraud, theft and corruption....watch that space”.

Corruption according to participants has many faces and may be motivated by offering of bribe. Hence, political parties have been accused of offering bribes to lure people to vote for them. The ANC has been accused of offering food parcels and promising an increase in social grant in return for votes. The DA has also been accused of bribing the voters in a number of provinces. The concept ‘bribes’ was seen in conversations of 5 participants with one participant stating that:

“Handing out R1000 at a time ... (and pretending he'll fight bribery and corruption)".

4.3.3.2 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Lawbreaker, Courts, Theft, Murder and Money Laundering

Proceeding from the parent ‘dishonesty’, some participants expressed their disappointments at those who are always found to be against the law. They were of the notion that all lawbreakers must be sent to jail where they will pay for their transgression. The concept ‘lawbreaker’ was seen in conversations of 3 participants. One participant went on to say:

“They have no respect for the law or rules - they're Mugabe clones”.

Participants pointed out that, the run to the 2014 South African national elections was marked by many court cases. One of the court cases that made international headlines and was found discussed in almost all online forums is the Oscar and Reva murder case. Some were of the opinion that the court of law must find Oscar
guilty of murder while others wanted the law to take its course and patiently wait for the results. On the other side was the case of Julius Malena for tax invasion and the Nkandla scandal on the other side was making its own headlines. The Marikana massacre was referred to a commission with others suggesting that if there is any foul play found by the commission those found against the law must be brought before the courts and face justice, the concept ‘courts’ was raised by 18 participants with one participant arguing that:

“Sequestration order wasn’t made final - back in court on 27th May for the final order - providing of course some moron with too much money doesn't come forward and settle the bill! If it's made a final order and Malema is sequestrated - no more Parliament for him! But don't hold your breath......!! There are still all the fraud charges though!”

Participants were left with no option but to blame the ANC for they always found the hands of the top leaders in the cookie jar. They blamed the government for being corrupt and advancing their own needs at the expense of the general populace. They were of the notion that, the poor state of affairs in South Africa is caused by the stealing tendencies amongst the top bras of ANC. Some mentioned among other things the fact that Zuma was found to have unduly benefited from the Nkandla security upgrade and decided not to disclose that is theft. The concept ‘theft’ was discussed by 6 participants. Thus one of the participants had the following comment to make:

“Try to satisfy yourselves first ANC! Then you can try and satisfy the rest of us taxpayers! Oh wait you are satisfying yourselves and stuff the rest! Stealing and corruption is the buzzword of this government!”

The researcher noted that, besides discussing about dishonesty, courts and theft among other concepts, participants took time to converse about murder. They conversed about the Marikana massacre as prompted by the fact that, the murdering of striking Marikana mine workers did not only make headlines in the South African media but also internationally. Some online participants who participated in the online discussion during the 2014 general elections raised concerns in the manner in which those mine workers were killed. The concept ‘murder’ was identified in conversations of 6 online participants. One of them contributed by stating that:

“Let’s the Losers Loose, they may be afraid of being killed, Malema is coming in, there just running man, let them RUN”.

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Emanating from the above concept, South African citizens expressed their disappointments in the way in which union leaders and their political leaders have been involved in illegal activities such as money laundering; the concept ‘money laundering’ was seen in conversations of 8 participants and below is one comment extracted from the participants’ comments:

“...with millions of bucks being defrauded to the fiscus, they have managed pretty, pretty well, I'd say....”

4.3.3.3 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Crime, Anti-Crime, Gluttonous and Anti-Corruption

Participants stated that, crime is a prominent issue in South Africa. South Africa has a very high rate of murders, assaults, rapes (adult, child, elderly and infant), and other crimes compared to most countries. Most emigrants from South Africa state that crime was a big factor in their decision to leave the country. Participants took their time to discuss about crime and were of the assumption that Malema will be arrested for his crimes and Oscar will also go to jail for a long time for keeling his girlfriend Reva. Some expressed their disappointment at the way in which crime rate is growing yet the SAPS do nothing and people are left suspecting that the police are also involved in some crimes. The concept ‘crime’ was discussed by 18 participants with one participant pointing out that:

“They have created one of the most violent countries on earth to live in. SA has the dubious reputation of being the country that rapes and murders more children than any country on earth. SA is more dangerous for children than adults. Ref: Interpol (where our true statistics are reported)".

There were some participants who were totally against crime just like the government has dedicated itself to fighting crime. The concept ‘anti-crime’ was found in discussions of 2 participants. One participant thought it is easy to use criminals to fight against crime. He went on to suggest that this can be done through the tactic below:

“It's easy, the people with the longest criminal record”.

On the same note of crime and anti-crime, participants noted that, many South Africans have been left wondering why ANC members keep on supporting Zuma after so many accusations of criminal offences. Some were wondering how the Deputy President accumulated his wealth for they suggest that he was formally a secretary of NUM. They came to one conclusion that, those who stand by the
president do so out of their gluttonous tendencies and that the deputy president also sold out workers out of greedy. One participant took a swipe at the leadership by stating that:

“What are your "needs" exactly? A salary or wages larger than the economic value you are adding? In other words: greed. As opposed to the entrepreneur who WORKS to increase the economic value (s) he adds, but then gets blamed for "earning too much."

The concept ‘gluttonous’ was found in conversations of 10 participants.

4.3.3.4 Analysis of Participants' Comments on Economic Meltdown, Anti-Corruption, Dishonest, Desperation and Transparency

Participants noted that, the South African economy is at a decline and citizens have attributed this to many things. Some of them were of the notion that, the ANC has failed to govern the country resulting in the rand loosing value when compared to the dollar and other powerful currencies. Others attributed the economic decline to the policy proposals to nationalise state resources such as land, mines and banks. Participants went as far as comparing South Africa with Zimbabwe and Venezuela and suggest that the reason for experiencing the economic meltdown is because of corruption by top government officials. Some of the participants cited the Nkandla debacle as the main culprit while others blamed it on poor economic policies. Participants ended up anticipating a situation where, the price of milk and petrol will be at par. The concept ‘economic meltdown’ was discussed by 19 participants and this is what one of them had to say:

“They do not fear the fat slug... just his policies which they know will destroy the economy of the country as surely as they did Zimbabwe and Venezuela which is where the weak minded EFF got their idea from... Look up Venezuela and see what damage has been done recently as a result of these populist policies... and Zimbabwe we all know about”.

Corruption as noted by participants has been making headlines in the South African media with almost all spheres of influence being accused of corruption. They went on to point out that the ANC leadership have been accused of corruption. Some of the participants who participated in online discussions during the 2014 South African general election proved to be anti-corruption. Some participants who stated that they were against corrupt leaders within the ANC said they are voting the party mainly because of Mandela. Some did not even want to be associated with the leadership of
Jacob Zuma stating that he does not represent the principles of the ANC. The concept ‘anti-corruption’ was identified in conversations of 29 participants. One of the participants contributed to the debate by stating that:

“Of course the government cannot satisfy everyone, that should be a given. What it should do is stop the thieving. A minister clocking up R12million in air transport should be accountable; a president not knowing R246million are spent on his private residence should be impeached. R30billion maladministered in one year......not enough space & memory to list all. I really think MP's should have higher education & perhaps the grade of Bs will be better”.

Participants noted that, in the run to the 2014 general elections the ANC has been accused of desperation. They were seen as using tricks such as promising the poor of increasing grants if they vote for the party. Participants noted the desperate measures by the ANC to lour citizens to vote for them. The concept ‘desperation’ was discussed by 3 online participants with one of them noting that:

“The ANC relies on the social grants that are given to the poor. Of the 62% of their voter base how many actually pay tax? Probably less than 10% and the other 52% are sheep that will follow blindly baa baabaa”.

In this analysis participants noted that, there are some politicians who lure voters to vote for their party promising them good service delivery while they have their own hidden agendas. Participants pointed among other issues that:

“What is their real agenda? There is always a bond between the dishonest”.

The concept ‘dishonest’ was raised by 2 participants.

Participants in this analysis noted that, there have been rumours surrounding the 2014 South African general election. Participants raised their concern on the issue of transparency concerning the way ballot papers have been transported to different voting stations and how they have been disposed of. The concept ‘transparency’ was raised by 3 participants. Thus they mentioned that:

“You would think that once counted they would be put neatly stacked in number order bound into bundles and stored in sealed boxes, marked with the same labels on the ballot boxes and then transported to a single point where they are signed for and the boxes stored in an orderly fashion on shelves, until such time they are no longer required and then properly destroyed”.

In this analysis the researcher once again noted that, participants took turn to reflect play in their discussions. Thus, some of the participants took time off the serious
debate and passed comments which had elements of play in them. One of the participants’ whose comment reflected play said:

“Who gives a hoot?”

The other participant said:

“Thanks for the clarity. Regarding the Viagra, oops, I meant QWERTY keyboard: So, I dropped my tablet mobile device, and the QWERTY is now the MERDE Keyboard; so every time I try to type Erections it comes out as Elections”.

Once again this shows that, in as much as participants engage in meaningful online public opinion discussion, they make time to play.

All the concepts discussed by online participants as depicted in Figure 8 above were extracted online and coded using the NVIVO 11 software. The detailed conversations are presented in Appendix 5. The findings discussed in this section are inline with the arguments of Fiske, (1989) who proposed the active audience theory which argues that, in the mass media environment, audience members can actively interpret all kinds of media content they consume rather than just passively receive what the mass media feed them

4.3.3.5 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Western Influence

The concept ‘Western influence’ in this section is the main theme. The main theme in NVIVO terminology is interpreted as the parent and represents the central theme of discussion and the sub-theme which originates from the center is interpreted as the child (parent=main theme, child= sub-theme). Figure 9 below depicts some of the online topics that participants discussed. They discussed concepts like Western influence as the parent, trade, colonialism, diaspora, migration and oppression as children. Participants noted that South Africa is not unique but has other factors that determine the day to day running of its affairs. It must be noted however that, it is not all online participants who contributed on these concepts who saw the Western influence as a good thing neither did they all condemn it. However, they raised serious concepts that they see as affecting their lives and that of their respective relatives countrywide.
In the eyes of those who participated in the 2014 general election online discussion, western countries had a bad influence and to some extent still have to the African people. They as noted by participants occupied Africa in the name of modernising or civilising them but in actual fact they were telling us to abandon our culture and follow their western culture. In the discussion held during the 2014 general elections participants blame the ANC of employing the western style of giving people handouts so that they remain indebted to them and be of the view that they cannot survive without their help. This according to the online participants is the western influence that is taking its toll in South Africa through the ruling party. Online participants took time to reflect on the’ Western influence’ with some blaming the Western influence on the economic problems that countries like Venezuela, Zimbabwe and Zambia find themselves in.

**Western Influence**

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![Western Influence](image)

**Figure 9: Western Influence**

It is the researcher’s view that those who blamed the African economic dilemma on Western influence are correct for the IMF and the World Bank are solely controlled by Europe and America thereby sanctioning who gets what and who does not get. The concept western influence was raised by 7 online participants. One participant had the following comment to make:

“Jobs have become the focus of these elections. Jobs are not the problem. The root problem is money and debt based banking system that controls government through secret dealings with the Reserve Bank. This is the root cause of all the issues in Europe and the USA right now. It’s going to take a while yet for the South African electorate to understand this concept. Until then voting for your favourite political party is a bit like shuffling chairs on the Titanic”.

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4.3.3.6 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Colonialism and Oppression

Participants pointed out that, many countries were colonised by either Britain, Holland, France to name just a few and South Africa was not an exception. Some of the online participants were of the view that the former colonisers of Africa and South Africa in particular must go back to their motherland and leave South Africans alone to run their affairs. Others were of the opinion that black South Africans vote from their hearts and vote for ANC which represents their interests for they still remember what transpired during the colonial period. to those who witnessed apartheid, they still think that whites want to bring back colonialism to South Africa but others are of the view that it is impossible for them to do that for time has changed for there to be any country that occupies another for there are many issues to consider. The concept ‘colonialism’ was raised by 16 online participants. Thus one participant contributed by stating that:

“Why don’t the whites go back to Europe where they came from?”

It remains public knowledge according to participants that, a lot of African citizens and South Africans to be specific suffered a lot of oppression during the apartheid regime. The political system of the apartheid regime was more oppressive towards the black majority as compared to the white minority. Participants took time to reflect on the apartheid political period and the concept ‘oppression’ was raised by 2 participants. One participant in particular directly reflected on the political atmosphere of the apartheid era by stating that:

“You personally never witnessed the political spectacles during Apartheid because it had far less effect on you than on the majority of this country that was oppressed by the minority Rallies were very prominent, many lost their lives in the process not an easy thing to brush a side if you think of it as many would like to believe”.

4.3.3.7 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Trade, Diaspora and Migration

Participants noted that, South Africa just like any other country engages in trade with various countries. They pointed out that South Africa boosts of many ports where international goods are delivered and it is the hub for many countries. They further stated that South Africa adopted trade policies though that prevents the purchase of foreign used cars from other countries but does not restrict other countries from
using its ports to import and export goods. The concept ‘trade’ was raised by 1 online participant and he had the following comment to make:

“It wasn't built with that in mind; it's been a long process. It was supposed to cut down ship's traveling time to the main shipping lanes from Durbs & Richards Bay by 4 days. They hate it. I hadn't heard about the oil & gas. I'm not terribly surprised though, it's been discovered off Mozambique too, & there's probably a lot in between”

It was the general views of the participants that, people go to the diaspora for different reasons with some going for shopping while others just for vacational purposes. It is the opinion of the online participants that, an individual needs to take time and visit other countries in the diaspora. During the 2014 general election discussions held online the concept ‘diaspora’ was discussed by 7 participants. One of the participants had the following comment to make:

“Easy solution: if you are over 50 apply to retire in Thailand. Even a South African can live well with the exchange. There are South American cheap countries too. If you are young, get a job somewhere. If you have to live in a foreign language country, it is all a great experience. Life is an adventure. SA has proven that it is just another African country. There are South Africans all over the planet anyway. If you stay, the next election will have turned to the dark side of the force! Just saying, because historically, there are no exceptions so far to the African story and a quarter century (next election) is well into the journey!”

After discussing the concept above, the researcher came to the understanding that, there are many reasons that prompt people to migrate to other countries. Some may be migrating because of economic meltdown in their countries for example Zimbabwe, Malawi, Nigeria to name a few and others maybe because of war for example Ethiopia, Somalia and Democratic republic of Congo to name just a few. No matter the reasons, participants took time to discuss on some of the reasons that drive people to migrate to foreign lands and to South Africa in particular. They had to reflect on how this is good or bad for the economy. Others though were of the notion that if the elections do not go their way they will migrate back to their motherland for they are still welcome. The concept ‘migration’ was discussed by 19 participants with one participant noting that:

“Chinese have no place in SA. Go back to China you Moron”.
The researcher noted once more that, participants were not always engaging on serious political and socio-economic debate. They found time to tease each other and play. This was noted when one of the participants said:

“You pink skinned colonial thieves are rotten to the core, born as thieves!!!!!!!!!!! The fact you left your home country to come and steal our land. Where you born with a stamp on your forehead as being a farmer!!!!!!!!!!! bullshit, we are going to take our land, you, your mother, father and kids are going to be kicked out, or maybe, be our ‘boys’ and ‘maids’. U lied to us that you are white.................you are pink in color, plz check yourself, and confirm!!!!!!!!!!!”

The other participant’s comment which the researcher classified as play was:

“Same way you, your ancestors managed to sleep while your relatives were raping the country and women for 300 years. Apartheid selling and misgauging the country to the EU. Stealing the minerals killing and maiming women and children. You should actually feel ashamed for being such a denialist expecting people not to forget Holocaust and war and we should forget in 20 years. Shame on you”.

Detailed comments as depicted in Figure 9 were extracted online and coded using NVIVO 11 and are presented Appendix 6.

4.3.4 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Freedom of Speech

Figure 10 below reflects the concepts as discussed during the 2014 general elections. All in all there are 49 concepts in this category and will each be elucidated below with direct quotations from different comments accompanying the explanations. In this section, freedom of speech is the main theme referred to as the parent surrounded by different sub-themes referred to as children. It is noteworthy that, the main theme in NVIVO terminology is interpreted as the parent and represents the central theme of discussion and the sub-theme which originates from the center is interpreted as the child (parent=main theme, child= sub-them). Participants pointed out that, the democratic South Africa has been enjoying one of the best human rights requisitions and freedom of speech. They noted that, anyone is free to air their views on anything they deem necessary.
The concept ‘freedom of speech’ was also seen during the 2014 general election online debates where participants were free to say their views without fear of being victimised. They spoke against the ANC mostly since it is the ruling party and has been since attainment of independence. They were even free to debate about the alleged ballot paper misplacement which to some were not lost but used for vote rigging in favour of the ruling party. Others even went as far as mentioning how all media houses are accorded free operating space without the government infringement. The concept freedom of speech was identified in conversations of 43 online participants with one of the participants pointing out that:

“It is your right not to be dragged into a debate. But it is also the right of those who want too, to open a debate. Your calling them names is so typical of the mind-set that is going to be the death of the ANC. If you think they are self centered, what do you think Zuma is?”

4.3.4.1 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Fair Comment

It was evident in this analysis that, participants were aware of their constitutional rights when it comes to freedom of speech. It was further revealed that, there are
some who regardless of a chance to comment in a rude way while putting their views across chose to put across their opinions in a matured way. Thus participants took into consideration the nature of debate they had at hand that is a national election debate. It was evident in this analysis that participants chose to argue and put their comments fairly. One can note that during elections emotions can be high but as a civilised citizen one has to be considerate and tell those vying for political offices in a polite and fair way that they must not forget their promises when elected. This was seen during the 2014 general election online conversations where participants managed to comment fairly on different issues.

Participants were able to put their message across in a matured and civilised way. Participants posted their comments ranging from complaint for non-delivery of service to hackling a certain political party ideology. It can be noted in this analysis that although participants commented either praising one’s political party performance or singing praises for a particular party or individual they managed to put across their comments in a fair manner without offending anyone in the process. The concept of ‘fair comment’ was identified in 109 participants. One of the participants had the following comment to make:

“If you have an issue with white people you will never get past your own prejudice. How will you ever look at things in an independent manner?”

4.3.4.2 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Rhetorical Humour
Since online commentary is not restricted to sharing of political, social or economic views, other online participants choose to participate in online discourse just to pastime. A comment can be classified as a rhetorical humour if it does not in any way contribute to either the topic at hand or to any cause but rather the commenter is just playing online for either he/she does not have anything to do or they are taking a break from whatever they will be doing then decide to pastime online. As participants were discussing issues that they deemed important to their wellbeing during the run to the 2014 national elections some took time to just comment for the sake of commenting that’s they were playing. Thus when others were conversing about the Nkandla and or Marikana issues one just decides to put a smiling face or a full stop, that person was just playing or joking.
The concept of ‘rhetorical humour’ was identified in 55 participants. In response to other comments one participant decided to play by saying:

“Thanks for the clarity. Regarding the Viagra, oops, I meant QWERTY keyboard:- So, I dropped my tablet mobile device, and the QWERTY is now the MERDE Keyboard; - So every time I try to type Erections it comes out as Elections”.

The concept ‘rhetorical humour’ is categorised as social mode dimension of argumentative knowledge construction where the participant is involved in play or joking.

4.3.4.3 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Public Opinion and Optimistic Citizen

Participants demonstrated that online blogs offer them a space to engage in public opinion. The general definition of public opinion as viewed by many is an aggregate of the views, attitudes, and beliefs held by an individual or a particular society about a certain topic or idea. It is also perceived as a process of interaction and mutual influence rather than a state of broad agreement within a particular setting. Some scholars treat the public opinion as an amalgamation of the views of all or a certain sections of society and others regard it as collection of many opposing views. Public opinion is a situation where a process of interaction and mutual influence rather than a state of broad agreement.

Participants pointed out that public opinion is opinions held by private citizens that the government find useful to solving particular problems within the society and country at large. They further stated that, the influence of public opinion is not only confined to politics and elections but rather a force in many other spheres of life like consumer spending, culture and marketing among other things. During the 2014 South African general elections participants took time to contribute their ideas to the government and politicians who were vying for public office to consider in the near future. The concept ‘public opinion’ was identified in conversations of 134 participants. One of the participants had this to say:

“It's always interesting to see how people perceive things. Never mind if you debate the outcomes with your heart or head, the ANC still won the elections. However, I have a strong feeling (perception?) that the momentum for change is growing. Whether we agree the likes of the Jujus, Zilles, etc., etc. or not, is not really the issue. To me, the ability to have strong opposition is vital. The
citizens should have the ability to remove a party from government if it does not deliver. At least people like the Jujus and Zilles are standing up and making people more aware of the choices they can make. And I hope that this momentum continues. I also disagree with the ANC perception of the media as reported in this article: “You campaigned hard against the ANC and we beat you. We defeated you,” Gigaba told journalists. If the media really wanted to, they could bring any government to the knees - the pen is mightier than the sword”.

Some participants were optimistic that, democratic South Africa is a better state as compared to the Apartheid regime. They had faith in the justice as well as the electoral system of South Africa. They expressed their optimism in the way the economy of South Africa is performing and that there are still better days to come. Some had to point out the fact that the miners who voted for EFF had hope that their grievances will be listened to. In the 2014 general elections the concept ‘optimistic citizen’ was identified in chats of 5 participants with one of them saying:

“One can’t help feeling we are in a sinking hole. Just look at the billions being spent on our premiers, ministers, president and all 10 kings. Millions of rands so let’s sort out the chaff and get the money siphoned to those who need it. That’s when I will feel optimistic”.

4.3.4.4 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Exasperated Citizen and Provocative Comments

Participants who participated in the 2014 national elections online debates expressed their disappointments in the South African political state of affairs. Some of the things that were raised as frustrating and disappointing are corruption within the ANC and the way they are dealing with it. Some mentioned how the president is always involved in shoddy dealings. Others were frustrated with the way in which union bosses were corrupt. They mentioned that mine bosses were busy spending union money while those who pay the fees are wallowing in poverty. The concept of exasperated citizen was seen in conversations of 14 participants. One of the participants stated that:

“The problem is that, if the political will existed, the problems would, for the greater part, have been addressed and reduced too much smaller problems. This dangerous mentality of diverting blame to Apartheid, when it should be but a very small reason at this stage of the game, is going to destroy this country and this economy. No way will I be hanging around to be used like this any longer. Enough is enough”.
Participants agreed in their conversations that, anonymity is one of the benefits of online participation. Thus they said, a participant remains anonymous and no one can identify nor trace them. They further pointed out that one can say anything that comes to mind. It is noteworthy that, during the 2014 general election online conversations some participants were there to just pass comments that are provocative either to other participants or to the general populace. Amongst those who participated in the online debate, 62 participants were found to be ‘provocative’. One of those who posted provocative comment said:

“You see, you get so worked up. If you had done something practical like chemical engineering where you analyse with brains instead of verbal diarrhoea that you seem to spout, you would have been able to use one of your brain cells to understand my point. I am actually jealous of your virgin brain cells! Never been used once whatsoever!! Damn. You can answer if you feel like vomiting more and more”.

4.3.4.5 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Discourteous Comments and Information Sharing

Participants noted that freedom of speech is a right as embedded in the constitution of the republic of South Africa under the bill of rights. However, they were quick to point out that it does not mean that one has to abuse it and pass abusive comments either against another online participant or the general populace at large. During the 2014 general elections some participants were found to be passing discourteous comments against each other and even extend them to those who hold government offices and different politicians. One would assume that it is because of anger but it is not encouraged. The concept ‘discourteous comments’ were identified in 50 participants’ comments with one of them saying:

“Blade, you are such a fucktard...how can it be lies if Nkandla is real!!!”

It is noteworthy that online commentary is not only meant for political discourse but is also a rich form of sharing vital information amongst citizens or online community. People can go as far as discussing issues like business and or other personal issues. During the 2014 general elections some online participants took time to chat to other online bloggers for the sake of information sharing and 2 participants were found to be sharing information. In sharing information, one of the participants said:

“Hi Owl - here the article: tinyurl (dot) com/nxsg5k6 just replace (dot) with an actual full stop with no spaces before or after”.

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4.3.4.6 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Poor Debating Skills and Poor Analysis

Participants noted that, one of the benefits of online debate is that, a participant is free and there is no one to either correct neither your grammar nor the way they debate. However some participants argued that, there are some who lack debating skills in these online forums to the extent that they are always off topic and this to some is irritating. In this case 6 participants brought up the issue of ‘poor debating skills’. One of the participants who responded to the concept of poor debating said:

“What a primitive debating style. Claiming someone "lost" and jeering with, "haha" comments? Are you still in school or what?”

In this analysis participants stated that, although online forums are rich in public opinion, there are some participants who fail to analyse the political situation in a fair and balanced way. They argued that, some remain biased to the extent that their judgement is clouded by their bias towards a certain political party. There are those who just dive into commenting on a particular story without even reading and understand the story. The concept ‘poor analysis’ was raised by 6 participants. One of them posted the following comment:

“Please. Read the comments, someone referred to it being the Black house since 1994, was the United States White House built in 1994? No, it was rebuilt shortly after being burnt down in the war of 1812”.

4.3.4.7 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Emotion and Concerned Citizens

Participants noted that, during an election emotions amongst citizens are bound to be high for they will be emotionally following their political party campaigns and supporter statistics before the actual day of elections. In this analysis, it was evident that some of the participants were emotional about the way some participants were quick to judge failures or success of a particular organisation based on race. To some, corruption was or is always associated with blacks as if whites are not corrupt as well. To others blaming apartheid for any failure that South Africa is experiencing is not a good thing. The concept emotion is seen in 16 participants with one of them arguing that:

“Seems that whenever there is no easy answer for the problem at hand "blame the Whites," that race card is getting old now as you have practically
worn it out. Try if you can, think up another lame excuse to cover your disgusting corruption”.

Participants asserted that, many South African citizens have raised their concerns on the poor state of affairs of South Africa under the leadership of president Zuma. They noted that, he (Jacob Zuma) has been accused of many crimes yet the ANC is still defending him this, for many South Africans is a concern. Some of the participants were concerned that, the economy is in shambles, eskom is on the brink of collapsing, unemployment rate is on the rise and the educational system among other things is one of the lowest in Africa. The concept of ‘concerned citizens’ was identified in comments of 41 participants. Thus they said:

“We need people to bring new ideas on how to better our people’s life, and to contribute on how to improve our economy, rather than fighting a lost battle, even if Zuma goes to jail, it will not help our country”.

4.3.4.8 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Informed Citizen and Visionary Citizen

During information sharing sessions just like online political debates, there are some participants who are more informed about current affairs and political issues than others. It was evident in this analysis that in the run to the 2014 general election there are some participants who had more information on almost all the political situations in South Africa dating back from time immemorial. Hence they were able to inform others better with accurate information and could refer them to legitimate sources. The concept of ‘informed citizen’ was identified in conversations of 18 online participants. One of the well informed citizens said:

“This business is mining and the freedom chatter had made a reference to it. So I am not generalising. For a comment made generally and you don’t know why I suggest you don’t even need to attempt to give me clarity then as you don’t know why. To say these people must go and find another job is to think that this is China, where you can do as you want and get away with it”.

Participants were of the opinion that, one of the benefits of public opinion is that, it is free opinion and the government is also free to take the opinions and implement them for the betterment of the country. Some argued that elections must move with time and be conducted electronically. They even went as further as identifying how banks operate and that electronic voting is possible for there is just need to
implement the banking sector technology thus being a visionary citizen. The concept ‘visionary citizen’ was identified in conversations of 3 participants with one of them pointing out that:

“I was wondering just this morning: when I open a bank account they read my thumb print and it goes directly to Home Affairs for feedback - so the technology is there so why isn’t it used for elections also? The scanning of our IDs didn’t feed back to the database, although that may have been for privacy”.

4.3.4.9 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Courteous Citizen and Disappointed Citizen

Since online forums according to participants are free for all and individuals are also free to post anything they deem necessary. They also noted that it is up to the individual to be polite with other participants. They further argued that, during elections, emotions will be high and people are bound to exchange harsh comments. It is however noted in this analysis that, in the run to the 2014 general elections there are some online participants who were polite enough to recognise that they have offended others in one way or the other and then apologise. The concept of ‘courteous citizen’ was identified in conversations of 31 participants. One of the courteous comments is as quoted below:

“Sorry, I posted my comment before I saw that you had already said much the same thing”.

Participants also noted that, when South Africa gained her independence from her colonisers, the first democratic election was held in 1994 where the ANC led by Nelson Mandela came into power. They went on to say, ever since that time the ANC has enjoyed ruling this country but one of the most commended democratic process is the way elections and change of presidency has been moving. Some were concerned that, the change of Presidency from Mandela to Mbeki through to Zuma has seen a dramatic change in the modus operandi of the ANC.

The tenure of President Zuma has been marked with controversy and this has come as a disappointment to many South Africans. He has been accused of many things ranging from corruption to rape. Some were disappointed by the fact that those provinces that hardly see service delivery are still the ones that continue to vote for
the ANC and they are always loyal regardless of them being almost abandoned and underdeveloped. Online commenters also expressed their disappointments in the state of South African affairs. The concept of ‘disappointed citizen’ was identified in conversations of 62 participants with one of them saying:

“A deeply disappointing presidency”.

4.3.4.10 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Lost Hope and Disagreements
Participants noted that, South Africa gained her independence in 1994 and since the dawn of democracy the state of life for many South Africans has been improving. However others pointed out that, there are those who hardly experienced any change and do not dream of realising it in the near future. They further stated that, they have lost hope in the system. The concept of ‘lost hope’ was identified in conversations of 2 participants. One of the participants said:

“I see the problem; I just don't see the relevance”.

It was one of the views of the participants that, political parties are established on different principles and have different ideologies. It is noteworthy that, in politics according to participants people do not agree on everything. To them, that is one of the reasons people affiliate to different political parties. They further noted that, these disagreements at times culminate in better service delivery to the general populace for the different parties will be trying to prove that they are the best. Participants went on to say, it is not only the high ranking members of a political party that do not agree; even the supporters on the ground have disagreements.

In this analysis the researcher noted that, many online forums carry different headlines and are free for the general public to comment. It was further revealed that, it is on these forums that one can even identify disagreements between participants on different political views. The researcher noted that disagreements Are conflict oriented consensus building. That is participants engage in disagreements resulting in them either modifying or replacing the perspective of another. The concept of disagreements was identified in conversations of 65 online participants. One of those who had disagreements said:
“Who said he is a DA supporter, and who said he speaks for all DA supporters? You’re a f8cktard if you believe that. It is a stupid question - but your response makes you just the same”.

4.3.4.11 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Agreements, Malevolent and Contemptuous Comments

Participants noted that, although people disagree in politics there are instances where they find each other and tend to agree on certain political views. During the 2014 general election online discussions, participants seemed to agree that African politics is all the same and that, the bad socio-economic situations in other African countries that gained independence before South will be experienced in this country as time goes by. Some even went as further as agreeing that the ANC needs to change its candidate for President Zuma is not fit to hold office because of his scandals. Some participants were even considering crossing floor to the DA or EFF for they are the better options. Others were in agreement that corruption has become the order of the day in South Africa and must be addressed if there is need for hope for the betterment of life for all. Others ended up fudging friendships in situations where they were in agreement, taking each other’s side or passing consensus remarks. The concept of agreements was identified in conversations of 106 participants with one of the participants stating that:

“Somewhere in this long thread i lost your last post - but also, thanks for your opinion and the fair way you discussed it - and I agree too, we are often on the same team manipulated by what’s around us - who knows, there may yet be hope :).”

It was noted in this analysis that, some participants did not have a reason to participate in the online discussion forums. Thus they do not believe in any cause, support neither political party nor wish to exercise their voting rights in an election. They do so to pass malicious comments towards other participants or political leaders. It was also noted in this analysis that instead of contributing to the debate, some participants resorted to sending ad hominem remarks in attack of other participants or politicians. Thus one of those who passed ad hominem remarks said:

“If lips and fugly were brains, ol' blade would be a genius”.

The concept of ‘malevolent' was identified in comments of 14 online participants.
It was also evident in this analysis that, some of the participants resorted to pass
scornful comments instead of contributing to the debate at hand. This is a normal
exercise for participants feel free to say their views though one might regard them as
harsh. This was seen when one participant instead of contributing to the debate
about the quality of Helen Zile’s leadership decided to say:

“Why don’t you be her boyfriend then maybe she will understand you better?”

The concept of ‘contemptuous comments’ was identified in conversations of 17
participants.

4.3.4.12 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Humorous and Love and
Affection

It was noted in this analysis that, there are some participants who have a sense of
humour. Thus they just participate to make others enjoy their time on the online
forums. It is noteworthy that, this concept is regarded as play or joking. The
participant does not contribute to the debate but finds time to play online. The
concept ‘humorous’ was seen in conversations of 4 participants. One of those who
were found to be playing had the following comment to share:

“How can he dazzle, he is covered in a dark brown covered substance that
resembles manure! Not even Karcher clean up his image can”.

Participants were of the view that, online forums are not platforms to post serious
political, economic or social issues only. It is a forum according to them, free for all
where they can freely express themselves without specific confinement to the
headline under discussion. Just like during the 2014 general election online
discussions, some participants passed comments to show their love and affection.
Thus one of the participants had this to say:

“But will have to wait for next Valentine’s Day”.

The concept ‘love and affection’ was seen in conversations of 3 participants.
Participants further noted that, responsibility is not confined to a particular setting.
Thus, they said even during online discussions one can show how responsible they
are by standing up for their doing and apologise where needs be. It can be noted
that, in this scenario the participant had to show quick consensus building. The
participant accepted the contribution of another participant in order for them to move on. He had the following comment to make:

“But will have to wait for next Valentine’s Day”.

The concept of ‘responsible citizen’ was identified in the comment of 1 participant and had the following to say:

“Lol you are right and I apologize, expecting politicians to follow rules, what was I thinking :) Good day to you”.

4.3.4.13 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Cynicism and Joke Sharing

Participants noted that, the way the news media presents the news can cause political cynicism amongst citizens. They further pointed out that, cynicism regarding government or politics can logically lead to political withdrawal and effective political helplessness. This was seen during the 2014 South African general elections where some participants expressed social cynicism resulting from excessively high expectations concerning society, institutions and authorities. There proved to be unfulfilled expectations leading to disillusionment, which released feelings of disappointment and betrayal. Some of the participants posted comments in a sarcastic way due to frustrations caused by high corruption within the ruling party and lack of service delivery country wide. Others found the Nkandla scandal as a laughable matter hence were all sarcastic about the whole issue. Such participants were classified in this analysis as critics for their comments were conflict oriented and inviting reply from other participants. The concept ‘cynicism’ was seen in conversations of 150 participants and one of the participants said:

“When ready please answer my questions and stop mumbling, the so called black person. I like the fact that for us blacks to be responsible we must accept every shit. Only you and your mam, leave these guys alone to fight for their salary”.

As the researcher was analysing the viewers discourse online, the researcher realised that, online forums are not for serious conversations only. Participants are free to discuss anything ranging from political to family issues. While others were busy discussing about the upcoming elections some took time to exchange jokes just for the sake of making their conversations interesting. Participants in this section were seen to be going off topic. They did not bother to respond to the headline or a comment before them. Their intention was to just share jokes with other participants.
It must however be noted that those who were seen to be sharing jokes also contributed to the debate one way or the other but took turn to cheer each other up by sharing jokes. These participants are classified in this analysis as participants with rhetorical humour for they were found to be playing. The concept of ‘joke sharing’ was identified in conversations of 63 participants. One of the participants who were found to be playing had this to say:

“My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."

4.3.4.14 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Name Calling, Exchanging Insults and Foul Language

Participants were of the view that, in a political environment people do not agree to almost everything without properly convincing them that this is the right path to follow. They pointed out that, during election campaigns and other past political events the general populace came up with different names just for the sake of hackling the opposition. Some went on to say, it is a fact that in politics name calling is an order of the day and one cannot run away from it for one will be given a name based on their actions. They went on to give examples of the president who is popularly known as Msholozi, Mshini wami, or shower head based on his past scandals. Participants in this analysis also resorted to calling each other by different names either based on the political party they seem to be biased towards or a certain politician they sympathise with. The concept of name calling was identified in conversations of 23 online participants. This category can be classified as ad hominem because many of these participants’ comments were an attack on person. Thus one of the participants had this to say:

“Zuma is nearly human….don't know about the rest of his monkeys”.

Amongst those who participated in the 2014 online political discussions some were found to be exchanging insults. Reasons beyond these actions range from anger, sharing of different political ideology and provocation of the past that had a lot of suffering for the black majority and some would like that to remain in the past and not be talked about. Some exchange insults because they just fail to find each other during a debate. The concept of ‘exchanging insults’ was seen in conversations of 20 participants. One of the participants’ comments is as quoted below:
"Let me tell you something Dorothy, the sum of your people is equal to the mass of kak you speak on an hourly basis with a level of English that’s hauw you speaks it to pretend, to be clever like you uncle Jacob Zuma. Now you have a better after night enjoy your lovely African National Curse and get an ejaculation quick, quick ok..!"

It was evident in this analysis that some online bloggers took time off topic theirby posting comments that resulted in simple claims. Participants noted that most online political debates are characterised by mature political viewpoints. Thus those involved in the discussion contribute to the political decisions and better solutions to problems that are identified during these discussions. It was however noted that one cannot control what a participant says for media censorship is unconstitutional. Hence, during the 2014 general election campaigns some of the online participants turned to the use of foul language against other participants, the concept ‘foul language’ was identified in conversations of 10 participants. One participant had the following comment to make:

“Sylvia Lucas, aka KFC muncher, stuff your face and F the locals I look after my own”.

4.3.4.15 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Politicians’ Irresponsible Behaviour, Mockery and Monotonous

Some of the online participants expressed their disappointments on the irresponsible behaviour of some political leaders. They raised issues such as the drinking habits of other politicians who would consume alcohol publicly in an irresponsible manner. The concept ‘irresponsible behaviour’ was identified in conversations of 2 participants. This concept can also be classified as externalisation where a participant is seen articulating thoughts to the group. Thus one participant had the following comment to share:

“Sure he will be hitting the Brandy bottle again tonight - has to gather some wisdom for tomorrow!!”

Participants noted that online forums are public forums where citizens are free to express their views without fear or favour. One of the benefits of online forums as stated by the participants is that, a participant can either choose to have a public or private profile. It was evident in this analysis that amongst those who participate in the online forums there are some who comment to tease others. In the 2014 general
elections there are some participants who took time to participate in the online discussion and were found to be ridiculing other participants. These are also amongst those participants who are seen as attacking another person. One of the participant who posted an ad hominem comment had the following to say:

“Dont you have a garden to clean BOY? You master is looking for you”.

The concept of ‘mockery’ was identified in conversations of 19 participants.

It was also evident in this analysis that, online participants are aware of their political leaders for they took their time to follow news and read their profiles day in day out. During the run to the 2014 general elections, the South African media took political debates to the people in the name of meet your leaders. During these debates other politicians were seen as monotonous for they were not capable of answering questions in a satisfactory manner. The concept ‘monotonous’ was identified in the conversation of 1 participant. The participant had the following comment to make:

“Come on DA...he can barely speak or read so the chances of him supplying the answers you seek are as good as Blade falling pregnant”.

4.3.4.16 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Frustration, Pompousity, Respect and Egocentric

Some of the participants in this analysis made foes by posting comments that are conflict oriented. In their arguments they stated that, many South African citizens are frustrated by the political system. Some want to even get rid of the ANC for it is continuously frustrating them because of not fulfilling its 1994 promises of better life for all. Participants also reflected on how frustrated they were with the economic and socio-political situation as well as lack of job creation. The concept ‘frustration’ was identified in 2 participants’ comments.

“You European keep saying troll wat is the troll is it ok? That is racist shut up now! You must give us job now ok!”

It was further noted in this analysis that, there are some online participants who during their conversations would debate in a way that looks down upon other online commenters. This did not seat well with some participants and had to voice their concern. However it can be noted from the comment that the participant was not in any way adding value to the argument at hand. The participant resorted to personal
attack than respond constructively. The concept of ‘pompousity’ was raised by 1 participant and the participant had this to say:

“Mr. Pahad you sound a bit full of yourself”.

Participants also noted that, during the ANC campaign rallies some supporters could not stand nor respect Zuma and resorted to booing him. This did not end there for some online participants took turn to show their disrespect for the President. For some this was not a respectful way of treating the President for he deserves to be respected or at least respect his office. The concept ‘respect’ was identified in the comments of 1 participant. The participant who was concerned with the respect for the president had this to say:

“Start by respecting him first to show he is representing 100%. I am not Zuma supporter and I have not been commenting but I can’t take your disrespectful racist remarks about the prez of the country as you alluded that he represents 100% of South Africans”

Participants were of the opinion that, online public forums are rich in new ideas which the government can implement for the betterment of the nation. It was also clear in this analysis that, during the 2014 South African general elections, online participants shared vital information that if implemented can change lives of general citizens for the better. However there are some who were selfish and felt they must not share their ideas with anyone. Their comments can be seen as elicitation for they were questioning or provoking a reaction from other participants. Thus one had the following comment to post:

“Now why would you want to go and give them all these ideas?”

In this analysis the concept ‘egocentric’ was identified in the conversation of 1 participant.

4.3.4.17 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Disbelief, Compliment, Birthday Messages and Sympathy

There are some online participants who raised issues that are too good to believe. Some were even mentioning issues that others were of the view they do not even exist. Other participants would comment in a way far below par from story to story such that other participants will doubt if it is the same person commenting or it’s a
decoy or replica of the real person. Thus their comments were a simple claim for they sought to advance a position without limitation of its validity or provision of grounds that warrant the claim. This was seen when one of the participants said:

“It's funny, neither of those words is really accurate (or even properly understood), but they like one word more than the other. Odd”

The concept of ‘disbelief’ was identified in conversations of 49 participants.

Participants also said it is always good to appreciate or compliment someone for a positive or well put argument. Online participants do not just share jokes, ridicule or gossip but they also compliment where there is a need for that. Thus some participants ended up having fans who would post comments in agreement, taking sides and passing consensus remarks. This was seen when one participant said:

“Can you say that in English? Coz it is very well said”.

The concept of ‘compliment’ was identified in conversations of 21 participants and their conversations.

Some participants in this analysis were seen accepting the contributions of another in order to move on. In that way they were showing quick consensus building. This was because they had to sympathise with those who were being ridiculed. The concept ‘sympathy’ was identified in the conversation of 1 participant. One participant had the following comment to make:

“All will be well dear just hang in there”.

Other online participants disclosed their profiles and go as far as telling other participants their birthdays. During the online discussion some took time to send birthday messages. The concept of ‘birthday messages’ was identified in the conversation of 1 participant. This concept can also be categorised as rhetorical humour for the comment was made in a playing or joking tone. Thus the participant had this to say:

“I wanted to say that! :-( Btw Happy 25th birthday for yesterday!! Hope you had an awesome celebration!”

The researcher noted that, views of participants on concepts such as disbelief, compliment, birthday messages and sympathy, frustration, pompousity, mockery and
monotonous, name calling, exchanging insults and foul language, cynicism and joke sharing, humorous and love and affection constituted play. This is attributed to the fact that participants’s contributions in these concepts were not adding value to the debate leading to the 2014 South African general election the area which this thesis seeks to contribute but were motivated by pleasure associated with the use of media.

This validates the findings of Glasser (2000: 24) who postulated that, audiences select and use media primarily according to the subjective pleasures they afford. Glasser further noted that, newsreaders do not engage in rationalist acts of ‘information acquisition’, but principally play with the media. According to Glasser, the factors that define play include freedom, self-satisfaction, enjoyment and expression which are all basic motives of human behavior. This argument is rubber stamped by Stephenson who argued that reading the newspaper is play and that people read newspapers because they find it pleasurable in the same way that a child's game is found to be pleasurable.

4.3.4.18 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Poor Journalism and Media Censorship

Online participants were not happy with the way some of the websites were censoring their comments. They were complaining of either being blocked or that their comments are being deleted. To them, the most irritating factor was that those comments that were deleted were based on facts and rich in information. Some even went as far as mentioning that there is need to launch complaints with ICASA for these illegal activities. In my understanding it is against the constitution to censor media in case where the content is not abusive, sexist, incites violence or spreads propaganda. The concept of ‘media censorship’ was raised by 17 participants. One participant had this comment to share:

“News24 working overtime again tonight deleting comments, why do we even bother commenting?”

Though censored some participants pointed out that, South African citizens were once more concerned with the quality of news that they consume. Some of the
articles they came across do not meet the standards and therefore do not deserve to be broadcasted. It appeared to them as if news editors were not proof reading their work before publishing. Some online participants had to dig deeper to previous reports of poor journalism which goes a long way in showing that, the quality of journalism in South Africa is shocking. Participants argued that newspapers and even national television station like the SABC seem to be getting their facts all wrong. They even pointed out that, the president of the ANC was at one point wrongfully branded as a druggie. Some went as far as showing how the SABC was taken to task once more for portraying Mr Kgalema Motlanthe (the alleged president of South Africa) as being more presidential than Jacob Zuma.

Other participants revealed that, the SABC was also firmly rapped on the knuckles for constantly showing Mr Zuma’s supporters toyi-toyi'ing outside the Pietermaritzburg court house. In one of the spate of bad journalism, President Motlanthe was accused of trashing a house and effectively trying to pay off NPA head Vusi Pikoli to leave before firing him. Mr Motlanthe went on to dismiss the case and had to brand it as all lies and that the journalists obviously got their information from some dodgy sources. During the 2014 national election campaigns some media houses were once more accused of poor journalism and were in an ANC destruction path. They were accused of reporting wrong facts about the NUMSA boss Mathunjwa and wanted to destroy his career based on lies. The concept of ‘poor journalism’ was raised by 36 participants. One frustrated participant had this to say about poor journalism:

“This journalist was either drunk or one of those who do not have journalist qualifications for sure, seemingly didn’t see what other sober journos saw Zuma mesmerized us with his charm and speech, only hard-core ANC will understand But won’t blame the poor journalist, is just a zombie”

4.3.4.19 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Media Monopoly and Agenda Setting by the Media

Participants were worried with the issue of media ownership concentration in the hands of a few companies. They pointed out that 95% ownership or so of the print media are in the hands of Caxton, Avusa, Media24 and foreign owned Independent Newspapers. The issue of 42% of radio ownership by SABC was once again at the
foreground of an intense media discussion by South African citizens. One of the participants went as far as quoting Karl Marx who argued that media is a weapon of the capitalists to enslave and abuse the working class. The other participant noted what Congress of South African Trade Union (COSATU) spokesperson Patrick Craven said: “95% is the biggest concentration in the world, something even unthinkable in developed countries. It is noteworthy that, in light of this, there is no diversity in media, resulting in SA media monopolies producing the worst form of media which is always pro-business, anti-communist and anti-working class. Online participants also lashed out at the SABC for not shifting its journalistic values as done in print media, and for allowing itself to be used as a channel to push political agendas mainly by the ruling party. The concept of ‘media monopoly’ was raised by 8 participants with one participant saying:

“Consider too that Independent News and new age are owned by an ANC sycophant......”

Participants further argued that, the power of the news media to set a nation’s agenda and shifting focus public attention on a few key public issues, is an immense and well-documented influence. They argued that people do not only acquire factual information about public affairs from the news media but they also learn how much importance to attach to a topic on the basis of the emphasis placed on it in the news. According to the online participants who were involved in the 2014 online forums the media was playing a big role in dictating to them what news they consume, which political party is the best. The agenda setting role of the media was identified in one of the participants’ comment who said:

“What a very clever move the writer is directing his agenda who is behind this?”

The concept of ‘agenda setting’ by the media was raised by 14 online participants.

4.3.4.20 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Selective Journalism and Media Violence

Participants in their comments echoed that, besides setting the agenda for its readers or viewers, the media can also selectively report or cover certain political parties or personalities as compared to others. During the 2014 general elections the media was once more accused of selectively covering certain politicians at the
expense of others no matter what good they do. The concept of selective journalism was raised by 1 participant. This participant had the following comment to make:

“But Helen Zille has more than him and claims to fight for worker rights. And none of the newspapers have published anything on her... This is highly dubious behaviour indeed...”

As participants were still scrutinising the media they were of the view that, while violence is not new to the human race, it is an increasing problem in modern society. This to them is contributed by the fact that there is greater access to firearms and explosives, hence the scope and efficiency of violent behaviour has had serious consequences. Their fear was that the media does not hesitate to broadcast these violent scenes of which to others it does no good to human conscience. During the 2014 online forum discussions the concept of ‘media violence’ was raised by 3 participants. One participant mentioned that:

“The title says it all; I am SO not going to watch that. What country was that in? I'm guessing rural Middle East?”

The researcher noted once more in this analysis that, participants mixed serious debate with play. This was seen in one of the participants’ comments who stated that:

“I'd pay good money to see the photocall of Juju resplendent in his jumpsuit and Namba Wan, regal, in his leopard trad gear (with box fresh takkies and raybans)... Dear universe, please make this happen for me, you owe me... Goddamit!”

The other participant whose comment reflected play said:

“Could people please stop talking about KFC. Im hungry and this timnoakes diet does not allow me to eat the ANC’s key ingredient to winning votes... thats what I said ... lol lol don't forget taxevade and thirdgrade Or was it 4th grade woodwork? I can't remember: \ Eishus Maximus”

All the comments of the concepts discussed in Figure 10 were extracted and compiled and the detailed comments are as shown in Appendix 7.

The researcher however discovered that, there were more comments which reflect serious political and socio-economic debate and public opinion than play. The findings presented above are in line with the works of Calhoun (1992); Sellers
Chan, Rafik-Galea and Yap (2014) who argued that, public discussion is a combined action of involvement in discussions on public forums where citizens have a right to participate with freedom of speech and expression. These findings are also in line with the findings of Mummery and Rodan, (2013) who further argued that, it is these citizens who form a discursive community that emerges consciously to discuss political, economic and social problems that exist in different states.

4.3.5 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Workers Unions

In discussing the concept of workers union participants noted that, the South African working class affiliate with one union or the other and they form a huge part of the voting citizens for they are politically active. In this section the concept ‘unions’ is the main theme referred to as the parent surrounded by different sub-themes referred to as children. It is noteworthy that, the main theme in NVIVO terminology is interpreted as the parent and represents the central theme of discussion and the sub-theme which originates from the center is interpreted as the child (parent=main theme, child= sub-them).

As depicted in Figure 11 below, the concept ‘unions’ is linked to a number of concepts and online participants discussed these issues for they directly impact on their lives and can decide which party will win the election. These unions according to participants are the ones responsible for guarding the interests of the workers who affiliate with them. Participants noted that, during the run to the 2014 general elections these unions were rocked with scandals right left and centre. Thus other union bosses were being accused of deserting the workers while others were accused of misusing the works’ funds with Joseph Mathunjwa the head of the Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union (AMCU) at the centre of the scandal of misuse of funds.
The concept ‘unions’ was raised by 2 participants. One of the participants who raised concerns with the state of unions had this to say:

“I suppose you never belonged to a union. The union fee is around R30... not R100. And unions are audited just like any organisation. It is not like Mathunjwa can grab union money as he pleases... grow up”.

4.3.5.1 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Workers Exploitation and COSATU - NUMSA Disputes

In this analysis participants noted that, worker exploitation is one of the major problems that exist in any working class. They pointed out that this is extensive to those who are affiliated to unions for they are forced to pay union fee every month which they don't see its role in their lives. Thus online participants took their time to reflect on how workers are exploited in South Africa. They looked at those who work in the mines and the poor living conditions they are subjected to while they contribute immensely to the economy of the country. They further looked at farm workers and how they suffer in the hands of their employers. The concept ‘worker exploitation’ was discussed by 12 online participants. One of the participants whose comment was extracted said:

“These union members are exploited by the union leaders too, actually, they just don't notice. The members pay a certain amount per month to the union which makes the leaders rich, - exploitation if you ask me”.

Participants also noted that, the ANC is in an alliance with the South African Communist Party (SACP) and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU. They pointed out that the alliance is known as the Tripartite Alliance.
They further argued that, each alliance partner is an independent organisation with its own constitution, membership and programmes. They went on to say, the Alliance is founded on a common commitment to the objectives of the National Democratic Revolution, and the need to unite the largest possible cross-section of South Africans behind these objectives. To them, the ANC believes in the tripartite alliance and they do not want to lose the support of neither COSATU nor NUMSA, however during the run to the 2014 national election saw a huge fight between the COSATU executive and that of NUMSA and the ANC had to intervene and somehow take a side.

The concept ‘Cosatu and NUMSA dispute’ was raised by 1 participant and had the following comment to make:

“The funny thing about NUMSA is that it has one foot outside and one still in the Cosatu house and for the purposes of retaining if not reclaiming media attention they still make the noise even when their ‘messiah turned sell-out’ Cde Vavi clearly ‘betrayed’ their cause. As much as I agree with Cosatu leadership that expelling NUMSA from the federation may not be a good idea and is purely academic I think this union's persistent nature to disrespect the federation's leadership far outweighs this. For all I care Cosatu CEC and not necessarily Sdumo can use every trick in the book to 'delay' the congress no matter how evil this may be in NUMSA’s eyes and even the court cannot prescribe a time frame or pop up the money Cosatu says is needed to hold it. This is truly a lost cause for NUMSA and its members must be aware of this but as English puts it: pride comes before a fall”.

4.3.5.2 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on SACP and Anti COSATU

In their discussion participants noted that, the South African political arena is composed of coalitions. They argued that the SACP is one of the parties that is in a well recognise tripartite alliance with the ANC and COSATU. However just like any other party they have their good side and bad side. The concept ‘SACP’ was raised by 3 online participants. One of the participants said:

“Wait, didn’t the Communist Party of South Africa stand for an equal country for white people too? They also didn’t allow other races”.

In this scenario, participants were seen advancing argumentative moves. Thus, they posted their comments in favour of a specific proposition.

Participants further noted that, during the run to the 2014 South African general elections, COSATU members were once again involved in fights within their
executive which resulted in the secretary general being suspended. Online participants as either SA citizens or observers had to discuss about these disputes. Amongst the online participants were those who were anti COSATU and the concept ‘anti COSATU’ was raised by 2 participants. Thus they had the following argument to advance:

"Cosatu wants a decisive victory for the ANC on May 7” I bet they do, there are still ‘free citizens in the country, the Socialist/ Marxists cannot tolerate that alien concept ‘freedom' they're the kings, worshipping their idiotic Zulu God and everyone else is just a slave to the system”.

4.3.5.3 Analysis of Participants' Comments on Workers Protests, Pro- Vavi and Anti-Vavi

Participants reiterated that, the South African working class is known for protests whenever they have disputes and they are not attended to. They further pointed out that 2014 was not an exceptional year and more so workers wanted to put their views across so that those who were campaigning to be voted. They were of the view that politicians will attend to their disputes since they wanted their votes. They went on to say that the working class more especially those that affiliate to different workers' unions form a huge chunk of voters and no political party would want to have them against their campaign. It must be noted that the 2014 general elections coincided with the Marikana crisis where workers were striking for salary increase. The concept workers protest was discussed by 12 online participants. One of the participants argued that:

“And where in his protest does he support violence against mine workers who went back to work”.

Participants also noted that, the then secretary general of COSATU Zwelinzima Vavi was involved in a sex scandal which to some extent caused a stir within the union and the ANC as a party for they (COSATU) are affiliates of ANC. The COSATU members were found taking sides with some supporting their secretary general and others of the view that he is not bigger that the organisation and must be subjected to disciplinary action. It was evident in this analysis that participants were not fixated to one concept. Their comments were spread across ranging from political to private lives of those representing them in public offices. The concept pro- Vavi was raised by 1 participant. Thus this participant had the following comment to make:
“General Secretary of Solidarity, I think since 1996 or 1997”

In their discussion of Vavi some participants pointed out that, when Cosatu executive was involved in disputes with the secretary general at the helm of the dispute for his sex scandal. They went on to say affiliates and the general public was forced to choose either to stand with their secretary general or by the union. They further pointed out that some decided to stick to Vavi while others saw him as bossy and one who abuses his office therefore they wanted to get rid of him. There are those who were pro and anti-Vavi, the concept ‘anti-Vavi’ was discussed by 3 online participants. One of the anti-Vavi participants had the following comment to make:

“Vavi is selling out, I think those who supported him, wasted their time. I wouldn't be surprised if we can see him in parliament after the elections. It looks like it is everyman for himself”.

4.3.5.4 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Alliance, Marikana Crisis and Poor Justice

Participants argued that, alliances are formed all over even within countries, individuals and most of the time political parties. It must be noted that the concept alliance is a child to the parent unions. This taxonomy emanates from the background that, the main theme in NVIVO terminology is interpreted as the parent and represents the central theme of discussion and the sub-theme which originates from the center is interpreted as the child (parent=main theme, child= sub-them). Thus union is the main theme hereto refered as the parent with many children with alliance as one of them. Once more participants were discussing the alliance between the ANC and its tripartite partners. The concept ‘alliance’ was raised by 4 online participants during the 2014 debate on national elections. One of the participants had the following comment to make:

“The word is ordinary, so much so that they do not even register on the radar, otherwise the ANC and the other unions would have been all over them by now”.

Participants also argued that, the Marikana protest as it is popularly referred is one of the major crises that rocked the South African media and the world at large. Workers as pointed out by the participants took to the street when their grievances
were not attended to by the mine bosses. They further argued that instead of peacefully resolving and attending to the demands of the protesting mine workers, the government decided to call in the police to resolve the strike. They noted with grief how this action resulted in 43 mine workers losing their lives. Participants also argued that, once again the leadership qualities of the ANC and AMCU were put to test when they were faced with workers protests in Marikana. To them, they failed to resolve it amicably as a result many people blamed the AMCU and ANC for poorly handling the crisis which started as a peaceful march but resulted in a huge crisis and loss of lives. Online participants took time to reflect on the Marikana crisis and the concept was raised by 3 participants. One of the concerned participants pointed out that:

“It is now, because his people are murdering struggling workers who choose to return to work and earn a living. The number of workers who have been murdered in this strike exceeds the 34 that was murdered in the Marikana massacre. His wealth wouldn’t be an issue if it could be explained. The likes of Mathunjwa make money from commissions they pocket from deciding on an insurance company and products for their members. Unions join medical aid schemes and sign up for policies as a block, and if you look closer you'll find that members are grossly over insured because someone has to collect commission which is a hell of a lot of easy money if you take into consideration the fact that every month there are new employees who sign up for these policies and take medical aid. The duplication of policies is one of the reasons they end up in loan sharks”.

Participants once more revealed their expertise in the South African justice system. They argued that, according to the South African justice system, when a criminal is arrested he is sent to a correctional facility and not prison. Participants argued that, prisoners enjoy the privileges that any other normal citizens outside of prison enjoy and this to other citizens is not a good justice system and requires attention. The concept poor justice system was discussed by 1 participant. The participant had the following argument to post:

“If CRIMINALS in SOUTH AFRICA get to go to prison and enjoy 3 meals a day ... then anything can and will happen in SOUTH AFRICA”.

4.3.5.5 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Slavery, Lack of Employment, Eviction and Nationalisation

Some of the participants were of the opinion that, the poor justice system they are experiencing now is the legacy of slave trade and subsequently apartheid. Hence to
them, although slave trade was officially condemned and abandoned, as Africans we still feel the pains of slave trade for others work in sugar plantations, mines and farms as a result of slavery. To others, slavery will never end for we continue to live in slavery at the hands of those who have the access to the means of production. During the 2014 national elections online discussion, the concept ‘slavery’ was raised by 3 participants. Thus they had the following contribution to make:

“...this explains why we are still slaves and will remain so for the time to come.....”

Participants pointed out that, the official unemployment rate in South Africa stands at 25.5 percent at the moment up from 25% in 2014. As reflected by the online audience discourse, it is the wish of all the citizens to be employed but they find themselves forming part of the statistics of the unemployed. They further stated that, during their campaigns the ANC through their presidential candidate Jacob Zuma promised SA citizens employment but somewhere somehow could not deliver on their promise. The concept ‘lack of employment’ was raised by 1 participant and had this to say:

I’d argue a combination of lack of opportunity, lack of empowerment or lack of desire to take opportunity and make a success of it. Why are the blacks in South Africa poor Joe? Are you going to answer the question?

In this scenario the participant was trying to provoke reaction from other participants. Participants raised their concerns that, if one is unemployed, there is high probability that they end up moving from one place to another in search of accommodation. According to those who participated in the online dialogue during the 2014 general elections debate, there is nothing as painful as being someone’s tenant for you are subject to be evicted. They argued that one is evicted anytime the landlord feels you are no longer needed in his or her place. Online participant touched the issue of eviction and the concept ‘eviction’ was raised by 1 participant. The concern participant’s comment was:

“We were thinking of kicking you out of your place”

Participants argued that, during Julius Malema’s tenure as the president of ANCYL he was unpopular amongst some of the ANC members for his determination for nationalisation of banks, mines and the land among others. They further pointed out
that, when he formed his own party the EFF he did not abandon his idea of nationalisation. To some citizens this was a great idea and they were in support of it hence his command of one million votes. However some were against the idea pointing out at the economic meltdown in Zimbabwe as a result of this nationalisation idea. The concept 'nationalisation' and were raised by 1 participant and had the following comment to make:

“Seize the mines and then what?”

This comment was more of elicitation for an answer from those participants who were in support of Malema’s nationalisation policy.

Deriving from the analysis above the researcher noted that, it is common knowledge that, in any country one cannot separate unions from political debates for the lives of the general populace revolve around them. In South Africa though just like in any democracy one can affiliate to more than one union and has a free option to abandon one for the other. The researcher noted that these unions at times fail to do what is best for its affiliates because of their attachment to the ruling party. A practical example is the Marikana crisis where AMCU was supposed to intervene and solve the dispute between workers and their employer. They failed because of direct interference from politicians who had direct interests in the mines and this resulted in loss of life unnecessarily.

The researcher further noted that, there is a thin line between play and seriousness. This was seen when some participants would now and again comment in a manner that reflects play. Some of the participants would in their comments mix serious comments with play. Thus play was seen when one of the participants said:

“The people who don’t know where they come from, can never move forward, imagine if Jews and Afrikaners forgot their past it would be sad don’t you think?”

The other participants whose comment reflected play said:

“Gasoline alley then a cadre moment in bonfire, heaven, Polk/Poke, Salad Annie and all of her friends”.

The comments on the concepts discussed above are as shown in Appendix 8.
4.3.6 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Politics

In this section the concept ‘politics’ is the main theme referred to as the parent surrounded by different sub-themes referred to as children. It is noteworthy that, the main theme in NVIVO terminology is interpreted as the parent and represents the central theme of discussion and the sub-theme which originates from the center is interpreted as the child (**parent=main theme, child= sub-them**).

The researcher noted that, in their arguments participants distinguished that, all human being are political beings by nature. They also argued that, politics is the practice and theory of influencing and being influenced by other people. They further maintained that more narrowly, politics refers to achieving and exercising positions of governance and organized control over a human community, particularly a state. Having this in mind it becomes difficult to divorce any human being from discussing politics let alone during the time of national elections. Some participants were of the view that the different political party choices, different viewpoints and the adrenaline of participating in an election are what make politics interesting. One of the participants contributed by saying:

“What do you base this on? They are certainly not saying that, given their phrases like: ‘Equity with excellence’. Don't believe everything EFF and cope tell you”.

It must be noted that the parent politics encompasses many other children as depicted in Figure 12 below. During the 2014 general election online discussions, the concept politics was raised by 2 participants.

![Politics Diagram](image)

Figure 12: Politics
4.3.6.1 Analysis of Participants' Comments on Political Disagreement, Political Tolerance and Political Agreement

Participants reiterated that, South Africa has a vibrant multiparty political system, with 13 parties with all of them contesting elections. They further pointed out that, during the 2014 general election all of them entered the election race with the intention to be chosen to lead the country. However some were happy that all of them are represented in the National Assembly. In their arguments they pointed ideological disagreement as one of the reasons that cause people to choose different political parties. They further argued that, as citizens we subscribe to different political ideologies hence we have political disagreements. During the 2014 general elections online participants shared different political ideas and at one point they were found to be in disagreement. Others were of the view that their own political party is the best while others thought theirs is the best. Participants discussed issues such as the lifespan of EFF with some suggesting that it will not see life beyond elections while others view it as the solution to the failure of ANC. Some of the participants were of the view that the reason they deserted the ANC for other political parties is because the ANC failed them so they are seeking solace somewhere else. The concept ‘political disagreement’ was raised by 24 online participants. One of the participants argued that:

“Not really, the ANC is well aware that this country has a large surplus of stupid people, it will have the votes it needs for the foreseeable future, and when it does lose it will be to a much worse party like the EFF, which will simply increase the dive into third world dust bowl status”.

Participants also pointed out that, with 13 political parties contesting an election with the hope of ruling the country one has to exercise political tolerance. Some were of the opinion that there is bound to be many different views points resulting in tension either amongst those directly contesting the election or the voters. They further argued that, when contesting an election, one has to bear in mind that life does not end with an election but all the 13 parties will each have a seat in parliament. Hence there is need for them to tolerate each other for the sake of moving the nation ahead and serving their different supporters fairly. They were quick to also point out that any election is associated with floor crossing and there is need for political tolerance amongst the general populace as well as those in position of power. These participants concluded by suggesting that they need to tolerate each other for they
understand that they do not belong to one political party and neither do they share the same political ideology. The concept ‘political tolerance’ was raised by 24 online participants. Thus one of the participants had the following comment to make:

“Keep the governors divided and the people united....20% ANC, 20% DA, 20% IFP and 40% to all the other dozens of parties, that’s what i would want relatively. Or 30% each for the above and 10% in the swing vote of multiple parties”.

Participants went on to say, even though we are entitled to different views and political ideologies at one point we tend to agree either politically or otherwise just like any other person. They further added that who are involved in politics or political debate have to find one another at some point. During the 2014 national elections those who participated in online debate seemed to be in agreement in one way or the other. The concept ‘political agreement’ was raised by 15 online participants. One of them went on to say:

“Let us, in one voice, congratulate the new comrade Premiers, and ask that they have divine guidance and execute their duties for the benefit of their provinces and South Africa”.

4.3.6.2 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Cadre Deployment and Party Politics

The researcher noted that, any political party has its own infighting and during the run to the 2014 general elections online blogs carried different headlines on party politics with online participants finding points of discussion. In their response to these headlines participants pointed out that, each and every party has its own political differences that they need to deal with. They further argued that in the 2014 general elections, ANC had to deal with party politics that affected them and the tripartite alliance. Participants were of the view that, the ANC party politics must remain politics of the ANC and no other party must intervene. Those participants who commented in this concept are regarded as adding to argumentation. Thus their arguments were advancing a particular viewpoint to the group. One of the participants went on to say:

“They are ANC premiers in case you haven't noticed”.

The concept ‘party politics’ was discussed by 2 participants.
Participants acknowledged that, the concept of party politics is linked to the issue of cadre deployment. This to them is an issue that affect almost all political parties across the world. They singled out South Africa where deployment of ANC cadres in strategic positions played an important role in the ANC’s taking control of the post-liberation state. They also pointed out that after South Africa’s post 1994 constitutional democracy, the ANC dominated tripartite alliance consistently utilised the practice of cadre deployment in public administration. Some even argued that presently the ANC, the South African Communist Party (SACP) and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) co-operate closely. Others were of the supposition that many senior civil servants are overtly members of the ANC and help keep its structures in place by running branches and canvassing support for ANC policies in their spare time. In their view, cadre deployment can work, provided competent cadres are chosen with due regard for the conflict of interest this might create. Those participants who seemed inclined to the ANC pointed out that popular trust and loyalty are key phenomena that give the ANC and government the sustainability of cadre deployment processes.

They went on to argue that, the ANC felt in many cases justifiably that intervention through cadre deployment would be acting against any possible sabotage by the opposition parties. To them, the best way to neutralise this threat was to install loyal party members who could at least be trusted politically. They however said it was unfortunate that some members compromised the legitimacy of the cadre deployment policy as envisaged by the ANC. Interestingly some noted that the ANC is unapologetic about the implementation of this policy amidst criticisms from the opposition parties and some of the organisation’s disgruntled members. During the 2014 national elections online participants had to discuss the concept cadre deployment mainly looking at the ANC and the concept cadre deployment was discussed by 26 participants. Below is one of the comments posted:

“Strategist at ANC Luthuli house are dumb, how can you deploy Ntombi instead of Barbara Creecy whose performance has been consistent throughout, especially in Gauteng where the ANC won by 53%. Barbara Creecy was the perfect candidate for premiership of Gauteng to lift public confidence. ANC say bye to City of Johannesburg”.
4.3.6.3 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Slate Politics

In this analysis, the researcher noted that, some participants proved to be knowledgeable than others. They provided definitions for those who happened to be confused. One participant went on to provide a definition of slate politics. The participant stated that, the general definition of a “slate” is simply a list of candidates to be considered for nomination by a political party for elections, appointments, or the like. From an ANC perspective according to a participant, a slate can be defined as a list of candidates to be nominated by particular factions for appointment into the top leadership positions of the party. In the views of the participants the issue of slate politics in the ruling party is becoming a major problem. Their suggestion was that perhaps the time has come for the party to consider a policy that limits the reach of this mechanism somehow. This to them is a matter for ANC members to contend with. They further argued that slate politics within the “top six” of the ruling party for the ordinary citizen, should not be as much of a problem. To them the problem is its effects once a government administration is put in place after the general elections.

Participants went on to say, slates in the ANC are driven by strong underlying political dynamics of the day and they are hotly contested. They can stretch from the initial top six positions down to the top 86 positions that span the entire national executive committee (NEC) of the party. Participants noted that the NEC top positions comprise the men and women in whose hands (and whatsoever whims) the future of this country lies for the next five years and further. But from the perspective of ordinary as noted by online participants, people should worry more about how internal ANC slate politics manifest in the formation and running of the government. In other participants’ views, slates are wild and pervasive in the government structures and the proper term for it is cronyism. These slates exist in ubiquitous form, and the mess with them, in contrast to within the party, is that they are not positively declared.

Participants concluded by noting that if any ANC leader should pass through the “eye of a needle” it should certainly be so in government too. To them South Africans must find ways to limit political slates in government as a matter of unwavering policy. As stated by bloggers, due to practical nuances, each citizen may have a different take on the level at which slate politics should be imposed. In their
conversation participants argued that slate politics tend to marginalise individuals who are otherwise the best and have people’s needs at heart. Hence, others argued, policy debate must be preferred over political slates if people are serious about good governance. One of the participants had this to say:

“Make a note of these names. If, according to Zuma, they perform "well", they are destined for great(er) things in the ANC”.

The concept ‘slate politics’ was discussed by 15 participants.

4.3.6.4 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Political Bias, Meritocracy and Political Influence

Online participants just like any other person are affiliated to different political parties and this means that when debating they are bound to be biased towards their party of choice. Participants argued that, it is a fact that since 1994 the ANC has been trying to bring about equality in South Africa and one has to acknowledge that they have so far done their best. Some of the participants who commented during the run to the 2014 South African general election were clearly biased in their political analysis and had to blame everything that has or is going wrong in South Africa solely to the ANC. The concept ‘political bias’ was raised by 31 participants with one participant saying:

“Why am I not seeing very degrading, negative and discouraging comments from ANC member as it would be the case with DA members if the article was about ANC?”

It was one of the views of the online participants that, when any political party is deploying its candidates for elections, it must not do so in a biased way but, must look at merit. Obviously here, participants were looking at the previous service delivery track record of the particular candidate they prefer to be deployed. In discussing the concept of ‘merit’, participants were responding to the appointment of premiers. To them the ANC overlooked the issue of merit over loyalty. Thus one of the participants went on to say:

“The man did not meet the expectations required for the position he wished to occupy. Not the best man for the job. Unlike government, there are no free rides in the real world. So he spat his dummy. Good riddance to bad rubbish”.

The concept 'meritocracy' was raised by 2 participants.
One of the participants further argued that, within a society, country or world at large, there are those regarded as opinion leaders. To this participant, these people wield political influence within a particular society. The participant went on to argue that, there are particular groupings of individuals in the South African political platform who have political influence. The concept ‘political influence’ was raised by 1 participant and had this to say:

“But they consider themselves master chefs - how could the recipe possibly go wrong?”

4.3.6.5 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Racial Partiality, Smudged Politics and Blackmail

Participants were of the view that, South African politics has been mainly associated with racism. They argued that blacks mainly identifying themselves with the parties that subscribe to black ideology such as ANC, IFP, and UDM to mention just a few. Whites associate themselves with those parties that advance their white interests such as DA, FFPlus to mention just a few. These dynamics were even clear during the 2014 general election online discussions where participants reflected how people affiliate to parties based on race. The concept ‘racial partiality’ was raised by 6 participants. They argued that:

“How can I be more active in ANC membership circles when I know that minority groups like Indians, whites and Coloureds are excluded from the job market by AA & BEE? When racist politicians from the ruling party, threaten to kill whites and boers on national TV?”

Some of the participants noted that, politics is a dirty game, and during the 2014 general elections, online participants identified smudged politics. One of the participants noted that, dirty politics was either within the online participants or the political parties taking part in the elections. The participant was of the view that, some politicians would resort to vote buying that fair game. The concept ‘smudged politics’ was raised by 1 participant. He was of the view that in order for one to survive in politics they must play the game. The participant had the following comment to make:

“@Haibo Mfondini - Spot on! ..... One can just imagine his two brain cell selection process.... “Eeny Meeny Miney Mo, catch a sucker by his toe. If he hollers! .... (I'll just blackmail with all his dirty laundry! He-He-he! )”.

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Participants further noted that, in politics blackmailing the opposition has become the order of the day. They conversed about the blackmail that is prevalent in the South African political atmosphere. The most culprits during the 2014 general elections to them were the workers union bosses for they were threatening to pull out of the ANC through blackmailing the ANC top executive. They further argued that, the ANC was also at the top of those using blackmail when they were blackmailing the public protector in order for her not to release the Nkandla report for it was detrimental to the reputation of President Zuma and his party. The concept ‘blackmail’ was discussed by 15 online participants. One of the participants had the following comment to make:

“My dear, if the Unions did not back ANC it would not have gotten anywhere near the 62%. It’s only cos the unions put on this farce to stand by the ANC and NOW, after the elections they want to start their own party... Please do not tell me the people have spoken....you can say the manipulators have spoken yes...that would make sense”.

4.3.6.6 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Fraud, Propaganda, Political Brutality, and Political Intolerance

Participants seemed fad up with the fraudulent practices that are going on in the country. They discussed the way the president and his inner circle have been doing fraud at the expense of the general citizens. They were of the notion that the way the Jacob Zuma led administration is fraudulent, it was the order of the day and there is no one to reprimand the wrong deed. Some participants were of the assumption that the ANC leadership will end up stealing from the poor. Others pointed out the fraudulent deals made between the ANC led government and BMW which saw all new premiers driving BMWs. One of the participants went on to say:

“This lot would steal their own grand-mothers’ pension...”

The concept ‘fraud’ was discussed by 15 online participants.

Participants pointed out that, the ANC has been accused of using propaganda during their campaigns. According to these participants, the ANC was accused of using Mandela’s name and claim that he is the one telling South African citizens to vote for the ANC for they are quite aware that most South Africans identify themselves with Mandela. Thus to them most people regard Manddela as the godfather of the South African politics together with people like the late Oliver Tambo, Walter Sisulu and
others. This to the online participants was the use of propaganda in search of sympathy from the voters. Online participants were of the opinion that it is not only the political parties that are participating in an election that uses propaganda to lure voters but rather media houses also use propaganda to de-campaign certain parties. The concept ‘propaganda’ was raised by 22 participants and one participant said:

“Using Mandela name as a crutch in order to try and gain emotional support and votes says a lot about the current administration. Try going at it alone next time and see how far you get”.

Participants noted that, political brutality has been the order of the day in South Africa more especially in KZN where parties like ANC, IFP and NFP always clash resulting ion unnecessary deaths of innocent citizens. Participants voiced their concerns about this political brutality and were of the view that it costs the country dearly for it is unnecessary to fight over political disagreements. To them, political brutality even goes as far as profiling an opponent and planning to brutally destroy their career. Some participants were even of the view that black people are afraid to vote for parties like the DA even if they can see that the ANC is a sinking ship for they are afraid of political brutality. The concept ‘political brutality’ was raised by 6 participants and one participant said:

“Our fighting for power is pulling this country apart at the seams. How long can we survive with the unions going at it like they are? Killings and greed for power and money have overtaken their duty to their members, and as such now the members suffer at the hands of our own South African Mafia....”

During the 2014 general elections some voters were of the opinion that the EFF is the new hope for poverty stricken citizens whose views are not listened to by the ANC for it is the ruling party. However those who participated in the online debates had a different view point. They were not in a position to tolerate the EFF as an option to replace the ANC. There was a political intolerance atmosphere amongst the online participants although some were of the opinion that it was too early to dismiss the EFF. The concept ‘political intolerance’ was seen in discussions of 2 participants. One of the participants said:

“Unfortunately, I don't think "credibility" is a consideration for most voters. The vote for the ANC in these past elections demonstrates that clearly. People who have nothing to lose by voting for EFF next time will cling to the hope that they might actually get something. A scary thought”.
4.3.6.7 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Apolitical, Political Inequality, Political Analysis and Politically Informed

It was evident in this analysis that, online participants are not only restricted to political discussions for there are some who are apolitical. There are those who participate in online discussions to just voice their concerns. Some participants argued that they are not affiliated to any political party and sometimes do not even vote. There are some who do not even see themselves choosing politics as a career but rather want to concentrate on their academic career and find better jobs. However to some there is no one who is not linked to a particular political party or being inclined to a certain political ideology. It is evident in this analysis that there are some participants who contribute to argumentation. They engage in political debates to advance and influence other members either politically or otherwise. The concept ‘apolitical’ was raised by 16 online participants. One of those participants who participated in the debate had the following to say:

“My plan for this coming 5 years... Complete my qualification, find a job (in a private company), and live for myself - if i hear anyone say "we blame it on the apartheid" then truly you need to do it for yourself coz your leaders can't".

Participants further pointed out that, in politics there are those who hold high positions than others. They argued that, in society people are never equal either as politicians or general supporters. Online participants noted this fact during their online discussion leading to the 2014 South African general elections. The concept ‘political inequality’ was raised by 1 participant and the participant had the following to say:

“Shame Pull your head out of the hole that it is currently resting in that role is intended for Jooliass Commander in thief! He will be her tea boy…”

It is noteworthy that, online blogs offers raw data on political analysis and is rich in freedom of speech. In the run to the 2014 general elections in South Africa, online participants took turn to analyse the political situation and who is likely winning the elections. Some analysed the political atmosphere that was prevailing during the campaigns and the probable coalitions and floor crossing. Their analysis went as far as predicting which party is will gain seats nor loose as compared to the previous election. One of the participants said:
“This guy has a few very good points, and so does Malema. The sad part is, whether we agree with most or a few of their policies, the only thing the EFF need is majority vote. Many of the saner individuals in SA despise the ANC but they are in a sad minority. As the ANC lose votes, I think the EFF will pick up votes, most of the population will drift further left and that is a worrying factor”.

The concept ‘political analysis’ was raised by 8 participants.

It was also evident in this analysis that, some of the online participants were able to demonstrate sound political information. They managed to show their peers that they are well informed about the South African politics. They were able to explain the political dimensions and influence of different political parties since time immemorial. Some were even able to reflect the South African politics since the time of colonialism dating back to the first parliament and formation of political parties. This was seen when one of the participants said:


The concept ‘politically informed’ was seen in 12 participants.

4.3.6.8 Analysis of Participants’ Comments on Tribalism, Patriotism, Nepotism and Power Struggle

Participants noted that, a revolutionary is someone who is committed to a certain cause and is willing to stand for their views or ideas in society. Online participants viewed the AMCU boss as a revolutionary for he was standing for the rights of the works in good faith. As noted in this analysis, the concept ‘revolutionary’ did not attract many coments. This shows that the topic was not favourable amongst the online participants. The concept ‘revolutionary’ was raised by 1 participant and had the following comment to make:

“Mathunjwa is a revolutionary!! Challenging the status quo Aluta....”

According to some online participants’ party politics, deployment and voting nowadays in South Africa is done along tribal lines. To them, the chief culprit of all the parties is ANC with Zuma at the helm of deploying all Zulus in his inner circle. Some even raised the point that when nelson Mandela retired from presidency he gave the button stick to one of his tribal colleague that is Thabo Mbeki. The concept
‘tribalism’ was raised by 12 participants. One of the participants went on to say:

“I agree, look, Zanc is divisive. Zuma is a tribalist how can he be expected to unite other black tribe with his own tribe Zulu plus Indians, coloured, English and Afrikaners, that is asking for too much”.

It was also evident in this analysis that, some online participants were able to show how patriotic they are to their nation for they were able to show emotional attachment to South Africa a nation most of them recognise as their homeland. This attachment, also known as national feeling or national pride, can be viewed in terms of different features relating to one's own nation, including ethnic, cultural, political or historical aspects. It encompasses a set of concepts closely related to those of nationalism. The concept ‘patriotism’ was raised by 3 participants and one of them said:

“You got it, interesting that you even know where they are ranked. You must be a follower; I did not even know where they are ranked. Good on you, you are a true South African”.

Participants in this analysis defined nepotism as favouritism granted to relatives. They pointed out that it is mostly associated with the assignment of nephews, children and other close friends or relatives to cardinal positions by those in positions of power mainly government. To them nepotism can occur in various fields including politics, entertainment, business, and religion. They further noted that, many South Africans raise their concerns when it comes to either employment preferences or awarding of tenders by those in positions of power to their relatives. During the 2014 general elections in South Africa online participants raised concerns on how the IEC and ANC practice nepotism. Those in the IEC hire their own relatives and those in the ANC award tenders to their relatives as well. The concept ‘nepotism’ was raised by 4 participants. Thus one participant had the following comment to make:

“Krynauwslust is a 4400 hectare farm near Vrede in the Free State. The Free State government has committed to spend R570 million on a dairy farm on Krynauwslust through a BEE company named Estina. Some of the expenses: * R2.6 million for the gate * R119 million for the actual dairy buildings * R2.5 million for spanners and tools * R6 million for dairy cows, Etc. etc. According to a very glossy, drummed up report by the Free state Premier, Ace Magashule, Krynauwslust will deliver 100 000 litres of milk per day out of the 370 dairy cows they bought. Or to be exact: 270 litters per cow per day. That is BLOODY AMAZING! Because that is, more than 10 times the average, that a dairy cow produces per day. If you drive to Krynauwslust right now, you would smell something in the air. It is the carcasses of cows dying from hunger that are dumped in the ravine on the farm. About 65 are
dead already. The BEE Company is legit and registered to this address: Block a, Grayston Ridge Office Park in Sandton. When you pay a visit this address, you will find some other interesting people also have offices in that block, namely: 1. Duduzane Zuma: Our beloved president’s son. 2. Mabengela Pty (Ltd): Our beloved Gupta family’s company. 3. Thsepo Magashule: Our beloved Free state Premier’s son”.

Finally participants noted that, during an election people fight to gain power and retain it. They argued that, power struggle is common in any country and in South African political sphere it is something that is very open for politicians and their supporters challenge each other openly. They went on to argue that even online bloggers face each other when it comes to debate on politics and power. The concept power struggle was raised by 2 participants and one of them said:

“I guess now that the election drive is over, the fight for more individual power will commence”.

The researcher noted once more that, participants’ comments reflected public opinion more than play. It was however evident that, participants found time off their serious scio-economic and political debate to play. This was as reflected in one of the participants comments who said:

“Dear Simphiwe, just to inform you, your own kind is greedy But I would like to sit back and watch this show, how you will fight among each other, for power no need to worry about the greedy, worry about your own kind family ( so called brothers) is the ones, mostly to stab you in the back”

The other participant’s comment which reflected play was:

“WOW...This team was most certainly chosen immediately after inhaling secondary smoke from the legalise dagga brigade!!!”

Detailed comments of all the concepts discussed and presented in Figure 12 above are presented in Appendix 9.

The findings discussed above are inline with the writings of Hauser & Grim (2003) who in their discussion of discursive democracy or what they termed rhetorical democracy stressed the importance of active citizenship and public discourse. This was further agreed to by Dryzek (1990: 475) who argued that “democratization is mostly a matter of the more authentic political inclusion of different groups and categories, for which formal political equality can hide continued exclusion or
oppression.” Also, Gronbeck (2003: 20) had a take by arguing that, Citizens have various though limited rights in the spaces of a nation-state however, in cyberspace, citizens’ capacity to speak defy space (and time), and seek out information on the internet instead of their government representatives is not limited. In news forums, more and more people read what participants say about political statements than they do of the statements themselves (Gronbeck, 2003: 25).

Arterton (1987) further supported by arguing that, new media have the power to “protect” democracy or to enhance it. This is where Barber (1984) point to the ability of the internet to close the geographic distance between citizens. In news forums, for instance, people can converge with like-minded others (or adversaries) in a common virtual space, establishing a public sphere as has happened, and still happens, in ‘town hall’ forums. The mass media are believed to bring about national and public conversations of news consumers acting as citizens (Barber, 1984). The new media have the ability to take this a step further, allowing for real time conversations to take place on matters of public importance.

4.4 INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS IN RELATION TO RESEARCH QUESTIONS

In this section, the researcher seeks to link the findings with the research questions outlined in Chapter one.

4.4.1 How do readers online constitute a discursive community that broadens play or public opinion on South African politics?

It was evident in this thesis that online participants constitute discursive community by responding to those participants who are like minded. This was seen when some participants attracted more comments than others as well as those concepts that attracted more comments than other concepts. It was evident in this thesis that, people can converge in news forums, with like-minded others (or adversaries) in a common virtual space, establishing a public sphere as has happened, and still happens, in ‘town hall’ forums. It was also evident that, the mass media is believed to bring about national and public conversations of news consumers acting as citizens. This was seen when participants converged online to converse on different economic and socio-political issues during the run to the 2014 South African general elections. Thus participants converge online to discuss issues that can be
categorized as social modes dimensions of argumentative knowledge construction. This means that, participants engaged in ad hominem (play), disagreements, modifying or replacing the perspective of others or articulate thoughts to the group. This was seen when some participants offered their public opinion in a more personal and provocative manner.

Other participants engaged in discourse that can be categorized as micro-level of formal dimension of argumentative knowledge construction. Here online participants constitute a discursive community by engaging in grounded claim where in their arguments they provide claims without limitation of its validity, but with the provision of grounds that warrant the claim. This was evident when participants raised issues of corruption in South Africa and further attributed all the corrupt deeds to President Jacob Zuma.

The other participants converge online and constitute a discursive community through discussing concepts categorized as macro-level of formal dimension of argumentative knowledge construction. Here participants engage in argument by putting forward statements in favour of a specific proposition or engage in rhetorical humour which in this thesis is referred to as play. This was seen in the participants discourse during the run to the 2014 South African general elections political debate when participants engaged in debates on different political ideologies of their parties of choice others proved to be participating in the debate for the sake of playing or passing time. Some of the participants as seen in the analysis were regarded as critics who were there to pass comments that are conflict oriented, inviting reply from other participants.

4.4.2 To what extent does the online public commentary reflect play or interactions among online members?

This research question was answered when the researcher looked at the analysis of online readers’ interaction. The findings of this thesis show that, the most influential online readers provoke more news or responses apprise and purposefully respond to other online readers. Some post messages several times while others just wait to respond on more personal or touching issues. The likes of *Progressive Prick* and *Valkenburger* for example would comment once and attract many responses. This
means that they opened more informative or interesting political debate allied with the 2014 National elections and other public opinion themes. The researcher discovered that, other participants were more interactive because they would remain online for some minutes and contribute as they respond to every upcoming feedback. In this case for example Art, Dr. Zeek and Running-Kick-Slap would comment many times within a short space of time.

It was also evident from the views of the participants that some of the readers’ comments reflected their political affiliation while others were just commenting because they have access to the internet thereby showing signs of play. Others were commenting about lack of freedom of expression or media censorship for their controversial comments about the ruling party ANC were either deleted or marked as spam. Readers sometimes could post a link to other websites or youtube.com in reference to any relevant information. For example, the public protector’s response on Nkandla and the now Deputy President of South Africa’ conversation with the minister of police and the CEO of Lonmin mine during the Marikana uprising where they were talking of shooting the striking miners for they were now out of order and were acting as thugs and there was need for decisive action rather than a civil approach. The Graph metrics in Appendix 1 reflect the autonomy of online interaction and inter-networks within a conversational public.

The findings of the thesis further reflected that, online participants interact to the degree that they address each other directly and are acquainted with each others’ identities, and style of conversing. The ones who seem to be in the middle of all conversation in this thesis include the likes of Yarwellnofine, Yasin Asvat, Whiteflour, lgs, Pragmatic реalist, Dr_Zeek, Progressive Pri’ck, Zipper Z, Joe Public, Owl, Mike Watkins, Mntungwa Mbhulazi, Art, Unfckngblvbl, Liberal, Luigy, Mark Stevens, Luigy, Piet Bylevloek, Pigsty, Crack3r, Valkenburg, VanPersie to mention just a few. These relations are reflected on the graph above and can be seen by looking at the graph metrics such as the degree centrality, (in-degree and out degree), betweenness centrality, closeness centrality, eigenvector centrality and clustering coefficient. In this analysis, the number of replies a participant received, determined the effectiveness of the messages sent or the reader’s regular interaction. The reason behind more responses either means the message provoked more reason or
aggravates abusive responses.

Readers with the highest in-degree shows that they interact more than others. Out-degree on the other hand shows the activeness of the reader in the discursive community and it (out-degree) implies the outward communication responding to other contributions. In this study Art has the highest degree of 68. This reflects that Art is a regular online participant who comments in many stories commenter. Betweenness centrality is a measure of how often a reader or online participant interacts with other members in the discursive public this is in line with the writings of Hansen, Shneiderman and Smith, (2011). Betweenness centrality depicts the level of influence a participant has in the discursive public. The graph shows that Art has the highest Betweenness centrality of 74360.966 more of his comments are sarcastic, abusive and anti ANC, anti-corruption, anti Zuma and after service delivery, followed by Owl, whose comments are rich in public opinion, joke sharing, national building, anti ANC and Zuma antics with 59943.317 Betweenness centrality then Valkenburger with 58423.997 and Unfckngblvbl with 52796.938. The highest Betweenness centrality also denotes that the participant responds intermittently to other feedbacks and may suggest that the participant is always online or follows online commentary fervently.

Online discussion forum as per the findings of this thesis shows that the participants’ posts in real time. This implies that time taken to receive a response from online participant determines the closeness centrality of those participants. Readers keep connected and continue to discuss online as long as they are logged in. In this thesis, participants seem to be having an average closeness centrality ranging from 0.500 to 1.000. Eigenvector centrality introduces the proclamation that one prefers communicating to some other participants and might do so better than when communicating to others, which literally means some connections are valuable as compared to others. Hanneman and Riddle, (2005:8) noted that, the eigenvector approach is an “exertion to finding the most central actors in terms of the structure of the network”. This indicates that, these central online readers are more active than others. Thus, other readers comment in reply to other readers but do not do so to others. The participants in Appendix 1 are most central and active members in the online discursive community. The graph ranks participants from the more active to
the less. Clustering coefficient focuses on evaluating the interaction of online participants in terms of their connectivity. According to Hansen, Shneiderman and Smith (2011:33) clustering coefficient looks on how connected is an individual to their friends.

The online based community reflects character and personal connectivity. As portrayed in the diagram above, other readers’ eigenvector centrality is 0.000 while for other readers the eigenvector centrality ranges from 0.011 to 0.017. This may reflect that, the online participant with the highest eigenvector centrality sends friendly messages or abusive language. In this case, Valkenburger and Art have the highest eigenvector centrality of 0.017. Using Kelly, Fisher and Smith’s (2009) distinction between friends, foes and fringe, the researcher found out that some participants addressed each other as opposition while some addressed each other in a friendly manner and others were on the fringe of the ongoing interaction. Many posts were addressed to one another while others responded to the news article. It can therefore be inferred that online participants do not engage in play as such but more seriously focused on constructive and productive discussions.

4.4.3 What are the political and socio-economic issues discussed by online readers during the South African 2014 general elections?

In providing an answer to this research question, the researcher noted that, online participants raised many political and socio-economic issues. This was evident when the researcher presented the participants views on the concept political affiliation. The researcher managed to answer the question by revealing the views of participants in this thesis where participants conversed about different issues according to their political affiliation. It was evident that, most of the readers were either affiliated with ANC, DA, EFF which are the main discussed parties or some of them to COPE, AGANG, ACDP, AZAPO, PAC, NFP, UDM and IFP. Out of the readers who discussed political affiliation concept, 390 readers discussed the concept of ANC political governance.

In answering the part related to social issues, the researcher was able to present the conversations of participants. It was evident in this thesis that, some participants conversed about ‘poverty’, and the theme poverty attracted 19 commenters.
Amongst those who commented about poverty, 17 conversed about ‘job loss’ and were attributing poverty to job loss. Another commenter raised the issue of ‘grant’ as a contributing factor to his impoverished lifestyle. While the other 7 were lamenting that poverty has led to human rights violation. This at times resulted in commenters dissembling each other thereby promoting hate speech. It was also evident in this thesis that, the views of participants in their discourse during the run to the 2014 general elections revealed that, they converse about social issues. This was evident when participants conversed about ‘old aged’ and ‘child grant’.

The part of economic issues was answered when the researcher managed to interrogate the participants’ views in relation to the South African economic situation. Participants in this thesis noted that, the South African economy is at a decline and citizens have attributed this to many things. Some of them were of the notion that, the ANC has failed to govern the country resulting in the rand loosing value when compared to the dollar and other powerful currencies. Others attributed the economic decline to the policy proposals to nationalise state resources such as land, mines and banks. Participants went as far as comparing South Africa with Zimbabwe and Venezuela and suggest that the reason for experiencing the economic meltdown is because of corruption by top government officials. Some of the participants cited the Nkandla debacle as the main culprit while others blamed it on poor economic policies. Participants ended up anticipating a situation where, the price of milk and petrol will be at par. The concept ‘economic meltdown’ was discussed by 19 participants. Summarily, the discussions showed that the participants engaged both in play and serious discussions.

4.5 Conclusion
It is noteworthy that, from the data collected from participants’ comments and analysed in this chapter, it is clear that, the concept of play as an indicator of public opinion in online political commentary is an area of importance in research though not easy to approve or disprove that it exists. There are many concepts that were discussed online such as, politics, parliament, political affiliation the power struggles, corruption, media censorship, aspects of change, concept of death, violence, dictatorship against democracy and the economic meltdown. The
researcher was indebted to study a historical context of every political play or public opinion aspect raised by participants. This entailed the capturing of the historical, and or contextual meaning of a comment in order to understand the significance of terms and envisioned meaning. This means, political, play or public opinion themes discussed required a historical recurrence in order to understand the context of the message.

The researcher also studied all news reports that were related to the 2014 South African national elections before analysing the forms of thought that participants had about the news report. The researcher used NVIVO 11 to code a corpus of readers’ comments of the online news forums leading up to the 2014 South African general elections as well as coding them into their thematic categories. The discourse covers play as an indicator of public opinion in online political commentary and is a content analysis of online news forums leading up to the 2014 South African general elections. The online discourse shows that, the political problems resulted in economic problems, for example, the policies employed by ANC were criticized as having caused the economic meltdown, poverty hunger and other social problems. However it must be noted that South African politics does not anchor on one political party but there are many players which include ANC as the ruling party, DA as the main opposition, EFF the new kid on the block but very important and influential, COPE, AGANG, IFP, NFP, AZAPO, FFPlus to mention but a few. It was also evident that participants do not only engage in play but engage in meaningful political debate. The researcher was able to link the analysis of participants comments with the research questions. The following chapter will sum up this thesis by presenting interpretation of findings in terms of play concept, conclusions and recommendations.
CHAPTER FIVE: INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS IN TERMS OF PLAY
CONCEPT, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Introduction
This chapter seeks to link the main findings as tabulated in Chapter Four with Stephenson’s play theory. The researcher will discuss Johan Huizinga (1950) play theory as applied by William Stephenson (1967). The chapter will conclude by outlining the summary of the thesis whose topic is Play as an indicator of public opinion in online political commentary: A content analysis of online news forums leading up to the 2014 South African general elections. It looks at the themes and a network analysis of participants or readers online discussed in Chapter four and interpretation of findings in terms of play concept. It covers the main conclusion, recommendations and limitations of this thesis. The recommendations or problems faced concerning the thesis are given and the field for further study is suggested. This section therefore encompasses the discussion of the findings of this thesis.

5.2 The Link between Play Theory and the Thesis
Play theory argues that audiences select and use media primarily according to the subjective pleasures they afford. In short, newsreaders do not engage in rationalist acts of ‘information acquisition’, but principally play with the media (Glasser 2000: 24). This was also evident in this study as findings showed that participants are sometimes engaged in playing online but mostly focused on productive discussions and issues that affect the society or country at large. The factors that define play include freedom, self-satisfaction, enjoyment and expression which are all basic motives of human behavior. These factors were also manifested by the participants in this study and which also influence their decision to play or engage in meaningful discussions. Stephenson argued that reading the newspaper is play and that people read newspapers because they find it pleasurable in the same way that a child's game is found to be pleasurable. Play theory is most notably associated with the work of Dutch cultural historian Johan Huizinga (1950), but it was psychologist William Stephenson (1967) who first applied Huizinga’s thinking to mass communication. That mass communication scholars have not taken play theory seriously (Glasser, 1982: 102) may have a lot to do with its association with games, children and other ‘things’ not considered sufficiently rational and adult-like. Glasser,
however, finds this theory to be “a fresh and compelling alternative to and in many ways a convincing refutation of conventional explanations of media consumption” (Glasser, 2000: 23).

Berger (1995: 19) described Stephenson’s book as “one that offers some offbeat and interesting ideas”. Play theory argues that audiences select and use media primarily according to the subjective pleasures they afford. In short, newsreaders do not engage in rationalist acts of ‘information acquisition’, but principally play with the media (Glasser 2000: 24). The factors that define play include freedom, self-satisfaction, enjoyment and expression which are all basic motives of human behaviour. Stephenson argued that reading the newspaper is play and that people read newspapers because they find it pleasurable in the same way that a child’s game is found to be pleasurable. “Where many critics of mass communication have gone wrong, Stephenson asserts, is in studying [the media] as essentially an agent of persuasion rather than as an agent of entertainment and pleasure” (Berger 1995: 20).

The researcher finds it difficult to accept Stephenson’s idea of associating reading of news and child’s play there by generalizing that people read news because they find pleasure in doing so. More so, he failed to contemplate the fact that needs of citizens change over time. During the time of his writings people had lesser daunting issues to discuss unlike nowadays. It is important to understand that, needs of citizens change over time and as the political atmosphere changes, citizens will not have time to play but engage on pressing political matters thereby contributing immensely to public opinion.

Another major finding of this study is that those who participate in online forums have a particular political, socio- economic issue they want to put across rather than motivated by play to read news. Although one cannot rule out the issue of play completely for the same participants find themselves out of ideas to contribute and end up playing. In light of all this, the researcher rather understands it from the finding of this thesis perspective that readers read news with the idea of gaining information on either the political situation, economic or otherwise that impact on their lives and seek to contribute positively on these issues.
5.3 Homophilly and Diversity in Relation to the Thesis

The homophilly perspective holds that people go online in search of people with the similar concern. By contrast, the diversity standpoint holds that people from different backgrounds meet online to part information and sentiments and to debate with one another (Sunstein 2001). Both perspectives point to problematic aspects in online participation or deliberation. Homophilly points to a tendency in participants to reveal their views only to where like-minded views are expressed, and to become more radical than they would do in an ‘offline’ context. The diversity perspective notes the tendency of online political talk to become unruly, irrational, and far from the ideals of public deliberation.

Political deliberation, or conversation among diverse people brought together in a public sphere to discuss and solve common problems, is essential to public opinion and democratic practice (Habermas, 1962, 1989). A number of writers such as Goidel (2011); Gronbeck (2003); Voltmer and Römmele (2002) and Wang (2010) argue that the internet plays a role in promoting participatory democracy (or deliberation) by bringing people together to engage with a diverse range of (political) opinions. But political communication theorist Cass Sunstein (2001, 2009) is concerned that the internet actually fragments people into interest groups, thus discouraging meaningful democratic participation. Sunstein’s argument rests on two key perspectives or arguments about participation in online forums.

Stromer-Galley (2003) criticizes Sunstein’s views for being based on anecdotal observations “without having studied a particular discussion group over a period of time to measure whether such extreme movement occurs.” She adds that “[b]oth perspectives are in need of further empirical research.” The researcher agrees with Herbamus’ notion that political discussion, or conversation among diverse people brought together in a public sphere to discuss and solve common problems, is essential to public opinion and democratic practice. This is constant with the findings of this thesis that online participants play a pivotal role in promoting participatory democracy by bringing individuals together to converse on a range of public opinion freely and anonymously. This in essence shows that commenters do not just play online but are engaged in meaningful discussions.
5.4 Play Theory versus Public Opinion

If one takes into consideration the views of Stephenson on the play theory of mass communication which arises from the assumption that, reading the newspaper is play and that people read newspapers because they find it pleasurable in the same way that a child's game is found to be pleasurable then they will be forgetting the contributions made on public opinion and political debate. This is because there is an emerging recognition among scholars who study the interactions of the public, leaders, and the media that these actors are interdependent and that exclusive attention to one or two of the three may distort theoretical predictions and empirical findings (Entman, 2000, Nacos et al., 2000, and Holsti, 2004). Stephenson’s view or understanding of play is true when looked at from the perspective of mass media as an agent of entertainment rather than as an agent of persuasion. The researcher understands that, when Stephenson associated play and mass media he was looking at mass media as an agent of entertainment. On that note, the researcher acknowledges the angle and proposition of the play theory and its association with mass media.

The researcher is of the view that, media is engaged in a constant process of framing the news in response to the often competing requirements of leaders and the public. Consequently although, consistent with indexing theories (Hallin, 1986, Bennett, 1990, Zaller & Chiu, 2000), political elites clearly influence news media content and the mass media are nonetheless more accurately characterized as a discrete strategic actor. As such, the media’s framing of elite rhetoric has an independent causal effect on public perceptions of conflict characteristics, and through this process, on political issues. Indeed, the media influence nearly every aspect of the relationship between public opinion and politics. Hence, any comprehensive theoretical framework attempting to account for either public opinion regarding politics or the effects of public opinion on political issues requires an interdisciplinary approach that incorporates public opinion, elite preferences, and the mass media as independent strategic actors with distinct preferences and incentives.

5.5 Proposition of a new Theory

In relation to the findings of this thesis and those of other writers like Stephenson, Huizinga and Caldwell, the researcher saw it relevant to propose a theory that
encompasses both play and public opinion, which is Play Public Opinion Theory and discussed below.

5.5.1 Play Public Opinion Theory
The researcher proposes a new theory called the play public opinion theory. The core assumption of this theory is that news readers participate in online news forums not for the sake of creating entertainment nor provision of play experiences. People join online forums to discuss and engage on different concepts that are of great importance to their wellbeing. The views that come from news forums are relevant public opinion that when implemented can be found useful in solving looming problems faced by any government or political party.

Play public opinion theory argues that audiences do not just select and use media primarily according to the subjective pleasures these afford. Thus newsreaders engage in rationalist acts of ‘information acquisition and principally allows users to share public opinion. The factors that define play public opinion include freedom, self-satisfaction, enjoyment and expression of all basic motives of human behaviour. Media users are visit and use news forums to debate and find solutions to different socio-political issues. It is on these news forums that political careers of people are made or broken.

This theory recognizes that, citizen is conventionally considered to be an individual, with inalienable rights in a nation state, who is informed by the mass media, participates in public conversations on matters of public interest, makes his/her opinions known in the public domain, and makes an active effort ‘to influence public policies and decisions, which range from putting up posters, voting for a candidate or party, joining a pressure group to demonstrating in the streets or breaking unjust laws’. In conclusion, media users are not serious users who do not have time to comment on other issues. Thus participants tend to find pleasure in using media. It is on that note that this theory acknowledges exceptions. The exception to this theory is that, an online participant is free and not bound to be serious all the time and is free to engage in play activities hence the name play public opinion theory.
5.6 Discussion of the Findings of the Study

The thesis discovered the issues of play, public opinion political, social and economic issues discussed by readers online. In an attempt to answer the research questions, the researcher came to the conclusion that the media arouses the readers’ need for discussion on many issues which may include issues of play, public opinion political social and economic. The researcher also found that media acts as an informer while readers analyse the information and generate a deliberate discursive online community. The media also has a way of influencing the readers’ analysis of news stories that they carry on a daily basis. This means that all the issues brought out by online readers are determined by what is published by the different media houses. This Therefore means that, the presentation of political socio and economic stories by South African online media influences the readers’ interpretation of different news stories. On one the hand, some of the readers prove themselves informed individuals, who are pertinent enough to inform and educate others while others just participate because they have access to online news and others just want to pass time thereby bringing out the concept of play.

A content analysis of readers’ comments which was facilitated by NVIVO 11 revealed the main political socio and economic as well as play themes discussed online. Readers were able to show their different political affiliations, either with ANC DA, EFF, COPE, IFP, AZAPO, FFPlus, NFP, ACDP and other parties. These different political formations or parties influenced the readers’ attitudes; behavioral response and interpretation of online political news leading to the 2014 South African national elections. Online readers were either found to be pro-ANC, anti-ANC, pro-DA anti-DA, pro- EFF, anti- EFF, pro- COPE, and anti-COPE or to be non-partisan. The online discourse also brought out the concepts of corruption, economic meltdown, political struggles, western influence, dictatorship, HIV and AIDS, God, Parliament, diaspora and the concept of leadership change, amongst others. The researcher explained these factors as reflecting the play theory, public opinion political and socio-economic problems found in South Africa. Any play, political and socio economic aspect left out might be due to the fact that the researcher only collected data within a purposive time frame that is four weeks before the election and ends two weeks after the event.
Online readers were found to be interacting unevenly and readers who interact more than others or who had many posts are defined as central actors. To the researcher, their comments reflect independent personalities and shows that there is freedom of and after expression in South Africa. Some of the readers’ comments reflect an autocratic state dominated by Zuma and his ruling party the ANC while some reflect a democratic state where everyone is free to air their views and vote for any political party freely. This reflects that we have different types of states, and in one state there can be characteristics of two or more kinds of style that is the democratic one and the autocratic one. Online readers reflect a responsive character marked with different behaviours with some being reactive as evidenced by the exchange of insults or direct confrontations where one will comment with an attacking tone’s personality. However, it must be noted that, some online commenters show a matured political perspective influenced by their affiliation with their respective political organisations and respect for other citizens.

5.7 Summary of Major Themes from the Study

In this thesis, the researcher discussed different themes in Chapter Four. The researcher saw it proper to summarize these in order to recap their significance to this thesis. These major themes also helped to answer the thesis research questions listed below:

(a) How do readers online constitute a discursive community that broadens play or public opinion on South African politics?

b) To what extent does the online public commentary reflect play or interactions among online members?

c) What are the political and socio-economic issues discussed by online readers during the South African 2014 general elections?

It is noteworthy that, looking at Play as an indicator of public opinion in online political commentary versus serious political discourse sends a mixed message. Empirical studies, more of which are needed, tend to vary from study to study and from researcher to researcher. There is some agreement that one can not separate play from seriousness, but there is very little evidence or research to determine if
these two concepts co-exist. This study addresses this vacuum in the literature by trying to identify the relationship between play and seriousness. As earlier on mentioned, this study has also found out that, there are elements of play and seriousness in the comments posted online and reviewed by the researcher. The reader must keep in mind the main focus of the study, which is to look at Play as an indicator of public opinion in online political commentary: A content analysis of online news forums leading up to the 2014 South African general elections. It is on that backdrop that the researcher looked at the following major themes as discussed by the online participants.

5.7.1 Political Affiliation
This study has found out that, readers online are politically affiliated with either one of the 13 political parties available in South Africa or none. Their criticism of different political parties determines their political affiliation. ANC and its tripartite alliance together with its leadership were perceived as promoting the livelihood of blacks although in the eyes of the EFF and its supporters its ignorance on implementing the land redistribution and nationalization policy of foreign firm’s programmes is affecting the country’s general populace whom they regard as formerly disadvantaged, and their poor policy implementation is costing the country thereby affecting its gross domestic product, resulting in water shortages in some parts of the country, countrywide electricity shortages, lower rate of the rand compared to other foreign currency, and dilapidation of living standards and highest levels of corruption.

In addition, ANC, DA and EFF are portrayed as political rivals. The ANC to some is seen as a violent party which can do anything in order to keep itself in power. EFF is portrayed as a political party formed to remove ANC from power for the DA has failed although it is the main opposition recently. It has been painted as protecting the needs of the white minority. Many readers hope to see a change in the political situation in South Africa and their perspectives are at times anti-ANC. The desire for political change is shown by the readers’ negative perspectives against the government led by President Zuma. Some readers suggest leadership change within the ANC if they are to continue to vote for the party. Their main concern is the corruption allegations against Zuma and his top six that has been doing rounds in the media.
5.7.2 Economic Crisis
The economic meltdown in South Africa has caused many people to lose faith in the ANC led government with other white citizens contemplating leaving the country. This study also found out that, many readers indicated that corruption and poor policies are the main contributors to the economic meltdown. The economic situation is worsened by the crisis such as unemployment rate which is reported to be at 25.5% and the highest levels of inflation which led to the weakening of the rand when compared to other currencies such as the dollar, euro and pula. The economic crisis also worsens to the extent that the government is struggling to support famers with 7 out of 9 provinces suffering from drought and declared disaster areas, electricity load shedding, unclean water and deteriorating medical facilities. This study also revealed that, readers blame the political domination by the ANC as the main factor behind corruption that has led to the South African economic meltdown. However the ANC blames the economic meltdown to the apartheid regime policies which catered only for the few, the adoption of nuclear program by the ANC, poor investment policies and the threat for indigenization of foreign companies by the EFF. The ANC supporters and their leadership put all the blame to the former National Party and its apartheid regime policies which were anti-blacks and are still affecting many black citizens to date.

5.7.3 Corruption
It was evident in this thesis that, the government and political leaders are criticized for abusing power and engaging in corrupt activities. Readers are suspicious of a government that kills, runs elections that are not free and fair and violently intimidates its citizens in order to keep itself in power. Public opinion suggests that political corruption is deeply rooted in South Africa. Readers online argue that, comparative experience between the democratic and apartheid government does not indicate that the historical South African political environment was especially likely to nurture a venal bureaucracy as a fairly industrialized and extremely coercive state which suggest that, the apartheid order may have been less susceptible to many of the forms of political corruption analysts have associated with other post-colonial developing countries. Democratization of South Africa has made government less secret, inhibiting corruption in certain domains though extending government's activities and opening up possibilities for abuse in others.
It was also evident that, today's authorities argue that the present extent of corruption is largely inherited resulting in government departments and administrators revealing their corrupt deeds. Some online participants put the blame on the ANC going as far as labelling it a thief. Corruption within the top government officials prompted the office of the public protector to investigate them. There are some of the well discussed corruption cases online such as the Gupta gate scandal, Nkandla, e-toll scandal, the corrupt relationship between Zuma, Shaik and Maharaj. Some even go as far as discussing the alleged corruption within the union leaders such as the AMCU boss corruption allegations. Readers online argue that ANC political elites are corrupt as they loot national assets to enrich themselves. The majority of South African citizens are portrayed as languishing in poverty while political elites earn a better living from exploiting natural resources more especially with an unemployment rate as high as 25.5% though contested.

5.7.4 Cadre Deployment

It was evident in this thesis that, the issue of cadre deployment is a concern that affects almost all political parties across the world. In South Africa, deployment of ANC cadres in strategic positions played an important role in the ANC’s taking control of the post-liberation state. It can be noted that South Africa’s post 1994 constitutional democracy, the ANC dominated tripartite alliance has consistently utilized the practice of cadre deployment in public administration. At present the ANC, the South African Communist Party (SACP) and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) co-operate closely, albeit somewhat fractiously, at all levels of government. Many senior civil servants are overtly members of the ANC and help keep its structures in place by running branches and canvassing support for ANC policies in their spare time. In my view, cadre deployment can work, provided competent cadres are chosen with due regard for the conflict of interest this might create.

It was also revealed in this thesis that, popular trust and loyalty are key phenomena that give the ANC and government the sustainability of cadre deployment processes. Interestingly, the ANC is unapologetic about the implementation of this policy amidst criticisms from the opposition parties and some of the organisation’s disgruntled members. In fairness, there was a time when transforming institutions at local and
national level was a monumental task, which had to be accelerated to give visible effect to the democratization of South African society. The ANC felt, in many cases justifiably, that intervention through cadre deployment would be acting against any possible sabotage by the opposition parties. The best way to neutralize this threat was to install loyal party members who could, at least, be trusted politically. However, it was unfortunate that some members compromised the legitimacy of the cadre deployment policy as envisaged by the ANC. During the 2014 national elections online participants had to discuss the concept cadre deployment mainly looking at the ANC.

5.7.5 Slate Politics

It was seen in the findings of this thesis that, the views of the online participants on the issue of slate politics in the ruling party, suggest that, it is time for the ruling party (ANC) to consider drafting a policy that limits the reach of this mechanism somehow. This is a matter for ANC members to contend with. As for the ordinary citizen, slate politics within the “top six” of the ruling party should not be as much of a bother as it should be its effects once a government administration is put in place after the general elections. The general definition of a “slate” is simply a list of candidates to be considered for nomination by a political party for elections, appointments, or the like. From an ANC perspective, a slate can be defined as a list of candidates to be nominated by particular factions for appointment into the top leadership positions of the party.

The results of the thesis also revealed that, slates in the ANC are driven by strong underlying political dynamics of the day and they are hotly contested. They can stretch from the initial top six positions down to the top 86 positions that span the entire national executive committee (NEC) of the party. These top positions comprise the men and women in whose hands (and whatsoever whims) the future of this country lies for the next five years and further. This is obviously serious business. But as noted by online participants that, from the perspective of ordinary people we should worry more about how internal ANC slate politics manifest in the formation and running of the government. The researcher is of the view that, slates are wild and pervasive in the government structures and the proper term for it is cronyism. These slates exist in ubiquitous form, and the mess with them, in contrast to within
the party, is that they are not positively declared. Therefore, if any leader should pass through the so-called “eye of a needle” it should certainly be so in government too. Together, South Africans must find ways to limit political slates in government as a matter of unwavering policy.

As stated by bloggers, due to practical nuances, each citizen may have a different take on the level at which slate politics should be imposed. Nevertheless the principle is clear, and it is not new either South Africa needs far more technocrats than politicians in the middle to lower structures of government and in the leadership of those structures, that’s all. Online bloggers however noted that there are of course the pros and cons. The immediate trouble with curbing slates, at any level, will always be the principal-agency problem. “Agents”, no allusion to “bloody agents”, appointed by “principals" will act rationally in their self-interests, at times not to the wishes of the principals, thereby circumventing the process in the first place. Director-generals are agents of cabinet ministers, the president is the principal of cabinet ministers, and hey presto, the people are the principals of the president. Principal-agency is a classic problem and we won’t waste much effort in the analysis-paralysis of its composition except to say, as the people, we must not stand by the fence and allow this agency to run away with it.

Furthermore, on the pros and cons, it should be safe to say that for any leadership team executing a set mandate requires some significant comfort that there is loyalty within the team as well as coherence in ideology and policy perspective. The converse of course is that slate politics taken to excess tend to marginalize individuals who are otherwise the best at the tasks at hand. Hence, going forward, if we are serious about having capable people in relevant positions in charge of national matters, the policy debate in this regard must press ever hard for a review of the current extent of political slates. Among other things, the debate must deliberate not just on limiting the inefficacies of this mechanism, or building on the efficacies of it, or addressing the debilitating effects of agency, it must also deliberate on how to actually get it done and dusted without relying too much on the political leaders to effect this change. Ultimately this kind of change is a people matter because political leaders are, to begin with, already rationally consolidated by this slate mechanism.
All indications thus far is that any politician, or shall we say any agent; will always have a degree to which they will act rationally in their self-interests. These self-interests are guaranteed in the politics of slates. Much of this has to do with the so-called “phuma si’ngene” political catfights in 21st century ANC politics. A faction presents itself as the new force to reckon with and therefore applies the principle that you are either part of this lot or you are out and “out” could mean for as long as they are in. The lot that wins at the elective conference will see it fit to exclude, more often than not, members who were not part of their slate. This happens perhaps as much out of spite or hatred of members outside of their slate as it does precisely because their slate is already committed. This should explain why Joel Netshitenzhe, a respected thinker in that movement, and a member of then Mbeki’s administration, was relegated down the pecking order and barely made it into the current NEC.

The same cannot be said of other capable members who had to kiss their NEC membership goodbye. The observation is unambiguous what is needed is a pioneering government. As to what the top six do in their daily humdrum of party administrative tasks is just a few steps in the thousands of steps their agents will walk in the five years they will be in charge of the government. The researcher is of the view that slate politics is a disease that exists in politics world over and it is crippling many countries. This is on the backdrop that, the top order of any political party does not deploy members according to merit but according to their loyalty to whoever is responsible for deployment.

5.7.6 Poor Journalism
The findings of this thesis revealed that, South African citizens were once more concerned with the quality of news that they consume. Some of the articles they came across do not meet the standards and therefore do not deserve to be broadcasted. It appeared to them as if news editors were not proof reading their work before publishing. Some online commenters had to dig deeper to previous reports of poor journalism which goes a long way in showing that, the quality of journalism in South Africa is shocking. Newspapers and even national television station, the SABC, seem to be getting their facts all wrong. At one point the president of the ANC was wrongfully branded as a druggie. The SABC was taken to task once
more for portraying Mr Kgalema Motlanthe (the alleged president of South Africa) as being more presidential than Jacob Zuma.

It was also evident that, the SABC was also firmly rapped on the knuckles for constantly showing Mr Zuma toyi-toyi'ing outside the Pietermaritzburg court house. In one of the spate of bad journalism, President Motlanthe was accused of trashing a house and effectively trying to pay off NPA head Vusi Pikoli to leave before firing him. Mr Motlanthe went on to dismiss the case and had to brand it as all lies and that the journalists obviously got their information from some dodgy sources. During the 2014 national election campaigns some media houses were once more accused of poor journalism and were in an ANC destruction path. They were accused of reporting wrong facts about the NUMSA boss Mathunjwa and wanted to destroy his career based on lies.

5. 7.7 African Political Affairs
The findings of this thesis validated that, the African continent is marked with political controversy and there is no state in Africa that stands out to blame another from political affairs to socio-economic issues we seem to be sailing in the same boat. This means that if there are any problems in Africa, we must seat down as African countries and find a solution to our problems rather that looking to other continents for help. All the discussions affecting Africa must be found in Africa and must be held in Africa. One cannot dispute that part of the African problems are man made by the same countries that will offer to help although some are genuine well-wishers just like when African was fighting colonialism.

The findings also revealed that, online participants took time to reflect on the African political affairs to see if South Africa and her different political parties stand out when it comes to political practises. However some of the online participants were of the view that other African countries like Somalia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia to name just a few are taking advantage of South Africa because of her good national, international and economic policies. This to them, is costing the citizens who pay tax and in return benefiting mainly one political party the ANC of which to some is unacceptable.
5.7.8 Media Monopoly

The aspect of media control by the government is also brought out, however the readers online have access to alternative media public sphere. In South Africa, media ownership is concentrated in the hands of a few companies with 95% or so of print media in the hands of Caxton, Avusa, Media24 and foreign owned Independent Newspapers, and 42% of radio by SABC was once again at the forefront of an intense media discussion by South African citizens. According to Karl Marx, media is a weapon of the capitalists to enslave and abuse the working class, and Congress of South African Trade Union (COSATU) spokesperson Patrick Craven said: “95% is the biggest concentration in the world, something even unthinkable in developed countries. It is noteworthy that, in light of this, there is no diversity in media, resulting in SA media monopolies producing the worst form of media which is always pro-business, anti-communist and anti-working class. Online participants also lashed out at the SABC for not shifting its journalistic values as done in print media, and for allowing itself to be used as a channel to push political agendas mainly by the ruling party.

It can be noted from the above discussion that, the major themes discussed by participants reflects the seriousness of online discourse in shaping public opinion as opposed to their play activities. Thus, participants in this thesis were found to be engaging in serious day to day socio-economic and political activities rather than engaging in activities such as ad hominem which can be classified as play. It however remains important to note that, participants made time to post comments which represent play.

5.8 Contributions of the Study

A paper on play theory that challenged the existing rationalistic conceptions of citizenship practices was presented in a symposium held to consider media and citizenship in South Africa (see Caldwell 2013). This is an undeveloped area to which this thesis intends to contribute. This is drawn from the fact that the boost of online media and its facilities for public commenting has provided the South African populace with a public arena for interaction. Thus content analysis of online news forums leading up to the 2014 South African General election contributes to the field of social sciences by reflecting the public sentiments of these ordinary citizens. This
study enhances a better understanding of political and socio-economic issues evolving in South Africa. It also presents an understanding of the terminology employed in the South African online community, the way readers argue, state facts and how they limit their arguments due to their different perspectives, backgrounds and contexts. In other words, the study deduces meaning of the terms employed by the online discursive community from the political or socio-economic context of South Africa. The research findings may not necessarily interpret the political thought of a broader population, but do at least ponder over those set up among a primarily middle class population with access to online newspapers, and the fact that the online participants have an interest to remain online and comment on news articles, gives the researcher an impression that the readers engage in public discourse, deliberately and not just playing. Therefore, this study brings to light what these readers gather to discuss.

5.9 Main Conclusion of the Study

This thesis revealed that, content analysis is a suitable methodology for extracting themes or studying readers’ comments on political news articles on online forums. It is one method used for analysing a representative corpus of comments of online bloggers. Krippendorff (2004) noted that, content analysis can be used to analyse text. Qualitative content analysis can be used to interpret meaning from readers’ comments and discourse or framing theories could be used to analyse further the comments in order to draw out the contextual meaning drawn from the participants’ comments. Network analysis could also extend the study by analysing the scope of readers’ interaction online.

This thesis utilised software called NVIVO 11 which is a research instrument that could be used to code data and may be used to formulate themes as well. The researcher used NVIVO 11 to code reader’s comments so that he will be able to analyse them. The inductive category development was implemented in the process of coding texts into its categories. It is noteworthy that, Foucault’s discourse theory can also be used to analyse textual meaning from its contextual use. The use of discourse to analyse comments can draw the researcher’s memory as far back as the colonial times that participants may be discussing. Using the framing theory to interpret the readers’ perspectives of a news story was also another option that the
researcher had mainly because of the role that the media played in shaping readers minds and comments on political news and 2014 general elections to be specific. The researcher managed to extract numerous political, social and economic themes from the readers’ comments.

The researcher found out that, readers are enthusiastic to comment on political, socio-economic matters that affect their daily lives. The themes solicited from the online discussions ranges from, cadre deployment, political affiliation, corruption, media monopoly, racism, poor journalism, political bias, and slate politics among other issues. As aforesaid in the findings discussed in Chapter four that, out of the 13 political parties that participated in elections and are represented in parliament online readers are politically affiliated with either ANC, DA, EFF, COPE, UDM, PAC, NFP, IFP, FF+, Agang, APC, AIC or ACDP. It is noteworthy that, sometimes online discourse is determined by what the media reports about certain events in the South African political environment. The researcher also realised that, online readers’ perceptions on political issues are both constant and uneven although they differ from one story to another. One can note that South African citizens are not totally detached from politics let alone their political parties, hence biased comments towards their own parties or against other participants’ parties.

The thesis also established that, online commenters portray ANC as a corrupt organisation led by the most corrupt leaders hence the need to replace it with the EFF for the DA is not an option because of its bias towards the white elite. However they praise it for bringing democracy which has seen black liberation, black empowerment policies and end to racial exclusion, its focus and tolerance of poverty and unemployment remains resented. Readers reflect that the ruling party is so corrupt that they go to any extent to win an election ranging from vote buying, vote rigging to deploying their own comrades in strategic positions within the IEC. Thus, online participants their sentience of a despotic ANC led government that kills, runs disputed elections in order to keep themselves in control. During the conduct of this thesis, the researcher came to the understanding that, the online discursive community can discuss more political and socio-economic issues depending on news story published for they proved to be flexible and knowledgeable about the factors that affect their daily lives. Some of the themes that the researcher came up
with and discussed above provide political and socio-economic issues that the online readers talk about.

The thesis further established that, online participants engage in play activities from time to time as some were seen to be posting comments for the sake of passing time. It was also evident that, one cannot totally separate play from seriousness as it is part of online discourse. The researcher attributed the inseparable nature of play and seriousness to the fact that, online participants are natural human beings who also need time to reflect on their socio-economic and political life and have fun at the same time (play). The researcher finally established that, play is partially an indicator of public opinion. Thus the results from the views of the participants revealed a mixture of seriousness with play in shaping their public opinion in online news forums.

5.10 Recommendations of the Study

The findings of this thesis are found to be in line with those of and support the studies of Schuth et al., (2007), Domingo (2010), Caldwell (2013), Henrich and Holmes (2013), who found out that, the audience act as news agents, and that they generate news for themselves. It also agrees with Habermas (2006) that, the public sphere precisely has the function of ‘cleansing’ or ‘laundering’ flows of political communication. From the processing and compartmentalizing of the wild and diverse communication (entertainment, shows, news reports, and commentaries, etcetera) in the public sphere, politics struggle to select relevant information (problems, arguments, solutions). As a platform for the public sphere, the media sector possesses certain rules, which the players must play according to, in order to be taken seriously and to be efficient. Through deliberation, the public sphere is able to raise issues, provide arguments, specify interpretations and propose solutions. In the public sphere, demands from social movements and interest groups in the civil society become translated into political issues and arguments and articulate manifest, reflexive public opinions.

The researcher also came to the understanding that, content analysis is applicable and remains a relevant methodology to use for readers’ comments analysis. However, the value of the text analysed determines the value of the findings of a
particular thesis. Content analysis only brings out the themes or issues from the
data analysed which means its valuable use is determined by what is analysed by
the researcher. It is on that note that the researcher recommends the following.

5.10.1 Online discursive Community and Network Analysis
The researcher used network analysis to look at how readers constitute online
discursive community as shaped by news articles on South African political issues
specifically the 2014 general election. It is noteworthy that, network analysis can be
used to study the corpus of readers’ interaction on how they discuss, support, mimic,
disparage each other’s thoughts but at the same time iron out their political or
personal differences. In these online forums there are those who act as opinion
leaders for they always have new information on almost all issues. These were taken
as the most influential and people who highly generated controversial and
informative arguments.

The discursive community is only a partial community that can be used as a mirror of
the physical South African general populace. As noted by Habermas, it acts as a
public sphere where community members voice out their concerns and be heard
freely without curtailment or censorship. Those who participated in the 2014 South
African general elections online forums discussed many issues ranging from political
to socio-economic issues without hesitation, fear or favor. However, the concern
with the online public sphere is that it may or may not reflect a true physical South
African public sphere on the ground but forms an alternative public sphere. Hence
the thesis recommends that researchers must conduct public debates in all the 9
provinces rather than relying on online data. This will enable researchers to come up
with precise public views of the general populace.

5.10.2 Comments as Units of Analysis
In this thesis, the researcher’s main concern was the political themes mainly related
to and after the South African 2014 general elections contained in online readers’
comments. These comments reflected individual opinions and contained mainly
political themes related to South African elections and politics surrounding elections
that the study sought to find. It is noteworthy that, only content analysis can be able
to extract these themes assisted by the use of theoretical frameworks like discourse
and framing. Discourse theory contributes in understanding the historical as well as the current context in which these messages originate. Comments reflect particular statements in which, when analysed reveals the political themes unearthed by the thesis. The framing theory was mainly used to analyse comments from the reader’s perspective as influenced by the media. News stories published on different online forums directly or indirectly impact on readers perspectives. In this thesis, the researcher discovered that, readers have numerous and diverse perspectives; though some of their perspectives are not constant and are subject to change due to media influence. On that note the researcher recommends that only participants’ comments be extracted without taking into consideration the media’s perspective.

5.10.3 Freedom of Expression on Online Forums and Methodology

One of the benefits of online news forums is that there is absolute freedom of expression. In this thesis the researcher used qualitative content analysis methodology. It is noteworthy that, the use of a content analysis assisted by a discourse theory and framing theory can be used to analyse popular or ordinary people’s opinions online. These online readers constitute a public sphere where public opinion can be extracted through the use of a qualitative content analysis. The popular opinions online may not represent the opinions of a large segment in South Africa but they do reflect to some extent opinions of the general populace. Here the researcher recommends that censorship of comments be looked into. Online forums must be protected just like the rights of citizens to expression are protected by the constitution.

5.11 Limitations of Thesis and Suggestions for Future Research

In this section, the researcher will tabulate the limitations of the thesis as well as the suggestion for future research.

5.11.1 Limitation of the Thesis

This thesis faced challenges on the issue of data collection and selection of news headlines. Thus, bearing in mind the fact that, every study has its own limitation. It is not possible to collect viewers’ comments at the same time they are making their comments. The researcher had to wait for almost three days to one week in order for me to be able to collect all readers’ comments attached to a new story. Also, number
of comments collected varied from one news article to the other due to size of the contents found and its appeal to the online participants. Again some of the issues discussed by online readers may not be a true reflection of the political news but has a representation of what maybe happening in the South African political environment.

The main challenge of the study was that, the population was not directly accessible or known to the researcher and the prospect of one individual having many usernames cannot be ruled out. The participants are anonymous in the sense that they use pseudo names though this might be both an advantage and a loophole for the study. Anonymity is an advantage in the sense that it gives them a room to express themselves and a loophole in the fact that the source might not be reliable for the researcher. The online commentary forum does not show the location for the commenter. However their comments show that a large segment of the population is in touch with the current affairs.

The other limitation was timeframe for collecting data. More could have been revealed if more time could be spent on news follow-up and observation. The researcher had to make use of a limited time frame for the study. This means that there was no time to follow participants’ arguments on different concepts.

5.11.2 Suggestions for future research
Future research is needed to study the comments of those readers at least after the first year of the elections and hear if this was what they were expecting to get from the ruling party they would have elected to lead the South African political terrain though it seems uneasy since the commentary platform might not reflect the true south African population for the major voters have no daily access to these online news forums. The researcher also suggests a dialogical analysis for future research so as to analyse how readers interact and influence each other looking at how their dialogue flows. Finally there is need to conduct research so as to find out why online readers participate in public deliberation in online forums and how do they set the agenda for themselves as related to that set by the media. The researcher’s suggestions for future research are on the backdrop of outstanding but critical questions. Thus, what remains outstanding is what then differentiates play from any
other gratuitous activity, such as compulsive behaviour or apparently motiveless crimes? And if play is distinguishable from seriousness only by its futility, how can it be said to have a civilizing influence?
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## APPENDICES
### Appendix 1: Graph Metrics

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Appendix 2: Political affiliation

ANC

Reference 1 - 77.67% Coverage
ANC has done it b4 and it will still DO it again idiot of nie...VIVA ANC VIVA!!!

Reference 1 - 48.97% Coverage
The more they carry on about the ANC the less we know about them. They actually campaign for the ANC. Eventually no one knows what DA is about.

Reference 1 - 0.35% Coverage
100% supported

Reference 1 - 51.55% Coverage
11.52% Coverage
I do understand that u r hurting man & will therefore give u space to grieve & vent! Unfortunately for u, that will not change the outcome of this election: u & your minority party of white privilege will still be pathetic losers. So go on man & lick your wounds, u've earned them... ANC leads, again!!!

Reference 2 - 27.84% Coverage
Either you are in serious denial or have been living in a universe all of your own in the past 3 months: any sober person could tell that the ANC was winning the election even BEFORE a single vote had been cast! Simply because it has delivered to South Africa & people know firsthand the qualitative changes in their lives, not as seen from a twisted, ivory tower view of naysayers like u. Naysayers who have never visited townships but want to talk with authority about realities that they are not familiar with. For those of us who KNOW & have EXPERIENCED the change for the better In our lives, there never was an iota of doubt as to which way we were going to vote, as we indeed have! The people have spoken, again! The ANC Leads!!!

Reference 3 - 12.20% Coverage
I AM educated! I do earn a decent income, which has occasioned me a comfortable & decent quality of life. No, I don't depend on either a tender or a grant for a living! I do pay my taxes honestly. And yes I HAVE VOTED ANC, as did my family & friends who are in a similar economic situation as me! The ANC leads, AGAIN!!!

Reference 1 - 18.13% Coverage
ANC supporters are the most dishonest party supporters - the most violent supporters and the most ignorant supporters.

Reference 1 - 95.90% Coverage
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Before you spot others imperfections you must have ability to spot your imperfections, bcz one who is good at criticizing others while not perfect either is a liar. yes Anc is not perfect so why should people vote for other political parties who are good at seeing the flaws of ANC while they are not good either, E.g Malema is only telling us about flaws of Anc only now if he was a good leader He would have done that whilst he was the Youth League President despite the risks. The DA is busy opposing ANC while the majority of the Western Cape including I want it out, wake up bra. The fool is the one who fall for black panthers covered by the sheep's skin. Rather vote for the person that you know better than the 1 you know little about because you won't know what that person is capable of.

Reference 1 - 35.86% Coverage
News flash!!! 62.15% voted for the ANC party NOT for Zuma, or do you have problems understanding the basics??

Reference 1 - 15.16% Coverage
This is a joke. what about Gwede's remark that the coloured 46% must fight for 9% of top management jobs through BBBEE or be relocated to a different province? - Just like group areas act of Apartheid. How is that for not meeting the needs of the coloureds? Thanks ANC thanks a lot.

Reference 1 - 33.95% Coverage
Yes only blacks vote for ANC because it's a black party

Reference 1 - 57.35% Coverage
Am just thinking what ANC will do 4 EC

Reference 1 - 50.91% Coverage
Why do you think it was ANC?

Reference 1 - 8.62% Coverage
He represents the ANC as he has been elected by them.

Reference 1 - 9.60% Coverage
The words of a man who knows the ANC are on borrowed time.

Reference 1 - 96.72% Coverage

Related Article:

I agree with you because he was the puppet of the ANC never doing anything that the ANC as a collective did not approve. Those so called moment when he stood firm in cabinet meeting wanning like day where only the number of supporter you create in the NEC won the days. Sound reason wathing the order of the day but still it had be approved by the collective...

Pro-ANC

Reference 1 - 49.28% Coverage
Calm down Zipper...ANC run this...

Reference 1 - 51.45% Coverage
This "sudden care" of yours is very suspicious. All of a sudden the leaders should ride on bikes and stay in shacks because you started to care. We have never heard you talking about the security upgrades in houses of former presidents, their current security expenditure, the government's houses in Cape Town, etc. Following your line of thinking, a lot can be saved nin all these for the black children you "care" so much about. But you know very well that that is not the issue. Its your hatred, anger and political allegiance that you care about.

Reference 2 - 36.58% Coverage
Aha, not surprised! Another desperate attempt by the media to divide the ANC. Its not going to work. Why would Ramaphosa not support his president? If he supports his president he is not independent? All the jerks exposing their racist attitude here must get a life; their wish is far from reality. The ANC is getting stronger and stronger. Prepare yourself for an extended period of misery.

Reference 3 - 6.55% Coverage
Are you aware that almost all the votes received by AIC are ANC votes?

Reference 1 - 94.42% Coverage
Yes, Comrade Blade, they are all lies. Nigeria leaving SA behind is also a lie, high crime statistics are also lies, anything which does not fit into the glorious ANC-SACP vision is a "white man's lie". Mandela would be so proud of you.

Reference 1 - 21.86% Coverage
“*We reject the constant insinuation by some newspapers that the ANC-led government blatantly disregarded existing financial management and procurement laws when procuring services "HAHAHAHAHA - Yeah....Whatever, you fat screw!!!

Reference 1 - 1.86% Coverage
The ANC must recall this old man; he is destroying all the hard work that was done to build this organisation. He had failed to unite the tripartite alliance, anyway on everything he had failed.

Reference 1 - 17.29% Coverage
The ANC are on borrowed time.

Reference 1 - 7.52% Coverage
He is a veteran of premiers

Reference 1 - 1.86% Coverage
The ANC is obviously looking for inside information to fight the DA, and just shows the mettle of this man -good riddance, Pascoe!

Reference 1 - 75.32% Coverage
Lie oneself into the pinnacle of stupidity...keep it up ANC.

Reference 1 - 37.04% Coverage
Vote ANC
**Angry Africans** - § 1 reference coded [39.17% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 39.17% Coverage

“As the whole world watched on May 10... Our freedom was the celebration of the entire world as our president reached out to friends and foes alike,” Tlakula said. It has just been confirmed that Tlakula is protecting or working for ANC.

**Art** - § 1 reference coded [1.60% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.60% Coverage

Elected by the DA CAUCUS... NOT DEPLOYED....**TAKE NOTE ANC, C O M P E T E N T... is the correct word! Right man for the job....!**

**Bobas** - § 2 references coded [20.46% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 5.98% Coverage
Long live the anc. Marius.
Reference 2 - 14.48% Coverage
Antin, you can believe what you want we are a very large party.

**Coachbrad** - § 1 reference coded [19.34% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 19.34% Coverage
Yes, being a historical anc supporter, I have to admit that we did lose in this election

**Colin** - § 1 reference coded [18.66% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 18.66% Coverage
Helen Zille being devious again, It does not matter if smaller parties get less than 10% because when the chips are on the table, coalitions will be formed and a collective will talk as one. Be-aware of this DA. In 2014 it is only the ANC that encompasses all.

**Javad Mjoka** - § 2 references coded [64.33% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 21.10% Coverage
Did you vote for Mpfu or EFF? ANC which we voted for knows who will lead GP that all what matters to us. If you want your friend to be a premier tell him/her to join the nearest ANC branch maybe he will be deployed in 2019
Reference 2 - 43.24% Coverage
My brother we are surprised that someone who votes ANC can make the comments you are making. If you know about 50-50 representation in ANC leadership you will understand why it not easy to just pick a premier. The media are just pushing their propaganda; there is no province with a woman ANC chairperson so they should be writing about them too. In SA we vote for a party not individuals so it shouldn't really matter whether you know who is premier or not.

**Javed Chogle** - § 4 references coded [31.23% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 9.82% Coverage
How do you know they are beating her because she comes from a different party? Usually in townships criminals end up like that. ANC won, get over it. And even this clip is what you are claiming, and then does it make you a member of boeremag? Actions of some do not represent the majority.
Reference 2 - 4.03% Coverage
BULL yes, just because you are saying so? Ever been to a township? I did vote for ANC yes and I am very proud of it.
Reference 3 - 11.35% Coverage
He is a criminal according to you, that's your opinion and he might as well be able to be. I voted for the party. And I will vote for them again and again. One reason why? They took off the boards "whites only" from the beaches and restaurants and toilets. That is humanity and not what you're trying to promote, ignorance and more racism.
Reference 4 - 6.03% Coverage
Again it goes to prove you are living in ignorance, you have never been to township, everyone wear an ANC tshirt and that is how criminals get treated in townships not civilians.

**KASI4LYF** - § 2 references coded [48.78% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 40.71% Coverage
Really? shame what a day dreamer, da will always loose we had enough of being oppressed by the Nats and never had opportunity to vote da voted alone whilst we were kept quiet by oppressive laws that discriminated against us before we were even born Famous Never again speech of Madiba was not a joke Viva ANC Viva we are free at last
Reference 2 - 8.07% Coverage
Never again Minority white rule is over permanently Viva ANC Viva!

**Ketchup** - § 1 reference coded [6.41% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 6.41% Coverage
Stop complaining about the ANC when they apply AA and BBBEE in other provinces. Blame it on your inferiority complex.

**Kubi Phand'pha** - § 1 reference coded [21.40% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 21.40% Coverage
Well...your comment only reveals how much you don’t know the ANC and its operations. I can bet you now that Nomvula will be deployed a minister.

**Kusi** - § 2 references coded [78.13% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 38.13% Coverage
Matla - a ANC. Come 2019 we do it again this time for OR Tambo
Reference 2 - 40.00% Coverage
Wow that's nice to see Agang SA with a seat at least. Matla ANC
§ 3 references coded [4.21% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.24% Coverage
Anc rules!
Reference 2 - 2.19% Coverage
At least I belong to the majority not racist DA who in their only mind thinks they are clever
Reference 3 - 1.79% Coverage
Under my dead body, ANC will always rule as long as we have racists like you
§ 1 reference coded [44.45% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 45.45% Coverage
ANC for life!!!
§ 1 reference coded [8.95% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 8.95% Coverage
Love your comment........We still say Asijiki.........Kubo!!!!!
§ 1 reference coded [74.67% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 74.67% Coverage
Never lose faith in the party who ended apartheid, Colin.
§ 1 reference coded [67.92% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 67.92% Coverage
Keep dreaming, it did not happen on 07 May 2014. ANC leads and ANC Lives
§ 1 reference coded [88.03% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 88.03% Coverage
Albert your sad white person and believe me u better get used 2 be ruled by the ANC cos it will be in power 4 another years coming
§ 1 reference coded [23.79% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 23.79% Coverage
The ANC leads! The ANC lives! The early trends, both nationally & provincially, favour the people's movement, AGAIN!!! As at 4am more than 665 000 votes had been cast in favour of the ANC! This is the more significant when one considers the fact that these results come from the smaller urban stations, which theoretically should be favoring the minority party of white privilege, the desperate alliance! The trend line does not augur well for the deceitful desperate alliance that the Electoral Court found to have lied & instructed this relic of apartheid to retract its blatant lies! The African National Congress leads!!!
§ 1 reference coded [79.86% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 79.86% Coverage
Crying babies!! Understand that ANC is having a large majority. You will remain a minority until "Jesus comes".
§ 2 references coded [3.22% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.68% Coverage
The ANC government does not steal. The previous white government stole land from our people declaring 'white spots' with the Group Areas Act. Unscrupulous people circumventing government resources for their own benefit will get their day. every dig has its day.
Reference 2 - 0.54% Coverage
You must bow before the ANC, and salute the victory.
§ 2 references coded [50.40% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.53% Coverage
We love our government
Reference 2 - 47.87% Coverage
In UMLazi where I stay there are no more shacks and it makes me happy and although I do not have a house but I am happy that my neighbours have got shelter now. And I do understand that my lovely government is working with the taxes taken from the minority which is the earning people compared to the huge number of the unemployed. And they loved me before 1994 when they sacrificed their lives for this SA I now see
§ 1 reference coded [14.10% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 14.10% Coverage
When they do snatch the power you'll be a sorry ass and by that time I wouldn't give a rat ass. Nationalization of mines and the expropriation of land still stand. Viva ANC viva! You dump:D
§ 1 reference coded [87.50% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 87.50% Coverage
I think ANC is gonna lead us once again and I'd like to thank peoples who voted for ANC, because by doing that we are making Tata Madiba proud where ever he is, he's looking down on us and he's legacy continues
§ 2 references coded [25.60% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 3.43% Coverage
We are still leading: DDDDDDDD
Ok I lo! D. XD, ANC wins 249 seats. Daniel Francis. The best indication that righteous democracy is alive and well in South Africa is that more voters accepted Malema's message than Tutu's.

Reference 2 - 22.17% Coverage
Reference 1 - 78.64% Coverage

Viva Anc viva! Wish to win Western Cape back, yheee told them we r ANCestorz loool

Reference 1 - 87.55% Coverage

Obvious. If he could include the ANC on hi will it ivery much obviouthat he loved the ANC and would have definately voted for them. Madiba warprincipled and under no circumstancehe would have left the ANC join or form another party.

Reference 1 - 66.18% Coverage

Viva ANC viva! Im not voting but i love ANC.

Reference 1 - 95.91% Coverage

Seeing that the majority of the population is not going to vote for anyone but the ANC, you are not going to correct the ills of this country through the DA, wish all the good politicians (if there are any) realize this soonest and join the ANC to have an influence from within, cleans it of all the scum.

Reference 1 - 67.82% Coverage

"Although the ANC strives for a non-racial society, it is not an easy feat. We are not going to be able to do it alone. We need everyone, including white business, to work with [us]," she said." Yes, Lindiwe ...that's why we have BBBEE, Affirmative Action, racial quotas in sport and black....everything - . Because the ANC strives for a non-racial society. Yeah right. It's almost like double-speak. Eradicate the whites and then you have a non-racial society (egt iy)?

Reference 1 - 92.06% Coverage

BAZOZWA NGATHI E-PHALAMENDE,BAYIZICUKUTHWANE NJE,,,,,,VIVA ANC VIVA BO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Reference 1 - 26.94% Coverage

"Very capable individuals" From the ANC... ROLFLMAOLMIPLEOL

Reference 1 - 84.44% Coverage

Would've been news if the DA embezzled Mandela's papers. ANC is Mandela's party, its okay if they spend his paper

Reference 1 - 75.95% Coverage

ANC will rule till Jesus come that's the fact so deal with it

Reference 1 - 66.10% Coverage

People whom their lives have been changed positively by an ANC government will vote ANC irrespective of being educated or not. DA has done nothing for me than I don't see myself voting for them. If they can call and treat people of Eastern Cape as foreigners in their own country I can't vote for that. Im in the western cape as we speak I haven't seen live racism like this in the past 20yrs. Cape Town is the city of the elite you can see the surrounding areas from top view it a diamond surrounded by rubbish. Is this how you want me to vote for them. People talk Nkandla but I'm yet to get an explanation of how you spend R10billion in consultation over 3yrs. What is that so expensive you need to consult about? Now I vote ANC objectively not subjective. I see DA pointing a spot light to the Nkandla but you got R10billion that you can't explain.

Reference 2 - 29.23% Coverage

It's funny because it is the same ANC that liberated this country. I myself confused with what are you trying to say. Are you suffering from amnesia or you like to twist the truth? There is a lot of racism bubbling from the DA camp; your fallow cdes insult anyone who has different ideology as your party. What i would like to see is true DA cdes stopping their own cdes from insulting other people. This platform and News24 are full of haters who continuously make other people feel inferior. If 80% of people comments on this platform showing sign of apartheid, and claim to be DA members .one can draw a conclusion that if DA comes to power they will bring back apartheid.

Reference 1 - 3.36% Coverage

Along with the names put forward by the ANC, they also submitted the yet to be formed committees findings and full report.

Reference 2 - 0.91% Coverage

The ANC are consderate that way.
hat we have the lack Woman appointed by President Zuma who is corrupt and incompetent, please if not you, who? You all have my ng ANC because of unity reasons, Long live the FF. For some reason the ANC manages to neutrilise the ultra left within it's them names but we will vote for them for obvious re report a certain party, the ANC decided thier, in the past 20yrs the ANC has had or we can achieve more” are people pulling their own weight to help

Reference 1 - 20.31% Coverage

Funny that when Mbeki was president, no one held such a high regard for him, now that we have the current administration, they want him back, I believe ppl must just sit down and enjoy the current politics for I do not see a sudden change or any possible change agent that will possibly run the country soon. We can argue all we want, call them names but we will vote for them for obvious reasons, Long live the ANC, Viva!

Reference 1 - 55.77% Coverage

Phambili Nge ANC Phambili!!!!

Reference 1 - 23.33% Coverage

Fiat for your benefit, at times corruption and incompetence is a myth. It exists to stereotypes like you. If you know of any Black Woman appointed by President Zuma who is corrupt and in competent, please come forward and report such to Law Enforcement. And please help us with criterion you are using to define incompetent appointment.

Reference 2 - 31.82% Coverage

Carven you are completely wrong. ANC is the most democratic organisation in South Africa today. For starters ordinary members at branch level make submissions on list of candidates to Parliament and Legislatures, including the President of the party and government. In the past 20yrs the ANC has had three presidents directly elected by ordinary delegates from branches at the National Conference. Tell us which other political party practices such openness.

Reference 1 - 91.35% Coverage

I am not surprised by this post editor because you support a certain party, the ANC decided thier candidates long ago and the meeting is to formalise the process. The Anc members decided and elected members to represent them in management. Again you are spoon feeding us nonsense. ANC will lead until you are all gone

Reference 2 - 8.28% Coverage

The ANC motto is “working together we can achieve more” are people pulling their own weight to help the government? What is other parties doing to put SA first instead of throwing stones at the ruling party.......shame on SA

Reference 1 - 82.40% Coverage

ANC always shining, and we are appreciate our voters to continue trusting ANC because of unity

Reference 1 - 8.62% Coverage

ANC getting hammered by their own. Really stupid comments by..... Marius Frans and his side kick Mac. You must think we are all stupid, but then how would you know.!!

Reference 1 - 0.86% Coverage

ANC supporter

Reference 1 - 70.73% Coverage

Happy I didn’t waste my vote!! Viva Mkhonto wesizwe viva!!

Reference 1 - 1.56% Coverage

ANC is doing everything right I love this party

Reference 1 - 25.51% Coverage

That’s so true. We were having a discussion with my buddies, and I said to them I would rather have a strong ANC than a strong EFF. For some reason the ANC manages to neutralise the ultra left within it's alliance.

Reference 1 - 94.39% Coverage

Do you remember the mutiny in Angola? This time is happening here at home. I'm proud of you guys, it's about time you reclaim the values of the ANC. If not now, when, if not you, who? You all have my unshakable support. Even if you go against the wind, keep going, it's never easy doing the right thing.

Reference 1 - 10.62% Coverage

You never voted for Mandela either, so we don’t need your vote

Reference 1 - 93.79% Coverage
Ur grandfathers are de one who is stupid because they did not want this democracy. U only see mistake cause now its ANC en ur abt change now. Old used to say "u will never satisfy people in wht ever u do. ANC did so much for us. De fact whites will never like blacks.

Reference 1 - 93.79% Coverage

Reference 2 - 3.06% Coverage

Reference 1 - 82.58% Coverage

Reference 2 - 10.93% Coverage

Reference 1 - 83.71% Coverage

Anti- ANC

Reference 1 - 1.78% Coverage

Reference 2 - 2.81% Coverage

Reference 3 - 2.55% Coverage

Reference 1 - 1.45% Coverage

Reference 2 - 2.81% Coverage

Reference 3 - 2.55% Coverage

Reference 1 - 2.17% Coverage

Reference 2 - 2.17% Coverage

Reference 1 - 2.08% Coverage

Reference 2 - 2.47% Coverage
Proof, like for instance the proof that your president is a criminal.

This is not the first election to be won on promises. Those who vote ANC will take the responsibility for this government to take the country further backwards over the next five years. They have proven their inability to go forward and also lack the will. With promises and corruption they have been able to secure a good life for themselves over the past twenty years. Why give it up now?

Since half the unemployed people from the Eastern Cape were sent here to make up the ANC’s numbers and throw poo around, the position here has not improved.

Maybe you are right. They were voting for Madiba, not for a corrupt government. Now they have five years for service delivery protests and they will see that you are all wind with no substance and your promises are worth nothing.

As per usual the ANC is going to hijack the investigation, blame someone else & declare Zuma’s innocence, then brick-wall from further criticism.

Zuma, you and the ANC elite have kept the black people of SA uneducated, just like the Nats did. You have made it even worse by lowering the examination standards and employing teachers that are not educated. Think for a moment about your country, South Africa, and its future.

Blade is not the sharpest knife in the kitchen,.... he was pretty poor student when he attended a tertiary institution years ago (not sure he passed anything), sadly has not learned any wisdom over the years,..... on his journey to guide our tertiary education. If ever there was a case of the blind leading the blind...

The ZANC manifesto; Rule and divide along racial lines.

The so-called indelible ink could be wiped off with spit, so no surprises there nothing the anc does is working and still they are in power?

Proudly South African, there is so much corruption so cheating is normal for the anc.

Scary how quick rules can be changed to favour the thieving cANCer idiots.

I can’t see the Travel gate parliament members asking Zumpie783 to come and answer questions. Zuma and the ANC covered them defrauding parliament and gave them jobs so the MP’s owe Zuma one. That’s how ANC politics works - if I cover for your crime then you are expected to cover up mine.

I can’t s...Coconut? Clever black? I’m off for a quick flagellation, just so whatever insults you might decide to heap on me won’t hurt as much ;-

The ANC (mis)uses a considerable combination of means to hold onto power: Stalinist Strategy 101; get rid of potentially disloyal. That’s what Zuma did. That would be a well-deserved insult -no argument there!

1) Zuma, the Dictator over the years simply removed all who could possibly want to "override" him. That's what Zuma did.

2) The ANC (mis)uses a considerable combination of means to hold onto power: -Lie and tell people that the ANC has liberated SA whilst it was UDF the people of SA who did so.

3) Misuse the SABC to spew their lying propaganda, and to deny other parties the right to air their views. Misuse state funds in their own election campaign. Like buy them ANC T-shirts and buy them fried chicken -in exchange for a dead-poor population's votes. (A population that is kept so poor due to the ANC's failed economic policies, BTW.) I am frankly getting nauseous, enumerating what this disgusting
bunch of misrulers do, so I'll quit for now. But come here and defend them, Majola, and I'll continue, after I feel better.

Reference 2 - 3.17% Coverage
How can we change the tone so as to outsmart Zuma?
1) I (most of us, save one or two) are smarter than Zuma anyway.
2) We hold no political power whatsoever. No matter what we do, the masses of mindless morons will continue to allow Zuma & His Band of Crooks to rule anyway.
3) I will be content to be confined to demonstrate to the world what loathsome buckets of pig-excrement the ANC are - and poke fun at those who contradict this.

Reference 1 - 19.72% Coverage

So true Vuyani, apartheid is dead and buried, it will never come back, the whites and the international community will never allow it. All we want is to be made to feel a part of our country of birth and not to be constantly blamed by the ANC every time THEY mess up or every five years just before elections. Apartheid is unfortunately a very convenient crutch for the ANC to maintain power. If apartheid never happened, would the large majority of people still vote ANC based on their track record over the past 20 years? I wonder....

Reference 1 - 18.81% Coverage

The ANC should take a page out of the DA's book & we will not be in this predicament of perpetual thieving. The best qualified person for the job.

Reference 1 - 79.46% Coverage
It doesn't look good at all. We are still in for the e-tolls. On Monday I'm registering.

Reference 1 - 1.35% Coverage

Headline should read: "ANC SCAMS 249 SEATS" With the assistance of the IEC, it was pretty easy peazy........

Reference 2 - 1.28% Coverage

ZEBLON... the ANC has FUCCT UP FOR THE PAST 20Years...Seems like you agree with their FAILED PRINCIPLES!

Reference 3 - 0.35% Coverage

Not to forget... "CHALLENGES"

Reference 4 - 1.48% Coverage

TO be honest... I did not even bother reading the report...BUT WHEN THE ANC DENY..... THEN YOU KNOW IT IS THE TRUTH!!!!!

Reference 5 - 1.13% Coverage

Down fall of the USSR is EXCTLY the same as the DOWN FALL OF THE ANC...GREED AND CORRUPTION!!!

Reference 6 - 3.92% Coverage

Nah... The IEC are not "STUNNED" at the voter turnout... The PUBLIC are STUNNED at the USELESSNESS OF THE IEC!!! Philippi in the W/Cape was a FINE EXAMPLE OF THE IEC's INCOMPETENY... voters were given HAND FULLS OF VOTING DOCUMENTS THROUGH THE WINDOWS.... They did not even ENTER the voting chambers.... ANOTHER ANC FAIL!

Reference 7 - 0.46% Coverage

"ANC IS A THIEF"... NO SHIT SHERLOCK!

Reference 1 - 22.86% Coverage

Dear spokesman of Harmony Group (one of the earliest recipients of BEE), it appears that somebody deleted your reply to my message, but it is in my inbox. Do not be fooled by the European sounding pseudonym "Babette". It means: The Master Builder, Leader, Undertaker of large projects, Confidence, Discipline, Organization. Things that Jacob Zuma are not! Some may think he has confidence, but it is only stupidity and imperceptibility (my own word) that makes somebody like him stand for a second term. He was not a freedom fighter by any standard. An opportunist, yes. Look up his real history. So, that is why I, as a person who qualifies for BEE (not BBBEE) funding/tenders, will not vote for the ANC.

Reference 1 - 22.86% Coverage

Imagine having your degree and be instructed by someone who has a grade 6 (Std 4) as a qualification...lol no wonder SA is the way it is today! At least Malema and his team have Political Science qualifications from UNISA; I don't even wanna start talking about the smart guy called Floyd Shivambu...#tohellwithanc #sidikiwe

Reference 1 - 97.37% Coverage

At least the EFF is not ruled by a bunch of illiterate parasites who try to suck you blood for their wealth...you are all puppets of those old aged men who are greedy and would do anything to have cash through you. I have voted for change in these elections and not to feed Zuma and his dogs even more, obviously those who have voted for the ANC are the ones who are being paid well by the ANC. ANC...
AYISAFANI, Mmusi didn't lie when he said that, ANC legends and those who have fought for freedom in this country are no more, they did not fight for the corrupt to be more corrupt but for everyone to live on peace and harmony with equal everything. Futshek ANC, you are all liars who have deceived poor people in South Africa. Wherever Thabo Mbeki is, I'm sure he's laughing his ass off at what happened after he had left. #Asijiki #ancayisafani #weneedchange

Reference 1 - 2.64% Coverage
The "little" is accurate then

Reference 2 - 10.91% Coverage
The ANC may not be delivering but I have it on good authority that Mr. Delivery is making regular deliveries to Nkandla.

Reference 1 - 13.97% Coverage
Zuma is not the problem, the organisation is the problem

Reference 1 - 94.01% Coverage
The people of South Africa should hang their head in shame, the same man who gave up 27 years of his life for their freedom; they are pissing on him by the gallon. Why was Mandela kept alive (life support) when the doctor said he was already dead? ANC day doesn't give a damn about the people, only themselves. http://www.news24.com/elections/news/madiba-would-have-voted-anc-20140510

Reference 1 - 29.09% Coverage
Again I have to disagree, respectfully...I have voted for the past 20 years and I have paid taxes for the past 20 years and I'm no better off. The only way to change the government is to withhold their means of messing up the country - money! Most results show they have the majority again...which means my vote counted for nothing. So it's over to plan B...!

Reference 1 - 54.17% Coverage
Kasrils is a true patriot.

Reference 1 - 93.60% Coverage
There is a big difference between leadership and management, ANC are the headless ruling party whose don't even know and understand the word democracy. No plan no skills no vision no objectives. Malema far much better he is grown now.

Reference 1 - 6.62% Coverage
Facts! Not rubbish you fool. Open your eyes... stop believing the racist accusations and lies of the ANC!

Reference 1 - 93.83% Coverage
Damn already the ANC is in the lead. They are cheaters they should not get anyone in the party to count the ballets because they can lie and say their party got more when it's less... Come up with something different a new system

Reference 1 - 34.07% Coverage
The ANC's leaders is the cause of these racial lines, we all know that the ANC hate whites!!

Reference 1 - 88.00% Coverage
If you are an educated and financially independent person, you would not have voted for the ANC. Any other party is a better option.

Reference 1 - 73.44% Coverage
ANC are intolerant tribalists and corrupt thugs

Reference 1 - 91.63% Coverage
How much money did the ANC offer you (or what position and salary did they promise you) to defect so as to try to garner coloured votes in the WC Pascoe? You sir are now as corrupt as the party you joined. Good riddance!

Reference 1 - 12.10% Coverage
5 more years of incompetent idiots running SA down the drain.

Reference 1 - 90.54% Coverage
And your problem is? The ANC is using the 'white' gevaar tactics If you want to live in an ANC province you don't have to go far You have no idea what is waiting for you though Life in the WC is a good story to tell, unfortunately that story does not belong to the ANC
The ANC is and will always be a failure! We have 20 years’ experience, what exactly does that mean? Soon it will be 25, 30, 35... How much more experience do you need to do something as simple as fill potholes, pick up black refuse bags and trim sidewalks? Please man, cut the cr@p Gigaba. The ANC cannot govern, it’s that simple. Not now not never.

Reference 2 - 2.99% Coverage
I have never in my life heard of a “task team” until the ANC took power. That and many other thinks.

Reference 1 - 95.02% Coverage
“But as long as a large gap exists between rich and poor, voting along race and class lines will continue for years to come” So the gap is causing racism ? Really? So, racist policies like BEE and AA have absolutely no racial impact on society? Really? As soon as you class people it is blatant racism. That will only create a racist outcome. The ANC knows this only too well. This helps them get votes by creating the “Us and Them” attitude. This is counterproductive to the society as the whole. As far as tackling racism, the ANC has been a complete and dismal failure.

Reference 1 - § 2 references coded [14.87% Coverage]
And the stupid argument that, “because the nats did it, the anc can do it” goes on and on. To what depths will you sink to defend the indefensible behaviour of the ANC since 1994? How can you sleep at night when you approve of the theft of a TRILLION RAND since 1994? All I did was quote an article by the SAIRR. You are simply an apologist for the indefensible.

Reference 2 - 6.26% Coverage
Address the point put to you and stop conflating issues keep on defending the indefensible thievry by the anc by comparing them to the disgusting nats - if that makes you feel better. Just remember the following: ONE TRILLION RAND STOLEN BY ANC THIEVES IN 20 YEARS

Reference 1 - 3.26% Coverage
You mean that delusional guy who publicly said that the ANC would gain support in the Western Cape and retake it in the 2014 elections? There is some troll on IOL that impersonates him. Wonder where he is now...

Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [39.09% Coverage]
I find it disgusting that they assume so little from such a great man. I do not think he would have voted for them at all. The lies, the theft, even in his death there were lies and the ANC know what I am talking about, the big cover up deceive the nation. They good at that “decoiling”.

Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [27.07% Coverage]
Just another Zuma ANC, cadet who got his post because of his skin colour.

Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [19.22% Coverage]
Correction: The ANC’s corrupt, lawless system!!!!

Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [14.87% Coverage]
The ANC is the ruling party; it is the party that can, but fails, to give what it promises. But the promises that Mmusi Maimane made in reference to Gauteng WILL be done if they win Gauteng from the cANCer. Mark my words.

Reference 1 - § 4 references coded [6.78% Coverage]
Typical ANC ponds scum at work here...

Reference 2 - 1.60% Coverage
Everyone is not the anc that is destroying our country while fools sing their praises...

Reference 3 - 2.05% Coverage
Hey - did you see the reply from Dux? Or do you believe everything your beloved anc tells you? Are you a skaaape?

Reference 4 - 2.48% Coverage
Aaaahhhhh the Zondos, Chogles and the non-racist, non-sexist anc voting dimwits of SA are crawling out from wherever they normally hide.

Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [13.32% Coverage]
Ja, down here on the Cape Flats we would also say denies, but it would be spelled, "Die N...'! That’s the general consensus when referring to any of the ANC’s current leadership.

Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [21.63% Coverage]
Think the prospect of this intellectually challenged puppet (who really does ‘rule’???) getting his slimy mitts on your constitution is a very, very frightening development. The big biz head honchos may have tolerated the ANC’s grubby conduct towards the dirt poor and the corruption getting out of control but if the sh’t hits the fan and civil unrest erupts! You can bet that rapid DISINVESTMENT will make tsunamis look like a gentle wave. The ONLY thing SA’s still got going for it is the wealth in the soil, it
may not be worth the aggro if the ANC loses the few brain cells they have and get drunk on even more cool aid! I predict that if the ANC DO GET 65% or more then all hell will break loose! they will think they are like Kings for real, say bye ,bye to any impartial judicial system, to proper policing, to owning your business, why stop at land reform?? Cubans were never allowed to own any property or start a business under Castro, he was the master at herd control, dehumanizing millions and it worked for 50years, only changed when Cubans got access to the Internet! No chance of this in rural SA, so the sheep will still be content with scraps and a few rand to blow. Pray that ANC get whacked in the polls, or just whacked!!!!!

Reference 1 - 24.25% Coverage
The misery will be felt by the poor people who keep voting for people like you. At least you will be able to keep your cushy job.

Reference 1 - 24.25% Coverage
ANC doesn't want to satisfy the people. Free KFC, a t-shirt and a guaranteed excuse to celebrate when their team wins an election. Soccer team politics... fans will still party hard even if the "referee" helped their hopeless team to victory.

Reference 1 - 22.20% Coverage
And to answer "Do you think we in the ANC are all hopeless criminal rubbish?" well after reading your comments, the answer is YES

Reference 1 - 5.75% Coverage
Funny. If those 1500 papers had little X's next to the ANC's name there'd be serious tax payers money used investigating - but because it doesn't affect the ANC, all is above board.

Reference 2 - 2.07% Coverage
They look like a typical bunch of ANC thugs to me. Less than animals.

Reference 1 - 80.90% Coverage
Lying ANC, i bet they would say Moses and Abraham would have voted the ANC

Reference 1 - 3.95% Coverage
Abolition, Negation & Corruption... to be more accurate!

Reference 1 - 29.31% Coverage
ANC is more racist than Verwoerd.

Reference 1 - 0.76% Coverage
So, if the outcome of the investigation is true, then she has to answer for it. In the meantime, I agree that the ANC is a thief.

Reference 1 - 91.21% Coverage
It always will be. What white person would vote for a party like cANCer? That has NO, i repeat NO, policies that are non-racist, and it's ALL about black empowerment. So if you're white, why would you vote for them? Not to mention that they are the most corrupt party SA has EVER had,

Reference 1 - 38.21% Coverage
"62 percent of the electorate proving that our base is rock solid." Yes you are correct your base is solid - reason for this = lies, bribery, corruption, theft and rape &tenderpreneurship. What do the people get - free t-shirts and kfc, no service delivery, no jobs, no education? And a kick in the face for believing Jake the snake and his comrades' lies!! Cause - that's how the ANC role!

Reference 1 - 21.32% Coverage
You're right. I mean you can't expect a whitey to lie, steal, cheat, be corrupt and incompetent as well as the darkies in the anc do it. It would be very unfair indeed on that poor whitey.

Reference 1 - 30.89% Coverage
According to this alcohol soaked invalid, all reasonable people are reactionary. Pay attention to his nonsense at your own peril. Dent the ANC's majority: Kasrils

Reference 1 - 91.09% Coverage
Only blind ANC supporters would think such rubbish and I doubt one calls it thinking anyways

Reference 1 - 91.34% Coverage
As you say the African National Cancer, see enemies in all things, but they have a blind spot - They can't see themselves!! It's obvious they're their own Judge, Jury and hopefully, Executioner. Just give them rope long enough, they'll hang themselves!

Reference 1 - 35.59% Coverage

It is the ANC policy to keep as much information away from the UNEDUCATED and ILLITERATE people of SA. These are the people who still vote for them and keep them in power as they do not know any better. What the DA and EFF now need to do, is get through to these people that the ANC do not care about them and don't give a damn about them. As long as these people have information hidden from them the ANC will steal, plunder and rape this country of everything that the minority Elite can lay their hands on. Love or hate him, Julius will give the ANC a serious body blow in the next general elections and this will also help the DA. This election (watch this space) is the beginning of the decline of absolute power by the ANC. Viva DA Viva EFF Pansi ANC

Reference 1 - 31.50% Coverage

Why does nobody slap the freaking ANC with lawsuits over their racist slurs!? There racism and inciting racial hatred goes on daily abated and nobody seems to put their foot down and say enough!!! Take them to court and get them to be accountable for their racial hatred. There are undemocratic and extreme racists and they are getting majority support. Every time I spend time away from the news I start feeling the Rainbow nation, as soon as the ANC opens their mouth they make feel like an alien in my own country and stir up all the racial hatred. THEY are the poison in this country!!! Get them out of the government and ban them again; out the whole ANC leadership back on Robben island. They are vicious war mongering racist idiots and must go back underground where they belong - back to the devil they came from.

Reference 2 - 2.38% Coverage

I doubt anybody is scared of them - they are just a big joke!!

Reference 1 - 57.24% Coverage

There is nothing to be done, except give in, vote ANC, and hope for a tender so that you can buy a 4x4 and navigate the potholes. This is a metaphor - the ANC is the 4x4, the tender is the corruption, and the potholes are the country. There is a new game in town, the African game, the same as every African country. If you want to live here and be happy, accept this reality. Blacks do not (yet) do responsible government.

Reference 1 - 70.69% Coverage

The ANC says: Together we can steal more!

Reference 1 - 59.29% Coverage

Can JZ plss recallled, I'm a staunch ANC member and will never change for anything but the rotten apple needs to really be removed/recalled as they did with Mr Mbeki for no valid reason, right now all the reasons are valid and we need to protect the next generation because in the way and the rate things are going in our country because of him, he e it's really not practical at all.

Reference 1 - 2.57% Coverage

Let the circus begin!

Reference 1 - 4.50% Coverage

And please enlighten me as to who the right company is … Surely not the thieves who steal R246 000 000 for their leader?

Reference 2 - 3.84% Coverage

R246 000 000 stolen to enrich one man... since then anything I hear from the anc I treat with contempt...

Reference 1 - 0.72% Coverage

Especially when headed up by a person called supra...lol!

Reference 1 - 72.53% Coverage

Zanc you're a joke on only thing you are good @ is to dodge, duck and dive

Reference 1 - 6.22% Coverage

To ignore the looting that goes on within ANC structures is blind, deaf and undiscerning, and should be a very real concern for the ANC. They call us "comrade" What "comrade" loots his comrades? No. It's called betrayal and treachery. It should be a treasonable offence.

Reference 1 - 76.29% Coverage

With the ANC it should be "New broom flies better." Bunch of witches.....

Reference 1 - 5.57% Coverage

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That’s all well and fine, but the ANC? Really now. If you went somewhere else then maybe I would believe you, but the ANC? Come on man, nobody is going to take you seriously now.

Reference 1 - 36.72% Coverage
Now I am trying to be the optimistic one as by then we would have had 2 national elections and SURELY the vast majority’s eyes will have been opened by then and the ANC will no longer be the ruling party?? Please let me hang on to this little bit of optimism!!

Reference 1 - 0.53% Coverage
Missing step: If you intend voting for the ANC, get back into bed, you are not doing the right thing for your country

Reference 2 - 0.57% Coverage
I wish we had a choice to not play life at their rules, but we have to look after ourselves, they sure as hell aren’t going to.

Reference 3 - 0.85% Coverage
You are trying so hard to make something out of nothing, when there is an avalanche of ANC cr@p teetering above your head...get a 48-pack of toilet paper, if you want to carry on like this....

Reference 4 - 2.04% Coverage
Because ‘They’ (read ANC politicians) USE Apartheid to divert attention from their sins. PLUS we have created a culture of entitlement. I worked with a black graduate (same degree, same job) She did not do HALF of what I was doing, and she loves Julius Malema (we both studied Economics, so she has the education) Even Zimbabweans comment about this South African mind-set of entitlement. We have created monsters, who are going to implode, taking us with them.

Reference 1 - 15.24% Coverage
Im black and pissed at all 62% who voted ANC.? Just pissed

Reference 2 - 16.84% Coverage
I just hope all anti-anc move their companies to Western Cape.

Reference 3 - 24.87% Coverage
62% for Anc that hilarious beyond measure. 62% headless chicken just voted without thinking.

Reference 1 - 2.31% Coverage
"The ANC is a thief stealing citizens' money" Really? Gee thanks Captain obvious!!

Reference 1 - 7.30% Coverage
Thieving cANCer scum

Reference 1 - 17.50% Coverage
I read an article in M&G about a R200 million water plant 2 km from Zuma’s "mansion" in Nkandla “The IFP has accused the ANC of selectively using state resources to bring water to the Nkandla local municipality. The plant would serve the ward where the R246-million home is located, while “tens of thousands of people in other Nkandla wards are without a reliable supply of clean water. The upgrades were planned after the president took office in 2009, the party – which is the official opposition in the province – said. "The ANC's abuse of state resources should not be tolerated any further. The very notion of our democracy is at stake when our government is allowed to freely pillage the public purse with impunity.” “The first phase of the R200-million plant was opened on Tuesday by Edna Molewa, the minister of water affairs, and several local government ministers and the KwaZulu-Natal premier.” etc. etc.

Reference 1 - 1.88% Coverage
Please show me someone with integrity in the ANC, and then prove Oscar Pistorius is innocent???? There is just no answer to either...

Reference 2 - 1.78% Coverage
Just because she is someone who can see through the trees, you clowns live in, and understand what crooks you all are in the ANC...

Reference 1 - 1.98% Coverage
And you should get off the high horse, as i do not like the ANC but have voted for others in the past :) "And you make the mistake that everyone just goes to the DA and no one else because they dont like the ANC...." Please quote me properly too :)

Reference 1 - 0.85% Coverage
Shouln't it rather state: “ANC cannot satisfy anyone, but themselves”?

Reference 1 - 91.75% Coverage
Ya maan ... If only it could be 666 ANC top dogs who defect and we’ll have nirvana ... Doesn’t matter who the NFP is ChantOlive, as long as they are not supporting the cANCer ...
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Reference 1 - 6.75% Coverage
An idiot’s guide? Don't forget to mention that placing a cross next to an anc candidate makes you a
prize idiot - as well as ignorant and naive
Reference 1 - 89.92% Coverage
Yes I told you not to vote for the ANC but no you ran off like little twits and voted for the ANC again!!!!
Reference 1 - 2.77% Coverage
BULL!!Actions of ANC........voted for a criminal. ?
Reference 1 - 9.41% Coverage
This should be next to the definition of truth in the dictionary = "ANC under President Jacob Zuma puts
Jacob Zuma first and the people second"
Reference 1 - 14.60% Coverage
The holy one has spoken... who the hell are you to judge me? You know nothing about me at all. Re
 upgrades for former presidents, yes, they were expensive. For your beloved Zuma for whom you are
prepared to go without, however, they are obscenely excessive! You are right about one thing though, I
hate the anc for what it has become - for the lack of ethics and morality that they sold us and the world
under Mandela. I spent my life working with the poor and changing minds, but not for this narrow band
of greed and corruption. I have held dying babies when none of the local black community cared or did a
thing! Take you narrow judgmental crap elsewhere!
Reference 1 - 6.22% Coverage
2019 Cancer will get its arse kicked even harder, can't wait!
Reference 1 - 52.27% Coverage
The ANC has never graduated from being a liberation movement. They see the enemy in all things
white, now Coloured and Indian as well. They use archaic soviet style language and disregard the fact
that the South Africa of today us the result of a negotiated settlement and compromise, and not due to a
soviet style revolution. The ABC also knows that in order to stay in power they need to keep the black
population desperate and poor in order to push the idea of the rule by the proletariat because their
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Reference 1 - 6.22% Coverage
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Reference 1 - 9.41% Coverage
Tommaja
Reference 1 - 7.59% Coverage
VIVA mthoPUSSbian. VIVA another 5 years of misery.
Reference 1 - 72.28% Coverage
One thing they don't realize is that it's not that the DA is holding back on service delivery, they are doing
as much as they can but they are limited to what they can give out because the ANC only give them a
portion. They follow ANC agenda who dictate the country.
Reference 1 - 61.97% Coverage
All ANC voters need this guide they're idiots, after all!
Reference 1 - 7.59% Coverage
NOBODY’S fault to blame A N C??????.....Yep!...It is obvious why you want to vote ANC: fraud,
Reference 1 - 52.27% Coverage
Thank your CANCer
Reference 2 - 38.03% Coverage
ANC MK's ... Fooking skelms
Reference 1 - 68.13% Coverage
Reasons
people
don't
vote
ANC:
Corruption Cannot run a country to save their live they think they are above the law and the list goes on
and on and on. If it was racial lines then whites wouldn’t vote DA either because they do have black
people in their party. If the ANC ran the country properly, i would have no issue with voting of them but they don't! People vote DA because they are competent! Not because of race.

Reference 1 - 0.96% Coverage
You are not just politically wanting and a President Zuma and ANC hater but also you are plain sick in the head.

Reference 2 - 7.13% Coverage
And that is why they should be called Wanking Party

Reference 1 - 73.17% Coverage
"African National Corruption".

Reference 1 - 90.35% Coverage
I have decided to vote them too, just nje. Anything BUT the ZANC. I can no longer vote for Zuma, never!

Reference 1 - 5.07% Coverage
If this is an IDIOTS guide then it refers to ANC voters

Reference 1 - 2.63% Coverage
VIVA ANC ALways NEVER C-aught-being-corrupt...
VIVA...LMAO - all the poor, starving, uneducated, homeless people should go create their homes on the grounds of Nkandla...

Reference 1 - 1.66% Coverage
Now that the cANCer has STOLEN 249 seats ... please ALLOW us (not the anc) to win the lotto ... at least once...

DA

Reference 1 - 90.50% Coverage
Go DA!!! Already very optimistic! Don't care if you guys win or not as long as you take a province or 2! Can't wait for the results. Truly a nail biting election!

Reference 1 - 92.31% Coverage
Why I voted DA:
1) They seem to be the most pro-business - I have a business;
2) They do not tolerate corruption;
3) I feel I cannot vote for a party that looks towards a single religious grouping (i.e. ACDP);
4) I travel to the province that is run by the DA and see it WORKING.
Race does not come into it.

Reference 1 - 47.08% Coverage
I think the news that he will only be joining as an ordinary member AFTER he held such a high position in the DA speaks volumes about his ability and commitment.

Reference 1 - 1.33% Coverage
BWAAAAHAHAHAHAHAHAAHAAAAA........so you admit that the DA is cleverer than you!!

Reference 1 - 7.58% Coverage
I wish Helen could show her formulae to power without the blacks DA loathes so much. DA doesn't talk the language that black voters wanna hear. Maybe they are laying the ground work for 2019.

Reference 1 - 1.91% Coverage
They learned from the NP ... i mean the DA sees more

Reference 1 - 26.33% Coverage
He will remain an opposition leader in parliament until he follows Mazibuko's path to Harvard.
Please distinguish DA supporters on these websites (many of whom are clueless about the policies of the various parties) and what the party believes in.

Pro-DA

Perfect. Are you also going to have a go? Harvard here we come!

Most of the DA voters are black. Please don't call a black people monkey that is racist.

9 thousand ANC supporters in the stadium, with thousands outside for the Jozi rally alone That's apparently more than last election They must be seriously doomed by the lack of dazzle they received that Matuma speaks of Perhaps they'll all vote for DA and in the process gain access to the true "equality" that DA has managed to bring to Cape Town and it's fortunate inhabitants

GO DA GO!!! :D

I do not see how she is defendiing DA, especially since even EFF agrees with this thing, and the last thing EFF and DA are is buddy-buddy with each other

DA doesn't cheat!!!

Lindiwe WAS competent enough to DO THE JOB... she is just taking a one year SABBATICAL, to further her studies....She WILL be back! Watch this space!

I'm saddened that you don't support the DA They Are by far the one and only non-corrupt and honest politicians by far and large I cannot say the same for the ANC Or eff Don't forget Zuma and Julius were cut from the same cloth I'm also saddened Agang didn't gain much They should have been at least in
the lead Either second to the da But not Eff Oh well It's your Democratic right to vote the party of your choice

Reference 2 - 18.01% Coverage
I'm beginning to think black people are the most racist people we could ever find! They are even more racist than all the whites Indians and coloureds put together! They are so filled with hatred and racism they would go as far as killing you just because of your race! Stop Calling Zille a madam or would you prefer non ANC supporters to call Zuma a garden boy?

Reference 1 - 19.73% Coverage
And KZN, Gauteng, Limpopo, North West and Free State... Only place it won't happen is in the Western Cape

Reference 1 - 7.54% Coverage
No worries Oscar! Ja, I understand your thoughts. You talk about the masses feelings but how do you feel? Do you believe that Zille / DA would bring apartheid back? She is a genuine struggle hero...she fought the system more than most other whites. The DA is born from the DP....which also opposed apartheid! The NP joined the ANC - let's not forget that!

Another question for you: Do you honestly believe apartheid can come by

Reference 2 - 16.09% Coverage
I'm glad we agree that the DA won't bring apartheid back! They don't want to and, as you say, the constitution won't allow that anyway. The "pro-capital" views of the DA are based on the free market economic model which is in use by all successful countries. And minimum wages are in force in most of those countries and I firmly believe in a minimum wage. In the UK for instance, the unemployment is about 5% and the minimum wage is £6.50 per hour (about R100ph). That is the future vision the DA has for SA.....where people have a job. Look at the rest of Africa......it's a mess! That is a result of Dictatorships and corruption! The masses must make a decision on what path to take. I think once Mmusi Maimane takes over the DA - the masses might trust again. But Mmusi must be given a chance by the people of Gauteng - so he can prove what the DA can do and prove that good governance means everyone wins.

Reference 1 - 34.77% Coverage
@Kaikai I live in Gauteng n I voted yesterday. My Vote was a tactical Vote.. I am black but this time I Voted the DA (for tactical reason not that I wanted the DA to win no) I wanted to keep balance and prevent ANC from attaining two-third majority and I hope my Vote is gonna help but what I get from you is that after all the campaigning that went on before 7 May you and others more especially anti-ANC people....still you don't get what we don't like about you white people and Parties that seem to proponent white supremacy to TELL us what to do because you or your kind once ruled the country and you murdered our kind willy-nilly using state mechanisms to do that. A lot of black families are broken as a result of that and then you expect the very same black to trust a party that serve White interest?. When black people complain about the Government they don't talk to white people they protest in their own communities so I don't get this thing of "do not complain about your shacks and no jobs). I didn't vote for the DA because I think they can in any way serves my interest no it was a tactical move but the constant complaining about white people is beginning to annoy me. Let the IEC count the votes ad declare the winner because frankly speaking it will take time for a white person to lead the country because of the past deeds of your kind. When I think of now and then the first thing that come to mind is that with the barbaric nature of your kind a cell phone was going to be a white man's privilege and a jail able for a black man to own a cell phone. That's how we judge whether you guys are ready to be in government or not. Sad part Kaikai is that based on your tendency to behave like we need your assistance in making a choice we do not think that you guys are ready to govern South Africa.

Reference 1 - 17.32% Coverage
First WC results in. Looking very blue.

Reference 1 - 8.16% Coverage
Many of the racist and obnoxious comments on these platforms are made by anonymous people pretending to be DA supporters for political purposes because they want to damage the image of the DA.

Reference 1 - 69.01% Coverage
The DA portrait the rainbow nation he believed in.

Reference 1 - 28.97% Coverage
There is a choice of 2 votes One is change and correct the mess Two is vote for total destruction of this country and civil war let’s wait and see

Reference 1 - 88.89% Coverage
Jerry... The DA is multi-racial; it does not racially divide, hence democratic. As for the ANC, They do not have democratic values; their policies racially divide the nation and use these policies in order to win a black vote. Policies such as black affirmative action, black empowerment are discriminating and under no means conducive towards a democracy.

Reference 1 - 69.77% Coverage
Cape Town belongs to the DA well done to Helen and her team
Reference 1 - 94.75% Coverage
I reckon the DA got about 800000 black votes. We campaigned as an honest multiracial party. What the ANC do to attract whites other than slugging us off at every opportunity and doing their best to alienate coloureds and Indians. And the EFF openly hate us. Seriously voting for both you guys is like chickens voting for KFC. You guys are the racists not the DA
Reference 1 - 87.97% Coverage
http://www.news24.com/MyNews24/YourStory/News24s-

Reference 1 - 6.09% Coverage
Like I said - the anc Madiba had is long gone. Madiba would have voted DA because they have more of his vision than ANC has
Reference 1 - 94.39% Coverage
The DA is not a white party Anc is making an issue anyway our country is reverse blacks gets the jobs and we as coloureds that fought so hard our children is walking the streets we not white nor black so Anc get a life you only won because of Tata we will keep a close eye on the next elections so ride the gravy train for the next 5 years leave DA alone
Reference 1 - 8.67% Coverage
Oh they will be, but they will downplay it and pretend they emerge like battle hardened, dust covered heroes from a war movie - ag wait, I Sommer get upset on such a lovely Monday morning...The thing that matters is that the DA IS growing, every election thus far has proven it. And the availability of the net on smart phones or even low level cell phones at hand will educate enough people in the long run. Google might save us all one day haha. It is just a matter of time.
Reference 1 - 0.72% Coverage
Are you now going to vote for the DA?
Reference 3 - 3.34% Coverage
Well the anc waited 82 years to govern SA; we'll wait another 10 years, in the meantime we'll take over Tshwane, Joburg and Nelson Mandela Metro to add to Cape Town in 2016
Reference 4 - 2.64% Coverage
You assume we coloureds want someone else running the province WAKEUP CALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!WE SUPPORT ZILLE AND THE DA
Reference 1 - 1.32% Coverage
I know... the DA should loot freely for money like your beloved ANC.
Reference 1 - 1.60% Coverage
One other person...DA man
Ingrid Raikes - § 1 reference coded [95.01% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 95.01% Coverage

Joke! Face your Dragons A.N.C.! "LIONS DO NOT loose SLEEP OVER THE OPINIONS OF SHEEP!" N.B. When you go to the Polls on Wednesday, all D.A. supporters MUST ensure that the back of the forms are stamped, to be valid, before putting a cross next to the only party with any credibility and a plan to save South Africa from the useless, corrupt AFRICAN NATIONAL CIRCUS! VIVA D.A. VIVA!

Jacques Otto - § 1 reference coded [98.29% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 98.29% Coverage

In fact only DA has managed to be impartial to the race vote. All other parties just speak to the black voter by demonising other races as part of their method of segregating the vote. South Africans are getting to the stage where we want peace, jobs, health care and race will play less and less of a role. Yes people will carry the past with them but they will change support based on living standards. The fact that the poor are within the masses and the ANC uses tax money contributed by all races to manipulate voters such as seen with grants will come to an end. Masses will realise that grants will not fall but grants will be replaced by jobs and this is where dignity will prevail. Saying that DA is the only party that can create jobs outside of government. The ANC has alienated business and foreign investment. The National development plan need to not focus on only infrastructure as this is short lived employment. They have look at industry for export. Also mining should be Nationalised but only when a party such as DA wins power as the ANC does not have the capacity to make this work within their skill set nor their corrupt attitude.

John the Baptist - § 1 reference coded [6.04% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 6.04% Coverage

Too prestigious, I reckon Mars, to represent DA politics in an empty space.

Johnnie - § 2 references coded [52.09% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 26.22% Coverage

Hi Knaplot (or should I say Marius Fransman?) you are right ANC are a bunch of "thieving twats" what they are doing to get the votes the honest Parties are not, is using the S(ANC)BC/Gupta/(In)dependent newspapers/Iqubal Surve' food parcels, Government grants and taxpayers money (including yours) to lie, steal and cheat their way to an election "Victory" So you are right no more whinging we are all voting DA. Question remains apart from your very cross angry talk what are you doing my fellow retard mmmm?

Reference 2 - 25.86% Coverage
Hey Knallie oh angry one you wrote "Alas I am but a humble servant of her majesty the queen" So you created the assumption, not I Be that as it may no need to foam at the mouth because you lost a fair open debate. Try to win your arguments without insults. Nevertheless not one of your assertions about me is correct. But here is one for free..... we running a Country, it's called the Western Cape and we love it! Now go crawl back under your Rock..........there you go you nice little gogga

Joseph quanthi mthamba - § 2 references coded [15.47% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 8.16% Coverage

The DA actually has set criteria for people moving into High Positions...unlike in ANC where you could be a failing education teacher and become head of police or public transport!

Reference 2 - 7.31% Coverage
Our leader is too busy delivering in Western Cape unlike slum in Cape Town ok! We are not to be titillated against ok you must not put the lion before the carrot!

KeepingUpWithTheANC - § 1 reference coded [82.46% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 82.46% Coverage

You cannot imagine a state in which politics is no longer based on race? Who cares if Zille is white and Mazibuko is black. Mature politics is not concerned with the race of the leader but with what he or she can deliver.

Leonardb1 - § 1 reference coded [34.24% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 34.24% Coverage

Continued, ts have been. The Western Cape of course doesn't have the problem, superb delivery will simply continue as over the past 5 years.

Luke Spencer - § 1 reference coded [42.59% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 42.59% Coverage

DA supporters voted for a party based on the simple truth that they are not blinded by a wolf in the sheep house as ANC supporters are. Voting for a party JUST BECAUSE is stupid. Voting for a Party when you know the leaders are stealing from you ... yeah. That's stupid. You right ... you are the dumbest racist fool. Think how stupid you look. Here's you standing at the street corner when Zuma walks laughing over to you, bends you over the bonnet of his blue light BMW, and afterwards you say to your shocked friend... Yeah, he's a nice guy; he really shows me he cares about me."

Mark Stevens - § 1 reference coded [1.70% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.70% Coverage

Good riddance, he was in all likelihood, not sincere about his commitment in the first place, a win for DA and whatever for the Trogs.
There is indeed hope. There just needs to be a mind-set change. Hard as some find it to believe - the DA does not want a return of apartheid - they are forward thinking and do really want progress. Following the ANC will hold SA back and cause hardship to the majority of citizens - especially those in rural areas.

Sorry EC, I really am, was so hoping DA would win there

Its official the cANCer is scared, shame poor baby. Viva DA Viva

Your answer proves that you are racist. You say that any White voting for the DA or FF+ is ‘racist’? Why? There is only ONE Province in the country that has a zero approach to corruption. There is only one Province that actually works, delivers to all Sectors despite political interference and staged protests. There is only one Province where you can vote FREELY without fear of retribution or worse. That Province employs on ability and capability, not on skin colour or ethnic origin. It gives all school kids the tools they need to study. It has accountability and admits when it is wrong. It strives to improve everyone's Lives. I am White and I voted DA because the DA works despite the ANCs attempts to undermine it at every turn. Since taking the Cape everyone has had an improvement of some sort in the quality of Life. Why did so many Eastern Cape migrants vote DA and not ANC as the ANC wanted? Because they saw that heck, the DA does work for us, all of us. Black, White, Coloured and Asian. Thank you, have my vote

Interesting mate, thanks for taking the time to explain yourself, you make a lot of sense. But that's not true Tizza, we built schools and hospitals and roads and, we have done more for the black folk than anc ever has.

Eventually I already have no idea what the DA are about. I will just vote for them because a vote for the DA is a vote against the anc for now, well I sure hope it's like that anyway. Can SA just produce one decent party to vote for, just one. Please.

Madiba would have voted DA because that party is exactly what he dreamed of when he sacrificed 27 year of his life for. A non-racial party where all race groups, religion join hand build a better South Africa together. The DA is that party but it must now stop attacking its rival and prove the million South Africans that it is worthy of their vote in 29. VIVA DA VIVA

No Blue, the well-informed know that DA cannot bring back apartheid if elected; our constitution is strong for that. But it is known that the pro-capital and poor-neglecting laws would definitely mark a DA gvt For example, the minimum wage, in favour of the "half a loaf is better than nothing" would be scrapped and the labour exploitative practice of labour brokering would be put in full force. This is scary to the masses and me.

Lo! you misjudge me Jen. I'm white, 40, male, have a great job, live in a great neighbourhood with two kids, have always voted DA, hate the ANC for what it has become, hate the fact that they are mismanaging this lovely country of ours etc. etc. Just like you probably do, but I'm not ignorant enough to think that Apartheid did not play its role in where we are today, and I'm also not going to pretend that it's not a major cause (I'll use cause instead of excuse) for why people react or don't react to our government in the way they do. So, to summarise (cause this argument is getting long winded) the original fella suggested that being previously disadvantaged was not an excuse for twenty years of misuse. Well I think it is. It is that exact disadvantage that has resulted in people not having sufficient understanding of the system to get rid of the f'ing ANC! That's all I'm saying. "Because of Apartheid we have an excuse to pillage the country" . . . That's BS, and then Apartheid is no excuse. That we probably agree upon though.

You say she is pathetic and has no backbone, and yet you want her to lead the DA in parliament. I don't understand.
Full of self importance. The DA is so lucky to have escaped this one, albeit by chance.

- Anti-DA
  - <Internals\Abbam Legodi> - § 1 reference coded [94.67% Coverage]
    Reference 1 - 94.67% Coverage
    Alex and smith your great grandfathers made us stupids. If whites where not greedy, cruel and selfish it could have been different case.is because of those stupids that i can answer you, without fear of been killed. Don't blame the stupids blame those wise great grandfathers our stupidity, white fools
  - <Internals\African S> - § 1 reference coded [1.79% Coverage]
    Reference 1 - 1.79% Coverage
    You lost big time, you are governing only 1 province out of nine provinces and you are celebrity that?
    How can a man on his right state of mind celebrate such a disgraceful performance?
  - <Internals\Apple> - § 1 reference coded [89.42% Coverage]
    Reference 1 - 89.42% Coverage
    Everyone knows that, DA is planning to bring back the apartheid, since you are racist. We rather vote another African led part like EFF, NFP, PAC etc. but not DA no no no
  - <Internals\Bales> - § 1 reference coded [86.42% Coverage]
    Reference 1 - 86.42% Coverage
    So glad i didn't vote for them, before the da debacle, i was going to.
  - <Internals\Bratesh> - § 1 reference coded [27.08% Coverage]
    Reference 1 - 27.08% Coverage
    Hay, hay, hay. We don't want white anywhere near our glorious movement
  - <Internals\Daterly> - § 1 reference coded [88.00% Coverage]
    Reference 1 - 88.00% Coverage
    Full of self-importance. The DA is so lucky to have escaped this one, albeit by chance.
Internal Did - § 1 reference coded [30.00% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 30.00% Coverage
No, DA is not pushing anything but racism!

Internal Geyser - § 1 reference coded [5.38% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 5.38% Coverage
EFF and COPE are pushing for constitutional based politics. DA would love to have a white capitalist dictatorship

Internal John the Baptist - § 1 reference coded [10.07% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 10.07% Coverage
Mmmmm, rent some black faces, and dispose them after election. Wait that strategy is failing quickly now there is EFF.

Internal Ketchup - § 1 reference coded [34.17% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 34.17% Coverage
Mazibuko must come out clean; CPT is a little haven for the Whites in SA because that is the only province where they can practice their racism. When you travel to Europe and Australia, they only talk about CPT because that is the only province for Whites in SA. The Coloureds will have to re-claim this province from the Whites, they have the numbers to run this province and they must overcome their inferiority complex and run the province. The Black people will support them. The Coloured community can only empower themselves economically by taking over this province, they do not need Zille to improve this province.

Internal Knalpot - § 2 references coded [18.92% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 8.89% Coverage
DA why don't you bunch of retards does something constructive and stops bitching about everything the Anc does? Sure they're a bunch of thieving twats but they are obviously doing something that you're not in order to get the votes. Stop whingeing ffs and do something.

Reference 2 - 10.03% Coverage
What exactly have the DA done? Don't see much influence in Mpumalanga despite them having quite a few seats here. I do however see thousands of houses built for people albeit from Mozambique. I'm not a cancer supporter but at least they don't sit back and bitch about everything like the useless DA.

Internal Liberal - § 1 reference coded [2.56% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.56% Coverage
He is Zille's puppy, and no need to comment on the Mickey Mouse confused Zille DA

Internal Luigi - § 3 references coded [2.19% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.22% Coverage
As much as you blindly following DA, you know better
Reference 2 - 0.42% Coverage
To you minority DA
Reference 3 - 0.54% Coverage
She is defending DA @ss

Internal Mntungwa Mbhulazi - § 1 reference coded [1.66% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.66% Coverage
You see Tat 'Dyani these DA voters will never respect you. It's a pity you wasted your vote for them. Please never vote DA. They will never respect you as a person.

Internal Mthobian - § 1 reference coded [3.06% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 3.06% Coverage
The DA seems to making a lot of noise. Lindiwe and Zille being the loudest.

Internal Sarah NATS - § 1 reference coded [5.37% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 5.37% Coverage
I wonder who sponsored Devil Alliance with 100m for Gauteng campaign to sell madam's toy boy, to fund most of trolls on this forums etc. I think it might be Falcon construction, cellular networks, mining giants, foreign donors ((Israel, EU, US, Credit Swiss, Net care etc.)....?

Internal Tell_Ems - § 1 reference coded [4.18% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 4.18% Coverage
NP became NNP (new national party) then merged with DP (Democratic Party) to form DA FRIEND!!!! Learn your history

Internal Terranite - § 1 reference coded [6.08% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 6.08% Coverage
Well it is a good story; I'll have to admit that. I doubt it is going to help her cause much though. I think she is sales woman for the DA now.

Internal Thivhulawi Victor Munyai - § 1 reference coded [1.59% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.59% Coverage
Once u support DA you're big monkey better sound

Internal Tshediso Nhole - § 1 reference coded [6.16% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 6.16% Coverage
And so is mine, and I didn't vote DA
Reference 1 - 11.15% Coverage
who cares they those results are a drop in the ocean and could secure you whites hmmm...let me see...a position at the tennis club as cleaner..Hahahaha ...and James for you a castle on the house...

Reference 2 - 8.55% Coverage
who cares they those results are a drop in the ocean and could secure you whites hmmm...let me see...a position at the tennis club as cleaner .....Hahahahaha

Reference 1 - 9.95% Coverage
Reading what the members of the da comment I must say the gains you have made in this election was a pure fluke. You will never achieve this again, NEVER.

DA-Split
Reference 1 - 27.25% Coverage

The only reason he defected is that the Gravy Train does not stop at the DA's station!! Nou Kan hy lekka papsak gaan suip saam met die ANC, and await the kickbacks to start rolling in!!

Reference 1 - 17.38% Coverage
I said this last week and I'm gonna say it again. Zille must stop concentrating on Zuma and ANC. She must concentrate on fixing her house first before bubbling about the other house. If these allegations about the treatment of coloureds and Black people are true, they are going to cost her as more people will come out and express themselves. Zille and DA are like a dog that barks without teeth.

DA-Lies
Reference 1 - 11.17% Coverage

With all the courts the DA wants, and the complaining they do, I think it's them. When something goes wrong even when it's no bodies fault the ANC is to blame, bad weather, cable on the mountain, bad fashion from Lindiwe just blames the ANC. To me that's a lot of noise.

Reference 1 - 3.79% Coverage
Nosimo must ask Lindiwe, these people cannot be trusted.

DA Achievements
Reference 1 - 19.90% Coverage

DA has maintained its upward trend, it got it right and I do not see it loosing those areas it has amassed unless it makes a blunder. In 1994 it had only 7 seats, the following election it was 38 seats, then 50, followed by 67 seats in 2009 now it got 89, watch it in 5yrs.

Reference 1 - 13.12% Coverage
One party that comes to mind, the DA, has changed the Western Cape from mismanaged corrupt sewer to the best run province in the country. And the only response from the ANC is to throw shit at every opportunity in WC.

Reference 1 - 18.58% Coverage
I don't think Mmusi would appeal to the masses...he is seen as too pro White/capitalist. Moreover, the exploitative nature (from history and apartheid) of capitalism is sending a very negative vibe to the masses. Moreover, if you try to compare us to UK, it is not going to work...to different worlds, economically and socially. One believes DA would point to these discrepancies and "motivate" for the eradication of a minimum wage in order to deal with unemployment.

Reference 1 - 1.06% Coverage
They grew from 2% to 9% to 16% and to 25% in 2011's local elections. That slow growth seems to have made them the largest opposition.

Reference 2 - 0.62% Coverage
You put them in their place by letting them grow 7-9% every national election?

Reference 3 - 1.31% Coverage
Ikr? Like when they counted more votes in 2009 than there were ballot papers printed? The provinces speak for themselves, as the DA vote went up, ANC vote went down.
The DA knew they wouldn't win this election but possibly the 2019 one. They've been gunning for a strong opposition in order to rein in the ANC. It's still achievable.

Whites and blacks vote now for DA because of its policies.

It's because the DA government gives everything to the poor to stop them being violent.

The only political party in SA which can be trusted is the DA because they don't make empty promises like the ANC and it's only educated people who vote for them, the rest is too stupid. I will never appoint anyone in my company again if they can't show me a DA membership card because I've had it with the ANC and their brain dead supporters...none of them are quality workers and they just mess up this country. Now I appoint DA members only, f@#$ the rest.

Funny, you should say that. I went to Cape Town last week. I noticed that Langa and Gugulethu are cleaner than Sandton. How the he@#$ did that happen? There are no potholes, like Sandton. How the hell did that happen? All the traffic lights work. How the hell did that happen? No wonder the economy is in better shape in the W. Cape.

Zille and Mazibuko can dance, jive and toy- toy as much as they want to, but they ain't getting the black vote in any large number. In a survey by Sunday Times only 4% of the blacks will vote for the DA, and that figure is questionable too.

Wrong. DA has never been able to change any ANC policy. Only EFF can challenge ANC.

Lindiwe Mazibuko must tell us what is the DA delivering for the people of Gugulethu and Khayelitsha. She is only getting excited to be told by the White people that she is "Clever and different" to other black people. Wake up, they say that to all the Black people who say what they like to hear. If she can say the opposite, she will be called with all the insults. The unemployment of Black people in CPT is above 25% while the Whites have less than 3% unemployment rate in the same province. The DA built the houses that look like "Concentration Camps" in CPT and they call that delivery.

Who is the presidential candidate for the DA? Last time I checked Helen Zille put her hand up to be my premier in the Western Cape where I still pay rates and taxes and will continue to do for as long as I live even if I don't live down 'their', pardon my ebonics. Trollip had put his hand up to be my premier in the Eastern Cape where I have registered to be a ratepayer in one of the towns. For the first time since 1994 I will be living under the ANC / non-white municipality. Even before the formation of the Cape Town unicity, I was under Cape Town municipality, the ANC had won Tygerberg municipality. I don't have the experience of having a bad municipality I must say, so water cuts and everything are going to be foreign to me, but I must also say SO FAR SO GOOD with regard to water supply, refuse collection and electricity supply. De Lille is my mayor in Cape Town and we had days when refuse was not collected. My question still stands: WHO IS THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE?

Politics is about power. If at all there is no appetite for power, then DA is like a golf club where people just meet to debate about everything and anything. She must do it dirty if she is serious about being a president of RSA.
Pro- Zile

Amen Helen. Let the DA fix this mess, one province at a time. WP is testament to your credibility.

In 2011, Zille's official car was a second hand 2004 merc Not sure what she has now, but i understand she generally buys the cheapest and keeps up the maintenance.

Or rather that SOMEONE is looking after the economy? Seeing as we are competing for global economic survival? That pool is slightly bigger than Nkandla's fire pool, Faith. Her stance is in fact aimed at the Western Cape, where the demographics reflect a predominantly coloured workforce, who are being disadvantaged by EE. So, again, Zille is fighting for what is right, irrespective of colour. Sadly, what a President of a rainbow country should have done in the first place.

You do understand that there is a LOT more to running the DA than what appears to your simple mind? Helen Zille has been the driving force in BUILDING the party to what it is today........she can't do that if she's in parliament "leading from the front" as you so stupidly put it. A truly intelligent person realizes their limitations and knows what their strengths are......then plays to their strengths. Try it someday.......it may be a revelation to you.

No, Helen Zille is a real Robin Hood; she distributes it all to the poor. It's just no-one realises it, not even the poor. She should wear green tights and a hat, maybe they'd get the message.

Anti-Zile

How does she know for a fact that they have already been counted? her words "they may have fallen off a truck" well you don't sound very sure of yourself, how can you be sure that they have been counted???

Zille is pathetic and has no backbone. I totally agree with Wilmot James. She should be in parliament leading from the front. There are so many capable people in the DA who can lead the WC.

I think you have a valid point there. I am not so clued up with the rules. But, she has to lead the DA in parliament and avoid the problem of the two centres of power.

Pathetic and no backbone because she is scared to confront real ANC/country issues in parliament. She'd rather hide in her little corner office in the WC legislature and make noise.

Fact is, Zille is scared. My point is clear - she should lead the DA in parliament and avoid this issue of two centres of power. She sits in her little corner office and then dictate to the parliamentary leader. I totally agree with Wilmot James on this one. You being intelligent? As long as you feel that way, I am happy for you. Me lacking? I don't care. When my little mental ability mattered most, people somehow believed that I was intelligent. Being stupid today counts for nothing.
Too true Joel, all gob and no action. Zille is a pale version of Zoomer.

Pro-Maimane

Yes great stooge, who will soon find his voice and soon realize he is with wrong company.

Not only a great da leader... one day a great South African president...!

I like Mmusi. He is intelligent, eloquent, and pretty sharp. Oh, and he looks a bit like Eddy Murphy. I hope he wins.

Pro-Lindiwe

And Lindiwe? I have not heard anything positive even though she was the "right person" for the job.

DA Deployment Bias

Are there coloureds on the DA's candidate list? I see blacks and I see whites, I don't see coloureds. I wonder why.

If De Lille is being criticised for a mayoral executive that is "too white", then how come it's okay for the ANC to produce a list of provincial premiers that is 100% black?

I presume you are black now this is what you get when you are da.

Just a question: the DA used a black face in Gauteng to campaign and to attract people to the party and it paid off handsomely, it was a strategic move based on racial voting... they also tried to use a black face (Mamphela) as a presidential candidate to attract black people, yet claim it's not racist but use a black face to attract black voters. Someone please explain, am not passing judgement just asking?

EFF

He was in a hellhole but now he just committed a suicide. EFF

EFF is the answer. :-)

Agang is not a party anymore. It was formed around the vision of Ramphele to go out and listen to what South Africans really want, but along the way, lost its way, lost its vision. The party garnered a paltry band of supporters who have now mostly lost faith. Even their leader has now all but abandoned the party to go spend time with family instead of getting ready to do battle in parliament. The wind has been knocked out of her sails and so she is retreating instead of advancing. If the people of Agang are looking for a new home, a political party which champions the poor (which is most of us), and which has
managed to gain significant traction with South Africans after only 8 months, then they must come and hear our message. It is a compelling one. It is a message of hope for all South Africans, irrespective of age, race and sex. Our chief goal is to shorten the wealth gap. South Africa has the world's largest wealth gap. The best way to help the poor is to give them opportunities for education and free access to essential infrastructure. We will tear down e-tolls - the roads must be free to use. We want everyone who can to get education, free of charge. We want everyone to have access to either free or affordable telecommunications. And there are many other things such as water, electricity and housing to be addressed. All of these projects are being hampered by a government that does not spend money correctly.

<Reference 1> - 37.56% Coverage
Reference 1 - 37.56% Coverage
We did all what we have to do. We took Juju to parliament and we expected the service, nothing else. Malema should emancipate us or we will form the new EFF. Our aim was not to make Juju famous and all that, but was to stick to our beloved freedom charter.

<Reference 2> - § 1 reference coded [94.04% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 94.04% Coverage
EFF did well on the elections. We were aiming at 47 000 votes, but South Africans shown us that they are tired with food parcels and corruption in zanc. That is why EFF achieved more than one million votes.

<Reference 1> - § 1 reference coded [0.37% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.37% Coverage
Not everybody who voted EFF is uneducated and poor.

<Reference 2> - § 1 reference coded [80.00% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 80.00% Coverage
Is it EFF day at IOL newsroom today?

<Reference 1> - § 1 reference coded [13.09% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 13.09% Coverage
Yup - goodbye fascist eff

<Reference 1> - § 2 references coded [28.01% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 22.88% Coverage
I think it's mainly because they have a wide range of ideologies. They have communists, socialists, capitalists and everything in between. The scary part is that EFF is clustered on one side.

<Reference 2> - 5.13% Coverage
And dat messiah in their eyes might be EFF!

<Reference 1> - § 1 reference coded [78.95% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 78.95% Coverage
EFF back benches hahahaha.....

Pro-EFF

<Reference 1> - § 1 reference coded [81.58% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 81.58% Coverage
I was impressed with your (Juju) speech at a press conference.

<Reference 2> - § 2 references coded [10.74% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 3.11% Coverage
Replacing the blue bus with a red bus. EFF
Reference 2 - 7.63% Coverage
I do not care who they will choose, I am just happy that the EFF made it into the SA's White House. EFF

<Reference 1> - § 1 reference coded [12.07% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 12.07% Coverage
(While looking at EFF).....

<Reference 1> - § 1 reference coded [5.88% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 5.88% Coverage
Of course the EFF is doing well; it offers revenge against the hated white man and the promise of free everything else. The communist dream of a lazy people..

<Reference 1> - § 1 reference coded [27.86% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 27.86% Coverage
Agreed, Only EFF can challenge the ANC!

<Reference 1> - § 1 reference coded [18.72% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 18.72% Coverage
"The ANC has lost 15 seats, that's the reality. The DA (Democratic Alliance) gained 22 seats and the EFF gained 25 seats so we are the fastest growing party in South Africa. That trend is definitely going to continue." Can't argue with that. ANC on the decline... DA and EFF moving ahead.

<Reference 1> - § 1 reference coded [24.80% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 24.80% Coverage
Try EFF and you'll not be disappointed, well of cause unless you're a farmer or a mine boss.

<Reference 1> - § 1 reference coded [7.24% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 7.24% Coverage
Oh ya. You must have your red shirt on today
Eats in parlry, I would have been in parliament. I'm sure they would have sold you but the majority of them would have sold you to the 1st position in future ahead. Our position in future is taken by EFF.

Reference 1 - 97.63% Coverage
After a wonderful campaign, I am back. EFF is the best thing that has happened to the ANC and the country since 1994. The historically dispossessed need a true alternative on the left of the ANC. The demise of the PAC and Azapo weakened the ANC. With EFF talking extreme leftist politics, the ANC will be pushed into talking left and walking left, as opposed to the trend since 1994 when the ANC talked left and walked right. I am happy that the EFF has managed 25 seats in parlry, I would have been happier if they had 89 seats, not the anti-worker deep blue sellouts.

Reference 1 - 14.39% Coverage
You stupid wena we will take the shoe frm you and make the majority well within the confines of the eff majority manifesto league wean you must watch out Viva we come from you from the back like the bee come fry you wena! You must not under estimate us tomorrow we take over America like we did in Limpopo i slap you!!!!!

Reference 1 - 13.17% Coverage
I really don't know why you compare EFF with COPE. Nobody said anything after the 2009 elections about COPE so it didn't show life. EFF is everyday news. People will hear about the CIC almost everyday. You can't compare him to Lekota. And the more you criticize EFF the more you make it famous. Ask DA for ANC.

Reference 2 - 7.43% Coverage
Good morning Momma. You thought they would be wars. And thank you to acknowledging SA as a democratic country. Yes we are economic freedom fighters, not the street fighters...

Reference 3 - 6.67% Coverage
Isn't it obvious? EFF would want a second position in future to the 1st position in future ahead. Our mission would be to beat DA in the next local elections.

Reference 1 - 13.92% Coverage
EFF has the manner of a giant with the look of a child.

Reference 1 - 1.99% Coverage
Viva EFF

Reference 1 - 78.13% Coverage
The God of TB JOSHUA is going to do it for EFF.HE did it for the Israelites

Reference 1 - 90.15% Coverage
For the EFF it was a very worth exercise 25 of their people will be employed I hope that they will be worth their costs

Reference 1 - 37.50% Coverage
Asijik we are moving foward after such a successful elections. 25 seat is a huge achievement for an eight month old organisation. I was one of the 1,1m people who voted fot JUJJU, & from now on it is hard work to increase the membership & serve the people of SA.

Reference 1 - 64.52% Coverage
EFF is the way to go

Reference 1 - 92.41% Coverage
Why would EFF come to the upper & middle class, it has nothing to offer to them but the majority of unemployment & to combat exploitation of labour by capitalists. EFF is focusing on the gaps that need to be filled. EFF is looking at a bigger picture. DA has nothing to attract the poor with.

Reference 1 - 41.19% Coverage
Maimane doesn't deserve to be the DA's MP. He's EFF all over his face. I really don't know why he chose to be with grannies and tea girls instead of being with fresh minds of experienced politicians of the EFF. You're in hell boy! Repent! Join the EFF or they'll boil you like an egg in Parliament. I'm sure the ANC is busy plotting about how to get rid of Julius Malema, because they know that he's going to get them shitting on their chairs. I can't wait for the next elections to see the EFF taking power from the ANC and becoming the government.
Hate to disappoint you, but land grabs are unconstitutional. Ergo, EFF policy is unconstitutional.
SA should be worried, not just the ANC! The EFF’s economic policy is a recipe for failure.

What the EFF..? Dedicate it to your followers your lump of pelican shit... Malema is basing this vision on Venezuela where this EF failed dismally! There will ALWAYS be a racial divide, but that does by no means mean WE cannot work together and build a country... I have seen it work in the Middle East and it can work if everyone puts their heads down and stop crying about BS.

EFF Failure

Floyd and Julius are self-serving. They have established a party which they hope will catapult them back to the ANC. They sing praises to ANC leaders long past, profess adherence to the Freedom Charter and adapt ANC songs to sound EFF! EFF promises in its manifesto are so wild that it dupes only those who cannot see beyond rhetoric, with emphasis on nationalization and expropriation. The rest is a repeat what is already in place or is contained in the ANC election manifesto - plus wild promises of doing the same with more money to those who are promised to get that money (workers, pensioners and the rest). Julius claims to be revolutionary. He probably knows too well that it is not every revolutionary-sounding slogan that is revolutionary. This is given by the failure by the EFF to march to the Union Buildings as the EFF promised.

The EFF circus has begun... But anyway they will add some amusement in parliament, these EFF Gangsters.

Julius Malema Supporters

At last the poor now have a true voice in Parliament. Best of luck, Julius Malema!

Malema in Parliament is good for South Africa. He is ANC from the very beginning in Apartheid South Africa. He is of the same fire as Mandela. He will keep the ANC on the straight-and-narrow. Now that he is an elected member sitting across from Zuma, Malema's popularity will grow. Next election will be even better.

EFF joining ANC is unlikely, cause the EFF sees anc as a party of capitalist blacks, and they have vowed during their campaign and confirmed by Juju after elections to show them up and cause more vote harmaerhage unto the anc, if anything this EFF is a blessing in disguise man for SA's politics, it came just at the time when the anc thought they had us all by the balls and where it wants us. Juju is a genius

Pro- Malema

Ha ha ah another disgruntled one, have you notice that Malema is going to parliament? Ha ha ha how do you feel?
From the remarks made by some whites, it appears that they are getting into heart attack mode because of EFF's successes. Get used to it, DA will be replaced as the main opposition by 2019 elections. Malema is here to stay and to go on to be the next president. Leave the country now before you guys all end up in the cardiac departments of hospitals.

Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [2.07% Coverage]
Give them hell Malema
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [6.37% Coverage]
If Malema is stupid who is the stupiditor than the other if you compare him to shower head the dom buffoon
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [57.89% Coverage]
Julius Malema is de best man in South Africa
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [78.77% Coverage]
I told you ppl that parliament will be entertaining when Malema is a member first day in and look at his attire lol
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [81.68% Coverage]
I am really happy Mr. Malema has support, parliament live will be much more interesting to watch in future.
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [17.09% Coverage]
Here comes Malema!!!
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [0.31% Coverage]
What an opportunity wasted by melanoma
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [28.37% Coverage]
He's been provisionally sequestrated. If the sequestration order becomes final, he's not eligible to be a Member of Parliament...technicalities
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [77.89% Coverage]
MALEMA is the next President of SA. The guy represents the poor even though some might disagree more.
Reference 2 - § 1 reference coded [32.92% Coverage]
Let's give him the benefit of the doubt, maybe he has learnt from his fore fathers (ANC leaders) and he wants to change for the better.
Reference 3 - § 1 reference coded [20.15% Coverage]
Because he is representing the mine workers, farm workers and all other labourers.

Anti- Malema
Reference 1 - § 2 references coded [2.64% Coverage]
"The NOB", is "THE DON" and his Security Cluster of Ministers, "HIS LUITENANTS".... THEY KEEP HIM FROM GOING TO JAIL! Who is there for "THE SLUG"???? Dali Mpofu?
Reference 2 - § 0.64% Coverage
He is facing charges of MONEY LAUNDERING... Dumb azz!
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [6.59% Coverage]
Malema would have them working for dry bread while he pocketed millions
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [0.69% Coverage]
Do they only use this one pic of Juju?
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [2.72% Coverage]
Most educated/enlightened blacks can see right through Malema
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [1.74% Coverage]
This could have prevented that gay turd retard juju from being born
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [1.32% Coverage]
Hey, Juliarase has flip-flopped before........!!
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [48.10% Coverage]
People have been working tirelessly to get you a seat in parliament, you're obviously have a memory problem. Remember your days in the useless league?

Floyd, you obviously have a memory problem. Remember your days in the useless league?

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Appendix 3: God

The truth is that this is not getting us anywhere - so in true reconciliation I offer you an olive branch. Just keep in mind that you picked this fight with me - and that my head serves me well, I came from poverty and it got me to where I am today (and I rather like it). My fight was with Victor who always shoots his mouth off in the MOST racist ways - so.....peace be upon you....

Maybe he does. But it gets up my nose when these guys rock up in their flash cars, similar to Pentecostal preachers, to impress their followers. A man’s worth is in his words, his promises, and especially his conduct.

When you see suffering try to alleviate it, you are a hero in Gods eyes.

He is now walking with god.

Cult Characteristics 101 Here you can see the following cult characteristics in action. - Questioning, doubt, and dissent are discouraged or even punished. - The leadership induces feelings of shame and/or guilt in order to influence and/or control members.

Poverty

Most of them have sold their beds to buy food

This is why we need strict controls on people who have kids, if you can’t afford then you must be force sterilized and children removed. Democracy does not work when majority are uneducated and impoverished.

And don't forget the poor that you lot like to fling about
Internals - Joe Public - § 2 references coded [1.88% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.29% Coverage
Why is anyone poor?
Reference 2 - 1.59% Coverage
Looking at it in comparison to other countries ... we'd still have a hugely uneducated and poor population

Internals - Johnno - § 1 reference coded [13.38% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 13.38% Coverage
Shit man, leave this poor guy alone! Can't you see he is struggling and works very, very, very Haad!!

Internals - MackNyatta - § 1 reference coded [5.73% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 5.73% Coverage
R200/day divided by 10 people = R20/day per person. Today, a Streetwise2 at KFC costs more than that. So, what is your point, exactly? Can YOU leave on R20/day??

Internals - Mark Stevens - § 1 reference coded [2.57% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.57% Coverage
Apologies, but you have to accept that the handout and breeding mentality prevails amongst the and it's not the white man's fault. This is what the ruling party would have the populous believe.

Internals - Mfundisi - § 1 reference coded [0.48% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.48% Coverage
Another OCD sufferer.

Internals - Nanunu - § 1 reference coded [2.05% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.05% Coverage
Well done dumb poor people have a lekker time for the next 5 yrs..... hehehehe

Internals - Oh - § 1 reference coded [34.62% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 34.62% Coverage
Maybe you'd feel better if you delivered a food parcel to a poor family.

Internals - Peter - § 3 references coded [1.92% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.05% Coverage
The only people you look after is yourselves, you do not care about the poor.
Reference 2 - 0.29% Coverage
No three meals a day.
Reference 3 - 0.57% Coverage
Not in this country, its dog eat dog ....,

Internals - Pomegranatepips - § 2 references coded [0.93% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.35% Coverage
When last did you drive past a squatter camp?
Reference 2 - 0.58% Coverage
No, I can't Joe but I'm not blind to the reality I see every day! Are you?

Internals - Pragmatic_realist - § 1 reference coded [9.97% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 9.97% Coverage
Anglo American was rolling out free ARVs to their workers in defiance of the ANC government under denialist Mbeki and his side kick Dr Garlic and beetroot. It's no exaggeration. But this is the core of both the miners' problems if they didn't screw like rabbits then they wouldn't have such large families to look after and they wouldn't be getting aids. Simple if you can't feed don't breed.

Internals - Progressive Príck - § 1 reference coded [0.74% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.74% Coverage
Um, everyone knew the devil of Apartheid. The current Apartheid is just making people poorer.

Internals - Sarah NATS - § 1 reference coded [1.62% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.62% Coverage
Are you by any chance living in Khayelitsha, cape flats or Langa, if not shut up...?

Internals - Shirl - § 1 reference coded [30.66% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 30.66% Coverage
Ok, what are YOU doing to help the poor and downtrodden see the light, Qavashê.....?

Internals - The Commentator - § 1 reference coded [4.51% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 4.51% Coverage
Ja just imagine which bush you would still be sleeping under without them..............

Internals - Thivhulawi Victor Munyai - § 1 reference coded [5.16% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 5.16% Coverage
8% of white living in SA 5% are living better 70% of black living in SA 50% are living better, those who came from MAPUTO @ Zim most of them live in shacks
Grant

Reference 1 - 7.21% Coverage
My parents had no money and education to afford and support me without receiving Govt /taxpayer handouts

Job loss

Reference 1 - 27.17% Coverage
But Dali gave people like a simple task to check annual reports from the year he started working there till he was kicked out

Reference 1 - 88.59% Coverage
He is also feeling the pinch because he is not getting any subscription fees. One tyre for his X5 is R6000. You peepool are cruel.

Reference 1 - 1.59% Coverage
He told me with great pride yesterday that he was a SANDF member; I reckon he is a parking attendant outside an internet Cafe!

Reference 1 - 0.27% Coverage
He has to be poor if he doesn't work.

Human rights abuse and hate speech

Reference 1 - 66.67% Coverage
Didn't he call women tea girls? Hypocrite!

Reference 1 - 98.19% Coverage
Time was running out for the Central Powers. On the home front, rampant hunger led to strikes and a general atmosphere of discontent and frustration with the war, both at home and on the battlefield. Barely a week after the May 12 meeting, the first in a series of mutinies occurred in the Austro-Hungarian army, led by a group of Slovenian nationalists. Similar rebellions were subsequently launched by Serbs, Rusyns (Ruthenians) and Czechs within the empire's troops. By the autumn, Germany was confronting mutinies within its own troops and an Allied breakthrough on the previously invincible Hindenburg Line; on November 11, 1918, the war was over.

Reference 1 - 55.10% Coverage
The only government leaders that build palaces are Dictators. Dictators are the ones that use their country' economy like their own piggy bank. Throughout history leaders have been judged on how they use state resources for personal use i.e.: Adolf Hitler, Idi Amin, Robert Mugabe, Charles Taylor, Francois Bokassa, Victor Yanukoyich, Muammar Ghaddafi, Kim Jong IL. All of which committed atrocities against their own people. I'm amazed how the world allows these pieces of scum to go as far as they do.
And what do you call those ANC women, hardly slim are they

Buxom I would use to describe someone who is overweight but carries it well, those ANC they're just plain fat, too much KFC

Reference 1 - 3.64% Coverage
Reference 2 - 7.84% Coverage

Well, you must be rather visually impaired! I have seen many people of different skin colours on the beaches, restaurants & shops in the Cape.

You come from Central Africa...why don't you walk back!

You registered this name simply to be a praat? Why don't you get a life.

You are an idiot you know that? People like you need to be squashed like an insect and thrown in the middle of the sea. You racist bastard!!! Rather leave SA; we don't need idiots like you
Jy praat alweer kakaka 2009, the DA received less than 3 million votes overall. The white voting population is probably double that. Where does your 84% come from? Did you suck it out of your @rse again?

HIV/AIDS

Mr Kasrils is a hypocrite and a bitter old man, when he was serving under Pres. Mbeki he never raised a finger when people were murdered by the HIV. Today, we have millions of kids that were born with HIV who could have been saved. If he's really honest, he could have advised the former President better. People should use their democratic right to vote and stop being manipulated by these greedy has-been politicians.

Phuza Face!

No Arab. He denied the connection between HIV and Aids. And his Health Minister, Chakalaka, refused foreign aid to combat Aids and, instead, promoted the African potato amongst other ludicrous items as a cure for Aids.

Power maid. Shower AIDS. Yes looked better separated, kudos to you... lol!

They didn't ignore the problem in fact they were one of the first to highlight the problem to government. But they were not allowed to roll out anti-retroviral without the department of health's permission and that was not going to come from that mad booze Dr Garlic and beetroot and her denialist President.

They are free to resign and go back where they came from. Your mothers and fathers are spreading HIV, and not the mines. How do mines contract HIV in the first place?

Those Mines are spreading HIV by separating our Fathers & mothers by keeping them in komp paying them R87 a day giving them expired Mageu as body booster fck!

However, it is entirely true that mines spread AIDS. I'm not saying it's the mines' fault directly, but that's what happens, and it really was the only thing to do to hand out ARV's. They couldn't do it. They could've faced massive lawsuits, and they could have lost. They still might.

Injuries

I fell....turning my head

Recreational facilities

Both beaches in high season, oh yes that's very unusual.

Entertainment

Perhaps he's a flamenco dancer at weekends?
Don't hope....or perhaps they will....SABC will now have one entertaining channel.

I was hoping you would volunteer something entertaining!?

Seriously no TV the TV is really bad and has been for years, I mainly listen to the radio and music the old 60s to the 90s music after that it's just crap, head banging stuff, mind you I am 63 years young and enjoying life, hope you are,.....

You are so right Jim Reeves and many more of those older types Roy Orbison< all those old cowboys, and so one. Mind you I still listen to Moody Blues, Queen, Stones, Led Zeplin, Aerosmith, and many others. The music today as we said it rubbish all this finger-pointing and basically just talking instead of singing.

It's from the film full metal jacket. Gunner sergeant Hartman. Jeeze he was fearsome. Its words not music

Lol no probably just a rather naive young lady not too concerned with anything other than Kim Kardashian.

Touchdown let the fun begin

The rugby world is. Much like the baseball world comprises the USA and...... the USA. We profess that soccer is the "game of the people", but it seems that "the people" are quite useless at their own game. We keep on hearing that the world doesn't understand the African style of football, but that style seems to include trying to miss the goalposts at almost every opportunity.

Depends which league your team is at....

Is it really a World Cup? We are talking about a tournament where only a handful countries play. Certain countries automatically qualify and the other countries are just there to make the numbers so that it can be called a World Cup. Without the US, France and Argentina, this would be called a Commonwealth Cup rather than the World Cup. Tri Nations, tournament of only three nations and we are supposed to celebrate that? No thanks, I will keep Bafana-Bafana and you can have the Springboks

Yes I know that and that is my point. Only a few countries play professional Rugby compared to soccer. There are more countries to compete with not like rugby. Do you support Bafana-Bafana?

Even worse, they have not won it since Argentina joined. It's like some country who wins the Six Nations and then think they are all that.

No, according to IRB 102

I would rather miss the goal posts rather than spending my afternoon putting my head in someone's ass....

Football,
Nooooo, the all blacks don't like Bafana, Bafana, Mntungwa Mbhulazi.

Sorry to bust your bubble. The world is not comprised of the 12 rugby playing nations.

Crack3r, Indian Cricket boards not the Aussies I assume you mean.

Sorry to bust your bubble. The world is not comprised of the 12 rugby playing nations.

Drug abuse

Drug abuse

Food shortage

Food shortage

Family planning

Family planning
Let the future of our kids not stand in the way of fun!

If you can't feed don't breed...

Good leaving

He is fighting for his members to live a better life as well.

Lol, I see it is true that a healthy living result in a happy person, I can see it in your photo

What you need is cross fit

This Fugly mother He's just protecting his new BMW

At least in the Northern Cape, KFC and Nandos will not go out of business. They have retained Sylvia "shickeeen" Lucas
Ah ok. Well I haven't done this with training yet but on Tim's diet I dropped 12kgs in 2 months. Been slacking on the diet lately but going to resume a strict diet again soon.

It's got slurpy holders on them now with a KFC tray to boot.

Not enough roughage...

Did they employ a lifeguard? Hope they have that chemical in the water that tells if someone's having a slash

You need to lay off the booze.

The dairy farm with thin cows and milk being sold in 2litres coke bottles, which is not even healthy to the consumers

Forget it....it's a GMO specimen.

Incurable and terminal

Clean and bleach mine.

Ok. Shower time. Must wake up Time to move more coffee needed too. Dx

The point is that you do not need R200.00 a day to feed a family that is unless you are trying to get them fat

So long as it has not been fried in vegetable oil, contains any wheat based product, then I am sure that Tim will forgive you.

Appendix 4: Parliament

Unclear about the rules of parliament when he was there since 1994

The ministerial handbook se ma se

Why is Julius Malema wearing an overall?
Reference 1 - 7.67% Coverage
I share your concern. I think these clowns will be even more destructive for this country than the corrupt ANC. And as a consequence of ANC failure to uplift the poor the ranks of the EFF will increase.

Reference 1 - 20.25% Coverage
This is the platform where she would be able to confront Zuma not as a premier but as a leader of the official opposition in parliament. Maybe it should be compulsory for party leaders to leader in parly as well.

Reference 1 - 7.68% Coverage
No, he's perfectly clear - 'must' means 'must' (obligation to do) in any English interpretation. 'Must' means 'May' - (no actual obligation) in this new bunch of half-wits interpretation! ...and Mulder's been in Parliament a lot longer than these idiots - way before 1994!!

Reference 2 - 12.00% Coverage
Not at all - he understands and accepts the rules of Parliament - unlike these ANC and EFF morons - watch them flaunt any of the rules they disagree with - starting today with the EFF's refusal to adhere to the dress code - why were they allowed in?? If they can't/won't respect the basic rules and principles of Parliament how can they be trusted to make sound decisions that affect every SA citizen? Oh boy - watch this space!

Reference 3 - 2.67% Coverage
Actually - the rules say MUST - ANC/EFF morons interpret as May - anything to suit their mood!!

Reference 1 - 1.67% Coverage
At least it will be more entertaining than having those right wing buffoons from the FF.

Reference 1 - 13.06% Coverage
The rules say "must", the Chief Justice only said that "must" should be considered to mean "may" as no one can be forced to vote. Mulder has a point.

Reference 1 - 0.55% Coverage
They will probably just nominate someone in Parliament like last time.

Reference 2 - 1.45% Coverage
Don't know how loud it was on TV, but from the gallery, Ambrosini, while in a wheelchair and needing a crutch to stand, was the loudest when he swore his oath/affirmation. Says a lot.

Reference 1 - 6.24% Coverage
"UK public angry over Zombie Parliament" News headlines, so as it is you can move to "greener pasture "if you think they exist anywhere!!! We need more positive energy than whiners, otherwise you need to ask God for the 500 years, and after all our people waited 300 years......20 years for us is a privilege we earned dearly!

Reference 1 - 55.37% Coverage
Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng later indicated that "must" should be interpreted as "may", as no one could be forced to vote. I am gobsmacked. In all legislation, "may" means just that: there is a choice, you may, but you don't have to. "Must" is replacing the more gracious "shall", because it was felt that in South Africa, legal language should be more straightforward. "Shall" always did mean "must", but the word "shall" is falling away in favour of "must". As far as "must" is concerned, there never was any doubt or ambiguity - where legislation says "must", IT MEANS MUST! It's totally terrifying that we have a so-called Chief Justice who doesn't know the difference between "may" and "must" in law. Malema has only just arrived in Parliament, and the rules are already being ignored for his convenience.

Reference 1 - 11.18% Coverage
Flipping hell! You all thought Parliament was funny before......JUST WAIT!

Reference 1 - 0.47% Coverage
Wasted opportunity the speaker is an influential position

Reference 1 - 7.87% Coverage
Parliament opened before his hearing.

Rules of parliament
Reference 1 - 3.63% Coverage
Rules say May and not must as Mulder says.
Majority rule

Reference 1 - 0.99% Coverage
Whites will never rule this country. MORON

Reference 1 - 0.98% Coverage
...and you are... the elite?

Separation of power

Reference 1 - 95.52% Coverage
”This revision will once and for all establish whether the present Public Protector is truly independent as required by the constitution, or whether she is engaged in a vendetta against government,” he said.” - You naive man, you honestly believe the courts are unbiased and fair?? And you call yourself a politician?!

Reference 1 - 6.85% Coverage
Zuma is not ANC, so take it up with him.

Reference 1 - 0.47% Coverage
Thuli Madonsela, a loyal ANC supporter in good standing!!!

Poor debating skills

Reference 1 - 8.26% Coverage
Which article on the forum does not get turned into a racial spats by the Jim Crow group though? All they can ever shout are what Jim Crow shouted for, "uncivilised, uneducated, uncultured", everything good when commenting about our fellow up. #net vir blanks#

Reference 1 - 2.89% Coverage
I feel sorry for the time you took writing your comment but sorry you have written nothing, you have just wasted your energy

Reference 2 - 1.53% Coverage
It's evident that you are stupid and don't follow the discussion

Reference 3 - 2.35% Coverage
I normally don't read your comments as I know are crap. I just respond to you, I don't waste my time

Reference 1 - 0.40% Coverage
And you still remain brain dead!

Reference 2 - 0.47% Coverage
That was not a smart response 0 / 10!

Reference 3 - 1.94% Coverage
Sounds like you live at the dump, the way you're carrying on. It typifies your ilk, quick to complain but slow to action... Get a life or at least a hobby!

Reference 1 - 30.25% Coverage
You make a lot of generalisations. Not all people of colour even know what the inside of a shack looks like...let alone living in one. It's NOT like ALL white South Africans are rich...some are even homeless, and don't even have that "shack".

Reference 1 - 0.59% Coverage
The statement is confused.

Reference 2 - 3.78% Coverage
Comments like this are racially derogatory and pointless. If you have nothing to say, say nothing at all. We're not "Where". Also "banana's".....plural is bananas.

Reference 1 - 87.04% Coverage
Your way of reasoning is convoluted and u r so indebted your Verwoedian mentality such that u appreciate nothing else than apartheid legacy.

Reference 1 - 0.44% Coverage
Told you yesterday, you are unarmed for intellectual combat, it would be very unfair...stick to lego

Reference 1 - 3.46% Coverage
Stick with the facts, show me I'm wrong!
Read the heading and you might understand why I've said it all along.

Yes, people who think they are clever but reflect the total opposite in their comments.

Editing comprehension and removal of your generalisations might help too.

Do you understand simple math meat head? Go "apply your mind"......and try to figure it out on your own. *sigh*

Answering my comment with bunch of meaningless platitudes is merely an indication of your lack of intelligence, logic and reasoning. You can't come up with an intelligent answer so just for the sake of making a comment you write a bunch of utter sh!te in the hope that people don't see through you...... Too late......

More stupid tame rhetoric accompanied by some pathetic cut 'n pasting, you have a flawed argument and you have neither the intelligence nor the logic to even realize it...... Oh and please stop using terms like "fact is"...you wouldn't know a fact if it jumped out and bit you in the face. Please don't bother to again......I have no interest in trying to converse with a farm fence post.

Really please have the guts to Google" Apartheid grand scale corruption" and then come back on this forum with usual denial. Then let's see how decent a human being you are??

Suffering from double standards now I see...what do you call above comments.....?

I've never called you "animals", whoever "you" are, and your comment makes no sense in light of what you're supposedly responding to.

I'd love to throw you into a face to face debate with some of the black folk I do business with. They'd make you look like, well, you .... an absolute tosser.

I've never called you "animals", whoever "you" are, and your comment makes no sense in light of what you're supposedly responding to.

Read her report maybe u will Stop vomiting

What are you talking about? I said bring me facts not insults

See you there, just name the day and time!

Any constructive suggestions

Coalition is the only way to root out the decay in this country. Will give a wider unity and cross view of opinions that will be followed through with. Thank goodness we have a watertight constitution garrotting and hindering further decay. Thanks to Roelf and the boys.

Old alliances might still relive.

True, but the ANC will have to amend much of their policy to include the radical EFF, which is what they might do, not to lose the vote.
I am talking about a coalition of multiple parties. The ANC just follows one ideology; other party ideologies should be brought into the law making scene.

Um, Kasrils is a DA supporter by telling people not to vote for anyone? And further, townships have been saying the same thing, and to continue, I don't want anyone over 50%, as most DA supporters, we would rather have coalition governments. People united and Governors divided.

I thought that the ANC was a coalition of SAPC - COSATU - ANC?

There are more than 10 black parties [if COPE, NFP, ACDP etc.] & IFP the oldest black pro whites anti armed struggle anti sanctions anti ANC but less than 10 white vote for it. They called Mandela a terrorist & never voted for him in 1994. WE blacks voted for him. They [Whites] told black people to ask Mandela for work. Now He is dead they praise him using nice words to explain him. For DA to win national we must swap [Whites & coloureds vote ANC & Blacks vote DA/ID]

I'm a former member of the liberation movement expelled in 2012. And I put it to you; ANC will win election for only one reason. The multi-party system was designed and promoted to keep ANC in power. Minority parties and the strongest opposition must unite to beat ANC in any election. Throw away your ideologies should be brought into the law making scene.

Two parties with diametrically opposed views join? Have you been at the whoonga again?

Viva coalition, Viva! Viva! Divide & conquer, viva!

Now we have a parliament. Just watch the DA and the ANC gang up against the EFF. Beware the Triumvirate

The DA will have to form a collision as they did in the WC to get Gauteng Province. They are making a very concerted effort in this regard

Oh!!!! Mamphela, she just doesn't have the balls at all, a one year attachment as a prodijee' to Zille could go a long way.

I wonder if Ramphele and Zille made eye contact. They should kiss and make up and then marry No1.

Actually I think she might have taken that post with the DA, but these very vocal supporters told her that if she joined up, they would abandon her. She sounds like someone who can't see the wood for the trees and battles to make decisions and stick to them. A pity as I rather liked her to start with. She has tarnished her reputation with her flip-flopping and has lost out on that juicy post that the DA offered - which will never come her way again. I think she probably spent a lot of her own money to get the party up and running. She has made some seriously bad decisions. I think that she had a noble dream of what she could do for SA, but lacks leadership ability. She must really regret this whole exercise now.

EFF and ANC coalition
EFF only won so many votes in Gauteng because of their involvement in the platinum miners’ strike. On a national basis, they’re a non-starter. I can’t help feeling that the ANC will broker some deal with EFF, who will be absorbed back into the postulating bosom of the majority party.

That was always going to be the ANC’s trump card, they may be illiterate and not at all intellectual but Zuma is a crafty operator and as time progressed he was very relaxed about the outcome, so I have no doubt that an alliance is on the cards which will benefit both sides, ensuring constitutional changes that will force the nation to support the ANC for EVER!! I had some hope that it wouldn’t get to this conclusion but the EFF are very effective and to counter their threat the ANC’s neutralization has to be making them an offer ‘too good to refuse’ What is the legal stance with constitutional change? Does anyone know what’s actually allowed?

I think that Zuma was bowing to Julius with clasped hands with a message. His body language is saying, finally bother. After all you went through you are a member of parliament. I told you it was just a matter of time now you need to commit yourself to me and to the ANC. Now we are together once again.

I bet that before the next election, Malema and Zuma will be bosom buddies again, the EFF will be incorporated into the ANC, and the gravy train will be motoring full steam ahead!

The ANC policies are no fundamentally different from those of the EFF, except where the EFF goes to the extremes. So, in reality, the EFF is likely to vote with the ANC than with the DA...just as many small parties like COPE, UDM, Minority Front and others have done, which will also spell their death because people will start asking why they vote for these parties instead of voting for the ANC.

So my theory that the ANC and EFF will combine in a coalition so that the constitution can be changed may not be that far off the mark. This “toenadering” between Zuma and the fat boy is cause for concern.

Zuma-Malema relationship

Zuma clasped his hands and bowed in front of Malema when he placed his voting slip in the ballot box. Malema remained seated but bowed in similar fashion to Zuma.

I still maintain that Juju and Jacob will form an unholy alliance behind the scenes. All they care about is power.

Loll Malema will be the puppet and Zuma the master watch and see

Hmm….Sounds like Malema and Zuma really hate each other’s guts.

Scary thing is that if the EFF votes with the ANC they will have 68.5% of the seats in Parliament, meaning a change of the constitution is possible. All it takes is Shower-Head telling Julius he is forgiven and won’t be prosecuted if he re-joins the ANC.

ANC and DA comparison
Well most ANC voters are in shacks! Most DA voters are in houses.

Reference 2 - 5.81% Coverage
Are you saying you are not black enough for the ANC or for DA?

Floor crossing

Reference 1 - 23.18% Coverage
That is so true. I would like to know the number of DA members that have crossed over.

Reference 1 - 85.07% Coverage
We know Pascoe was given a prime seat on the gravy train!

Reference 1 - 5.79% Coverage
I read Pascoe's account and interestingly he still strongly supported the DA and criticized the ANC about a day ago, so one can only assume the ANC lured him with a lifeline knowing his political career was probably over at the DA. Mayor De Lille was spot on when she said this is naked opportunism

Reference 1 - 29.82% Coverage
He looked like that before he joined the ANC. Insulting and swearing at him now looks like the party code of conduct judging by the majority of insults from the members of the party (DA).

Reference 1 - 0.38% Coverage
He should fit right in...

Reference 1 - 8.87% Coverage
What a fool, should have stuck with the DA and tried to compromise.

Reference 1 - 78.22% Coverage
KAKPRATI Poasca (Pascoe), you are a Freaking GATKRUIPER just like Ehrenreich.

Reference 1 - 45.94% Coverage
I feel that people who defect like this never truly worked for the people but only for himself or herself, being part of a political party is not just about working for the people but about your values and morals and if that coincides with the party's constitution only then are you a true politician

Reference 1 - 94.41% Coverage
Now Pascoe can look forward to a BMW and a double story home and, like the ANC, he doesn't even have to serve the community!! But what will happen when he finds out that the ANC only look after black people?? Then who will you run to? I wonder what the ANC promised him??

Reference 1 - 1.55% Coverage
Out of the frying pan and into the fire...

Reference 1 - 2.97% Coverage
I was probably a member of the ANC before you were born. Zanc is not the ANC. My vote will be a protest vote...... for the DA.

Reference 1 - 63.46% Coverage
If you can't beat them join the m.

Reference 1 - 3.45% Coverage
" DA continues to show their neglect of the Cape Flats" We know that the CANCer Doesn't stint on their king, the puppet of Nzimande ventriloquist dumby, 'Number1' Is Pascoe hoping for a luxury house in one of those White areas he despises so much? Because the article reads like, a masturbation script for Ehrenreich and Pascoe.

Reference 2 - 0.69% Coverage
Two toothless Jimmy's kissing and making up. Shame on you Pascoe!

Reference 3 - 5.51% Coverage
Reading Pascoe's whining, I have to presume he believes he can buy his way within the ranks of the regime, far better than within the DA. He presents the type of face that belongs in the CANCer, right down to the gap between his front teeth. If he's a creature willing to jump ship, he clearly has zero integrity, which should make him right at home with comrades Cronin, Craven and Nzimande, And he clearly has no interest in the coloured community nor democracy; May he find himself unemployed after the next election!

Reference 1 - 79.43% Coverage
And Cope members defecting everyday*********** please give us more

<Internals\Motjan> - § 1 reference coded [3.92% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 3.92% Coverage
So all in all a perfect candidate for the ANC...

<Internals\Mthuliseni David Mtshali> - § 1 reference coded [53.54% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 53.54% Coverage
When Noxolo Balindlela and the dagga king joined the DA, it was news; and now that a senior leader of theirs has joined the ANC, it is now "truly not a big deal". Ha- ha- ha. Concentrate on Gauteng while the WC slips away slowly.

<Internals\Nationalist> - § 1 reference coded [92.24% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 92.24% Coverage
If a leader defect it news but if an ordinary member as those 66 shouldn’t really make news. I am surprised we are reading about this, EFF are getting a lot of members from ANC, COPE and DA but it not on the news.

<Internals\Necklace all SA rapists>- § 1 reference coded [17.12% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 17.12% Coverage
Only One defection to the ANC? But 20 defections from ANC to the DA, No loss to DA? Bye. bye Pascoe. Enjoy your corrupt, non-service delivery, Marikana murderers.

<Internals\Nkandla shareholder> - § 1 reference coded [13.18% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 13.18% Coverage
That must be one of Pascoe’s old t-shirts that he wore when he was still a member of the DA. During one of the ANC poo protests some of the sh i t must have been hurled at him and he has been unable to wash it off since.

<Internals\Nodrog1712> - § 1 reference coded [20.72% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 20.72% Coverage
She suddenly remembered the pay cheque, hence the quick return.

<Internals\Old__Fart>- § 1 reference coded [8.68% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 8.68% Coverage
Rats leaving the sinking ship. . . . .

<Internals\Ondertint>- § 1 reference coded [6.07% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 6.07% Coverage
Pity that. Fransman was always good for a chuckle on this forum; can’t see Pascoe stepping too lightly into his shoes.

<Internals\Owl>- § 2 references coded [0.72% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.56% Coverage
You should really work for the DA, they need you. As soon as you are released from Valkenburger, we should send your CV to Helen!
Reference 2 - 0.16% Coverage
It is politics, you’ll fit right in!

<Internals\Penelope Jones>- § 1 reference coded [0.27% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.27% Coverage
Good. Goodbye.

<Internals\Progressive Prick>- § 1 reference coded [0.86% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.86% Coverage
And you make the mistake that everyone just goes to the DA and no one else because they don’t like the ANC....

<Internals\Running-Kick-Slap>- § 1 reference coded [3.23% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 3.23% Coverage
Funny how the ANC made a HUGE song and dance about one asshole from the DA defecting to the ANC.......but are tight lipped on the fact that 66 members have defected from them to the NFP!!! Loving it.....!!! LOL

<Internals\sJohn>- § 1 reference coded [6.23% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 6.23% Coverage
Without bringing in the coloured vote Fransman is of no use to the ANC. at best he will be redeploed to something to do with the tripartite alliance - somewhere closer to Cosatu - he is of no political use to the ANC anymore.

<Internals\Sunshinerainbows>- § 1 reference coded [23.84% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 23.84% Coverage
Best case would’ve been to leave Agang completely and join the DA by herself.

<Internals\Terranite>- § 1 reference coded [4.00% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 4.00% Coverage
She cooked her goose by running off to the DA trying to hijack it and then running away again.

<Internals\The Commentator>- § 1 reference coded [5.50% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 5.50% Coverage
Zille said Pascoe's defection to the ANC was "truly not a big deal". Nothing more to be said on the topic then!

National crisis

The mine bosses are in it for what they can get out of it. Everybody knows it and they do not pretend they are in it for their idealism. Mathunjwa is keeping the strike going and he is not sharing the suffering of these miners. If it was not for the intimidation the strike would be over a long time ago. I challenge the unions to give the miners a secret vote like we have at the elections. In other countries members make union contributions mainly to build up a strike fund, so when the unions call for a strike, they pay their members a living allowance. Unions also spend money on education for their member. Here union contributions goes to the union bosses who do not seem to need to account for it, they live in luxury and pay their stooges to keep the intimidation up.

Labour movement

The real irony here is that this "smear" is coming from the ANC aligned publication owned by I Serve, is this an attempt to weaken the rapidly growing labour movement away from the ANC lackeys in COSATU?

AMCU has declared that they will not be aligning themselves with any political party and so far all their actions have been based on workers' rights and very little political rhetoric so your conclusion that they would be EFF supporters is a little off mark.

Communism never say that people must not drive expensive cars or live in beautiful houses, even if Mathunjwa can live luxurious life what matters is that he must not sell mine workers out. He must continuously fight for the interests of mine workers, whether he drives expensive cars it doesn't matter but what is imperative is that he must soldier on and fight for the interests of mine worker which is R12500. http://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/amcu-leaders-life-of-luxury-1.1690081

You should try feeding your family on about R 200 a day ...... before you undermine the leader who tries to get it remedied ...... and before you support the Vavi and Co who sat for 20 years in a cosy closed shop with stewards driving Mercs.

He's got debts and been speaking to his labour broker to up his pay to no avail. He can't help you.

Because I want to hear about AMCU's president as well. Finish and klaar.
I have heard claims that the mine bosses were behind AMCU in a plot to weaken COSATU?

Reference 1 - 84.35% Coverage
Have you checked the President and secretary of NUM? It seems like an agenda in now being pursued

Reference 1 - 5.48% Coverage
Unions that threaten unions. Please continue

Reference 1 - 0.99% Coverage
......and the CEO gets the blame of earning a lot?!?!?

Reference 1 - 3.34% Coverage
I see you know EFF all about economics... Chinese and Indian miners think that South African miners are overpaid and under worked...

Reference 1 - 0.40% Coverage
I say close the mine, and announce a victory for the Environment.

Salary scale

Reference 1 - 1.66% Coverage
It's not about black or white it's about every employer paying good salaries.

Reference 2 - 3.58% Coverage
Do you think these miners would complain if they got R12 500 and Griffiths got R30 million P/A? The problem is that employers are hell-bent on raking all the money...

Reference 1 - 84.33% Coverage
Again, it can't be the union boss - he is black and was part of the struggle - it's the mine owners who have invested billions over the years to provide work for South Africans that are to blame - yes the pay should be increased but in a professional society these things are done in a professional manner. The way the unions have been acting is not in the best interests of the miners - they have let the miners down big time.
Jandré shut up... they should kick your A$$ into a platinum mine and pay you peanuts. Most offices
workers earn in the region of R12500 and they don't come close to adding the value these mineworkers
do to our economy.

Reference 2 - 7.75% Coverage
Read the article again...since workers are not getting paid, they are not paying their union fees...It would
suit the union better if they workers went back to work so that the union fees are paid. But they are not
doing this...they are holding out for what the workers deserve. Black people don't hate being black... we
hate still being treated and paid as an Apartheid Black by certain white South Africans

Reference 3 - 3.67% Coverage
But a BMW 3 series is not a flash car...every sales rep is driving one of these vehicles which they can
afford because of a balloon payment that he/she will figure out how to pay in 5 years’ time

Reference 4 - 4.77% Coverage
Yes... it is the rubbish of entitlement that some CEO's have that has caused so much damage to the
economy. How about putting yourself in the shoes of the person earning on the other side of the salary
scale, and see how you can make their lives better.

Reference 1 - 11.40% Coverage
Why? He would need some wages at least.

Reference 1 - 0.18% Coverage
They earn around R8000

Reference 1 - 19.60% Coverage
If these miners can pay their DSTV, electricity, Water and so on over four months without pay, their
salaries can't be that bad.

Reference 1 - 0.40% Coverage
R200. 00 a day how many people in the family 10?

Protest
Reference 1 - 8.39% Coverage
I don't have anything to donate but even if I had I wouldn't. You deliberately stay away from work then
expect me to feed your family, that's crazy.

Violence
Reference 1 - 5.01% Coverage
What is intelligent about trying to force someone to vote?

Reference 1 - 8.64% Coverage
I'm a helpless victim who's been assaulted and tired of the beatings from our corrupt, lawless system

Reference 1 - 7.18% Coverage
Outcome the knobkerries!

Reference 1 - 73.64% Coverage
That's what black people do - walk out or burn the place down ... right or wrong?

Reference 1 - 5.28% Coverage
No solution to our violent crimes.....that's just sad, mind you all other parties offer voters food parcels
and t-shirts now, so it's trending...

Reference 1 - 1.38% Coverage
The results will be catastrophic if the DA wins too - all those ANC supporters who didn't vote (foolishly
thinking it's a form of protest) would not accept the result. And they're half of the population. There'll be
violence

Reference 1 - 1.35% Coverage
Eina!!!!!!!! Tell him to be gentle. Heard of KY??

Job creation
Reference 1 - 1.44% Coverage
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Not if China sets up oil rigs outside Port Elizabeth. This then explains why Koega was built...

Reference 1 - 26.02% Coverage
It's time for the ANC to deliver the 3333 jobs per day they promised sadly; the voters will find out that the ANC are big liars.

Reference 2 - 5.57% Coverage
But why is this so, is it a lack of trust on both sides, I don't have any problems with contractors i deal with, we get along just fine and i have had my staff for over 17 years and we are just a happy family. If only everyone could just pull together to get things right, with the past of this country it's very hard i know, but if we keep trying, things are bound to come right, nice ideas, if it only works,

Unemployment

Reference 1 - 6.53% Coverage
When the country has 25% unemployment, starvation, continuous protesting, lack of service delivery, lack of proper job creation and large debt problems with every municipality except the one in Cape Town? Then yes the whole car story is wrong. If none of these issues existed then there would be no issue. There however is. Why should these Officials receive benefits when they are failing their own country and people in it?

Reference 1 - 11.05% Coverage
If you've lost your job... there is an opening for an e-toll gantry cleaner. You don't have to go through that alone. The government still reserve non-BEE positions.

Reference 1 - 0.14% Coverage
No, I am jobless Eish... Cannot afford it :( lol
It's time to break that dusty umbilical cord and leave papa's farm. There's a labour broker in Gauteng who will show you how to get that wonderful position in the gantries.

**Natural resources**

My uncle mentioned it to me the other day. If you google it then you will find some information regarding it. http://www.DOTnews24.DOT.com/Green/Oil-gas-tests-enrage-environmentalists-20130414-2 if what they say is true then there are oil fields covering the entire Eastern Cape coast... Black GOLD!!! I wonder how well Malema can swim...Eh

Vavi why did it take colonialists to arrive and find the mineral wealth your people were grazing their cattle obliviously on top of? I'm talking coal, gold, diamonds, platinum...the lot. Your people didn't have a clue what wealth was under the top soil they were so intent on over grazing.

**Women abuse**

Zuma sees black women as subservient, obedient and easily controlled! ... Hence all the appointments of "black" women!

Looking at your visage you don't appear to respect any woman.

I wonder where the woman in the picture sleeps at night in a nice, cosy house or on a mattress in a shack

I thought women liked it slow and long??

Noooo, she can't leave. As Michael Jackson sang: That girl is mine, that doggone girl is mine (Sorry I hope that was what he sang)

Is that the video where the savages beat that woman to death?

**Feminist**

Well my friend these nothing I can do with my face but I can guarantee you, I respect them 100%...Women are the most precious God's gift to life

Depends ... are you a hot female... if so forward me your cell number

AND BREED...sorry for shouting...bad day reading about white women and top positions aaargh!

Nc- Nc- Nc... This is just a big joke I tell you... This woman is definitely bipolar
Ill-treatment

Reference 1 - 5.83% Coverage
Correct Anton! Unfortunately it's a sad circus when greedy politicians use the uneducated/unenlightened masses to enrich themselves
Reference 2 - 5.79% Coverage
Correct! Sadly the poor masses that vote for someone like him will suffer the most. Just look at our Northern Border. Juju’s hero

Education

Reference 1 - 7.29% Coverage
The problem is that the educated/enlightened are in the minority, especially when confronted by politicians and politics.
Reference 1 - 5.76% Coverage
What about the imperial students? Or would that be an inch too far?
Reference 1 - 4.39% Coverage
Rather leave her in education. This country needs education desperately. I'm happy to hear that they are removing OBE and bringing back caps. I'm not sure what the name was before OBE came in. But from what my teachers told me, caps is basically the old system. Which was a good system?
Reference 1 - 16.20% Coverage
OK, against my better judgment, I am going to ask that in future you try to make a comment that makes at least some sort of sense. You should tell the unemployed in your area that you have a vacancy - in your head.
Reference 1 - 0.99% Coverage
You need an education to understand anything better
Reference 2 - 1.87% Coverage
Wunce u get edakashian you become clever people and then don't sir port ANC, because they is corruption
Reference 1 - 0.76% Coverage
Are you educated?
Reference 1 - 4.48% Coverage
"Megalomania" - look it up
Reference 1 - 1.58% Coverage
Hey domkop please go finish your 30% matric.
Reference 2 - 3.06% Coverage
Well said I hope Marius Fransman is taking notes. I believe he is also an ex teacher.
Reference 1 - 5.03% Coverage
[That will be the best thing ever.] Absolutely wrong you can only come to such a wrong conclusion if you have not considered the situation systemically. Now, what I enjoy about interacting with you, is that you seem to favour approaching issues intellectually. That is good. But you (and I) must always be expanding your (and my) knowledge and understanding of the world. So, for your own personal growth
Reference 1 - 2.54% Coverage
Creecy is doing well in education.
Reference 1 - 0.20% Coverage
Have you got the book?? Would love to read it!
<Internals\Peter> - § 1 reference coded [0.29% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.29% Coverage
What education???????

<Internals\Pilot188> - § 1 reference coded [37.45% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 37.45% Coverage
What is the entry level salary for somebody with a degree and what do these people get currently?

<Internals\Tizza Thwalia> - § 1 reference coded [1.33% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.33% Coverage
Use it then boet - I mean the dictionary.

<Internals\Tshediso Nhole> - § 1 reference coded [21.40% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 21.40% Coverage
How highly educated black middle class did get his or her education? You seem to think that history plays no part in politics

<Internals\James> - § 1 reference coded [4.33% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 4.33% Coverage
Would it therefore not be a great idea to make a total cockup of the educational system?

<Internals\joepublic54> - § 1 reference coded [22.84% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 22.84% Coverage
WHEN EDUCATION FAILS YOU - PLAY THE RACE CARD

<Internals\Jou moer> - § 1 reference coded [16.24% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 16.24% Coverage
Yes but without the answer sheet

<Internals\Kgositsile Mokgosi> - § 1 reference coded [27.48% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 27.48% Coverage
Your thinking is a true reflection of education failure in SA

<Internals\MackNyati> - § 1 reference coded [2.42% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.42% Coverage
Could that be on purpose... just like the lowered Matric pass rate...?

<Internals\Nevyn> - § 1 reference coded [2.50% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.50% Coverage
He is? Omg that explains everything that is wrong with our educational system.

<Internals\Paige Turner> - § 1 reference coded [24.56% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 24.56% Coverage
Lyall is seriously lacking in reading skills --- perhaps he's a product of the ANC education system (30% pass just isn't good enough, Lyall)

<Internals\The Commentator> - § 1 reference coded [3.87% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 3.87% Coverage
Over-achiever does not realise that 30% is a pass in Jake's New South Africa!

<Internals\Time to Stand> - § 1 reference coded [3.48% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 3.48% Coverage
You have to be the chief examiner for the 30% Pass Rate Math Lit papers??? I'll help with the model answer to the question re Zuma's Vision: He has NO Vision!

<Internals\Valkenburger> - § 1 reference coded [0.63% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.63% Coverage
You forgot, your people can't read any rag, because you're so kak at running an edukayshun department.

<Internals\van Persie> - § 1 reference coded [1.49% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.49% Coverage
Will you leave me bask in the glory of my SA education

Illiteracy

<Internals\Ghalib Jonker> - § 1 reference coded [4.10% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 4.10% Coverage
You mean 1st, 2nd and 3rd the way Zuma counts.... from last.

<Internals\Hot Lips Mamma> - § 1 reference coded [81.82% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 81.82% Coverage
Another h.... kop, can't see or read to understand. In the past a PK made people like you to think and see clearly...

<Internals\independence800> - § 1 reference coded [1.73% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.73% Coverage
See you did not even get I was referring to you.  

Reference 1 - 6.94% Coverage
If you had half a brain cell to type something coherent I might be able to actually answer you. But, since I already know you're a blithering idiot, I won't hold my breath expecting you to troll out something worth intelligent debate.  

Reference 2 - 3.82% Coverage
If you're too stupid to know who I'm talking about then you should maybe sell your computer and buy a year at Std 3 again, troll.  

Reference 1 - 91.38% Coverage
Get him a translator to speed up the process, coz it's clear that he doesn't understand a word you asked...  

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It’s not you that they think is stupid baba...it is the other 40 million who vote for them. You they are scared of because you can read and write and you can think!!

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Grammar Nazi
Service delivery

Sorry Pascoe, all evidence seems to show that you yourself were a mediocre counsellor at best, your work standard was poor, your attendance and productivity almost non-existent; so I don't expect you to have any morals or standards either. Enjoy you stay on the gravy train chain gang.

Honesty - flip them - they should go back to work.

Most Govt officials in most countries do their work for the people that pay the tax

Since 1994 the ANC have been strong on making promises but weak on delivering those promises. And why is it that ONLY before elections do you see their public representatives vising voters and making promises, not to be seen again till the next election? Get rid of this Alliance of Nepotism Corruption (ANC).

I consider your "bad" fortune in suffering education under the ANC...

If you are still the premier of Gauteng after these elections, do your job and sp wasting our money and actually make a difference. Madiba actually made a difference in this country I still fail see what positive difference you have made, only negative ones. The level of service delivery was so few when Madiba wain power, yet with you in charge they are often. So instead of sitting next Winnie go and do your work for a change!

Let's get one thing straight I don't care about race, gender or religion, when it comes to voting, the thing I care about most is who will best look out for my needs as a person. Essentially you just told me to vote for a party who have the most coloureds, regardless of whether they deliver or not and that to me says that not only have you still got a primitive mentality but also that you are extremely RACIST

Nepotism Corruption:

And tax payers can pay for a week long Hilton stays where they can discuss what we already know

Hey deb :)....and yet continue rioting and protesting for no delivery, and wondering why they worse off

Yes Limpopo is thriving now because
Sorry Mark I pay for that to be done and expect service delivery, something that's obviously not happening in that particular place.

"Some people worked hard for the president and must be rewarded".....what happened to rewarded people for what they do to the general public. I don't regret my failure to vote for this joke

Actually no, they need the cars for deliveries .....service deliveries

Funny what's the best run province in SA? Hmmm any guesses

You should not vote for policy. You should vote for performance! Who cares what colour the people running the show are? That's just shallow. The problem with the ANC at the moment is that what they say they are is vastly different to what they actually are! Why do you think the DA has done so much better in the Western Cape this year? It's not because they have more blacks or coloureds, but because they are doing a good job. Not perfect, but a lot better than the ANC did when that fool Mfeketo was running the show!

The economy at whose expense; the expense of social and economic justice; There is no point in wanting to overthrow a policy that is for bringing about equality, rather fix the problems in the implementation which is leading to abuse of the system by all race groups.

So what's your point? We can't all be presidential candidates. Do ordinary citizens not deserve the opportunity to hear the truth? Or do you think a government grant and free clinic access is sufficient allocation that a squatter camp dweller needs from government? Maybe telling that person that the current government is too busy looting available funds that were going to benefit him/her and upgrade his/her living conditions will change his/her mind about where his/her loyalties (should) lie?
People in the Eastern Cape must be happy with the substandard education, hospitals, municipalities etc. it boggles the mind

Reference 1 - 4.39% Coverage
So the NDP hasn’t been implemented yet? They have just spoken about it for the last 19 years.... I guess it’s still in the planning stage, for umm err the next 5 years yeah.

Reference 1 - 9.82% Coverage
DA and ANC different sides of the same coin, power hungry egoistical offer nothing of real substance to the voters, ask ANC supporters if their lot has changed much, ask DA new voting fodder i.e. cape flats lot, if anything has changed there under DA rule in the past 5yrs, the only thing the DA mastered so well is passing the buck, ie police are controlled nationally when they don’t have a clue how to deal with gangs in the cape flats, they are as useless as the ANC on varying measures.

Reference 1 - 1.70% Coverage
Of course there are poor people all over the world. That goes without saying. Why are the blacks in SA poor Joe? And why don’t they hold their political leaders to your standards of accountability and service delivery?

Reference 1 - 0.42% Coverage
You mean just make promises and then never keep them?

Reference 1 - 45.20% Coverage
Elections were held on the 7th. It’s now the 19th. WTF have you lot been doing?

Reference 1 - 0.33% Coverage
Most of them are?

Reference 1 - 21.05% Coverage
The Eastern Cape is like a woman who gets raped and dumped on the side of the road. A car approaches, driven by what looks like a gentleman. He gives her a lift, takes her to a secluded spot, rape and beat her to the pulp and leaves her for death.

Reference 1 - 12.32% Coverage
Oh well, 5 more years of satisfying themselves and ignoring the poor, uneducated and unemployed. At least they can still blame whites, racism and apartheid when they screw up...

Reference 1 - 85.23% Coverage
Poor service delivery, come to Vanderbijpark and see the kingdom port holes, municipal rates and taxes are cooked at a tavern.

Reference 1 - 11.02% Coverage
A river of $hit, quite literally, that flows freely between government departments and their cancer masters.

Reference 1 - 21.21% Coverage
If there is ANY sanity in this beautiful country!

Reference 1 - 3.30% Coverage
....they follow the same pit latrine principles.....Lots of money at the top, lots of kak at the bottom.....

Reference 1 - 20.20% Coverage
Those illiterates will have forgotten those promises already. Most will be too busy trying to find food for their 10 kids.

Service delivery protests

Reference 1 - 1.33% Coverage
LOL, do you live near Bekkersdal?

Reference 1 - 1.56% Coverage
Which province has more service deliveries? Oh sorry service delivery protests???
Just waiting for that first service delivery protest, or some poor fellow being beaten by SAPS, or that poor fellow complaining about a house..... and when I stop laughing at the stupidity of the voter who voted ANC, I will KNOW that the ANC won the election but lost the plot! Have a nice future ANC voter; revel in your blind loyalty or racist vote.

Good service delivery

Reference 1 - 1 - 1.95% Coverage
Well there is the North West Northern Cape and KZN they all in the running.

Reference 1 - 18.37% Coverage
What’s wrong with pro-western politics? They work don’t they? Look at the WC, Pro western - no potholes, crime in CBD down 90%, NO E-Toll, Good Service delivery, etc., etc., etc. On a municipal level - Mid Vaal same there please, please, please ARGUE that......

Better service delivery

Reference 1 - 0.74% Coverage
I recommend a quick google, the 2014-2019 is its first five year cycle, hope it’s implemented.

Critic

Reference 1 - 1 - 1.79% Coverage
I doubt, they only knows how to criticise, like their followers in this forum

Reference 1 - 46.06% Coverage
He worked hard for his luxury stop putting wrong ideas to the worker's minds

Reference 1 - 68.10% Coverage
Yes but your voter support base is the lowest of the lowest. All their brain cells put together would not be even equal to that of a tree stump

Reference 1 - 1 - 1.19% Coverage
We were thinking way out of line me thinks.

Reference 1 - 31.72% Coverage
He only comes out when there are bad DA rumours and criminal activity in Cape Town. He is a traitor to the city. He has no love for the city. He wishes the city to do badly. Let’s banish him from Cape Town. We don’t need people like that here

Reference 1 - 5.34% Coverage
Mr Kasrils is a hypocrite and a bitter old man - 100% true.

Accountability

Reference 1 - 6.34% Coverage
Good move with legit reasons... Every party has its demon and Zille definitely has been looking out for white interests without taking to account the realities facing previously disadvantaged people in the corporate world. The EE stance is a straight out reflection of her attitude to equality.

Reference 1 - 90.45% Coverage
Surely if the findings are to be made by the SIU they are not yours??? What validity can be given to findings not made by an independent, unbiased body? Furthermore most of the thinking public believes
that the PP let the President off lightly in her report. If it was a witch hunt as you call it rather than an
expose of the facts she would have used the opportunity to slay him.

Reference 1 - 1.96% Coverage
Mmusi is not Mandela, WHEN he is president, he will be accountable to South Africans not Palestinians
Reference 2 - 0.80% Coverage
Im glad I live in none of these provinces

Reference 1 - 3.23% Coverage
Generally when questions are not answered timorously its means one has something to hide? For what
other reason can be given when questions are evaded and fobbed off?

Reference 1 - 11.16% Coverage
And he owes us money as well

Reference 1 - 75.00% Coverage
ANC puts Jacob Zuma first!!!! Surely they should be putting the people who vote for them first.....

Reference 1 - 13.72% Coverage
In many organisations, you can't micro-manage everyone. it should be every persons responsibility that
they are competent enough to do the work without having to have someone come and check on them
every 5 minutes. Obviously this guy was no exception and just wanted to be lazy and get paid while
doing so.

Reference 1 - 92.41% Coverage
Who cares about what happens in parliament, unless those people who are so bored they don't know
what to do with themselves. And, only time will tell People had high hopes with COPE but look what
happened?

Reference 1 - 79.09% Coverage
It's not about colour it's about good bad clever stupid yes no good bad. Taker or giver

Reference 1 - 2.12% Coverage
Money and answers

Reference 1 - 94.56% Coverage
In order for the nation to strive - the government shouldn’t provide us with a "fish" ...instead they should
 teach us methods of catching that "fish" which enables us to be able to be dependent and allows them
to focus on other fields that require improvements and restructuring

Reference 1 - 23.19% Coverage
Guess they didn't wanna make it look too obvious

Reference 1 - 0.09% Coverage
And his resignation

Reference 1 - 9.91% Coverage
Dear Mr Nzimande, perhaps R264 million is not a huge amount to you, but for us as taxpayers it's rather
a large amount. Just as example, in the UK a senior government official resigned today. She claimed
R85 000 on her housing allowance which she was not supposed to do. She was caught out, asked to
pay back the amount and decided to resign. That's how a government should operate. There should be
no room for officials like these in ANY government and if one is guilty of such misconduct this is what
should happen.

Reference 2 - 0.73% Coverage
I doubt whether answers will be given.

Reference 1 - 0.43% Coverage
Like they promised to pay the CTICC's bill but didn't?

Reference 1 - 90.07% Coverage
I am proud to be associated with a party that includes all the race groups. That is what makes us a
rainbow nation. I am proud to be part of something that stands against corruption and doesn't sell out its
values for KFC, food parcels or birthday cake.

Reference 1 - 86.93% Coverage
I think comrade Makhura will take GP to another level, as for comrade Zuma and Nomvula Mokonyane time 4 them 2 resign 2 their post!!!

Reference 1 - 11.08% Coverage
Kunene & McKenzie as spokespersons made quite a boodle with this one. A matter of, practice what you preach.

Reference 1 - 0.43% Coverage
DENY AND FAILURE!

Reference 1 - 10.31% Coverage
Plunder, murder, rape, pillage, destroy, steal, corrup.... that's the cancer version of “fight back”

Reference 1 - 2.29% Coverage
If empty vessels make the loudest noise, what do empty promises do?

Reference 1 - 6.58% Coverage
Contrary to belief puss sinks to the bottom

Reference 1 - 69.05% Coverage
The People's People

Reference 1 - 45.76% Coverage
Legal beneficiary, she never stole anything....her companies are rendering good service to the government...

Reference 1 - 87.87% Coverage
Lol shame on u black u voted them again lol "i don't expect 2 c service delivery protest“ Remember Nomvula was MEC of Gauteng dept. of housing during that time,& she knew very well about it da problem is she 4got about Diepsloot after being so called primer

Reference 1 - 5.20% Coverage
Maybe if they spent more time working and less time in the queue at KFC they might have finished already?

Reference 1 - 13.51% Coverage
With the BS he usually speaks we can't tell the difference anyway

Reference 1 - 4.96% Coverage
It's all wrong isn't it? Who did the forensic report that was handed to the Hawks? Given the track record of the ANC, does this surprise anybody?

Reference 1 - 13.28% Coverage
You've proven over and over that you're incapable of judging their competency levels.
Hehe that deputy guy is so clueless, uninspiring etc. I've heard him on several interviews just after he was elected. I just don't know why they elected him there. Maybe it's because of the role he played during the DA fiasco. He is the one that briefed the media asking for Ramphele to come back.

Maladministration

Pass the buck, wasn't me, know nothing, same old story

Just look at the lot and look at their records, Pathetic.

Maladministration

That she is, so sad that one person has more integrity than the rest of the party combined.

Just another uncivil servant

Shills, really pathetic toothless shills, the cadres can't do anything right.

Lol what's next, like uh, can matriculates mark their own exams too?
Trust me, even had there not been apartheid, you would of messed this country up 20 times worse.

Yes, a finely crafted and ring bound Manual with wise principles and clear instructions would do a job infinitely better than the current encumbrances, Pravin and not-so-Clever Trevor included ;-)

You must either be a very tired or very lazy person because all that's on your mind is sleep. But then I guess like every other primate that's what you do when you're at work?

I am sure they can improve on the rate of decline further still......

Ask the minister of sports, apparently he knows a few witches.

Unfortunately you did not understand Archbishop Magoba's words. Zuma is not singled out but as head of his team he has answer. It is him who benefited with the support of his team from the Nkandla improvements. It is him who leads and protects his team! He will always have the full support of them because otherwise they fall with him. As a religious leader Archbishop Magoba is preaching moral and ethical and is very entitled to point at immoral and in-ethnic conduct.

Wrong! Made in Nkandla

For a communist (who supposedly believe in equality), this guy is spending a lot of moral energy defending a R246 Million expenditure on one man...

"Despite the exhaustive and complex internal process of identifying capable representatives for this ad hoc committee, we are pleased that we were able to submit these recommended names today" Yes- it takes a while to identify the Zoomer backers these days...

The future won’t be any better. The 2 Billion shopping centre at Nkandla has been approved, and Zuma is on the board of directors building it. That’s 2 Billion that could have been spent on service delivery. (R2000, 000,000)

And some change left from Nkandla compound.

Nkandla was 200 million for Zummaaahhsepoes. Barry was asking about Juliarses 16 million.

Showerhead has tried too hard. He's going to have to find about R60M to pay back to state coffers PLUS the VAT which is R8.4M in itself. Realistically with his slow puncture he won't live long enough for that to happen. So I suggest we send the clerk of the court to attach his assets (aka Nkandla compound) and auction it off to repay the state and SARS. After all, that's what happens to ordinary people that can't repay their debt.

62% of South Africans don’t have problem with Nkandla, what is this nonsense of you complaining

"Kloof is a strategic entry point not a national key point” Zuma. And Nkandla is a national key point.
Wanted: Scapegoat to take the blame for misspending R240 million. Perks included a weekend away at Nkandla, free tuckshop access, fire pool privileges and spousal wives access (if you can ward off the Nigerian boyfriends). Also included is bi-annual poo dumping in the gold Nkandla presidential toilets and 24x7 shower accesses. Skills required: limited brain function (a knat will do), previous DA deployment would be advantageous, lying and deception skills. Preference will be given to previously terminal financial advisors and police chiefs in accordance with BEE legislation.

Reference 2 - 7.36% Coverage
The building has been going on since 2009 that PLENTY of time!

Reference 1 - 81.68% Coverage
Viva to that. Y is your president takin Thuli Madonsela to court if he has nothing to do with Nkandla palace?

Reference 1 - 0.52% Coverage
So the entire extended family and cattle?

Reference 1 - 28.21% Coverage
Well Jacob did say only the clever people have a problem with Nkandla, so if you don't have a problem you must be stupid, Jacobs' words not mine

Reference 1 - 5.64% Coverage
Nkandla is a Tripartheid crime against the citizens of SA that the puppet is supposed to represent. It would seem that the CANCer has gone one step worse than the NP's apartheid, where apartheid benefitted an entire race group. Tripartheid has been tailored to benefit a single political party, the CANCer and allow them to get away with fast foods, fancu palaces, parties at the state's expense and in the case of the puppet's Baas, Nzimande, as many luxury cars as he desires. I don't see the average citizen looked after at all.

Reference 1 - 90.13% Coverage
I give u this "mirror" i take your land and fire pool and kraal... U dumb fuks... Now you want to complain about colonisation... Eahahahaha

Reference 1 - 34.02% Coverage
Yeah.... Problem is, if he ever gets to visit Nkandla, he won't be able to actually SEE anything, because his head will be so far up Zuma's A$$!!!!!!

Reference 1 - 61.43% Coverage
The fire pool is for blacks only, watch out

Reference 1 - 3.77% Coverage
Maybe he'll get Nkandla - after all, it is effectively the property of government/taxpayers so it'll be up for grabs once Zumbos out!!

Reference 1 - 5.39% Coverage
Resolving this problem is extremely easy - all the government has to do is to acknowledge the already well known facts about Nkandla. As long as they try to duck and dive, hide, deny, give some kind of childish excuse it means they don't acknowledge the very reason for the report.

Reference 1 - 31.27% Coverage
That's half a billion votes for each Rand spent on Nkandla - that's quite an investment

Reference 1 - 13.50% Coverage
President Jacob Zuma was stalling for 9 months. How is that Thuli's fault? Your party would have been in safer waters (further from elections) if there wasn't such a big cover up for so many months. And SIU was complete before The President's response.

Reference 2 - 4.66% Coverage
Even so maybe Zuma should stop fixing his "house" because it is costing us too much....
Reference 1 - 73.53% Coverage
It is a security upgrade and you are not allowed to know where the money is coming from and what the upgrade is actually going to entail. The security cluster will issue a statement once the upgrade is nearly complete. I hope this clears your doubts!

Reference 1 - 6.92% Coverage
“We at new Omo Auto Washing Powder laboratories have been challenging south Africans to bring us their toughest stains... let’s see what challenge Grant Pascoe has for us...” “It’s a Nkandla stain...”

Reference 1 - 40.85% Coverage
I recommend a proper witch hunt Salem-style is in order - and hang, draw, quarter then burn at the stake anyone and anything who has had anything to do with this parasitic oxygen-thieving Nkandla family. A demonstration with you for starters so everyone knows how to proceed....

Reference 1 - 9.86% Coverage
He didn’t fail at building his compound

Reference 1 - 8.11% Coverage
Gee, an ANC-loaded committee. Wonder what they’ll find?

Reference 1 - 0.34% Coverage
What are they going to discuss anyway? The PP’s report is in. Is the purpose of the committee to pick holes in it?

Reference 1 - 41.87% Coverage
I’ll save them the trouble (and taxpayers’ money): The President will not pay for something that he didn’t ask for. With that being said, we see no wrongdoing, on our fearless leader’s part. What a bloody sham!

Reference 1 - 94.23% Coverage
After GP lets go n tackle Nkandla y judicial keep on protecting this man, I regret 4 not going 4 a change i tot they are blackmailing him. The truth go there your self that’s a palace thinking if it can be union building can occupy every 1.he knew that will screw that’s y he is building himself a hole to hide when times are hard wake up smell the tea.....SOUTH AFRICA

Reference 1 - 4.40% Coverage
"Zuma does not have a huge household funded by tax payer money’ that’s more like the truth. President Zuma built himself a home and additions were made by the government and some of these were security related while others, as stated in the Public Protector’s, report do not qualify as such. My compatriot let's desist from creating our own versions of Madonsela' report. The rest of the things you say are just good music to the ears of your anti-ANC buddies and is really of no political discourse significance

Reference 2 - 6.39% Coverage
If it was indeed the truth that the DA sought or the Public Protector was true to her mandate we would not be wasting our time on the Nkandla matter beyond the processes currently underway to address it. My point is that the DA is baying for President Zuma’s blood to cast doubts on the ANC’s credibility as an organisation worthy of the following and support it has on account of its choice of leaders. Thuli Madonsela was also ‘lawyer mischievous’ when she suggested that Nkamalala MUST pay even when she, herself, had said that he and his family UNDULY BENEFITED. She knew exactly what this would mean to anyone believing President Zuma had played foul. Now if you ask me this smirks of ulterior motives in both cases rather than quest for the truth

Reference 3 - 7.34% Coverage
You are so concerned about this castigation effect that you lose yourself in the process. It is neither President Zuma nor the ANC who said ‘... upgrades to Nkandla were just security upgrades ...’. That’s a lie and you know it. When and for which project did President Zuma appoint his own architect? If you want to claim this architect was appointed for the ‘security upgrade’ project then you are lying that he was appointed by him. Look elsewhere as to who appointed him for that. ‘Unduly benefitted’ needs no interpretation and I understand the clause very well? That simple means that Msholozi received benefits that were not due to him but the fact of the matter is that he was not party to the decision that gave
them. Implying that Msholozi should own up to omissions and/or commissions of those involved in the project is the real essence of the 'baying'

Reference 4 - 10.68% Coverage
David you still miss the point and I know this is because you are desperately trying to believe the lies you write. Do you, by ‘... the same Zuma that not only appointed his own architect ... ’ mean that this architect was appointed by President Zuma as part of a government project or he was an architect on site having worked or was working with/for him on other ongoing projects in this place. If you mean ‘... was appointed by President Zuma as part of a government project ... ’ then you are lying again as you contradict yourself when you base it on ‘... the PP pointed out to the courts that Minenhle Makhanya became the go-between and de facto principal agent in its implementation of the ‘security upgrades ... ’ and that’s why I told you to look elsewhere for his appointment to the ‘new’ role. I think instead of accusing me of ‘blind loyalty’ you should try to consider your overzealous endeavor to force wrong parts to a puzzle game. You also make reckless statements like ‘... the PP pointed out to the courts ... ’ to lend credibility and give substance to your pathetic argument. As a ‘Brain Donor’ I think whoever were to receive my brain would be happy to have a working one than one that is perpetually frozen by icy lies and propaganda

Reference 1 - 14.15% Coverage
I would like to know what all these committee’s and investigations have cost. I’m sure it’s more than Nkandla by now but less than to highway to Nkandla I think their job is to “seek clarity” - I mean how on earth did Madonsela find out so much, after all the interference they ran?

Reference 1 - 2.99% Coverage
Truth is it’s not a fire pool. It’s a dip tank for the presidential heifers.

Reference 2 - 17.29% Coverage
Everyone is aware that Msholozi received unfair benefits. If he didn’t notice the upgrades going into Nkandla, then he is unfit to be president. If he noticed and did nothing to stop the process, he is unfit to be president. If he noticed and thought that there was no wrongdoing in the process, then he is unfit to be president. He has done nothing to correct the issue. He is guilty of knowingly receiving benefits to which he is not entitled.

Reference 1 - 95.53% Coverage
No honestly among thieves! We already know what the findings will be - Zuma did nothing wrong and he didn’t ask for any of the upgrades...blablabla... Best we can hope for is a well panned fire in their conference room with no survivors

Reference 1 - 53.15% Coverage
This ad hoc committee will come out with no difference, How can we expect ANC to speak against their president?@ list to me if all the opposition parties can come together and force this matter through electoral court and constitutional court for elections not to take place before Zuma appear before the national assembly to explain Nkandla saga.

Abuse of power
Reference 1 - 97.85% Coverage
The public protector finding must be discussed in parliament between members and only after that can the issue then be brought before court if there is no consensus, the CDP president must understand the system before he talks. So this thing of taking the public protector to court is a delaying tactic for the ANC. Mr Jacob is not a credible individual to hold the highest office in the land despite the Nkandla issue and that’s my personal opinion. Auditor general found the Billions were missed used but yet we still miss the point and I know this is because you are desperately trying to believe the lies you write. Do you, by ‘... the same Zuma that not only appointed his own architect ... ’ mean that this architect was appointed by President Zuma as part of a government project or he was an architect on site having worked or was working with/for him on other ongoing projects in this place. If you mean ‘... was appointed by President Zuma as part of a government project ... ’ then you are lying again as you contradict yourself when you base it on ‘... the PP pointed out to the courts that Minenhle Makhanya became the go-between and de facto principal agent in its implementation of the ‘security upgrades ... ’ and that’s why I told you to look elsewhere for his appointment to the ‘new’ role. I think instead of accusing me of ‘blind loyalty’ you should try to consider your overzealous endeavor to force wrong parts to a puzzle game. You also make reckless statements like ‘... the PP pointed out to the courts ... ’ to lend credibility and give substance to your pathetic argument. As a ‘Brain Donor’ I think whoever were to receive my brain would be happy to have a working one than one that is perpetually frozen by icy lies and propaganda

Reference 1 - 94.37% Coverage
Even in the darkest days of Apartheid I never witnessed political spectacles and hysteria that reminded me of the Nazis and their mindless mobs as the rallies (rally’s?) we are experiencing in South Africa at present I love my country. I am ashamed of its politicians

Reference 1 - 13.74% Coverage
Can't say I feel sorry for her. She looks like a woman of low morals and called votes from Bekkersdal residents dirty. Dirty is a word that best describes her.

They were celebrating, racking up R82 000 bills in restaurants that they did not pay.....

That's brazen arrogance for you, I guess similar to the Nkandla brazen arrogance. The untouchables actually not much difference between this lot and the mob bosses of the past.

As Jacob said "Dont think you are a Klevaah" and ask me questions!!

Amazing how ANC people think. Zuma faces 783 charges of fraud, corruption and racketeering and he dodges going to court with the help of the ANC. A young man who speaks his mind is arrested on trumped up charges and people in the ANC are now salivating in anticipation of seeing him going to jail. That is definitely a travesty of justice and will not be unpunished forever.

Blood Sucking Leech!

We are getting closer and closer, day by day...I prescribe yummy juice drips, for all tax payers!

This is torture P.

Low morals and happy to abuse taxpayers money - R50 000 to upgrade her swimming pool!! Thrilled she's gone, but surely there was someone stronger than Mekgwe?!
Of course they do. It's how they stay in power!

Why does he have to rub his wealth in the noses of the miners? Why can't he arrive in a Toyota wearing Mr Price?

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Politics aside, the sad part about PE is that it was once such a nice place. I'm an old bastard and from oz. but have many fond memories of my 7 years living in such a wonderful city. I could never understand why the genius's running the place mowed down the historic area of south end and built some of the worlds ugliest freeways on top of the historic waterfront, still, I guess they knew what they were doing.

Expensive road tariff

Remove E-Tolls now!!!! They have made us poorer. Food prices have also increased.

E tolls crippled Gauteng votes.

Must pay e-tolls -> may pay e-tolls.

Tersia Agree. I get my past and I am grateful. But I am getting sick and tired of the rand going backwards. My tiers always need to be replaced coz my government won't fix the roads but I pay e-tolls and tax getting tired quickly.

Electricity outage

Wow the electricity is gone at work. For those who voted ANC this is what happens if you don't listen to other parties. Believe me it has implicated a negative impact (electricity shut down at one of the tallest buildings in SA). Mashele knows what I am talking about

Tax payment

Every troller is an employer and pays VAT We know.
Malcolm's taxes are in order: it is those of the Ratanang Trust that are in disarray. Remember, if the over 1 million supporters of EFF donate R16 each then the R16m tax settlement would be raised in the blink of an eye.

The only way in which to accomplish the late great Nelson Mandela's goals for South Africa would be to forgive the past as this cannot be changed. We can however change the present and the future so instead of making comments that provokes hate and racial divide I suggest you all do something to make the future better for all South Africans. Learn from the mistakes people made from History...go back study the History of South Africa. See where they went wrong and Change it for your children and your children's children. Only peace leads to prosperity so be a good South African and do what's right. Love and Peace!

Time to let go of BEE and AA, It's done it purpose or it needs complete reconstruction, what Helen Zille said

You asked, I will answer. During apartheid most whites were against apartheid and were also victimised as a result. The reason you don't know this is because it obviously wasn't publicised. I ask you this, where were all the blacks? There are millions more than whites but only a handful of blacks were involved, or they got children to stand in the front line. Helen Zille was there and was involved during those times people were a lot more civil in their actions (except the murderous ANC who placed bombs amongst civilians and killed children). You are clearly racist because you say that Helen Zille is an intelligent leader but for you she is still white, and by saying that you are admitting that you would never vote for a white person clearly racist because you say that Helen Zille is an intelligent leader but for you she is still white, and by saying that you are admitting that you would never vote for a white person - that's racism and as long as the majority have your attitude, there can NEVER be reconciliation.
White people seem to be content with the same; it's the world we live in.

Because there are only 8 of them; if there were 10, then they could have 1 mlungu, since they're about 10% of the population. So the whiteys just missed the cut, they should have tried harder to get their mlungu friends to vote ANC, it's their fault.

Jews claim that they're Hebrews. Arabs

As long as the level of inequality persists then people will continue to vote along racial lines. As long as people continue to insult other races on platforms such as this one then people will continue to vote along racial lines. as long as people resist transformation policies then people will continue to vote along racial lines.

Patricia de Lille is white? Someone tell the PAC!

My goodness! U a special STUPID you are more racist than any white person I have ever met

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Are you Racist?

To you anyone that is black looks like an animal to you. That is a sign of deeply rooted racism

He is just a black PW Botha.

Little white lie... (a f**t racist?)

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Not based on race... no... because it isn't just blacks that are poor

And let me remind you that no white man will lead South Africa." Oh no your right, your next president will be a white woman. By the way black man's country, do you know your history? Or are you just to stupid?

Mboni represents the racist future of the country. Xenophobic racist future I think you hate whites because you suffer from an inferiority complex syndrome. Or maybe you are just not a nice person.

So you voted by race and for economic progress. You look a picture and call a person white. You know nothing about me and my race but you are quick to judge a book by its cover. Read the whole book next time.

Mboni you are a racist. Educated people have learnt to move beyond racism. Go back and learn some more. You are stuck with hate.

Never saw one black person during my trip to Camps or Clifton, maybe that's another area your precious DA could address. Whites only signs were the only thing missing.

Free chicken meals. I need not reply, seems you're a first class racist or am I wrong?

I don't wanna accuse you of being or sounding racist or something; but I get confused by Chinese too :)

As if you are an intellectual. You are just a confused racist moron

I am not your friend racist k@nt

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Yes, white.

I am not your friend racist k@nt

Dangerous mixture for whites, racist leader uneducated blacks...

I am not your friend racist k@nt

This is the issue they conveniently overlook this ignorant folk, and their inability to accept or respect that others may have differing political stand point, they want to be right always, they behave like in apartheid, they ONLY just want to see us not interact never mind talking WITH us, how can we iron out our differences if they try to shut us down and push down their opinions down our throats? Have you seen how hostile they all become if you have a differing opinion to theirs?

Spell my name correctly Zipper Z. Me racist? Is this supposed to be blackmail? Good. What do you say to 98% whites that vote white led DA and FF+? If these people are not racists' bigots, then I am the dumbest racist fool in the entire world
You white???

Reference 1 - 18.76% Coverage
What you are dreaming about above is not going to happen for at least another 1,000 years in SA... i just watched SA Decides on ANN7 talking about affirmative action... 1 white guy from AfriForum and all the rest blacks... i have never seen such racism amongst the blacks which was open and totally accepted... the poor white guy was trying very hard to show their stance as not being racist but believe me he had no chance amongst these racists blacks. i suppose we must just keep our mouths shut and take the sh%t with a smile.

Reference 1 - 6.42% Coverage
Just as a matter of interest, why is any criticism of the ANC "racist"? http://mg.co.za/article/2014-04-22-00-battle-for-next-anc-top-six-begins

Reference 1 - 3.70% Coverage
Sorry, the ANC have legislation to exclude us Arsh. Are you also not discriminated against?

Reference 1 - 2.09% Coverage
Very funny. He's rabid with hate, the racist.

Reference 1 - 96.14% Coverage
He is exactly like Zuma and 65% voters. He hates whites! HAVE ANY BLACK PEOPLE TAKEN HIM ON FOR HIS RACIST REMARKS?! Of cause not if it wasn't for Tutu I would have thought ALL black people hate whites

Reference 1 - 84.09% Coverage
As long as there are race based policies, most voters will continue to vote along racial lines. It has to do with trying to preserve one's interest.

Reference 1 - 18.08% Coverage
And THAT is the kind of attitude that will get you nowhere in life, you racist sod!

Reference 1 - 93.29% Coverage
The Ruling Party is promoting racism, in their campaigns and the strategies they use in Western Cape; u could see their politics is based in Black majority. Their leaders call DA racists, while they are practicing racism, IEC is the most to be blame, but since they are ANC election machinery

Reference 1 - 15.32% Coverage
There is no reverse gear in racism. Racism is racism.

Reference 1 - 11.97% Coverage
Yeah i know...it's just the tired old come-back that is getting over-used again.... that and the worn out racist / apartheid card that is looking much worse for wear.......
What kind of retarded observation is that? Just because the darkies weren't at those beaches means nothing sinister. I once went to a men's public toilet but there was only 1 other person in there and he was white...does that mean that the mall is racist because there were no darkies in the toilet?

Reference 1 - 0.66% Coverage
It's called racism in Reverse Gear...

Reference 1 - 1.81% Coverage
How exactly is Nanunu racist?

Reference 1 - 47.09% Coverage
As long as racism exist in corporate South Africa. The majority will continue to vote for the corrupt ANC

Reference 1 - 80.21% Coverage
Stirer Kathray, You have stated it very succinctly. Congratulations to you!!!

Reference 1 - 12.82% Coverage
And most of the EFF supporters wouldn't? You seem to conveniently ignore the EFF rage at finding lost ballot papers and blaming the ANC for rigging the vote. It's not just "most whites". So please stop with this incessant racism.

Reference 2 - 10.14% Coverage
That is actually a misconception. The road outwards is not open due to all the corruption and fraud with regard to fake and false ID books and passports. Add to that the pass mark of only 30% at grade 12 level (Matric) and you effectively have a group of people (the majority) that cannot leave by legal means even if they wanted to. My tears are shed for a country that is hell-bent on seeing skin colour. The whites think the blacks are morons, the blacks' think the whites are evil racists and nobody stops to look underground in the mines where there is no skin colour. There are only people of all races dependant on each other for survival, while being underpaid. But hey, it's much more fun hating on another group as it distracts us from seeing that we are all part of the human race, which makes the concept of racism just plain stupid. Ugh, I don't even know why I try anymore.

Reference 1 - 72.90% Coverage
Hey but that is a racist documentary that slanders a continent and its people.

Reference 1 - 6.45% Coverage
Who cares what crime was committed by this man? Why worry about a 2010 BMW automatic?

Reference 1 - 91.22% Coverage
I dont know if we will get anywhere with current mind set..... I tried to book accommodation for one of my teams this week and was rejected based on the fact that they are black and this so called lodge turned us away but would let my white staff member stay. I have had a long think about it and starting tomorrow I am going to be naming and shaming this lady and her accommodation. .......we have no hope south Africa......

Reference 1 - 73.56% Coverage
I just hope all the DA supporters aren't quite a racist a WPH above.

Reference 1 - 1.38% Coverage
Then go and look again

Reference 2 - 0.69% Coverage
Wise person

Reference 1 - 90.83% Coverage
It's not about race you fool. It's because the ANC and EFF are useless parties full of uneducated idiots that can't deliver any services except for servicing their own pockets. I will never vote for your parties, whether your leader is white, black, coloured, Indian, never ever will I put my vote next to your names!

Reference 1 - 1.91% Coverage
What a dumb comment, let me guess you are not racist.

Reference 1 - 5.20% Coverage
No! No! No! Don't allow yourselves to be dragged into a racist, mud-slinging, below-the-belt argument. We don't deserve this: We are in mourning...

Reference 1 - 88.38% Coverage
"Other" political parties tend to "blame" white counter parts when things go their way. How would think I feel (in your party) when my race group is blamed for all social ills?
To cure racism permanently, one must first address the root problems, which are: stereotypes, unfamiliarity, selfishness, and environmental aspects. When we cure and address those things, we will cure racism as well.

Since there are no names put in these ballot papers how do these political parties know which race voted for them?

Racism will never end, or maybe not in our lifetime.

The constitution is based on race, so what else is expected.

International affairs

African solution to African problems
Reference 1 - 18.93% Coverage
The sooner you stop worrying about Africa the better. Putting Africa before SA was the source of Mbeki's downfall. You were voted by South Africans to serve South Africa and not by Africans who have a long history of anarchy and slave trade which has been rebranded Human Trafficking. Nigerians have been kidnapping and selling men, women, boys and girls for more than 500 years. Go read the Trans-Atlantic Slave trade. Black Americans, Afro Latinos, Afro Europeans and the Caribbeans have been on foreign soil for just over 500 years, they were sold by Nigerians to whites, among other Africans who participated in slave trade. Before Nigerians and other Africans started selling their own to whites, they were selling them to Arabs. Go do some reading on Arab Slave Trade. Tanzania, Kenya, DRC, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, northern Mozambique, Zambia all participated in that. Angola, Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal, Congo Brazzaville, DRC, CAR, Mali, Guinea etc. all participated in the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. SA, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe were not affected by slave trade. South Africa is not going to solve Africa's problems; we don't have time and resources for that. What SA can and should do is to deport illegal immigrants from all these countries and deploy the army to guard our borders. You don't see Nigerians going up in arms over this because they know that the culture of kidnapping and slave trade is deep rooted in their history. Many see no problem with this. Why is everybody making noise now, when Nigeria has baby farms all over the country? By the time those girls are found they will be pregnant, married, slaughtered for rituals or beaten to death. That's life in Nigeria. Rich educated Nigerian slaughter children for their satanic rituals and that is not considered murder in Nigeria and has been the case for centuries. Cannibalism is rife in Nigeria. Nigerians eat dog meat. Five African presidents told Mandela not to get involved in Nigeria's issues, saying that Nigerians have their own way of solving their problems. This was during the Abacha-Abiola fiasco. Mandela couldn't just sit and do nothing, he tried but had to rest his case and close the chapter on Nigeria when Ken Saro Wiwa got executed. A furious Mandela would not entertain Nigeria for the duration of his term as president. It was Thabo Mbeki who took the SA-Nigeria relations out of the deep freezer and tried to defrost them but Nigeria would still not come to the party, they are now all over SA trying to warm the relations. To SA politicians, South Africa must always come first, now and forever...!

Reference 1 - 91.57% Coverage
@ Comrade. Some harsh words there brother!! But let me tell you this, we "white scum" build this country. When our ancestors arrived here, your ancestors were playing with stones. We taught you how to build. But do not worry the day will come when we will leave this country. We will take our money and leave for Europe. What will happen to you and your brothers??? We'll just have a look at the rest of Africa...

Reference 1 - 0.96% Coverage
Or other countries mistakes

Reference 1 - 10.89% Coverage
You right!!! In Europe where your ancestors come from, they will do that. This is Africa, if you don't like what is happening, OR Tambo International is calling.

African political affairs

Reference 1 - 7.28% Coverage
Wonder how long before the religion of 'peace' haha wanders into your 'hood??? Bombs going off in Kenya, finishing off tourism quite nicely, sharia law in Nigeria replaces schools watch, yes these pillars of virtue are on the march so I would definitely get the hell out before that nasty lot arrive and finish off tourism in SA, EGYPT has never recovered, people won't risk it, being blown up on the beaches isn't attractive,

Reference 1 - 4.94% Coverage
This is funny and typically African. Hahaha

Reference 1 - 1.67% Coverage
You have to admit that we are also paying the price for the mismanagement of Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Somalia, Nigeria, Ethiopia...to name a few. There is no doubt that the general consensus is that taxpayers are willing to build, we all benefit, but really, to then be scr@wed in the way the ruling party does, is too much. The villains here are not the taxpayers, it is the ANC.

Reference 1 - 75.70% Coverage
Rules, regulations and process of formulating a new party needs to be re-visited.

Reference 1 - 0.83% Coverage
It's the African "big man" way...

Reference 1 - 3.09% Coverage
Un, refugees, not foreigners, what else do you want to call them when a province falls apart and moves to the only functioning province in the area, the PC term of economic migrants? Further, consultation fees of R10 billion is inaccurate, they have spent since 2009 what most provinces spend in a year. Governments just do not have the capacity to organise everything, ergo, consultants.

That's right Africa, carry on showing the rest of the world how stupid and unintelligent Africans are! Well done! Viva!

African leaders discussing Nigeria's internal problems IN FRANCE, what a joke

They are not black at all and yes they don't have the support of black people because the weak minds should always be under someone else, either blacks or whites.

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In Africa that is seen as a sign of weakness. It is not about morals, only winners. You join the winning party - simple - it does not matter if they take everything you have, they are strong and therefore deserve support.

Yes they must be told that. How can they expect to be paid salaries like those in other countries when they are in Africa? Now they want the mine to open their books. Who are they to want to know in detail the profits the mine makes? They have to work double so that the stocks can come back to correct levels.

The NP government is/was light years ahead in terms of thieving, deceit, atrocities and every inhuman thing that a mind can conceive against the indigenous, the ANC learnt from the best, deal with the monster you have created

Check out Venezuela and Zimbabwe which are the two countries/economies they have based the policies on

A pretty picture you have painted here. Crimson is a stunning colour on a backdrop of a dusty African road

Blunt, you can only be born into privilege when your people have the vision and capability to create wealth, what excuse does the rest of Africa have?

If people in Africa would vote as an individual and not vote as they are told to vote for, we would see a totally different continent. African countries would be able to sustain themselves and not have their begging bowls out for the world to top up. They would not have to rely on the rest of the world to feed
their poor. It is for this reason that people continue to vote for the same leaders who keep them oppressed, because they know they will always have their support because the people know no better. Nothing different here, our people vote to keep the wheels of the gravy train well oiled. Five years time, food parcels will arrive, the leaders will come and tell them a good story and they believe them, and after their vote is cast in stone they are forgotten. Ignorance is bliss and Zuma has just admitted that it’s only the clever people who are problematic, now I wonder why, it is because they can see through him and his shenanigans, so that means he prefers his voters dumb because they swallow all his lies, therefore he can sleep well at night.

National security

Reference 1 - 31.82% Coverage
The ANC is more cults the political party. The group displays excessively zealous and unquestioning commitment to its leader. The leader is not accountable to any authorities. The group has a polarized us-versus-them mentality, which may cause conflict with the wider society. These are just some of the many cult characteristics that the ANC displays. White hate is being perpetuated on an almost daily basis by ANC elders. Surely this is a worrying sign. War will soon be upon us!

Law and order

Reference 1 - 1.07% Coverage
“A lawless, poorly-governed state” We are there already...

Reference 1 - 2.67% Coverage
Hope our Parliament does not turn into a “banana Parliament”
When Malema transgresses the rules and the speaker orders him to leave the chamber, will he leave or will they have to carry him out. That will be hilarious to watch.

Don't talk nonsense! What law are you talking about which presumes someone guilty until proven innocent? And which case are you talking about because in a separate but related case Malema's alleged corruptors were recently acquitted and released? You obviously know nothing about that being blinded by your hatred of Julius. Do yourself a favour and try and get your facts right before you venture into this debate.

LAW maker face music, are u out of your mind?

I wouldn't love to have this guy in court as my lawyer, as he would walk away if the judge reprimands him....

They both belong in jail.

Yes but for many years before that they ignored the problem, and besides, as I say, it is a definite occupational hazard, I don't think you'd get a court to see it differently.

No I am pretty much saying what the LAW is saying. You heard of that?

That's true to you and me. But there are people who still live (d) in mud huts and drink/drank dirty tunnel and river water until the ANC builds/ built RDP houses and installed tap water for them, as well as electrified their houses. You and I take those things for granted, but not unsophisticated people. They point at those things and say: "This is what the ANC has done for me to change my life." That the ANC is stealing etc., is of no consequence to them. They live very simple lives, ANC don't understand complexities such as GDP, taxation, etc. Two years ago my elderly in-laws believed other parties will revoke their old age social grants - the lies propagated by the ANC. I explained to them the ANC was not doing them any favours, and that any other party will be obliged by the constitution to pay social grants to them. That information enabled them to change their vote. That's the information most people do not have.
Be careful!! Do you have: 1. a gun; 2. a torch; 3. a dog; 4. Pepper spray?? : P

I thought they were only looking after the wealthy? See, someone has been fibbing!!

Do you own a gun by any chance, and have you checked your GAD status lately??

Yep. Sunny too SA closes down Lights on. Doors locked Safe for the night? All locked down?

In the same cell with big brother camera, I will be watching with popcorn.

and how is the investigation going into irregular tenders and maladministration ... Im sure the ANC will be able to assist you in this ... as far as Im aware the investigation isn't complete and you haven't been exonerated as yet.

Criminals cannot arrest criminals???

Absolutely, Democracy without strong (official) opposition is a dictatorship.

A good strong opposition party can only be good for ordinary South Africans. Just the same as, competition in retail and banking best serves consumers. Anyone that says otherwise either does not understand democracy or prefers dictatorship

Seems like you darkies also believe only white is good. Remember how you complained when you had to go to school with your own darkies and had to have black teachers only? Remember how you cried about being able to live next to whites and complained when you couldn't eat at white owned restaurants? Seems like you orangutans were the ones who believe only white is good, not us. Viva's backside!

Everyone should have enough moolah; I think everyone can agree on that.

Appendix 5: Dishonesty

The same friend you supposedly gave your sisters ID could have electronically voted on her behalf. And that makes it right? Like voting on behalf of your dead mother, sister or cousin?

Everyone should have enough moolah; I think everyone can agree on that.
Are you out of your mind! They should starve!!!!!! As for capitalism I'm sure you enjoy many of its inventions - after all it's not an animal skin I see you wearing in that photo and let's not even mention the technology you used to take the photo, post the tripe you did etc., etc.!!!PS Capitalism doesn't need SA. The lesson to be had may very well be your own!

Corruption

The mine bosses live in luxury, the union bosses live in more luxury and the workers are starving, welcome to South Africa

Now we know where all the donations for the strike is going

I agree the union bosses enrich themselves while the workers are starving.

ANC cannot satisfy everyone – Gigaba but the cadres are there to satisfy maggot Jacob and their own greed

There's not enough elbow room for corruption and the IEC and their ANC buddies now that. It'll never happen, sadly. Not until Jesus comes anyway

The miners are starving. Some are malnourished, and they can't take the medicine for their chronic and life-threatening diseases. Time to stop moaning and make some sacrifices AMCU workers!! Death is a small price to pay to ensure that Joseph Mathunjwa is made rich!

He is fighting for the luxury life!! As Zuma said...vote ANC and ensure a better life for Jacob Zuma. AMCU members must starve for a better life for Joseph Mathunjwa

You see this is the problem the people protecting the public interest are made to look like fools while the corrupt ask for time and move on with their lives. Zuma must pay - end of story.

You see there are still decent people in the country who want to make SA a better place to live.

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The truth about Nkandla yet they are time Nkandla came out, there would've been no issue cos he was no he mine bosses but rather the mine security upgrade. Even the Midenhle Makhanya to plan the buildings so deny all you want you can't change reality. Prove to keep the Public Protector's report on Zuma introduction of the “security upgrades” at Nkandla after Zuma introduced him (Midenhle Makhanya) to the official government team. Did you read the report or are you just making up your own “facts”? Zuma got a FC UKING swimming pool in the name of a security upgrade. Even the dimmest of idiots would immediately see and agree that that is benefiting unduly so what makes you so different, Brain Donor? See, your blind loyalty has actually removed your ability to perceive reality. Have you read “Animal Farm”?

Mate, so if the ANC didn't say the Nkandla upgrades were security, are opposition MPs being appointed to the cabinet? Remember when the security cluster wanted to keep the Public Protector’s report on Nkandla confidential because it was all high security and right at the last moment the PP pointed out to the courts that Midenhle Makhanya became the go-between and de facto principal agent of the government in its implementation of the “security upgrades” at Nkandla after Zuma introduced him (Midenhle Makhanya) to the official government team. Did you read the report or are you just making up your own “facts”? Zuma got a FC UKING swimming pool in the name of a security upgrade. Even the dimmest of idiots would immediately see and agree that that is benefiting unduly so what makes you so different, Brain Donor? See, your blind loyalty has actually removed your ability to perceive reality. Have you read “Animal Farm”?

Mugabe also won his election and look were Zim is. Have any of you even bothered to read what the parties stand for? Madiba’s wishes was for us all to work together and go forward. I would most definitely vote ANC if that was what they stood for. But the truth is service delivery and corruption is showing a different story. We can change all that with an informed vote. But to say DA will bring apartheid back, and then we have no hope as people got no idea what a party stands for, did you asked them before you made that comment? If you are happy with failed services then hell please keep on voting for them, it's no longer a race thing, it's about morels and what people stand for.

In fact, when his 783 cases were brought up they should have taken notice. When the arms deal was brought up they should have then already thought oh boy we gotta get rid of him now, then came Gupta gate, and at that stage those idiots in ANC should have just seriously realised that they screwed up by letting him continue, so by the time Nkandla came out, there would’ve been no issue cos he was no longer leading the pack of thieves cos he had stolen it all but had no more access to state coffers.....their own fault.. ANC own up....you SKREWED UP by keeping this despot in control...

Sadly it is a South African thing. The blue print of theft, deceit, propaganda, lies, denial and theft and indulging in an entitlement mind set has been with South Africa since the day of Piet Retief. Is there no end to this?

Just like on The Animal Farm, the stupid workers will feed the fat grub, because they believe that the more they support, the better off they, themselves will appear!! The same happens over and over again all over black Africa as the dumb masses allow themselves to be fooled and charmed by clever (criminal), fat, lazy leaders!!

I think that the comparison was not between the mine workers and the mine bosses but rather the mine bosses and the union leaders. The questions is rather, are the union leaders actually trying to better the lives of the workers in the long term or are they only using the situation to line their own pockets.

And what about all that BEE money that has greased her palms, eh?
So she rejects BEE patronage on the one hand but receives R50m from BEE deals on the other? Hypocrite Also, she served as non-exec mostly - not really value added or a job, is it?

Reference 3 - 1.80% Coverage
"ANC is a thief", says beneficiary of ZAR50, 000,000 from failed BEE deals...

Reference 4 - 2.48% Coverage
There is a widespread belief that it is ok if blacks steal from blacks. Only the whites /Indians complain

Reference 5 - 4.40% Coverage
Eric, I cannot dispute your personal experiences, but the overwhelming majority of our electorate voted for a party shown to be riddled with corruption, theft, nepotism, greed and so on.

Reference 6 - 4.66% Coverage
62% vote for the ANC in the 2014 Election says otherwise. Sorry to say it, but that is OVERWHELMING support for Nkandla, ZAR30bn (at least) of corruption per annum, Arms Deal, Travel gate and so on

Reference 1 - 37.26% Coverage
An MP in the UK was given the boot over 6000 pounds misused for work on her parents’ house, yet Pinocchio has spent R246 million on his place, bearing in mind that the Nkandla scenario was made public 5 years ago and yet they still spent another R181 million on the place, no the ANC have had enough time to put a stop to this whole thing but chose to ignore the public complaints. And the fact that they were quite happy to keep Thuli waiting 9 months, no F....k them all, we want answers now and Pinocchio to resign right now, he is a disgrace to the original ANC and to the country as a whole

Reference 2 - 5.33% Coverage
They are referred to as ANC supporters, also referred to as Homo Corruptus Idioticus

Reference 1 - 37.76% Coverage
The Nkandla upgrades remain the supreme, and best-preserved, monument to corruption and abuse of power, and there is little the ANC and government can do to whitewash it. Neither can they erase Madonsela’s 443-page report, which documents how the shameful saga unfolded. As with the last-ditch attempt to intervene in the Cosatu crisis, ANC leaders are desperate now to plug holes that could cause damage to the party at the polls. But they clearly should have had that in mind when they were riding high over the past five years, treating voters and taxpayers with disdain. RANJENI MUNUSAMY

Reference 2 - 1.79% Coverage
Loot the beloved Country....

Reference 1 - 93.42% Coverage
A beautiful honest letter to Mr President, BUT, unfortunately my friend, you have got great expectations but while ANC rule, corruption, theft, crime will ALWAYS be first and YOUR people are going to suffer and struggle for the next 20 years. So sorry for your hopes and expectations

Reference 1 - 4.82% Coverage
A thief is not likely to expose another thief, so they are safe with him as the BOSS.

Reference 1 - 46.88% Coverage
Greed of Power

Reference 1 - 9.92% Coverage
ANC will do anything to hold onto their majority..

Reference 1 - 30.19% Coverage
I wouldn’t put it past them. They took Mandela’s legacy and rubbed big piles of sh*t over it.

Reference 1 - 89.60% Coverage
Broke...? So she now only has a R10 million fortune instead of R50-million? Shame, my heart bleeds lumpy custard

Reference 1 - 91.93% Coverage
Shagger The Looser is again misled by Club 13 who treated the ink for the ballot papers Very few voters will take the risk to die when drawing their cross behind a corrupt criminal and rotten ANC picture

Reference 1 - 21.43% Coverage
Going from their track record so far, very few are honest

Reference 1 - 4.41% Coverage
Don’t think they do that. These things are private.
Don't be silly, he's part of the 30%, he wouldn't know where or how to start looking while his chauffer drives him around in his 1.3 million car.

Reference 1 - 90.82% Coverage
Let's see knows name is first on the corruption list in newspaper bet u it will be KZN...

Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [8.74% Coverage]

Let's see knows name is first on the corruption list in newspaper bet u it will be KZN...

Reference 1 - 8.74% Coverage
Should they even go through the process? I mean, South Africans are generally highly intelligent people who know what the outcome is. We don't need another money-sapping, waste-of-time committee to investigate the president, when the public prosecutor has already exposed the wrongdoing.

Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [1.83% Coverage]

So she was busted with the 250 K, then it goes back to wherever it came from. And she keeps her job...

Reference 1 - 9.01% Coverage
Hey, what an idea for a reality programme - The Biggest Looter. Of course, it would have to be aired on a SABC channel.

Reference 1 - § 2 references coded [20.19% Coverage]
There was absolutely no reason for money to have been transferred into Masualle’s account in the 1st place....red flag, corruption spotted no doubt there will be further release of factual evidence of fraud, theft and corruption....watch that space

Reference 2 - 4.54% Coverage
Remember you must always over-take 1.5m away from the spinning cycle....

Reference 1 - 5.83% Coverage
Both are horrible, greedy individuals. They only care about themselves & are using the uneducated poor masses to enrich them.

Reference 1 - 17.93% Coverage
Friends and family were seen buying printers and PCs are macro. Hand printed invoices no longer accepted

Reference 1 - 9.37% Coverage
No different from those riding the government gravy train and zupta

Reference 1 - 63.33% Coverage
Only their pockets

Reference 1 - 3.02% Coverage
And thieves they are. Sadly Ramphele you will not garner many votes in the election.

Reference 2 - 7.05% Coverage
He is helping himself and you will be fed the crumbs of this propaganda. I think you are out of your depth. I don't think you have an idea how far reaching the corruption levels are in government.

Reference 1 - 0.50% Coverage
SA's Top Looters

Reference 1 - 6.84% Coverage
As someone said before.... They would even steal the steam of a turd, on a cold winter's morning!

Reference 1 - 28.72% Coverage
You don't demand disrespect you earn it. When you earn R245 million, everyone will disrespect you. It's called a question of balance. Morality and ethics are ugly words in the world of the thieves, as are transparency, dignity and self-enrichment. The wheel turns slowly but it does turn and it won't be too long now before it gets back to 12 noon or high noon at the corral (kraal)

Reference 1 - 0.44% Coverage
Instead we get corrupt li...

Reference 2 - 0.30% Coverage
Let him help them...

Reference 3 - 2.45% Coverage
Whoever they chose, more than likely be more long-armed-sticky-fingered scumbags, snouts twitching in anticipation as they line up at the trough of public funds...

Reference 4 - 2.48% Coverage
Or a concerned citizen but hey, if you're happy with mediocrity and the misuse of public funds, to the detriment of the people (that includes you too), then go crazy
Dlamini is on record as saying that a congress would cost more than R12 million. Actually about 90% of these are the usual payoffs and gravy the cadres expect as their due. Hell, there is a new Lamborghini out, you know?

Kubi Phand’pha: Oh black child you are really on your own...Since when is he owning three vehicles with a combined estimate value of R900K living in luxury? The 1 care is 12 years old and the X5 4 years simple means he pays them off and gets another one nothing luxurious at all. Obviously the New Age was paid by that corrupt ANC deputy pres. Cyril who happens to own a substantial amount of BEE shares at Lonmin

Kunta Kinte Zulu: I doubt these gonna be any changes as long as these phurcks don’t get minimal wage to show that they are there to serve people

Lester Fransman: Obviously he thinks he can steal more if the CANCer government is in charge...

Madbob: New faces, same thieving ways

Mark Neil Wade: The ANC is not a thief, as it’s not a living organism... corrupt cadres who belong to the anc are thieves.... subtle difference

Mark Stevens: So little time!

MarliEisern: Thieves in the government work hand in hand with and allow thieves outside the government to thrive. Kickbacks, corruption, nepotism, flawed tenders, etc., we have so many bad examples right to the top government structures. A government with integrity should not allow nonsense to happen not only in the state structures but in the national economy too. We cannot elect the bosses in the private sector but we do elect those in government. If these be clean, they would do a lot of cleaning in the private sector too...

Njakazi: He might own assets but they are definitely not worth a lot. Not much of a lavish lifestyle that he’s living

NO Sustainability: As usual they chose the most incompetent plonker with the longest fingers
So he joins the party that is shown to be rife with corruption, and the corruption emanating directly from the 'leader'. He probably just wants his share of the gravy. 

Reference 1 - 43.79% Coverage
Gee, that should be an unbiased finding! Oh wait, they will be paid to be on this committee so let's see how many hours they bill for all their work to reach a conclusion that all is in order and above board. Think we must all consider some kind of plastic surgery to remove the word "stupid" off our foreheads.

Reference 2 - 1.66% Coverage
You know, I so wish I could agree with you, as I always try to be fair and objective, but you can paint this in any fancy way you choose, it is really, clearly VERY obvious that the LOOT team are re-assembled and the raping and pillaging will carry on, unabatedly. What the truth really is, is that you and your leadership, are the children of this country's biggest enemy.

Reference 3 - 0.16% Coverage
That's why he is in politics, dear P!

Reference 4 - 1.31% Coverage
You know what stat I would love to see? How much has been paid, for how many RDP houses to be built. I have been doing a calculation, and well, it seems like we are housing more people than we have...people?? RDP houses for sale on OLX, apparently...as they come with bills to be paid...go figure.

Reference 5 - 0.55% Coverage
What Tripartite alliance? It is a triangle with one missing corner :-) ooh, ok, perhaps that is the point? Pun, sorry... :

Reference 1 - 1.38% Coverage
To the big fat house on the hill in Durban North!

Reference 1 - 1.27% Coverage
I don't see anyone else doing anything... What do you suggest Mark?

Reference 1 - 4.04% Coverage
He is the one who is laughing, he has a huge compound plenty of other people’s money and at this stage anything he wants, and so where is your argument... Reincarnation, when I come back I want to come back as a tablecloth, you get laid 3 times a day and pulled off at night time, a little humour ????

Reference 2 - 1.07% Coverage
They will steal the out of your heads, and come back for the sockets tomorrow.

Reference 3 - 2.23% Coverage
Sorry, they will steal the eyes out of your head, and come back and take the eye=sockets the next day... sorry about that... a senior moment, forgot my glasses ....

Reference 1 - 23.99% Coverage
White business is working with the ANC! Just look at Woolworths and ENGEN's racist policies. Whites screwing whites I would say, for BEEE status kickbacks, frankly.

Reference 1 - 21.41% Coverage
You reckon there will be space to squeeze one in there, what with all the gupta's, shaiks etc. that are already up there. Hmm not so sure - but if you wrap the peach in R200 notes, JZ will help you insert it

Reference 1 - 2.36% Coverage
I guess it would be hateful to put someone in office, who was actually prepared to DO something for the country and not steal from it huh? Knob head......

Reference 1 - 1.46% Coverage
Are you finding it hard to comment on the WC Falcon construction corruption?

Reference 1 - 87.10% Coverage
Seems the majority are satisfied with what clearly is a useless and corrupt bunch of thieves filling their pockets at the expense of the country and all who reside in it. Happy days Chief!

Reference 1 - 14.63% Coverage
You are one of the ones that are getting stolen from -- wake up man.

Reference 1 - 15.03% Coverage
So glad to not see Western Cape as part of that list

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If only we could. I really believe South Africa is going to find itself in serious trouble, very fast. Another term with this corrupted bunch of fools will see this country in a very, very dark place.

Because he is benefiting off the backs of poor black people

Ah. The BMW 7 Series the Vehicle of Choice for corrupt cadres across the land.......................

So, he just thought some magic wand from the Gupta, Sheik’s and the host more of the ghost supporters who want nothing but his wellbeing, have footed the bill, AGAIN?

New cars and credit cards all around, the gravy train rumbles on at speed!

It is only thriving until it runs out of taxpayers’ money again ... who is stealing it now that the fat picannini is not there anymore??

Let me correct you. 11 million criminals as voters are evidently accomplices to the crime. But I also one to remind you that all that is being said is subject to confirmation by relevant authorities so be patient until you get the full story.

Handing out R1000 at a time ... (and pretending he’ll fight bribery and corruption).

Well said. Let them also tell why the mine bosses gave Baleka R25M for what in return?

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I’m too busy laughing to try and vomit. Looting is what the fat maggot is accused of, and the only way he is going to avoid being charged, will be to be dictator for life

If Nkandla and Zumaville can happen ... anything can and will happen in SOUTH AFRICA...

Bribes

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Lawbreaker

They have no respect for the law or rules - they’re Mugabe clones.

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I see the cretin still has his prison jumpsuit on, I thought they were told to dress appropriately?

Courts

<Internals\Deanne Du Preez> - § 1 reference coded [92.93% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 92.93% Coverage
My two cents worth: - EFF may get a seats in parliament, however, will Julius be the MP or not? Has he paid the money that he owes to SARS? Is he still being sequested? If the sequestration is passed, then he will not be able to represent his party in parliament.

<Internals\Debbie van Nierkerk> - § 1 reference coded [10.55% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 10.55% Coverage
No dear, the fact that the DA were about to do something about it, explains why he crossed over. They gave him a chance and it never worked out, and as you well know, with labour laws these days, you have to really, really find something to get rid of someone and well, it seems they were about to get rid of the scourge. What is your point again????

<Internals\Diago> - § 1 reference coded [91.09% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 91.09% Coverage
He must pay R16 m to SARS, win the fraud and corruption case otherwise no Parlie for Malema

<Internals\Dr. Zeek> - § 1 reference coded [7.66% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 7.66% Coverage
What about a jury of his peers, eh?
1. Rapist (not convicted)
2. Serial philanderer
3. Bastard father
4. Corruption Accused
5. Criminal State President
6. Aids Prevention Expert / Plumber
7. under miner of the rule of law
8. Polygamist
9. Misappropriator of Tax Money
10. Singing, dancing and generally "nice" guy

<Internals\Dux> - § 1 reference coded [4.71% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 4.71% Coverage
Get Garry Nel involved, just listened to the parody on YouTube, brilliant

<Internals\Flytrap21> - § 1 reference coded [51.61% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 51.61% Coverage
Who laid the charge... the ANC?!

<Internals\Gadoefon> - § 1 reference coded [3.80% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 3.80% Coverage
Has been to court a number of times already

<Internals\Gatvol> - § 1 reference coded [9.18% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 9.18% Coverage
Let's hope that this is a metaphor for Wednesday

<Internals\joe man> - § 1 reference coded [8.25% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 8.25% Coverage
Go and open a criminal case come with fact

<Internals\King Don> - § 1 reference coded [5.91% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 5.91% Coverage
Send him to jail, jeeez man or woman are you for real,

<Internals\Nevyn> - § 1 reference coded [5.57% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 5.57% Coverage
Nice try cadre, he should have been arrested the moment the report was released. He needs to fight this in court, not from his armchair. But he is a coward so what do you expect.

<Internals\Owl> - § 2 references coded [1.30% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.43% Coverage
So does Dearest Oscar. The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, no snot and tears!
Reference 2 - 0.87% Coverage
AND pay for all the court cases for
1. When they haven't done their jobs,
2. When they have only done their jobs with their friends
3. When they have done a little bit, but really very badly.

<Internals\Patty ps> - § 1 reference coded [9.67% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 9.67% Coverage
Sequestration order wasn't made final - back in court on 27th May for the final order - providing of course some moron with too much money doesn't come forward and settle the bill! If it's made a final order and Malema is sequestrated - no more Parliament for him! But don't hold your breath......!! There are still all the fraud charges though!

<Internals\Peter> - § 1 reference coded [0.88% Coverage]
And that’s just starting, there are 763 charges to get him on,...

I want to be his executioner but unfortunately we can’t always have what we want.

Only because he's too shy (read scared, arrogant etc.) to be tested against the laws of the land. Why do you think that might be?

Stop dreaming who found him guilty

Try to satisfy yourselves first ANC! Then you can try and satisfy the rest of us taxpayers! Oh wait you are satisfying yourselves and stuff the rest! Stealing and corruption is the buzzword of this government!

This is theft from all tax payers and the 62% you on about are ignorant of that fact. I have a problem with you assuming that these statistics qualify your argument that it’s ok for blacks to steal from blacks.

The stench would suite them though!

Says the idiot that just swung down from a tree...

Let’s the Losers Loose, they may be afraid of being killed, Malema is coming in, there just running man, let them RUN

Be careful what you wish for! The puppet has buggered everyone else in the nation.

Money laundering
And those left out in the cold, can enjoy the warmth of millions bestowed on them by # 1

See you miss the entire reason for the "baying". Zuma and the ANC said the upgrades to Nkandla were just security upgrades and Zuma knew nothing about it. Is this the same Zuma that not only appointed his own architect but one that had no security clearance whatsoever? What do you understand by the phrase "unduly benefited"? It's a polite way of saying money was misused and Zuma and his family benefited from this unusual upgrade, so it is the truth. Whenever or not you like, it still remains the truth. Things like having a swimming pool being built as a security feature and saying the recipient didn't benefit unduly from this are insane. If you feel so strongly that Zuma deserves the upgrade then by all means feel free to start a trust fund to acquire the R246 mill to satisfy his wanton greed

If the union has 50000 members contributing R100 each, it means the union gets R5million a month. How much does Mathunjwa take out of that money? He takes, he doesn't earn, and that's the African way. Do these unions get audited?

I live the divide every day, I work near Alex, travel through it and I say to you, if I had the money at my disposal which this government has had, this would be a VERY different place. The R30 billion wasted per year is a conservative estimate. The National budget has increased from around R 570 billion in 2008 to R1, 2 trillion in 2014. This is one very large hole it all disappears into. Let's not even start calculating the loss of income in investment opportunities which have been harvested for the elite few.

Almost like De Klerk who was shipping money to Switzerland when South Africa was in turmoil...

I think they deny it, you just know that they used the funds for themselves, and i thought that those funds had already been stolen, lost or miss-appropriated, it dangerous when thieves dont even know whether they have stolen them or ??????

Um, its taxpayers money, not Mandela's money, i wanted my tax to pay for the state funeral, not a fat cats bank account.

...with millions of bucks being defrauded to the fiscus, they have managed pretty, pretty well, I'd say....

Best chance the SAPS will ever get yet, to arrest so many criminals in one room.

Not convicted, Einstein.

Pretty soon Malema will be wearing Orange jumpsuit instead of the red one.

Whew...all this elections news taking some heat of a certain, high profile trial. I'll bet the accused can breathe a sigh of relief.

You work near Alex? Hey, I've been shot (attempted hijacking) in Alex!
Thanks. Believe me being shot had nothing to do with my driving ability (so I like to think).

Huh?? But these are a jury of his peer! All seven probably have criminal records.

Keep your sharp eyes on that space, Patty; stranger things.....

Funny crime and corruption works the same.

They have created one of the most violent countries on earth to live in. SA has the dubious reputation of being the country that rapes and murders more children than any country on earth. SA is more dangerous for children than adults. Ref: Interpol (where our true statistics are reported).

If you stay in one of the townships in the WC I’d say you high right now...

Good for Clifton and Camps Bay, where blacks are crime and grime is sure to follow. There are just too many blacks in the mix and they add no value.

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To be a township yes more than you!

Banish the po3s from our country......

Koega’s a dead duck though. It'll never get anywhere because the port authorities of various other harbours will continue to do everything in their power to scupper it.

It’s easy, the people with the longest criminal record.

Set an example, lock the bastard up.

What are your “needs” exactly? A salary or wages larger than the economic value you are adding? In other words: greed. As opposed to the entrepreneur who WORKS to increase the economic value (s) he adds, but then gets blamed for "earning too much."

Angelique Serrao and Lebogang Seale can you do a lifestyle audit of how Cyril accumulated his wealth since he just work as a Secretary of NUM did he sell workers for his own benefit start there????
Economic meltdown

Reference 1 - 18.04% Coverage
And Botswana is a failure as well, the last I checked rand against pula was R1.18
Reference 1 - 7.11% Coverage
Rand to dollar value increased by more than R5 for one dollar...Someone needs to explain to Zuma that the dollar to rand value is not the "Higher is better" type of value we are after. We peaked close to R12 and now we on R10, 41. If somehow Zuma manages to bring it down to below R8 again. He will most likely pat himself on the back and tell the country that he brought the Rand down. Regardless of the fact that he shot it through the roof in the first place
Reference 1 - 2.71% Coverage
[Jandr0 shut up...] Erm, this is (still a reasonably) free country, so I (and not you) will decide when I shut up. [They should kick your ASS] Aah, violence seems to be your way. [Most offices workers earn in the region of R12500 and they don't come close to adding the value these mineworkers do to our economy.
Reference 1 - 25.44% Coverage
Hahaha what are you gonna do? Whites are always one step ahead of you. Want to take away our land? Do it and see how quickly the economy collapse and see how your family starve. Want to kick us out of the country? See how quickly the white nations, the nations that controls the wealth and power on this planet bring hell to, South Africa? You want the whites to turn South Africa into the next Zimbabwe? I suggest thinking before doing; you guys are playing a dangerous game. A game where you guys will end up losing, ask Mugabe he tried to test the whites and look what happened.
Reference 1 - 94.85% Coverage
Absolute JØKE this TOOL! Why is no one from Government doing anything about this? It's KILLING the economy!! Probably busy approving some new upgrades to Nkandla in the background:
Reference 1 - 66.79% Coverage
Proof that the ANC has failed the people is that SA for the first time is not the economic powerhouse of Africa and as of last month has been overtaken by Nigeria, Pretty shameful really.
We are officially becoming the new Zimbabwe Makudo Tonga.

Welcome to Zimbabwe!

Well, from the sounds of the money spent there, the Milk price is about to start competing with the petrol price, as a lovely little monopolistic business is born...

Well come to Zimbabwe!!!!!!!!!!!

The world just laughs! We must be so proud!

The economy is already dead... we just don't realize it yet...

Take a bunch of “freedom fighters” (terrorist criminals) and give them a country to run - have to be stupid to expect anything else!!

They do not fear the fat slug... just his policies which they know will destroy the economy of the country as surely as they did Zimbabwe and Venezuela which is where the weak minded EFF got their idea from... Look up Venezuela and see what damage has been done recently as a result of these populist policies... and Zimbabwe we all know about

He thinks that there will be a rush to help these fools continue destroying the economy

If I was earning Rands, that's probably what I'd do The Rand's going to be 1 to the Dollar in the not-too-distant future, if things carry on the way they are Even 2 to the Dollar will be catastrophic, and there's no way that's not going to happen in the next few years

Has anybody noticed how the Rand has nose-dived since the names were announced??

Anti-corruption

Our people are suffering and this people can Still drive Toyota conquest and go Do work... u don not need an expensive car to know how to do your work... just IQ rising...

What perks man? They get enough money to buy their own cars?? Hm... Gees man... does your sister / younger sister have all school text books? One of this cars cost can actually dispatch 10 trucks full of textbooks to our siblings in Limpopo and other provinces... flip

Once I don't know if u follow this country's current affairs and I still say this people can buy themselves expensive cars from their salaries and use Toyota conquest for work.,

FAAK this... How much more freebies should we dish out in this country? Its RDP's Free salaries to people like zuma and his government, Free Education ETC... How do u earn 12K uneducated (with Std 2)? now we must feed them. SOLUTION - FAAKEN END STRIKE and GO BACK TO WORK

Why did money get transferred into Masualle's account in the first place? He shouldn't be a beneficiary of any funds! Someone deliberately signed off on that, but it was picked up and then quickly reversed.
Reference 1 - 22.62% Coverage
“There is something critically wrong with our democracy. Something fundamental needs to happen”
Unfortunately, since you have benefitted massively from manipulated BEE deals, you are one of the
main culprits of this failed democracy....

Reference 2 - 20.44% Coverage
How can the IEC spokesperson say concerns about ballot papers and other voting equipment being just
left lying around are baseless? Anywhere else in the world this would be a scandal. In SA, it's business
as usual.

Reference 1 - 1.91% Coverage
There is nothing poor at all, these mine workers are also contributing to the GDP of this country, Mine
bosses are stilling the wealth of this country simple, until that get realised by you Mr GDP.......

Reference 1 - 1.77% Coverage
To deal with corruption and misuse of funds we will need someone outside government for a very good
reason.

Reference 1 - 6.83% Coverage
Nothing like getting rich on other people’s misery just like all the other fat-cats in Govt and also
tenderpreneurs

Reference 1 - 34.03% Coverage
They did use Nelson Mandela’s face on their election shirts instead of Zumpie783. The ANC supporters
I’ve spoken say they support the party but not Zuma. I guess voting for Mandela's party is more
palatable than voting for the money grubbing Ncuntla party. So it seems a shame that they don’t even
honour Nelson Mandela at his funeral and just use the occasion as a way to procure tenders for cadres.
The poor man even left some money in his will to the ANC so they wouldn't have to steal it, but I guess
we only have apartheid to blame for all this

Reference 2 - 15.53% Coverage
It’s not a bad sign that a committee needs to be formed to decide if the president lied about knowing that
R 200,000,000 was being diverted from public funds to be spent on (inter alia) his swimming pool, cattle
kraal, private clinic, and chicken hook?

Reference 1 - 4.34% Coverage
I just don't understand how these ANC criminals think - if that's the process that goes on behind those 1
inch skulls of theirs. "Qoboshiyane said the reports were an attack on Masualle”

Reference 1 - 58.25% Coverage
Of course the government cannot satisfy everyone, that should be a given. What it should do is stop the
theiving. A minister clocking up R12million in air transport should be accountable; a president not
knowing R246million are spent on his private residence should be impeached. R30billion
maladministered in one year.....not enough space & memory to list all. I really think MP’s should have
higher education & perhaps the grade of Bs will be better.

Reference 1 - 1.70% Coverage
If "THE NOB" is still in power by November... it will be a MIRACLE! Why do most of the EX ANC cadre's/
Ministers ADMIT TO HIM BEING CORRUPT?

Reference 1 - 3.72% Coverage
It is easy for me - I have no expectations of tender handouts, and I was taught that if you want
something work for

Reference 1 - 88.85% Coverage
A. A criminal who doesn't respect law and order. B. A gravy train feeder who have illegal and immoral
tenders and feeds off the poor. C. A person who does not understand what corruption is. D. Another one
of Zuma's spear lubricators. Which one are you?

Reference 1 - 39.75% Coverage
It's a well-known that many of our trade union leaders like to plunder their union's investments.

Reference 1 - 1.18% Coverage
Reigning corruption showing its ugly head
Black Rural outnumber all other ethnic groups together and he majority have little or no education so it is not a win until More educated blacks vote to get rid of corruption and unemployment.

Where there's smoke there's a fire. There is no end to the level of corruption of the African National Criminal government.

Clowns! These are the people we trust with the running of the country and they behave like clowns. Great...

Stop pulling race into everything I as a white person will not vote ANC or eff not due to skin colour but coming sense how can I vote for corrupt leaders??? The reason the eff won't come in the suburbs is because the people will not fall for their lies.

There are none as blind as those who are benefitting from the thefts, the ANC, COSATU and SACP good on you comrades Nzimande, Cronin, Craven, Dlamini and the puppet president.

Name and shame them. We can't operate like that in SA.

You guys rescued it this time, but do you have a long term strategy to keep it out f the hands of you know who?

Once you support ZANC you're in the big money - that's why they are so corrupt and dishonest (like your comments)
Desperation

Heidi - § 1 reference coded [29.09% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 29.09% Coverage
The ANC relies on the social grants that are given to the poor. Of the 62% of their voter base how many actually pay tax? Probably less than 10% and the other 52% are sheep that will follow blindly baa baa baa.

The Commentator - § 1 reference coded [1.09% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.09% Coverage
We should be so lucky!

Viv1 - § 1 reference coded [1.92% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.92% Coverage
Who gives a hoot?

Dishonest

Daniel - § 1 reference coded [3.03% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 3.03% Coverage
What is their real agenda? There is always a bond between the dishonest.

Liberal - § 1 reference coded [0.28% Coverage]
Pessimist

Transparency

Heather Starbuck - § 1 reference coded [93.89% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 93.89% Coverage
You would think that once counted they would be put neatly stacked in number order bound into bundles and stored in sealed boxes, marked with the same labels on the ballot boxes and then transported to a single point where they are signed for and the boxes stored in an orderly fashion on shelves, until such time they are no longer required and then properly destroyed.

Joe Public - § 1 reference coded [2.16% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.16% Coverage
The 2004 was her "official" car she seems to be the most frugal and, often criticises the overspending on "luxury" vehicles by other politicians.

Pascal Makgana - § 1 reference coded [68.12% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 68.12% Coverage
Thank you Madam for setting the record straight.

Appendix 6: Western influence

Gerard Roman - § 1 reference coded [51.42% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 51.42% Coverage
Dear Roger, let me remind you of the reality of history. The "civilized" people you allude to, are the ones who decimated indigenous people's across the world in the name of "progress" and "exploration." And after replacing these local cultures with their western brand of religion, language and customs, they then marauded through their resources to fund and build their own territories, in the name of modernization. First it was Europe and then the USA. And to place things in better perspective for you, this faceless and ruthless annihilation of embedded cultures was facilitated by the worst atrocity that has emerged in man's history, that is, the cold and callous enslavement of African people. The corruption we see in
South Africa is endemic in growing industrialized countries, be it Luxembourg or Timbuktu. The only difference is that is cleverly and ingeniously camouflaged in the western world. To single out Africa, is short sighted and utterly ignorant. Now, to get back soberly to the issue at hand, most of us see the flow of the elections and probably hoped that it would swing away from the ANC. They have proven themselves to be self-serving predators that are thriving off the indifference and ignorance of the poor. For, you see, to keep people in bondage, all you have to do is maintain a large enough base of uneducated people who become reliant on governmental handouts, and then you assured of a landslide victory. This, my friend, is a responsible and matured way of arguing and debating. I hope it has assuaged your obvious anger, and remember, sober and calculated opposition is what is going to unseat these thieving ANC politicians, and not rash judgement.

Colonialism

Why don’t the whites go back to Europe where they came from!

The maps are really great. 2 decades down and the indication is that voting from the heart and not the head is still very much prevalent due to the hate caused by the oppressive regime of the past. Education needs to improve to encourage voting with the head and to allow SA to step change its positioning in the global economy, for now this will remain a problem.

And before apartheid, 100’s of years before, stronger tribes overpowered weaker ones and forced them to labour ... happened all over the world.

Yes when they arrived they arrived in boats, clothing had doctors, lawyers, dentists, farmers could build houses, wagons, carts, had money for currency, lanterns for light, carpenters, EDUCATION....etc. etc., etc., etc., etc., what did they see, savages in animal skins living in mud huts or straw huts, no lighting etc., etc., etc., etc.,.........if you don’t like the whites my friend then go back to your loin cloths, mud huts, bush and savage ways and bare feet. Give up everything that the white man introduced you to including traveling by car, bus, plane and train. I think that you won’t, so my suggestion is thank the white man for civilized you.

None, we arrived in South Africa and found Stone Age people running around... and then using our brains and will power built a civilisation that remained the greatest on the continent until the ANC destroyed the economy for Nigeria to overtake us...

LOL... cut IMF funding to any developing nation as see what happens... Russia, Ukraine, Venezuela, Chile, etc. Zimbabwe was doing well until sanctions was put in place... go get the facts before making comments

Isn’t that called slavery...?

What sort of a party names itself after the "NATIONAL PARTY" that had her people in chains, what sort a party what a joke?
No can't you see we love you blackies! So we staying put.

Reference 1 - 0.91% Coverage
He has a very valid point, Apartheid exists all over the world, no one made it law, like SA did. The American Indians, Australian Aborigines had it far, far worse, with no 20 year investment of upliftment.

Reference 1 - 83.33% Coverage
The old NP slogan was 'Stem vroeg, stem reg en stem dikwels'

Reference 1 - 3.44% Coverage
Of course he has a valid point. It's unfortunately human nature to subjugate more vulnerable population groups for one's own benefit. Although I'd like to think that by now we're starting to learn that that's not a healthy solution. The fact remains though that in a South African context, the oppression of blacks by whites is a key contributor to our situation today. You can argue till you are blue in the face. It won't change the facts.

Reference 2 - 5.26% Coverage
Perfectly, fair points but WHY???? This government is allowed to get away with it because blacks (generalising) don't know better! They don't know better because they have a crappy education. They have a crappy education because of Apartheid. They continue to have a crappy education proudly brought to you by the ANC. I'm not saying that the ANC has done sterling work. Not by loooooong shot. I'm saying that Apartheid remains a key reason why they get away with it! Imagine what this country would be like today had white settlers not been a racist bunch for the last 300 years. Imagine what SA could have been like if our forefathers had given black folk equal opportunity!

Reference 1 - 7.62% Coverage
I agree somewhat, but how about we start with the thieves who stole and displaced people from their land, the banks that still steal from the poor by overcharging, the construction companies like Falcon construction who left a 3.5B debt in UK only to land work to the value of 1.6b in the W.Cape. If people started to look at wrong without being biased and prejudice, then maybe others would take you

Reference 2 - 7.47% Coverage
Same way you, your ancestors managed to sleep while your relatives were raping the country and women for 300years. Apartheid selling, misgauging the country to the EU, Stealing the minerals, killing and maiming women and children You should actually feel ashamed for being such a denialist expecting people not to forget Holocaust and war and we should forget in 20 years. Shame on you.

Reference 1 - 0.29% Coverage
Crikey, flashback to politics 4,000 years ago.

Reference 1 - 73.91% Coverage
And it will be the Whites fault or aparthei

Reference 1 - 43.05% Coverage
You pink skinned colonial thieves are rotten to the core, born as thieves!!!!!!!!!!! The fact you left your home country to come and steal our land. Where you born with a stamp on your forehead as being a farmer!!!!!!!!!!! bullshit , we are going to take our land, you , your mother, father and kids are going to be kicked out , or maybe , be our 'boys' and 'maids'. U lied to us that you are white.................you are pink in colour, please check yourself, and confirm!!!!!!!!!!!!

Oppression
Reference 1 - 6.44% Coverage
You personally never witnessed the political spectacles during Apartheid because it had far less effect on you than on the majority of this country that was oppressed by the minority Rallies were very prominent, many lost their lives in the process not an easy thing to brush a side if you think of it as many would like to believe

Reference 1 - 82.39% Coverage
Carmen that is very painful especially because it happens subtly. You experience it and find yourself lost for words.

Trade
Reference 1 - 2.07% Coverage
It wasn't built with that in mind; it's been a long process. It was supposed to cut down ship's traveling time to the main shipping lanes from Durbs & Richards Bay by 4 days. They hate it. I hadn't heard about
the oil & gas. I'm not terribly surprised though, it's been discovered off Mozambique too, & there's
probably a lot in between
Reference 2 - 0.92% Coverage
I did some work around it. It's a big thing; it could turn the country around. It'd kill Durban though. Less
so Richard's Bay, that's all about coal.
Reference 3 - 0.44% Coverage
If someone pays for it and Europe lets them in, they will do so gladly.

Diaspora

Reference 1 - 13.38% Coverage
My SA MATES (from 40 years ago) are stubbornly clinging on to hope that the future will improve but
know in their heart of hearts that is impossible now. So they are thinking of their grandchildren and want
them all to go. I have urged them to plan NOW, look many others made that leap and yes it's a dent in
the pride etc. but why live with constant uncertainty stress and fear, don't invest your lives in such
negativity folks, life is short, live in real freedom and that is impossible in Africa no matter what
complexion you have. Younger professionals can have a new future; older folks can settle where many
others are from all over the world, on a limited income, like you suggested Thailand South America
Southern Europe. Lots of info on the web, check it out people

Reference 1 - 37.95% Coverage
No comparisons between the 2 of course....... the current clown are what the system of modern western
democracy excretes out. I prefer the old Roman senate system........ with senate elected by income tax-
payers only.

Reference 1 - 27.25% Coverage
Easy solution: if you are over 50 apply to retire in Thailand. Even a South African can live well with the
exchange. There are South American cheap countries too. If you are young, get a job somewhere. If
you have to live in a foreign language country, it is all a great experience. Life is an adventure. SA has
proven that it is just another African country. There are South Africans all over the planet anyway. If you
stay, the next election will have turned to the dark side of the force! Just saying, because historically,
there are no exceptions so far to the African story and a quarter century (next election) is well into the
journey!

Reference 1 - 9.88% Coverage
LOL and you would still lose ....you dont seem happy here ....leave we not keeping you here ...airports
are opened and so are the boarders...we won't shed a tear believe me ....LOL

Migration

Reference 1 - 2.67% Coverage
Chinese have no place in SA. Go back to China you Moron.
Reference 1 - 2.45% Coverage
True Afrikan thinks his ancestors are from South Africa
Reference 1 - 76.52% Coverage
There is no such thing as a "Palestinian". Only Islamists who want the blood of infidels
Reference 1 - 5.22% Coverage
Why don't black people go back to North Africa.... where they came from???

Reference 1 - 95.54% Coverage

Actually you’re wrong; Southern Nigerians (Calabar and Igbo people) have a lot in common with SA's, the Northerners don't. Southern Nigerians are Christian, bantu and share similar names with SA's such as Ngozi, Thabo, Mbeke. Etc., the Northern Arab worshippers are the ones who sell slaves, it's in their blood, backwards and uneducated that's why the Southerners wanted to divide the country during the civil war. Anyway didn't Bantus in SA migrate from the West Africa?

Reference 1 - 11.91% Coverage

Why don't you start packing while there's time?

Reference 1 - 2.77% Coverage

That's nice coming from obvious trailer trash. Perhaps a move to Orania would suit.

Reference 1 - 0.43% Coverage

What has Jewish got to do with it?

Reference 2 - 0.58% Coverage

You've derailed yourself...back to Valkenburger!

Reference 3 - 0.24% Coverage

They're white[ish]

Reference 1 - 0.41% Coverage

Wake up! Not everyone is a British royal!

Reference 1 - 26.99% Coverage

You, Sir, accused me of racism because I read, digested and formed an opinion on whom to vote for using my own free mind. A migrant is anyone who moves from one geopolitical area to another, much as someone from Italy moving to Austria, Germany to Holland, Zimbabwe to Zambia or the Eastern Cape to the Western Cape. There is no put down in the word 'migrant'. I am one, as are the vast majority of ALL South Africans but that is another story. As a child I migrated, geopolitically moved, from Hampshire to Herefordshire, to Kent and then Scotland. I then migrated to Hong Kong then back to Scotland, then England with Staffordshire and Buckinghamshire before migrating to the Western Cape. In all case I migrated to improve my Life style and the quality of Life I could afford. Economic migration how does that make me 'racist'? Educated; Well-travelled; Cosmopolitan, Broad minded. Independent. I have sampled many cultures, still do and have very good friends across the board. As an economic migrant many times over I think I might be far better qualified to say that those who move anywhere from one geopolitical area to another are exactly that - economic migrants and I WEAR that badge with considerable Pride. Skin colour is only an issue when YOU make it one. Perhaps if you look at the PERSON not their skin or anything else you will be a better person. Then maybe not

Reference 1 - 1.23% Coverage

Eish...thought people like you had moved to Australia already....

Reference 1 - 0.86% Coverage

Lucky me I'm off the hook my forefathers are from Germany. LoL

Reference 1 - 0.17% Coverage

Then why are you here?

Reference 1 - 90.55% Coverage


Reference 1 - 1.35% Coverage

Those slaves did NOT come from SA, many got what they deserved, and you need to look at their descendants in the USA to see why I say that. You're one of them. Intellectually challenged lot

Reference 1 - 2.64% Coverage

I think your "brilliant mind" can be greatly appreciated somewhere in your parents ancestral country. They sure need some cleaning up....

Reference 1 - 25.31% Coverage

No risk in that turd brain. We who loved separate "development" for all you undevelopable left SA and are now making millions without the hindrance of lazy, stupid, reckless morons!!

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Sharon don't you think you made a bit of an error returning to SA. If you don't hope you never encounter one of our new friendly natives at night with something he wants and remember you are white so he will always want something.

So how do you like my Dubai idea, although all the mlungus will think its heresy? Because they were brainwashed as children to believe that hard work is a virtue (I don't think it is, I worked hard in my youth, but now I sit around in the sun, drinking beer. I prefer it to hard work, and I make more money doing it too). So the way they do things in Dubai is they get foreigners to do all the work. The locals don't have to do anything; the government just gives them all money. The foreigners make their money & go, the people get paid for doing nothing. It's a huge international success. Everyone is happy. Is there any valid reason why that couldn't be done in SA?

Appendix 7: Freedom of speech

No, surprising no? But less so when one thinks a bit? Most other, simply superior sites do not allow immediate posting. They are 1st vetted for merits of content -and being not too offensive. The ANC-"owned" IOL has to compete with this. They cannot do so on the base of quality, but do so by allowing vexatious critics like me to go on here -and inter alia also attract like-minded souls. Thus they shrewdly lure us away from e.g. the M&G, who are infinitely more damaging to the ANC than my mere (admittedly racist) rantings alone. So surprise, I am well aware that I am, in a perverted way, a useful-idiot, actually
working for the ANC's good! I SHOULD go and comment more on the M&G, as I do, but not enough! Thanks for making me think.

Reference 2 - 5.94% Coverage
Ethics, Are you daft? This is IOL - its owned by the ANC. But a democracy it is, in a way - albeit of a different, opposite side of the spectrum than the whole of SA's society. Sadly for the ANC, the majority here has internet access and a modicum of literacy. (I'd like to add: "a brain" as well - but that's not always clearly so.) Hence we are actually aware of a few realities in SA that the rest of SA seems not to be. As for true "news" you make a mistake. IOL does NOT give you objective news - it's ANC controlled as I said. Better go to sites like the M&G, News24 - and for a good opinion site, go to the Daily Maverick. The only reason to be here is, we are allowed to spew what we think here-and enjoy instantaneous interaction. This leads to more extreme utterances, but hey, it's what folks think!

Reference 1 - 0.46% Coverage
Looking at the photo..., HE IS GUILTY!

Reference 2 - 11.08% Coverage
FYI... I embrace SAFFA'S of ALL COLOURS.... to me we ALL SAFFA'S regardless of what your pigment is! My problem with the current lot in "POWA" is the BLATANT CORRUPTION..." The LACK of leadership skills and the "DON'T GIVE A TOSS ABOUT THE POOR" attitude they ooze! They, the ANC, believe if you drink the correct alcohol, drive the correct million rand - limo... then the masses will "LOOK UP AND ADORE YOU"!! They are a MAFIA UNTO THEMSELVES!! (Zulu Nostra) I see it every time I return to SA....... The POOR are definitely worse off than in 1994..... Sure...they have the VOTE... but NOTHING ELSE!! Their lifestyles are going BACKWARDS... Criminals run the Police "FARCE".....and Criminals mixing with Govt ministers, at PUBLIC FUNCTIONS... Never mind the Gupta influence over "THE NOB".... the fact that SA has become a PROVINCE OF CHINA....TO ME THAT IS JUST SO WRONG!!!!! In fact it is DISGUSTING!

Reference 3 - 0.79% Coverage
With an ENDORSEMENT FROM THE IEC! Intro will be by Pansy herself!

Reference 4 - 0.75% Coverage
Will SYLVIA still be PIGGING OUT on all that KFC and POWERADE?

Reference 5 - 1.71% Coverage
FALSE HEADLINE people... Should read: "GUPTA'S APPROVE OF 8 PROVINCIAL PREMIERS"! I believe they are so MAD, because they had 9 in line....

Reference 1 - 6.30% Coverage
Wow - this article has again reminded me of the gravy train we run in this country...over 360 seats in parliament, each with their own secretaries, allowances, and goodness knows what other perks. Between keeping all the parliamentarians alive and fraud, no wonder there's no money left for the citizens of this country.

Reference 2 - 2.48% Coverage
I expect the 3 sacked premiers to hang some dirty washing out, unless of course, they have each received an attractive handout

Reference 3 - 8.80% Coverage
Yes, sure, I'll congratulate them so early into their appointment - and let's hope they deliver. What gives me the shits, however, is that we have seen so many failures and nobody ever seems to be held accountable. The so-called "people's leaders" so often self-enrich themselves leaving Joe blog in a worse position. So, I'll congratulate them - but then at the same time they must stand up and be held accountable and not wait for the handouts.

Reference 1 - 23.03% Coverage
Lyall Don't worry we will be all be leaving our home! And I hope that you suffer you and your retarded clan! You lot didn't even know what money looks like! Until the Voortrekkers came about! Don't you see? The rest of Africa is almost a desert! And those that are comic back to life is because the black men called the white men to come and help them sort out the mess the very black men created! Now! Run along boy, and go bow down and worship your kings' feet!

Reference 2 - 10.10% Coverage
Mdluli! There is already just an invention Used by first world countries, if I'm not mistaken And no Criminals cannot vote on your behalf with finger print ID Perhaps cell phone voting would be the future

Reference 3 - 21.39% Coverage
It was free but not fair An IEC assisted an ANC official to vote multiple times before being caught Remember the IEC are not neutral in their voting They are normal south Africans who pledge to be part of the IEC Even I can go and count votes They should've let the born trees do all of this Cause they are neutral in their thinking Or they should have people from other countries Preferably France, Germany, and the UK To do this...
Non-story: 25,381,293 registered voters 18,654,457 actual votes cast. The IEC would print enough ballot paper for the registered voters and maybe a few more because people make mistakes. So whatever is left is unused. The only problem I can see is that they turfed it instead of disposing of it securely as per protocol, which means negligence of duty and not necessarily unfair elections. But no-one cares because Pansy Tlakula and Mosotho Moepya are pretty untouchable as they're in the pocket of the incumbent.

Reference 2 - 2.66% Coverage
Australia makes it illegal to skip out on voting I agree; voting should be compulsory Your next statement about 6 independent people stopping the ANC from cheating however, is completely naive Sorry for being so blunt, but it's true

Reference 3 - 3.98% Coverage
They can actually. Have you seen how an entire black "informal settlement" regulates itself? Quite impressive. This, despite the government's best efforts to further oppress the masses by making only their own inner circle rich and spending just a little money on the poverty stricken once every 5 years to garner votes. Don't underestimate people.

Reference 4 - 8.02% Coverage
Only the DA can challenge the ANC? WRONG! The people of South Africa once they have finally realised that the government (ANY government) is lying to them, deceiving them and stealing from them, they will rise up and we will have our own Lotus Revolution, our own EuroMaidan, our own Arab Spring and our own June Journey all at once. We will not fight black against white. We will not fight white against black. We will fight as ONE against a corrupt government and we will find our own freedom. TRUE freedom. Freedom from an oppressive, lying, corrupt government in whichever form it assumes and in contrast to any previous liberation movement is upheld on behalf of the people. Bulala uGuvent!

Reference 5 - 20.88% Coverage
I know exactly what's happening in these countries and no, I don't want the anarchy that happens afterwards, but it's a small price to pay to regain our freedoms. Nothing worthwhile has ever come easy and will never be easy. Lives are lost. Tears are shed. Blood is spilled. The end result is that the system DOES regulate itself and people find a way to live in peace. Some of the issue with the aforementioned countries is external interference (Libya and Syria being prime examples). We don't have or need external interference; we need people to understand that they're being taken on a ride that they will not return from. So yes, I understand what I'm advocating. I understand the risks and the potential pain this will cause. But I cannot and will not sit back and watch the country that gave birth to me sink deeper and deeper into an abyss that was created by the previous government and perpetuated by the current one under a different guise. We as South Africans have no real freedom. We are bound by economic rules, by laws designed to enrich the few and impoverish the many. We live in a country where our so-called "leaders" (be they government or political opposition parties) are lying to us and ultimately don't care about us after they have taken (yes, I meant to write TAKEN) our votes. I will not sit quietly and watch this country become any more of a wasteland than it is already. If it takes civil war for people to understand that this whole "us vs. them" and "black vs. white" thing is just stupid and a psychological barrage instituted by the government and perpetuated by the media to keep us busy while they steal the last bit of dignity and freedom we have left, then so be it. We need change. And I for one am tired of waiting for it to be "handed to us on a silver platter by the government"

Reference 1 - 42.71% Coverage
let me tell you mama Mamphela Ramphele does not need a R800k salary per month remember she "partly" funded the A-gang out of her own coffers also Cyril Ramaphosa does not need a R800k salary per month he pays that to a lot of people actually he can easily foot the total salary bill for 1 month with a big smile will this be a 1st for SA, a billionaire in parliament (+R200b?) Tokyo Sexwale was another millionaire in parliament The A-gang was not fighting for seats the A-gang members were saying "show leadership mama Ramphele" they were demanding that the list order must be followed SO PLEASE not all Politicians are parasites! Only out to enrich themselves at the taxpayers' expense Trevor Manual, Ben Tourok, Dullar Omah and many others I can't say the same about Tony 'wabenzi' Yengeni

Reference 1 - 96.21% Coverage
So requesting your own voters not to be "clever", says what about your organization, ANC? It's not about race anymore. Sure, we will still have that from all sides BUT it is now being educated. It's being in a position to judge your party on what they are doing. Not only had to have you in your area, but out there in the international spotted light. How they deal with corruption, how they deal with an unappreciated income source (taxpayers), what their policies are to grow a united South Africa. That dearest ANC is why you keep our education in shambles. 3 out of 10 is deemed clever enough because heaven forbids you have to get 6 right and start questioning your party's capability to run a country.
Public Protector Thuli Madonsela found that Zuma and his family improperly benefited from the R246 million security upgrades to his private Nkandla homestead in KwaZulu-Natal. She's not white so how can it be white peoples lies? Is he colour blind as well?

Reference 1 - 20.23% Coverage

So these are the cronies that going to steal from us?

Reference 1 - 3.10% Coverage

Hello Jen...damn right TGIF!!! Seems like Showerheads good looks have gone to where his brain is....in exile.

Reference 1 - 7.84% Coverage

You are wrong - way off topic. You are the type of person that keeps Zuma in power....because he can use your attitude to scare voters.

Reference 1 - 5.46% Coverage

I just wanted to know from you how you feel about Zuma. And I do understand what you are saying about people not voting for Zuma the person.......BUT - that is how Mugabe managed to destroy Zimbabwe....that is my fear for SA. Zimbabwean wealth has disappeared and is sitting in Mugabe's Malaysian bank accounts

Reference 1 - 38.26% Coverage

The uneducated minister of dumbing down education speaks with the authority of a dolt for that is what he really is. To think that such a one could even be put in such a prestigious occupation is an insult to the world and Africans who yearn to being properly educated in world standards. What a shame...of course he has none!

Reference 1 - 18.06% Coverage

You cannot be serious? If JZ, as you say 'put the final nails in the coffin of apartheid' where the hell is his Nobel prize? Oh, they gave those to Mandela and De Klerk.. Surely some mistake?

Reference 2 - 13.84% Coverage

Interesting analysis I must admit I've never looked at it that way, but now that you've said it, it makes perfect sense. Although that would be pretty Machiavellian of the ANC to come up with such a shrewd strategy. I'm more inclined to think it was a (happy for them) accident. The M&G are a bit too stringent in their moderation, and that, in my opinion stifles debate. Big of you to admit to your racism.

Reference 1 - 3.34% Coverage

You are the type of person that keeps Zuma in power....because he can use your attitude to scare voters.

Reference 2 - 85.00% Coverage

This sounds like a bunch of hyena's squabbling over the carcass of our country. Is there anyone honest and competent in this lot? What happened to Mbeki?

Reference 1 - 35.62% Coverage

As for me I dont care, people still vote ANC even though it has shown dishonest to its voters time and again, they vote for the same crap and same carp they will get.

Reference 1 - 48.52% Coverage

If you call corruption, incompetently, looting, stealing, lying and denying etc racial lines, you are in for another big surprise!!

Reference 1 - 6.89% Coverage

And why is it like that? Have you (whites) not participating on the elections since pre-1994?

Reference 1 - 46.73% Coverage

My fellow comrades in Eastern Cape, the synonyms of "Misuse" are Exploitation, Maltreatment, and Mishandling; Use wrongly, Mistreat, Waste, and Abuse. The meaning of "Misuse" is, incorrect, improper,
careless use, treat badly. Right, your vocabulary has been improved. Now stop being rowdy and start to account, you bloody nincompoops!

Reference 1 - 14.53% Coverage
Hey Clowns are nice people! SAY THEY ACT LIKE CLOWNS! Politically correct! LOL

Reference 1 - 2.13% Coverage
Where is the hate speech, genius? Please TRY to focus your arguments on the points at hand

Reference 1 - 91.06% Coverage
It is your right not to be dragged into a debate. But it is also the right of those who want too, to open a debate. Your calling them names is so typical of the mind-set that is going to be the death of the ANC. If you think they are self centered, what do you think Zuma is?

Reference 1 - 4.23% Coverage
The beauty of metaphors, symbolism and hyperbole, you should try it. My remarks really have little to do with Geography, rather politics.

Reference 1 - 3.99% Coverage
Go and vote - otherwise keep quiet, do not have violent service delivery protests and be comfortable with the fact that we are being led by a full on criminal and the mafia that put him there for their own best interests

Reference 1 - 17.20% Coverage
I bet if you had your correct name and profile pic you wouldn't write this nonsense!!!

Reference 1 - 2.84% Coverage
I remember watching you on 'Roots' many years ago. Good to hear from you again.

Reference 1 - 6.52% Coverage
Nope, my educated neighbour and friend who is black is a fantastic human being. Lindiwe deserves my respect, the thugs that are kicking that woman to death like ANC supporters. It looks like something YOU would do.

Reference 1 - 19.83% Coverage
Hahaha, haven't heard that saying in ages. I imagine it in Steve Irwin's voice: "crickey Moses it's a boom snake!"

Reference 1 - 5.46% Coverage
[If you think you have it bring it my boy.] Erm, bring what? Originally you claimed propaganda. You also wished to dictate to IOL what they should or should not publish, namely "They MUST compare AMCU's leader and Lonmin boss and STOP this propaganda" (my capitalisation to highlight how you resorted to a tone of dictating). Now, firstly, this is - as I indicated repeatedly - still a (relatively) free country, and they are therefore free to publish whatever they wish. While you can try and dictate to them, they have no obligation to abide by your attempt to dictate. Secondly, you claim "propaganda." While I am somewhat sympathetic to your claim (for my own reasons), I have to admit that it does appear that the union boss is living rather well compare to the union members.

Reference 2 - 0.88% Coverage
She has the right to speak. This is a free country. And frankly, your aggressive behaviour towards her makes you less worthy of respect that Ramphele.

Reference 1 - 7.79% Coverage
If he is a criminal, go and report him, take him to court. You have any evidence? None except the haters here? You should be grateful that you even can criticize him. Before 94 you could have been locked up and probably hanged.

Reference 1 - 19.75% Coverage
Does that disallow them to have a say during the discussion, I don't think so?

Reference 1 - 28.94% Coverage
Your wrong brother In the UK when people strike, everyone suffered, including the BOSS. What the Star has done is called freedom of press, you better get used to it, as it is part and package of democracy!! This man looks like a communist to me, who wouldn't sell/give a cent to one of his desperate followers! That is the problem with African politics; you take an attack on him as an attack on all black people. When David Cameron gets attacked, figuratively speaking, i don't take it as an attack on all whiteys!!
<Internals\luigy> - § 1 reference coded [3.11% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 3.11% Coverage
You are dreaming. IOL is not for racist! Why will you want me to be blocked, I always read your racist
remarks, why are not blocked?

<Internals\New Breed> - § 1 reference coded [8.09% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 8.09% Coverage
Yes we know, but don't let that stop you from saying it out loud.

<Internals\Oscar Mthembu> - § 1 reference coded [1.95% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.95% Coverage
Do a simple thing...Google it, you will get it!!!

<Internals\Ren> - § 1 reference coded [5.26% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 5.26% Coverage
Not knowing something doesn't mean you're stupid...esp. when you ask questions. Only a fool doesn't
ask questions.

<Internals\sollystiffone> - § 1 reference coded [4.31% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 4.31% Coverage
One day soon, you Ren and I will fall silent. This forum will fall apart. The voice of freedom will be gone
forever. Imagine.

<Internals\somuchricherthanyou> - § 1 reference coded [0.33% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.33% Coverage
Twt twooo ;)

<Internals\Viv1> - § 1 reference coded [1.47% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.47% Coverage
Hello Horton!

<Internals\vuyo the big dreamer> - § 1 reference coded [12.57% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 12.57% Coverage
I was about to read this article until i got spooked by that face

<Internals\Warchylde> - § 1 reference coded [6.49% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 6.49% Coverage
It's an honest mistake, I bet you 99% of the country wouldn't know how Parliament works, there are
things that happen regularly where I have to check wtf is up me.....

<Internals\Zodiac legend> - § 1 reference coded [2.04% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.04% Coverage
Sometimes people get creative with their responses to get votes... or they just like to create trouble to
see who is reading the forums...

Fair comment
<Internals\Barry Dale> - § 3 references coded [16.57% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.02% Coverage
Easy to be a pessimist you will almost always be right.
Reference 2 - 4.22% Coverage
Except you don't give any of those reasons, as I said pessimists are always right. I'd call them jaded
optimists :)
Reference 3 - 10.34% Coverage
Apart from the fact that a) the SA economy had a two rand values. You lived in the lala land of the
pretend one, b) the Oz economy has grown big time, bigger than other countries. Sure feel your pain.
But if you are making these mistakes around blame you're not managing your money.

<Internals\Busi> - § 1 reference coded [2.50% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.50% Coverage
Fair do's... However, for an ANC owned platform, they give their paymasters a helluva kicking, so it's not
all bad.

<Internals\Charlie> - § 1 reference coded [18.35% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 18.35% Coverage
Are you saying that any black politician that isn't a crook is just trying to be white?

<Internals\Chilancia> - § 1 reference coded [40.40% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 40.40% Coverage
I think a piece of the low unemployment amongst white people is that they tend to be more likely to start
businesses because of the perceived inability to find work even if they wanted..... So if you aren't trying
to look and you end up starting your own business - only the few who don't count towards the
unemployment...

<Internals\Christopher Mupangila> - § 1 reference coded [13.80% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 13.80% Coverage
Really Jacques!!! Are you pro or anti-Apartheid??

<Internals\Cleo> - § 1 reference coded [16.58% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 16.58% Coverage
Some people are not meant to be politicians. If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen.

Reference 1 - 5.05% Coverage
EFF got 1 169 000 votes

Reference 1 - 0.46% Coverage
No a fact.

Reference 1 - 3.37% Coverage
Does it really matter who the ANC nominate.............

Reference 1 - 11.58% Coverage
Does your statement just apply to politicians or can we extend your statement to someone like, I don't know, Thuli Madonsela? What do you think Blade would have to say about that?

In my original statement I mentioned Ramphele specifically; it was not a blanket statement generalizing about all black politicians. How did you deduce from my statement that I was talking about all black politicians?

Sad but true.

Reference 1 - 40.91% Coverage
...and he gets 3 up-votes

E. All of the above

Reference 1 - 1.64% Coverage
And that was wrong?

Reference 2 - 3.63% Coverage
Did you have to be nasty to the poor soul?

Dont you mean Effing/dumb

Reference 1 - 2.32% Coverage
“You campaigned hard against the ANC and we beat you. We defeated you,” Bloody agents everywhere, enemies behind every door...

Reference 1 - 18.65% Coverage
I think she was just being sarcastic

Reference 1 - 5.07% Coverage
If you have an issue with white people you will never get past your own prejudice. How will you ever look at things in an independent manner?

Reference 2 - 2.27% Coverage
Thanks for the weak sarcasm. Please don't give up your day job.

Reference 3 - 1.30% Coverage
That was a piece of cake, believe me.

Reference 1 - 1.30% Coverage
Hear that? It's the world's smallest violin.

Reference 2 - 0.86% Coverage
Haau where the Uncles and all

Reference 3 - 1.99% Coverage
Why not change your name to Vannie Limpoponie ne tsover leptepampoen.

Reference 1 - 8.96% Coverage
You vote based on humour?

Reference 2 - 3.23% Coverage
U won mtn8?

Reference 1 - 43.70% Coverage
You must not insult this man. He is Minister of Higher Education, Kung Fu and Communism. So, be careful what you say.
<Internals\James> - § 2 references coded [2.66% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.48% Coverage
   Good as I like sloppy seconds.
Reference 2 - 1.18% Coverage
   Ek dink hy is the droll.

<Internals\jandr0> - § 2 references coded [3.39% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.74% Coverage
   Kindly explain WHY it is poor journalism. Otherwise I can only say: "Lucky Vonani behind comment, poor commenting from Lucky."
Reference 2 - 2.65% Coverage
   [Just because I have an office Job that requires me from 8-5 and the miner works shifts of 6-6 extracting wealth, who should be paid more?] Why should they be paid more? One gets paid according to the value one adds. It seems you add more value than the shift miners, so good for you. It also means the shift miners need to find a way to add more value, or get another job where they can add more value (and then be paid more because they add more value).

<Internals\Jason_Rigby> - § 1 reference coded [10.32% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 10.32% Coverage
   Good question. I have no idea. I think a captain is a captain though, regardless of gender.

<Internals\Javas_Mjoka> - § 1 reference coded [30.09% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 30.09% Coverage
   I wonder whether you will ever do anything in your life. The journalist writes his/her ideas about something then you take it as bible. Even yourself if you have to make decision you will go thru similar processes of either reward loyalty or hard work, so please next time if u wish to comment use logic rather than emotions.

<Internals\Javed_Chogle> - § 1 reference coded [5.39% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 5.39% Coverage
   And you still fail to understand the blacks and black culture. Apartheid did serious damage to your brains, go and take some treatments and course in humanity.

<Internals\Jen> - § 8 references coded [11.45% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.68% Coverage
   Do u have legs and can u walk?
Reference 2 - 2.98% Coverage
   :(;) yeah let this day be done!.....seriously his face looks like its slowly melting away off his head....eew, that made me feel ill
Reference 3 - 1.16% Coverage
   Nope - i think she wishes she had kept the placenta
Reference 4 - 0.93% Coverage
   Eeeeeew.........sorry it's that chin thing
Reference 5 - 1.41% Coverage
   Why can't someone just say something without me visualising it
Reference 6 - 2.41% Coverage
   So you have done it - now get out your rut and move on, you have already wasted 20 years thinking about it
Reference 7 - 1.18% Coverage
   Whahahaha.........then he even got the wrong colour!!
Reference 8 - 0.70% Coverage
   Looks like you were passed over
Reference 9 - 0.70% Coverage
   Morning possum :)) very alternate...
Reference 10 - 0.27% Coverage
   Morning possum :)) very alternate...

<Internals\Joe_Public> - § 10 references coded [5.36% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.56% Coverage
   Perhaps, if we didn't ask for them...?
Reference 2 - 0.33% Coverage
   Why thank you ma am...
Reference 3 - 0.35% Coverage
   I wish i was too ... :)
Reference 4 - 0.60% Coverage
   Compared to many of the others? Maybe...
Reference 5 - 0.86% Coverage
   Most are hate speech and full of racial comments? Really?
Reference 6 - 0.42% Coverage
   The spelling gave it away...
Reference 7 - 0.39% Coverage
   Short of garden turtles...
Reference 8 - 1.05% Coverage
   And you should get out a little more, perhaps make fewer assumptions...
Reference 9 - 0.54% Coverage
   Morning possum :)) very alternate...
Reference 10 - 0.27% Coverage
The trombone trio

Reference 1 - § 3 references coded [6.61% Coverage]
Mark Peach sounds like a fruit to me.
Reference 2 - 2.01% Coverage
How cute the hypocrisy is still strong in you.
Reference 3 - 2.98% Coverage
They should leave the country the whites built? Yeah in your dreams
Reference 1 - § 4 references coded [17.85% Coverage]
Fkt that. Keep them well away from the Cape. Marion Island is only just far enough away providing the SE wind is not blowing.
Reference 2 - 2.09% Coverage
He responds to kakop, Pad.
Reference 3 - 2.89% Coverage
Kee, rist! The options we have! Lol!
Reference 4 - 2.89% Coverage
Born so the Cnut as he will learn.
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [5.30% Coverage]
The facts Sir are before you, read them.
Reference 1 - § 2 references coded [16.30% Coverage]
Every time I see that pic, I can't help myself and say: “Are you going to eat ALL the chicken drumsticks?”
Reference 1 - 12.25% Coverage
Maak dood / maak Groot===probleem
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [29.60% Coverage]
Save your airtime NICK i thought fairy tale sire were made for kids.
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [4.52% Coverage]
As fewer and fewer people remember who the heck this Madiba guy was...
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [1.08% Coverage]
WHAT are the chances! XD
Reference 1 - 18.65% Coverage
What's he going to do...?? Put on his Sharks jersey and spear tackle the premier? Could be?
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [90.87% Coverage]
You're living in a fantasy world there pal. I see blacks and whites living in harmony every day. I have some awesome black friends, from SA and beyond, and no one in my circle gives 2 licks if you're black or white so long as you're a decent person. So essentially you're talking out your ass. i suggest you get out there and start getting to know the world a bit, not just your seemingly (and sadly) very limited version of it.
Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [13.93% Coverage]
Help me to understand SARS. Zuma has to pay 214m. How? Let me give you an example. RDP is 40 000. Does that mean the residents have to pay SARS for that? If not, why Zuma? Is it supposed to be Zuma who pays or the funder (people/organisation/department that made those security upgrades)? I just need more knowledge and clarity.
Reference 1 - 90.87% Coverage
Lol, you have to appreciate the irony of someone named Valkenburger lecturing Azania of which country they should actually belong to! What does "Falcon Citizen" mean anyways?
Man, you do not have the intelligence that you think you have. You are just not clever at all with zero geometric reasoning (the "why factor" for your small generalist-non technical mind)

Once again, you have just shown that you are weak. You are so blinded with pressure to prove that you have some intelligence you even fail to reason. Fact is, Zille should lead the DA in parliament and entertain country issues there. Me being a farm post As long as that makes you feel good I'm happy for you.

Most likely he will be called an empty drum in the near future.

Intelligeriority complex, it is about stupid versus genius versus clever blacks, interesting times

Depends on what you mean by Uneducated. Your mentality is a big problem, thinking that all blacks are uneducated

I hope you're getting paid by the ANC

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Nooooo - the uneducated lose!!!!!!

Rather than the scumbags living in Blaauberg.

How does one create an assumption with a true statement, are you totally stupid?

Verité why is it that all you atheist are these scary looking...gay fokes... Is it because of the hate in your hearts because society hates you?

"Babane expressed astonishment at how anyone could have got past ..." Fool! Think 30%, thinks Flower Girl, think Nkandla - just THINK you...

Ok, Ok, you don't have to be so touchy about the extra layer on your thumb. It is your democratic right to keep it so that the ink washes off with it when election comes. Are you at all capable of having humour?

EFF did well I guess for a new comer, sorry Agang next time

I wonder what kind of a person you are really... anyway you have a lot to learn

Racist, it is not referred to as white house because of the race of the occupants, but because of the painting of the building
Which one is the lesser evil? [http://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/acting-president-must-be-appointed-cdp-1.1689185]

Reference 2 - 4.14% Coverage
Maybe you are the one smoking NYAOPE, just accept majority in SA are aware of your stupid campaign to discredit ANC, but you won't win with your disrespect and racist comments.

Reference 3 - 0.35% Coverage
Tell me please!

Reference 1 - 24.62% Coverage
I concur. I do not one to hear on e iota of complaining now right... You are clearly all content in your lives, so let's see how much your miserable lives improve over the next 5 years shall we. Made you %%*$ing beds, now sleep in them ANC supporters. Thank God because I can now stop handing out money to them at the street corners....

Reference 1 - 55.41% Coverage
What makes you say she didn't deserve it?

Reference 1 - 1.37% Coverage
There's a thing called...an example...

Reference 2 - 3.83% Coverage
Ja-Neel! His laughing his nose off right now, looking at all the counter-arguments. That's how silly he is...

Reference 1 - 12.98% Coverage
Mmmmm, D for DA?

Reference 2 - 2.69% Coverage
Why 100? On what basis must we do that? Why not times by 2, 15, 30 or 300?

Reference 3 - 1.38% Coverage
Okay, I see. Does this include the WC?

Reference 1 - 62.50% Coverage
Im here in my official capacity Ja, ons gaan vir julle vang ne.

Reference 1 - 1.00% Coverage
Depends... do you swallow?

Reference 1 - 0.66% Coverage
Mmmmm, D for DA?

Reference 2 - 0.75% Coverage
This oke's mouth and A-hole are interchangeable. No takers!

Reference 2 - 0.34% Coverage
She said it wukfit...30%ter.

Reference 1 - 0.42% Coverage
You make stupidity a profession...

Reference 6 - 0.34% Coverage
Didn't know they do fodder?

Reference 4 - 0.66% Coverage
Aside from a car, who and what gender is supra...FFS!

Reference 8 - 1.09% Coverage
I shall from now on be as contrite as I can... [Head hanging in shame, with sly smile]

Reference 9 - 0.48% Coverage
That sounds very ummmmm....ummmmm vui!

Reference 2 - 0.25% Coverage
Rhettorical question!

Reference 1 - 46.25% Coverage
Never mind MackNyali...let the guy be thick if he wants to be - it's his right. He falls into the category of Caucasians that say "all Black people look alike". I don't know how much clearer I can make it that NOT all people of colour are literally Black. My skin colour is in NO WAY the same colour as my black hair, neither is my complexion anything like a black shoe.

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No that sounds like work.

Reference 1 - 0.14% Coverage
Bucks

Reference 2 - 3.41% Coverage
"And you make the mistake that everyone just goes with the DA because they don't like the ANC..." I know it may take some time.

Reference 3 - 5.42% Coverage
True. White racism is the DA's worst enemy, and is killing its expansion. The evidence is on these pages. Comments as this from "Peter" Zuma is nearly human...don't know about the rest of his monkeys illustrate the point precisely.

Reference 4 - 4.37% Coverage
Talk about jumping out the plane and forgetting the parachute...........Prefer to die of starvation than vote for a whitey????? Well, be careful what you wish for...... You may just get it.

Reference 5 - 0.78% Coverage
There you go again. Sad...really.

Reference 1 - 3.51% Coverage
Why are we busy discussing Zille's horrible greenie privates?

Reference 1 - 24.25% Coverage
Hmm, I'm not sure that I or many around me regard the ANC as a terrorist organisation. It isn't their past that bothers as much as their present.

Reference 1 - 90.19% Coverage
it's because thousands of people like you that don't vote that the ANC get the majority every time as long as people like you pretend you are ostriches and bury your heads in the sand that a true democracy has never and will never be reflected enjoy the beach, the sand is softer there

Reference 1 - 50.16% Coverage
A non-vote is a silent vote for the present government who will get the majority's vote. So no, you can't complain if things go wrong it means you are happy with crime, poverty, corruption, poor service, criminal police and a president who lives beyond the country's means. But if you are happy with that, it's your problem.

Reference 1 - 0.36% Coverage
Bugger the acting one, back Thuli!

Reference 2 - 6.59% Coverage
This is a great idea!, maybe the dummies in the CANCer will open their eyes a little now, seeing as they've been brushing off the corruption as "white lies" SA wants a leader not the puppet of one of the most minor parties there is. My only disagreement is rather vote for DA or AGANG-SA they're both parties with a real plan and a real vision of what SA could be like without the silly little puppet flapping its arms around and endlessly pushing its glasses up its nose. The CANCer needs to rethink 'freedom' and democracy and discard its handcuffs to the SACP and COSATU, into the trashcan of Nzimande' failed schemes.

Reference 3 - 1.84% Coverage
"Gee wow look at me!", "I get my picture in the regime biased media now, and there's that seat on the gravy train. "A friend of poo player Ehrenreich to boot!

Reference 4 - 25.48% Coverage
@Carmen, good on you. You have the responsibility to prevent these people from doing what they did to you to others. The children deserve better, as do you, and all others.

Reference 1 - 0.40% Coverage
Be civil Waheed, this is a family forum.

Reference 2 - 0.84% Coverage
Shhh, you are shouting obscenities. It's unnecessary; it's only a conversation, Art!

Reference 3 - 0.55% Coverage
Dream on. They will be defunct by 2019. Mark my words!

Reference 4 - 0.46% Coverage
Three of your own fingers are pointing at you

Reference 1 - 50.00% Coverage
Ah that's a bit harsh….but very true.

Reference 1 - 11.63% Coverage
You are assuming a lot. Now run along and deal with that chip on your shoulder.

Reference 1 - 42.86% Coverage
Very sad but true.

Reference 1 - 35.66% Coverage
You remind me of Juju 'I will kill for Zuma'….but today 'I'm drunk and need a salary, bear with me!'

Reference 1 - 1.26% Coverage
Vang jou gat moergaan

Reference 1 - 12.42% Coverage
If you “stop injustice” Sarah the society will collapse, the whole world system will probably collapse. So much this is based on injustice. But we need to aspire towards that and it is fact that those in the top have the power to effect change. One good president, a couple of good ministers and the country can be different...

Reference 2 - 5.62% Coverage
The only satisfaction I derive from having "leaders" like these is that you and your ANC voting pals are being screwed together with the rest of us.

Reference 1 - 93.77% Coverage
I would like the ANC to win WC However, it will be a tough battle The DA used apartheid style tactics to scare the coloureds about “swart gevaar” If not, racism and apartheid will continue in WC The struggle of the ANC will be in vain, as WC do not benefit

Reference 1 - 93.66% Coverage
All parties have back benchers, even ANC has. Senior members seat at the front and juniors seat at back and are called back benchers.

Reference 1 - 24.01% Coverage
When (if ever) will they learn??? Just cannot understand their mentality.

Reference 1 - 2.42% Coverage
No reason is a reason in their way of thinking!

Reference 2 - 5.66% Coverage
You're not saying, shock, horror, that comrade kerk water is being SATIRICAL are you? Oh, the shame, the shame!

Reference 1 - 0.86% Coverage
Do you want us to guess?

Reference 1 - 4.72% Coverage
Oftentimes, those who claim cleverness for themselves are the dumbest, clouded by their ignorance and exaggerated egos.

Reference 1 - 0.19% Coverage
Recharging, reloaded, Sunday here we come!

Reference 1 - 13.86% Coverage
With the right touch, Bricks in the Wall tumble easily Owl, the public domain eyes as spies, so I'll leave the parts that impart the heart of the matter, the goat keeps private that which speaks to intimate, for moments intimate with O; I note your connections, as already provided, to be used sooner than later, in the meantime, as already said YouTube (dot) com/watch=loWXMtjUZWM

Reference 2 - 11.56% Coverage
A place Capable of all seasons in a single red wine session currently holds dry skies with hints of blue, warming sunshine too, and clouds of the real sort interspersed with bird song. I remember well that
wintering from time spent in many abodes up North, including Voortrekker Hoogte tents in mid-winter manoeuvres.

Reference 1 - 69.55% Coverage
My goodness, the more i see of this ugly human's picture, the more i begin to realize that it looks more and more like a puckered sphincter about to release its contents!!!! And by the looks of this article, that face has again been spewing verbal sewage in defence of its master, the king of Ncuntia!!!!!

Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [34.69% Coverage]
He does not know.

Reference 1 - 12.65% Coverage
My comment was meant to be tongue in cheek!

Reference 1 - 20.28% Coverage
It's the majority of DA followers who shows signs of racism in these platforms and that give us an impression of bringing back apartheid. How most followers dare say that only stupid blacks will vote ANC. We are called illiterate by your fellow members. I know as a white person you're born and raised differently from a black person. You can insult your own parents but as for us most Africans my parents can be the worst hobos but I treat them with ultimate respect.

Reference 1 - § 2 references coded [27.52% Coverage]
Ja... but I would say that a Captain, as in a rank in the military will be applicable to any gender. But "Captain", as used in your context, denoting some sort of superhero, would need to be gender specific not so?? Imagine for a moment, if you will, by some bizarre accident, brought about by alcohol consumption and a weird curiosity, you get your testicles caught in a vacuum cleaner pipe? You shout out in pain "Help Me Captain Obvious!!" and a woman appears?? That would be embarrassing, i am sure. For you and for her? So surely, when calling upon superheroes for assistance, it would be very beneficial to be able to denote their gender before summoning them? Or am i way off??

Reference 2 - 8.58% Coverage
"If you disagree with the leader, you are then vilified and ousted," Pascoe said on Monday. Unlike in the ANC, hey Pascoe Where if you disagree with the leader, you are given a fair chance to voice your concerns and they are taken seriously by the NEC Just ask Malema, he will tell you i ain't making this up.

Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [0.73% Coverage]
And the solution is?

Reference 1 - 22.74% Coverage
Hey I didn't play the race card go read you comrades comment, "Let's open our minds black people and let's not allow the rich white bosses to make us hate/envy each other", again he was the one talking race, I only pointed out it. The journalist didn't bring up Zuma or that only the white bosses get all the money he did. What I do know is that:
1. Most black people resent being born black for some strange reason,
2. Most black people are as racist or even more racist and use their past issues to justify why they are, then then camouflage it because according to the racist black man's gospel only non-black people (specifically white people) are racist. Oh and on that let's not forget that black people amongst almost all races are usually the only ones to bring up race be in their music, movies, literature and even comments on news reports, 3. When black people get rich they immediate forget where they came from and find one Patrice Motsepe doesn't make all black people great and I don’t even have to comment further on this part, 4. Strangely I'm very SA and even stranger I am black, successful and very happy. I don't need to use my blackness to make me get ahead or know that I belong somewhere and the reason why I love Margaret Thatcher is because I believe in the value of hard work and not entitlement. 5. This is not an attack on black people again Thuls1810 br

Reference 2 - 27.82% Coverage
1. It is not a fact! Why because I'm not taking your side so i must not be black or is it because all black people need to stick together because the world is against us, grow up and stop feeling sorry for yourself. Poor us poor black people and shame on those racist whites we only need them when we can't do it for ourselves or when we need to blame someone for our screw ups.
2. Only black people bring up racism no other non-white person i've met or read about who has been discriminate ever says it's those white people who did it...
3. Let's see almost every single rapper in the music world, black sportsmen, black actors and black men in general love their German Cars (because the white guy has one), white girlfriend(s) (because the
white guy has one), Italian suits (because the white guy has one), eating sushi of a white woman and drinking Dom (because the white guy does it). It's also strange when a black man dates a white woman it's because he's got swag when a white guys date black women it's because he needs to feel superior as per the racists black man's gospel. I don't even need to add names because I'm sure you know who they are and most likely aspire to be one...oh the life.

4. Remember I said I tell the truth about who we are and only when it's true do people react the way you have. What exactly has my success (of which I'm very proud) got to do with fact that your entire argument has been defensive? The only reason why black people are in parliament because the hard-working black leaders of years gone by had fought for it, where are hard-working black people now there are none because most black people today want to do get rich and be white. I wonder what the black people who died for us, to allow us to make a better life for ourselves on our own would think about the "my turn mentality".

Reference 1 - 5.00% Coverage
If you believe your own drivel then you are proof that you cannot fix stupid

Reference 1 - 6.29% Coverage
Go away dude. You used the two interchangeably as if they are synonyms. Like I said, the "word" exists in Pedi and Zulu. However, the "notion" may not exist. So stop defending the indefensible.

Reference 1 - 9.58% Coverage
But in a lighter vein, he did try to twig on, but the sap couldn't figure he was barking up the wrong tree, and after that he was stumped, and never managed to get to the root of the matter. Then he decided to just leaf it alone. Don't think he has ever blossomed in his position.

Reference 1 - 53.99% Coverage
Truth is, correcting a wrong with a wrong is degenerate, but hypocrisy is the mother of all evils, many comments here are just degrading, unconstructive, damning, and self-righteous. They seek to paint a picture of a non-existent wishful utopic leadership from a bunch that has a selfish superiority complex, which has its source from a long line of progeny, which has historically failed dismally to unite people.

Reference 1 - 0.89% Coverage
I see that you did not listen to Winston Churchill's sage advice of not missing a good opportunity to shut up

Reference 1 - 4.85% Coverage
You know nothing and are dithering in self-imposed confusion. Actually Valkenburger is the name of the hospital, and a Valkenburger is the name of a hamburger patty that Owl & I invented some weeks ago, which consists of ground beef spiced with Citalopram. So you're completely wrong there. Also, if you go and check, liberation movements got the name Azania from a book written in the 1930's by a group of archaeologists exploring what is today known as Mapungubwe. They found ancient artefacts & ruins & mistakenly called the area/civilization Azania. Which was wrong of them, typical Imperialist types, but there you have it, and AZAPO should actually have been MPO, the Mapungubwe People's Organisation. And my concentration span was not long enough to read your other points.

Reference 2 - 0.37% Coverage
Some of them it's difficult to tell. I mean with the names.

Reference 3 - 1.84% Coverage
Lol, actually my mind is becoming steadily occupied in doing constructive stuff. Not by choice, but I suppose it feels good. A relief sitting around doing nothing isn't as easy as it looks, ask those guys at Marikana. Tax evaders Fiscus and Aids risks God help us, characters in the new 3-D Asterix film

Reference 1 - 3.56% Coverage
I did read the thread. I'm responding to your thread where you said "He had IT in him."......as in took one in the rear door.....

Reference 1 - 20.11% Coverage
Alex, you're wasting your time, explaining to him that "redress" against a minority will not solve our unemployment and poverty problems is like talking to an inanimate object.

Reference 2 - 16.34% Coverage
Mawande, are you god, did you place those resources in the ground with a snap of your fingers, no you didn't and THEN it doesn't belong to you.

Reference 1 - 7.69% Coverage
I use it frequently......but a warning from the editors: understanding is not included and the reader must make a personal effort to interpret the writing. Genetic predisposition is a bonus, but conscious attitude and clear mind can compensate......
... The concepts and context of "responsibility" used in these comments...(I would add "accountability"), frame the contextual use of "slavery"

Reference 1 - 5.75% Coverage
It's a bit of a toughie, hey?

Reference 1 - 11.99% Coverage
Thought prison overalls are orange / farm worker overalls blue...

Reference 1 - 35.61% Coverage
Blacks are not employed in Cape Town due to BEE/AA coloureds and whites are employed hence the high success of the cape this can't be said of any other country let alone province in Africa. If it wasn't for BEE/AA 90% of blacks would be without jobs because they are useless and very, very lazy. They take off when they want, they have attitude. Whites built up this country and brought an economy here so why should they share it? How many Zulus shared their mud huts with settlers when they arrived with nothing but an ox wagon? Yet because you are born in SA you think you are entitled to the economy please wake up

Reference 1 - 41.32% Coverage
Commenters please check yourselves before you comment if you don't have one of these diseases racism/tribalism/anger/jealous/defensive mechanism especially those who can't comment without insulting or calling snaaks names. Read Matthew 7:1-5 and type AMEN you'll be delivered.

Rhetorical Humour

Reference 1 - 37.93% Coverage
In-fun-dla!

Reference 1 - 24.14% Coverage
# SMDH#

Reference 1 - 7.48% Coverage
Thanks for the clarity. Regarding the Viagra, oops, I meant QWERTY keyboard:- So, I dropped my tablet mobile device, and the QWERTY is now the MERDE Keyboard; - So every time I try to type Erections it comes out as Elections.

Reference 2 - 4.83% Coverage
Well, chemical reactions depend on whether there is a blanket involved. But, will North Korea support Russia in Crimea or Pophol Horam in Nigeria.

Reference 3 - 11.82% Coverage
Dear Jacob. You have manifested on this IOL blog in many forms since the eve of the elections. You say that Europe is in France and believe that Germany is in Vietnam; that's how I know that it is you. Electioneering over and nothing to do. Well, I never believed that I would rub shoulders with the RSA President every day for almost a week now. Yours, Puppete

Reference 4 - 1.88% Coverage
Oops, Puppe (silly me), that your name. Yours, Babette

Reference 2 - 13.91% Coverage
Ok, so what are you actually saying?

Reference 2 - 11.92% Coverage
Yah I know, they look just like my kitchen maid from back in the day!

Reference 1 - 14.35% Coverage
Funding politics is expensive. Think about it. It is rumoured that DA spent 100million in its GP campaign only. Can you imagine how much they spent nationally? This stuff is expensive dear. Yes she may not be broke like you and I broke (Assuming that when you say you are broke, you, like me, mean you have R100 in your account and are more than 5 days away from pay day)!

Reference 1 - 20.25% Coverage
Jeremy boy is a Jew? Since when?

Reference 1 - 92.18% Coverage
Wherefore, thou smokiest my servant the prophet Cabel Leboch Hath thou no fear for ME none whatsoever? Harken, lo, behold, and listen to what HE hath to say for verily, verily I say unto thee that he art the express image of the Christ, the archetype of HE who art to come.
Erm, I'm a practising atheist who occasionally goes to church (force of habit, the churches here are beautiful and it's a good space to clear your head, no electronic devices allowed) so I won't be resorting to prayer. Don't mind if others do though...

Yeah Laandaan town in nit and it's chucking down ;-

I'd pay good money to see the photo call of Juju resplendent in his jumpsuit and Namba Wan, regal, in his leopard tread gear (with box fresh takkies and ray bans). Dear universe, please make this happen for me, you owe me... Goddamit!

I wanna be Juju's stylists. The man is fearless! I saw a rhinestone jumpsuit online the other day. Red, of course... That'd be super for him...

My AHA! Moment: tequila lies, i am not funnier, prettier, or a better dancer

Wah-hey! Um no, i am more like after four, I'm toast...funny...but toasted

Yes, he has hung himself. Lion's den he just went into. He should have looked elsewhere; the red beret wave would have been a better option.

My only see one colour

I have one party one race.

Hardly

Umh 1 vote 1 rape

Uh, NOTHING comes to mind...

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Let her roll over and d...

Nah Coli-flower, pizza base lol. Where do I find almond flour anyway?

Rice has carbs in it. No carbs, no sugar. Max of 50g carbs a day which includes sugar seeing as it's so closely related to each other. Rice flour has 80g carbs in just 100g of flour Normal wheat flour has 69g per 100g Almond flour has apparently a few health issues related to it Coconut flour however seems healthier. But don't know the price of this.
Could people please stop talking about KFC? I'm hungry and this tanoaks diet does not allow me to eat the ANC's key ingredient to winning votes... that's what I said ... lol, lol don't forget tax evade and third grade Or was it 4th grade woodwork? I can't remember: 

I know the intention was not there. It's just me being a little bit of a conspiracy theorist. AKA I'm bored.

They are waiting for a new door to be fitted and then we can start all over.

Reference 1 - 11.01% Coverage
Have another drink, Mr. Nzimande. Makes talking non-sense so much easier.

Reference 7 - 1.63% Coverage
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Reference 8 - 0.46% Coverage
For their entertainment value
Sorry, have not got the time to expound on all the fallacies enumerated in your comment, but I can sum it up: What a load of nonsense.

Reference 1 - 1.05% Coverage
Ah no, she will pop up as someone else soon: D

Reference 2 - 0.50% Coverage
Hey beee: D.......TGIF

Reference 3 - 1.16% Coverage
Damn u woman, Im gonna need that bag soon ....ewww

Reference 4 - 0.84% Coverage
Eew visuals getting worse and worse...

Reference 5 - 0.61% Coverage
Goats are pretty and clever

Reference 6 - 1.32% Coverage
And sweet lol - goats are happening on the fracking front?

Reference 7 - 1.16% Coverage
They will be weakened - Im just thinking positively

Reference 1 - 0.60% Coverage
Go home luigy this page is for adults...

Reference 2 - 1.08% Coverage
Psst!! Luigy........ you are wasting your own and everybody else’s time

Reference 3 - 0.20% Coverage
Whahahaha: D

Reference 4 - 0.03% Coverage
:)

Reference 5 - 0.20% Coverage
Moo, moo cluck

Reference 1 - 0.56% Coverage
Aaaaah

Reference 1 - 2.38% Coverage
Fat chance of that

Reference 1 - 3.01% Coverage
It’d run my legs stompies.

Reference 2 - 9.83% Coverage
(In a hollowed-out whiskey voice) and where you think you going with them legs, heh?

Reference 1 - 0.12% Coverage
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Reference 1 - 39.94% Coverage
LOL will not allow better descriptions.... but i believe it has something between car "keys" and old Abba song "money money"....

Reference 1 - 71.79% Coverage
How many chances do you want?

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Reference 1 - 2.74% Coverage
So why would you have an illusion of it being supposedly painted white in its entirety?

Reference 2 - 1.07% Coverage
You are still up? Go and sleep kid

Reference 3 - 1.07% Coverage
Still not asleep, you are grounded

Reference 1 - 31.78% Coverage
Ya just gotta get that snout in. once it’s in........GRAVY!!!!!!!!

Reference 1 - 1.46% Coverage
I wonder if you have a job, you are always commenting rubbish

Reference 1 - 0.94% Coverage
QED

Reference 2 - 0.05% Coverage

You remind me of this story....... A blind bloke walks into a shop with his guide dog. He picks up the dog and puts it on his head. He then starts spinning around. The shop assistant gets alarmed and asks him "Can I help you?" "No thanks" he says "Just looking around"

Reference 3 - 0.98% Coverage
Reference 4 - 6.27% Coverage

Reference 1 - 1.59% Coverage
Eeef yoooo naahh bahhhwu nyoooo get to flaaaaieeenoooptuhs plain
Reference 2 - 0.78% Coverage
Dad and sonno 14 how touching
Reference 1 - 10.80% Coverage
I don't recall who exactly but a well-known American actress once came out with "I like a little drink, two at the most, if I have three I'm under the table and four I'm under the host" Always made me chuckle.

Reference 1 - 0.03% Coverage
Booooo
Reference 2 - 0.04% Coverage
Go B!! :)
Reference 3 - 0.06% Coverage
Whoo, whhooooo
Reference 4 - 1.49% Coverage
The comfort level slightly less, needing to know is there anybody in there? Just nod if you can hear me. Is there anyone at home? Come on now I hear you're feeling down. Well I can ease your pain Get you on your feet again. Relax. I'll need some information first, Just the basic facts. The YouTube (dot) com/watch? v=h_jhyQfIxO0
Reference 5 - 0.24% Coverage
He looks lovely, say hello back! You are a good man!

Reference 1 - 1.86% Coverage
If you can see it, why ask the question Joe? I like to think there may have been a difference. Maybe huge, maybe not, who knows, but it could hardly have been worse. Of course, now we're on to opinion and not fact. Anyway, now I must work!
Reference 2 - 2.81% Coverage
Lol I don't know you from a bar of soap Joe. Guess that's mutual, but I can only react to your comments you post here. To me they seem articulate, but aloof. It's as if it's just a game of one-upmanship, and not an attempt to have sensible debate. I may be wrong, but that's how it came across. Apologies if I misjudged you! . . . . And now I REALLY must work!

Reference 1 - 1.68% Coverage
It is hot in here I am sweating.
Reference 2 - 1.31% Coverage
Some even dimmer wits do.
Reference 1 - 15.42% Coverage
Son of the Almighty One You've lost your books, your marbles....and alas - your way. Now try this one on the Cape Grand Parade. (Ewige mal blixem.)
Reference 2 - 17.49% Coverage
Yip New ones. The burden got too heavy for the older die-heart$. Now sing-a-long: " Boy......you gotta carry that weighhhtt....carry that weighhhtt a loooooong time....."

Reference 3 - 3.46% Coverage
What about complex carbs like sweet potatoes and jungle oats? Can you eat those?
Reference 1 - 3.46% Coverage
We all need cross fit, we just don't realise it yet

Reference 1 - 2.85% Coverage
Yes, thank Goodness!!!!!! I hope she's listening. The last I saw her she was doing the ironing!!!!!!!!!
Reference 2 - 1.38% Coverage
......and spills the coke on the seat too!!!!!!!!!
Reference 1 - 8.18% Coverage
And it was a banana tree, right?

Public opinion
Reference 1 - 3.82% Coverage
Hi, look at this: mg (dot) co (dot) za/article/2013-08-21-sekunjalo-finalises-inmsa-purchase
you see that IOL is now owned by Sekunjalo Independent Media Consortium (INMSA). (IOL is merely an online version of their newspapers.) Their chairman Igbal Serve is an inveterate ANC- asshole. INMSA itself is 25% owned by the ANC-run Government Employees' Pension Fund. The rest (75%) is SIM -is largely held by the labour unions, who are of course in bed with the ANC. 'Hope this helps to show that de facto the ANC "owns" IOL.
Reference 2 - 0.96% Coverage
Apartheid struggle is STILL ON... just DIFFERENT R-SOULS IN THE UNION BUILDINGS!
Reference 3 - 0.99% Coverage
Fransman was last seen.... "SATTING DOWN n PAPSAK... "!!!!!!!DROWNING HIS SORROWS!
Reference 4 - 0.72% Coverage
As long as Zuma is receiving his cut... Ace's job is secure!
Reference 1 - 0.50% Coverage
Was shown on E-NCA Television..... Including Mamphela bitterly complaining about it!
Reference 3 - 18.47% Coverage
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Reference 1 - 1.02% Coverage
Fully agree - and the irony is that those who suffer the most keep those who manipulate the situation in power.
Reference 2 - 3.72% Coverage
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Reference 4 - 7.68% Coverage
I really think that the masses do not care about this. They most likely never pay taxes and are also to made believe that they have so much to benefit from the system. And that's why education for everybody is so important. Rather than just receiving a free handout, all those who do get a handout should also have to attend training/education, especially if they are younger than 40 years.
Reference 1 - 3.09% Coverage
People will never stop complaining. That's why it's a democracy. Choose the devil and then whine knowing you're doing very little to help your cause
Reference 2 - 17.14% Coverage
Looks like DA's keeping WC and taking GP if the early results are anything to go by.
Reference 1 - 30.91% Coverage
Actually the mines were giving ARVs when the state refused, you forgot that didn't you? The mines also pay housing allowances. It might have been true in apartheid that miners were forced to leave their families behind. But it isn't true now. How the miners choose to spend their housing allowance might be something for you investigate. The miners earn R2610? Rubbish, they earn much more than that and we knew that ages ago. Few people know that the King of the Royal Bafokeng sent his young men to the Kimberley diamond mines to earn money for the kingdom. With that he bought land which happens to also be most of the land where South African platinum reserves are (I wonder if they own part of Lonmin). Why does nobody ever talk about that? An African who worked an unjust system to benefit his people. Instead we hear whining like this
Reference 1 - 29.13% Coverage
I agree only with the consolidation of ALL progressive opposition forces not necessarily DA with A-gang or EFF but ALL progressive opposition forces we need a strong diversified opposition even the ruling party ANC has a 3-way alliance they could not rule alone so wakeup DA (22%?), EFF(6%?) and other permanent oppossers i.e. IFP, UDM, ACDP, etc. you CANNOT do it alone, you need to join forces with others the opposition is doing so bad that even if they combine current forces, they standing at 37% unable to beat the ANC 3-way alliance

Reference 1 - 3.89% Coverage
Looks like als kicked in rather late here...

Reference 1 - 89.39% Coverage
No work no pay should extend right up to the leading Union members so that they can identify with the striking members that they force to strike. Obviously through intimidation and killing people they force them to strike even though they want to go back to work. So no leader should be enjoying while the masses suffer.

Reference 1 - 92.81% Coverage
The problem with RSA politics is that there are far too many little splinter parties instead of say three bigger ones, but no everyone wants to be baas!!!!

Reference 1 - 17.57% Coverage
Just got back from Cape Town to Natal Passed 10 busses near Hex River Voting fodder maybe???
Moving there in June, YAY!!!!!

Reference 2 - 12.29% Coverage
Have you been there? It is like a different country, well run but you won't understand!

Reference 3 - 5.00% Coverage
Mission impossible don't you think!

Reference 1 - 63.59% Coverage
Time to stop moaning and make some sacrifices AMCU workers!! Death is a small price to pay to ensure that Joseph Mathunjwa Amplats is made rich! This article must go hand in hand with that of the CEO who bragged about earning millions from the same mine.

Reference 1 - 9.35% Coverage
That's not Mokonyane

Reference 1 - 68.49% Coverage
Is this true mzanzi we knew it would be like that?

Reference 1 - 96.94% Coverage
It's not just calculated according to 45,000 votes = 1 seat, but that's more or less a quick way to determine the seats. Some seats are proportionally distributed. 200 of the 400 seats are distributed according to the votes and the other 200 are proportionally distributed. As a small party who is only in third of fourth place, it's possible to get 1 or 2 extra seats because of the system that's used.

Reference 1 - 21.32% Coverage
I don't know where you get this rubbish from that "whites fear Malema so much". I've heard plenty of white people saying they will vote for EFF, not jokingly, but because they believe in the party. One day you will realize that this continuous race-for-race thing is getting quite old and the majority of South Africans don't care anymore. Just a question to you, because you seem to have it all figured out... is it my fault that my great-great-great-grandparents were TOLD to come to South Africa? I don't think it is. I'm here because of world events the same way you are. If I don't have a right to be here, then you don't have the right to be here either, so please, get off your high horse. "Whites came to SA with NOTHING..." Well blacks also came to South Africa with nothing? What's your point? I don't see any intellectual facts being given to support all of these claims, even by the political party that you voted for. So going by your viewpoint, if you didn't bring anything, but you built everything, then you're not allowed to claim ownership. So if a person emigrated from China, dirt poor to the US, and started a very
successful company, he's not entitled to own that company at all, only because of the fact that he started it with nothing? I'm sorry to say but this view is seriously flawed and if you, or the EFF actually enact on this, the entire world will laugh at your stupidity. I like the EFF, don't get me wrong, I just don't like people like you who hear only what they want to hear. You're adding your own personal policies into EFF's policies just because you're too lazy to create your own success.

Reference 3 - 21.29% Coverage
I have nothing against land reform, but you can't threaten that all land will be taken by force without compensation. The economy will be ruined and will never recover. Investors won't invest and SA will be sanctioned. You have to approach these very sensitive issues carefully. You have to remember that even though, according to you and many others, white people are the 'minority' we still make up 10 - 12% of the country. If you start alienating one group of South Africans, others will start to worry as well. Soon you will alienate everyone, even other black cultural groups and you'll sit with a ruined society. My problem is this: The government has already had a land reform policy in 1998. Something like 80,000 claims were submitted and only 13,000 were actually true claims. Now they want to re-open land reform. How did you suddenly get a new claim on land that you didn't have in 1998? You also have to remember that South Africa is very agriculture orientated. We have some of the best commercial farms in the world and we rely heavily on our farms for food. As soon as you re-open land reform you scare investors and farmers don't want to expand. This is a very serious threat towards our own food security - and that of Africa. So yes I have never disagreed about land reform IN PRINCIPLE. I agree that it should be done, but not at the cost of R180bn when we already had land reform claims submitted in the past. You also can't, like the ANC, re-open land reform and estimate that it will cost R180bn and then you only budget R3bn for it. That's useless. Nothing will come of it and you just scare investors off.

Reference 4 - 23.42% Coverage
I think you just proved to everyone what a moron you actually are. You still have this perception that 'black people don't vote DA' and 'the DA is a white party' and of course the laughable 'the DA will bring back apartheid'. Seriously, you need to start educating yourself if you want to get anywhere in life, because as the ANC proved, petty politics where you try and make everything about race is not going to get you votes, it will cost you votes. If you want the EFF to have any chance of contesting in the 2019 elections you will have to stop this nonsense right now, otherwise you will lose votes in the next elections. You're very quick to point out how the DA cannot manage to reach 30% of the votes, yet the EFF only has 6%. I don't see the valid argument behind your criticism at all. Even COPE did better than the EFF in the 2009 elections. How sad is that? You're right that the DA didn't manage to get 30%, but the EFF is still the party in power. What is important is the growth the DA is experiencing, which shows that more and more voters are confident that the DA is capable of delivering their promises. Unlike the EFF, the DA knows what it can do. Malema 'hoped' to WIN the elections with a majority, that shows he and his party is just building sandcastles. We will see if the EFF is capable of contesting in the 2016 municipal elections. Let's hope no in-fighting happens before then. You cannot say things like 'Blacks do not want whites in government it's a fact' because clearly you do not share the viewpoint that a lot of black South Africans share, and you cannot speak on their behalf. I was part of a campaign for the DA before the elections. Out of roughly 250 people there were probably 230 black people, so please don't state things as fact just because it's your opinion.

Reference 5 - 10.53% Coverage
Malema also indicated that the EFF will only form a coalition with the ANC if Zuma resigns and Motlanthe replaces Zuma. Obviously Zuma will never stand for this, as he is trying really hard to get rid of Motlanthe (as he is a good candidate to replace him). We will have to see if Malema really matured and can be kept to his word. IF he suddenly reconciles with the ANC it will only show that he's not to be trusted at all (by his supporters and by the rest of South Africa) because what he claims in public isn't the truth. A lot of ANC supporters do not support Zuma. I was talking to A LOT of ANC supporters over these past few weeks and they don't like Zuma one bit. They want him gone. They will support EFF in getting rid of Zuma but they will have to go through the channels of the political party.

Reference 6 - 9.16% Coverage
There are ways to determine the demographics of voters. For example, in my city there are 4 voting stations closest to the University. You look at the voters’ roll of the voting stations and look at all the ID numbers that begin with 96 - 88. You then ‘assume’ they are students. You then look at the percentage of DA votes for that ward and determine that the DA has roughly 35% of the student votes. Obviously this isn't that accurate - but it's the closest you can get to determining where you still have to do some work to get more votes. I also think that the DA statisticians who predicted that the DA will get 22.2% of the votes (or it was 22.5%) shows that they are pretty good with predictions.

Reference 7 - 5.96% Coverage
Well never underestimate the ANC. I'm pretty sure they are in various meetings this weekend to make plans to get those seats back in the next election. I wouldn't put it passed them to form coalitions with smaller parties to get those seats back. The EFF is also a serious danger with regards to them forming a coalition with the ANC to get a 2/3 majority in Parliament. I doubt this will materialize in the coming year or two, but it's completely possible.

Reference 1 - 7.33% Coverage
The UK had to smash the unions before unemployment came down. You talk as though there is a better system? Give me proof that a better system exists please. The Free Market Economic model is not perfect but it has been proven time and time again to be the best. 50 years ago England had a terrible unemployment rate...the system was more socialist...they changed that....now look how the little island flourishes.

Reference 1 - 16.41% Coverage
@Rowan... You've demonstrated an incredible ability to reason and present well your findings but I'm very disappointed in your selective reasoning patterns. Did you just ignore looking at the reason why we have such accreditation departments? It’s because historically we dealing with people who do not want use as blacks to climb the economic ladder. Personally I don't support the BEE route because it doesn't have a time frame, I prefer a more robust way of levelling the playing field...it could have lasted for a few years. The most interesting one being that all those that benefited materially from apartheid pay a market related fee or give everything back to the state. Educate (equip) those who were insulted with such policies as Bantu education (what an insult) then give everybody a chance to acquire riches of whatever proportions they so desired.

Reference 2 - 89.61% Coverage
Not surprised he didn't dazzle, his reputation is severely tarnished!

Reference 1 - 28.40% Coverage
Time to sue the present Government and get United Nations Lawyers involved...WE HAVE A CASE

Reference 1 - 61.40% Coverage
It's because of those very white people that you have a country with an economy - and not a Zimbabwe...

Reference 2 - 6.69% Coverage
I disagree! As long as I pay my hard earned taxes...I have every right to complain!

Reference 1 - 92.41% Coverage
Yes because the people that need to make the country better are more focused still on bee preach on racial left right and centre and self-enrichment and not the real problems it is time to wake up and learn the country the right way by leading by example and not same

Reference 1 - 6.85% Coverage
IOL is owned by the ANC? That's news to me, Proof? I read M&G and the daily maverick but they don't have as regular uploads of co as or robust a BTL community. There are some sane people on here, not many... And that's why I stay. I'm off to church (St Paul's) like the good black woman I am... Later.

Reference 2 - 16.85% Coverage
I think it's a lot more nuanced than the simple 'blacks are stupid, Koreans are good at math'. Environmental factors play a huge amount in how people view the world and their intelligence. For instance to refute your case, When I used to work in the city. I was in the top 5% performance wise in my team made up of mostly British colleagues.. That was predominantly because I was private school educated (in South Africa)., had decent tertiary education and came from a family that believed in me, which made me more confident when dealing with clients, and thus able to win more business. Nothing to do with race or intelligence, just a combination of factors which made me a stronger candidate... I have to pop out again, happy to continue this conversation later.

Reference 3 - 7.40% Coverage
Glad someone does! And I agree with your assertion that the conversations here are (mostly) destructive. It's really frustrating because IMO, South Africa's never going to straighten up and fly right until the general populace learn to live with and respect each other. The politicians are simply taking advantage of a fractured nation.

Reference 4 - 2.70% Coverage
Quite, it's a shame not many people see that... And when they eventually come round, it may be too late. We live in hope...

Reference 1 - 29.61% Coverage
Yeah, what we really need is a return to good, old fashioned, and bible-based policy. The whole Apartheid thing was a great example of how well that works.

Reference 1 - 95.62% Coverage
OK! Now that we all had our say about racial lines and coloured in the WC etc., can we all agree that the Western Cape can now secede from South Africa, because it's clear the masses just want free stuff and the ANC is willing to give it to them, so they can be in power and steal more from tax payers money. We never wanted to be a part of the union of South Africa, but the British government gave us no choice. In 1910, the cape colony, aka Cape Province, became part of South Africa. Just think where we might have been today. Plus no apartheid laws, we would have been only first world country in Africa. Damn British government.

Reference 1 - 98.46% Coverage
Before 1994 there was Mulder gate / Roodie scandal and the millions scammed through the various Mielleraad, Veisraad, and Aardapplraad etc. Only Broederbond members got those jobs. Since 1994, I have been shot at twice, first 5 shots that missed, then two, one of which killed my friend. I have been made CDI (currently disadvantaged individual as compared to PDI, previously disadvantaged individual) CDI's, male, white, over 40, are the least desired employee, regardless of ability. The law actually prevents their being appointed, there are countless "Black Business Forum, Black Lawyers Forum etc." type organisations that do not allow white membership. There is not one organisation that is called White anything and it would be illegal any way to exclude black membership of anything. Whites can be banned from being members of certain organisations, but not non-whites. The international community let alone the SA people view the police as corrupt and inefficient. Government corruption, tender scamming, money wasting on paintings and jaunts is rampant. The ANC perfected what the National Party and Broederbond were amateurs at. If they applied that learning curve to government, this country would be cruising! I should consider voting for the ANC? Really? P...s off!

Reference 1 - 56.15% Coverage
How does the DA treat people from the Eastern Cape as "foreigners in their own country"? Are you referring to Helen Zille's "education refugees' tweet"? In September last year when Minister Nathi Mthethwa released the crime statistics, he blamed the increase in attempted murders in the Western Cape on "economic refugees", but I don't see any ANC supporters condemning him. Double standards? Also, the R10 Billion spent on consultants relates to a report by the Auditor-General on consultants appointed by the Western Cape Provincial government during the 3 years from 2008 - 2010 amounting to R10.3 Billion. 28 out of the 31 contracts examined by the Auditor-General (representing 97%) were signed by the ANC during their tenure in the Western Cape. When the DA took over government in 2009 they were obliged to honour these valid and legally binding contracts even though they thought they were unnecessary. ANC MP Khaya Magaxa also pointed out that it was an extreme waste of money and that the ANC administration spent millions for which they have little to show. The main culprits were the Dept. of Transport & Public Works and the Dept. of Health. Marius Fransman and Pierre Uys have been summoned to appear before SCOPA to answer questions on the billions of Rand that was spent on consultants during their term in office.

Reference 2 - 9.34% Coverage
Oh dear, Grant Pascoe, you have learnt the ANC's official party lines very quickly and are now repeating them on cue, but I suspect that it won't be long before you feel stifled in that t-shirt. And then what will you do?

Reference 3 - 7.32% Coverage
Two weeks ago Grant Pascoe said "Must be difficult being an ANC member and canvassing for votes in poor areas". I think those words are going to come back and haunt him...

Reference 1 - 71.06% Coverage
Ipsos statistics do not lie... South Africa,... 13% of people have primary school or less, 48% of people never finish high school!!! ANC supporter’s profile- 52% of supporters have never finished high school!! DA Supporter profile- 33% of supporters have never finished high school.....So ... looking at things statistically.... ANC supporter education on average is worse that the Country average ....and DA supporter education is better than the country average.... This phenomenon is prevalent throughout Africa...as voters get more educated - they see beyond the lies and political games.... that is why the DA voter is (FACT) on average more educated that the ANC voter (FACT) ---- and this is what Ipsos tells us !!! And by the way - this has nothing to do with being black or white ...ANC and DA have multi-cultural support base. ANC does not equal Black... so calling the ANC uneducated includes the whites, blacks, Indians and coloured in the ANC.... I think your mentality is the problem here ... you are the one that believes the ANC can only mean Black.... and therein in lies you root of your own racist views.

Reference 1 - 71.06% Coverage

Reference 1 - 92.32% Coverage
Reference 1 - 25.11% Coverage
I was asking you a question about your statement, not making a statement. BTW... Blade is a crook, a liar and a racist!

Reference 2 - 27.22% Coverage
Won't hurt it either! Let's give it a try though and find out! Won't last long, he'll be out on medical parole in what, 3 months?

Reference 1 - 52.20% Coverage
Let's not misconstrue my meaning - especially since I'm black - not white. I'm simply saying - unemployment is lower amongst whites because the general feeling is there's no point in trying to find a job. As for me - I'm black and decided to start a company because I like having control over my earning potential. So I kind of take offense when you call my people lemmings as it seems you're calling me one too.....

Reference 1 - 21.59% Coverage
Zuma and the ANC think they are above the law - it's a well-known fact! And the problem is, WE ALLOW THEM TO GET AWAY WITH IT.

Reference 1 - 7.63% Coverage
Then you need a professional Manager, the one who'd make clients look forward to meet with. Unlike you.

Reference 1 - 11.45% Coverage
Sorry about that ol' brain-box, it is not worth an intelligent man's time to be in the majority. By definition, there are already enough people to do that. G. H. Hardy

Reference 1 - 53.96% Coverage
...and this morning I heard she's not going to Parliament after all. So, everyone who voted Agang to see her in parliament wasted their vote. Agang seems eerily familiar. Does anyone remember the Independent Democrats?

Reference 1 - 94.71% Coverage
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You call it "counter revolutionary", but I don't think you know what revolutionary means... Kasrils and co.

Reference 1 - 66.82% Coverage
No surprises here! Ramphele is a joke and so is Agang. Insight into her character was revealed during the DA-Agang debacle. She has no clue as to what political strategizing and leadership is all about. This being said, Zille also deserves to be cast out for that massive political faux pas!!

Reference 1 - 55.20% Coverage
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Reference 1 - 74.73% Coverage
"...X still drawn along racial lines..."Yep. Just like BEE and AA.

Reference 1 - 23.13% Coverage
Vavi drivelling focal matter from his chin again. The whole Tripartheid alliance is apartheid re-incarnate, even the name is similar.

Reference 1 - 98.26% Coverage
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Zuma managed to make 45 leave the stadium during his speech? "Failing to dazzle" may be taw on the
euphemistic side But it does not matter what he did on stage or how he did it The people who continue
to support the ANC and Zuma have already shown that they have zero standards, zero expectations
and the bar for leadership quality, integrity and performance is not low as many have suspected but
most probably does not exist at all Zuma is an inspiration to many for this very reason The fact he can
make it this big proves that absolutely anybody can make it big

Reference 2 - 15.54% Coverage
Well said. I asked on top what happened to her $50 million and she must have used a lot of the money
to start the party and made bad investments. She comes across as an idealist and that we saw when
she could not understand why people still voted for the ANC. She is an academic and not cut out for
leadership roles.

Reference 2 - 8.08% Coverage
[I truly agree with you, this is a free country and it's their democratic right to publish propaganda...] Yes,
they are. However, of the two of us it is only you labelling it propaganda at the moment. So I am saying it
may, if you stretch the definition of propaganda, POSSIBLY be SUSPECTED of a sneaky propaganda
attempt.
But before I even consider agreeing, you will have to FACTUALLY convince me (and others) that is
really propaganda - and you have not yet done so. To help you, here is my most concise yet
comprehensive definition of propaganda as I studied it through the years: "Systematic communication of
ideas or information, especially of a biased or misleading nature (such as presenting only one side of an
argument), aimed at influencing the opinions, attitude, or behaviour of a community or large numbers of
people toward some cause or position." So, I suggest you convincingly, without any doubt, prove to
myself and others that it is actually propaganda as you claim. [Why only looking at Mathunjwa? they
must inform the public about the mine bosses as well.] Please indicate exactly WHY they "MUST inform
the public about the mine bosses as well." It is NOT the mine bosses who are living off the monetary
contributions that the workers are making to the union. It is Mathunjwa that is living (quite comfortably, it
seems) off the workers monetary cont

Reference 3 - 6.22% Coverage
[The person with a difficulty is you... Most certainly not [He is making it clear that we Africans mess up]
Yes, he did say that. [Now I am asking a simple question, are these guys messing up by requesting
R12500 or you as well can’t answer that.] But that is NOT what he said. He said African mess up in a
general way, but did not explicitly it to the question you refer to. So, regarding that incorrect age, the
person with the difficulty is you. As to your simple question, namely "are these guys messying up by
requesting R12500." No, they can certainly request that. The question is whether it makes economic
sense. And economic sense is all about demand and supply, and relative levels of scarcity. Regrettably
shift miners are NOT a scarce resource, which means that R12 500 is not economically sustainable.
Thus is a purely objective, non-emotional assessment of the factors involved. It does not mean that I do
not have sympathy for shift miners and the work they do. It is only that I can distinguish between social
circumstance and economic reality.

Reference 4 - 10.31% Coverage
[So if I may understand you, it makes sense economically to have them earning R4500 while the
Oppenheims are making about R37 billion a year?] Well, I am not at all close enough to the specific
industry to speculate on any particular numbers, but it does make sense to earn what the market freely
establishes under the forces of demand and supply (of labour, in this case). [The same economics have
a problem when Mathunjwa have assets worth at least a Million rand?] Well, there is a difference. The
one is a business boss who is held responsible for CREATING value, while the other is a union boss
whose aim is TAKING as much value as possible from those who created and funded the business and
are responsible for its long-term value generation. That is a BIG difference. Ask me, I was a worker for many years, before I decided I also want to create businesses. I can surely tell you which I found to be the toughest. [So if not scarce means you must be subjected to abuse?] Nobody must be subjected to abuse. If you feel you are being abused, this is still a (relatively) free country - go and find another job. [And why would she generally say we are messing up and not refer to the facts as presented on this article?] Erm, go read the comment. It was made generally. I am not a mind-reader, so I cannot say why the comment was made generally. [We need to realise that there is a difference between a mining company and a production firm of Samsung.] Well, sure, of course there are differences between all kinds of business. The question is which specific differences you refer to in this instance and then whether those differences are relevant to the situation. Just making a general statement that there are "differences" doesn't mean much just like that.

Reference 5 - 9.07% Coverage
[This business is mining and the freedom chatter had made a reference to it. So I am not generalising.] Yes, you were generalising. You alluded to difference between BUSINESSES, specifically between a mining company (extraction, or primary sector, in economics) and a production firm (secondary sector in economics). Only now you refer to the freedom charter. That is a POLITICAL document. Please make sure you are consistent in differentiating between BUSINESS differences / issues and POLITICAL issues. [For a comment made generally and you don’t know why I suggest that, you don’t even need to attempt to give me clarity then as you don’t know why?] That is the most confusing sentence I've read today. If I may ask very politely: Are you sure you have clearly thought through all these issues in your mind, or are you simply reacting emotionally to it? I feel the need to ask you that, because your comments suggest a lack of differentiation between business issues, economic issues, political issues, etc. [To say these people must go and find another job is to think that this is China, where you can do as you want and get away with it.] No, it simply reflects the fact that South Africa is still a (relatively) free country where individual citizens contract reasonably freely with each other. If an individual citizen later decides that a deal (s) he freely contracted to is not as good as expected, (s) he is free to go and find another deal (subject to any contractual constraints) that suits him/her better. That is FREEDOM, Nothing to do with China.

Reference 1 - 3.52% Coverage
I hear you - and in the end it’s a healthy exchange of opinions - and yes we do agree both that the Apartheid excuse has worn thin and time is ticking on :)
That is what the DA says every election. And nothing comes of it. This election is no different. The DA in its current condition will never break the logjam of politics in this country. It is cruel to raise people's hopes every election and only to have them dashed. There's no point in arguing about it. The truth is that the ANC is on the wrong path but the DA just doesn't have what it takes to dislodge the ANC from power.

Reference 3 - 7.19% Coverage
You obviously can't count. Municipal elections are hardly a yardstick to measure party support in SA. Many Black young people don't come out to vote in local government elections because they don't think there is anything at stake but general elections we do come out and put the DA where it truly belongs lest it gets a swollen head.

Reference 1 - 6.99% Coverage
Imagine, these dumb Cnuts had been running the show since 1652! We'd ALL be amoeba now!

Reference 2 - 13.50% Coverage
Thing is guys, this gang are the ANC reps in the circus. DA has two and three to come from the rest, so it could be bun fight, but of course, the bandits have the veto.

Reference 3 - 7.07% Coverage
I get you on one count there, Jakes, were he "self-propelling" there'd be no hullabaloo.

Reference 1 - 11.64% Coverage
All the polls -- both Ipsos-Markinor and Pondering Panda -- confirm that the lower the voter turnout, the worse it looks for the ANC and the better it gets for the DA Bring it on!

Reference 1 - 85.99% Coverage
Brian these are mathematical approximations based on specific ward polling stations based on demographics obtained from the 2011 census.

Reference 1 - 18.87% Coverage
http://www.news24.com/MyNews24/YourStory/News24s-Comments-Policy-20101109I think Madiba wouldn't have voted for any party.

Reference 1 - 10.71% Coverage
Mack, you have it wrong. If you do not vote, you forfeit any right to complain or moan about our government. In my view non-action is partly the reason for the current decay.

Reference 1 - 42.42% Coverage
If she thinks white business is going to work with her lying thieving party she is out of her mind. Nobody is that suicidal. The ANC just don't get it... intellectual racism is way more relevant than colour.

Reference 1 - 94.97% Coverage
That's honesty right there. We don't have to pretend, we can only tolerate and be civil to one another and hope for the best. People know what to say to not appear as racist and then they twist things around to blame one another. Problem is, we are cowards, we hide behind the internet and usernames, spitting hate words to one another and then we shop at PnP, come back to the internet and continue spitting hate. This must be exhausting.

Reference 1 - 40.30% Coverage
The ANC will win without question. The main issue is how many gains will the DA and the EFF make. In the course of those gains, maybe the opposition will take hold of another two cities? (Port Elizabeth & Johannesburg) These sort of gains will be a serious dent to the ruling party and is sorely needed, This will also be the momentum required to start taking over a province or two in the next election.

Reference 1 - 81.37% Coverage
Who needs your sympathy? Mark the da does not appeal to an intelligent black person

Reference 1 - 92.70% Coverage
I believe that demographic projections can be made from voter registration in each ward as well as voter turnout stats (ID documents were scanned and demographic data captured). Then you look at the %
vote for a particular party in that ward vis-a-vis the voter turnout demographic data. Whilst this won't be
100% accurate, I do believe these figures are rough estimates and are important for analysing a party's
performance, against its goals. This is particularly true for the DA which aims to be a multi-racial party.

Reference 1 - 49.98% Coverage
No, that's not the origin of Valkenburger (although it would be hilarious if you were named after a
psychiatric hospital). Valkenburger is of Dutch origin and is not South African. As for Azania, it's well
known that it means a wide area on the African East Coast. The name is used by the Azania's People's
Organization (and others) because they believed (and a lot of scientific evidence agrees) that they
originated in that area. It is words used to tie those Blacks tribes together, very much like the Jewish
tribes all call themselves Jews. Bantu could have also been used but this had negative connotations
(from Apartheid and European Colonialism). And a name was needed that did not rely on skin colour to
define it. Those organisations formed with the belief that a new nation was needed, tied together not by
colonially defined lines but by the will of the "Azanian" people. Very similar to the Jewish struggle for
their own homeland, Azania would be a place to further the Azanian people's identity and culture. If you
remember, Israel was first proposed to be in Uganda, it did not depend on where those people came
from but the idea of having their own homeland. Similarly, Azania can be anywhere in the world, as long
as the ideology incorporates the progression of an Azanian Consciousness. I'm not trying to get into
whether I'm for or against this, just trying to give you an understanding of what this stands for.

Reference 1 - 80.57% Coverage
Look I am not Zuma's lover or fan, but saying Malema must send Zuma to jail that is absurd, and I
respect Malema as a politician nothing else, he hasn't done anything for the country or the masses that
voted EFF in to Parliament. let’s wait and see if he will be able to execute his duty with distinction, then
we will defiantly give him the credit he deserve ,right now he has not delivered anything tangible to his
people, he must first serve his people before you can even suggest that he must send Zuma to jail, your
comment is immature, Malema he's in parliament to serve the people of South Africa not to send Zuma
to jail, your hatred to Zuma is really messing up your intelligent, and you must remember Malema he not
starting on a clean slate as well......

Reference 1 - 11.66% Coverage
I have a hobby and that's annoying knobs like you. CT has nothing on the place I'm staying I assure
you.

Reference 2 - 8.19% Coverage
Indeed because you're obviously a thick crunchier who misses the old flag and getting top jobs because
of his skin colour. Get used to it plonker you'll never run this country again. As for England, thou doth
assume too much. Hardloop nou poephol

Reference 1 - 85.71% Coverage
They will always vote their emancipator the ANC just like they keep voting Mugabe's ZANU PF......no
hope for minority parties.

Reference 1 - 63.33% Coverage
Don't think that's possible in the ANC

Reference 1 - 29.49% Coverage
Helen Zille is not a trade union leader! Trade unionist leaders are meant to be crusaders for the working
people, do anything they can to better the lives of the working man they are representing. Are the strikers
at Amplats being looked after during the strike? Doesn't sound like, especially with numb nuts like
Mathunjwa leading them!! If this was the UK Mathunjwa would get ripped to pieces by the newspapers
and watchdog programs etc. But you see this as an attack on blacks, i don't, i see it as an attack on a
corrupt leader

Reference 1 - 20.40% Coverage
Sorry Ramphele, you destroyed your integrity in the minds of many when you joined the DA and then
ducked out of it again. You have lost my respect...pity but you can't play around with people, we aren't
stupid and we don't forget what you did yesterday just because you try to make sense today. How can
we trust what you are going to do or say tomorrow when you have shown how you are constantly
moving and trying to find the most advantageous position for yourself? When you go into politics it
shouldn't be for your own benefit.

Reference 1 - 56.21% Coverage
Maybe you were hard (erections?), hence you could not see the CDP - you looked at the wrong website.
LOL! From my recollections, the CDP is neither the ACDP nor the UCDP, but a party that did not
register for the elections in protest over the high registration fees that Malema of the EFF had contested
before the registration deadline. This party having been in the previous election list failed to pay the
registration fees for elections and ended up not contesting this year’s elections. Should I be wrong on this one, I would happy for you to let me know. Erections LOL!

Reference 2 - 12.76% Coverage
Probably it’s the layer of grime on their thumbs that washed off with the ink, not the ink itself. That thing is stubborn (I expect it to last a few days). It is better than dipping the whole finger in the ink, however, as it was the case a few elections ago.

Reference 3 - 14.83% Coverage
That’s a very mature attitude. I personally denied the ANC the national vote, but have no strong sentiment over their victory at the national level. Evidently, my vote for the other party did not affect it that much. I have accepted that people still feel a strong sentiment about their beloved ANC.

Reference 1 - 43.43% Coverage
Uhm... We already have an acting president.

Reference 1 - 63.18% Coverage
Well we always joked that your commander in chief would never make the cabinet as he failed woodworking: guess that was a misguided thought... Sad thing is that the EFF has latched on to real issues but are planning to address them with pipe dream solutions. I wish that the DA or other parties would address these same issues with real solutions that can be implemented.

Reference 1 - 2.84% Coverage
I guess the ANC electoral is either very matured or they do not have internet connectivity

Reference 1 - 95.92% Coverage
If the ANC stopped being so obsessed with race in everyday life, maybe people would forget about race. Go and report a burglary and you have to put your race. For what, does it matter the race of the victim?

Reference 1 - 85.71% Coverage
If the ANC found the ANC to keep the race card alive, not unlike their cousins the Nats. Swart gevaar not with gevaar, they learned well from the Nats. Who they jumped into bed with by the way?

Reference 1 - 87.50% Coverage
Well I have been in the lower class all my life and I have only found black parties coming to my community. Even at WSU. So ANC has the majority obviously. If DA were to convince lower class the majority they can win.

Reference 1 - 85.71% Coverage
This is the reason enough for ANC to stop trying to please or win nonblack communities but rather focus on its loyal supporters. This is more evident in the WC in areas that are not dominated by black Africans as the DA scores more than 60%. You are more than welcome to view how each ward has voted to understand what I’m talking about. So to the people of Mannenburg, you get what you deserve.

Reference 1 - 40.96% Coverage
The writing is on the wall for Sdumo... he just has to take his specs off to see it...

Reference 1 - 37.90% Coverage
I didn’t vote. Here are a couple of (valid) reasons:-
1. I had a call-out at mid-night on Tuesday to go monitor work in progress, knocked off at 7am on Wednesday, went to sleep hoping to wake up later and go to vote. When I woke up, my rear wheel was flat, and so was the spare-wheel in the boot. I didn’t fancy walking or catching a taxi to the nearest voting station...or getting my hands dirty changing wheels;
2. Watching the coverage on TV, the thought came to me:- what if I vote for the party of my choice, and they win the election... then down a few years (Hint: being a new party), they mess things up badly, will I be able to live with myself having replaced a demon (ANC) with a Satan? Then a sense of ‘transcendental wisdom’ descended upon me:- by not voting, I retain/reclaim my position of non-partisanship. If this party wins, and fails to implement its mandate, I will still be able to stand up and complain/toyi/toyi/protest without fear or favour... because I owe them no allegiance or loyalty..... and my thumb is still as clean as I want it to be.

Reference 1 - 25.05% Coverage
Responsibility is the price of freedom. We are made wise not by the recollection of our past but the responsibility of our future.

Reference 1 - 85.56% Coverage
I told you so ages ago.....nobody believed me. At least the truth is out now.

Reference 1 - 32.75% Coverage
Black Africans are not racists in fact we the opposite we love and are fascinated by people of different colour however our love and welcoming attitude was used at our own expense by whites. If u see any black person bitter towards whites it is not because of the white skin it's because of what the white man did to him.

Reference 1 - 67.89% Coverage
So you just ignore the fact that the voting along racial lines goes both ways? Both are doing the same thing, but white people are being difficult and racist while black people are just being reasonable. Your double standards are appalling. Also, you are going to get a nasty shock when the DA gets a black leader and the white people keep voting for them. You will have to change your whole world outlook!

Reference 1 - 3.51% Coverage
the non commie intelligentsia know this, the SACPYL still holds out that there's some honesty in the lies of their hero comrade Nzimande, who is definitely not as good a 'leader' as Chris Hani would have made, though I'm sure that given their crooked alliance with the puppet, the SACP would probably have had Hani executed by now.

Reference 1 - 98.07% Coverage
In science, the simplest explanation for anything is most likely to be correct. The simplest explanation for our politics is that 80% of the population has a good cause for anti-white racism. Therefore, most of them prefer stagnation under the ANC rather than possible improvement under a white led Government. But this is only most of them and it is only true thus far and not necessarily forever. Despite black racism, the DA is growing gradually, because advancement on merit outperforms cadre deployment, providing better service. There will inevitably come a point where larger numbers of black citizens will be forced to vote colour-blind, because the ANC (and the EFF) are ideologically prevented from ever delivering good governance. Large numbers of ANC voters are already being forced to withdraw their support. The corruption and reliance upon racism that characterizes the ANC will kill it as surely as it killed the Nats the ANC has a slow puncture, and will collapse in the foreseeable future. Just stay out from under its ass when it drops. Eusebius has his tongue so far up that he may have a problem...

Reference 1 - 0.75% Coverage
This is their legacy terms. They were undoing Apartheid on their 1st terms
Reference 2 - 3.26% Coverage
the reason I wore it with pride is that I am given this label by bigots. When people lose an argument they are quick to pin labels that describe their bigotry. You call people from the Eastern Cape 'migrant' from which country did they emigrate? That is the Verwoedian racism fed to you by the DA leaders Patricia de Zille

Reference 3 - 7.37% Coverage
An illegitimate state president organised an illegitimate referendum, to decide the fate of an illegitimate government. I was not even allowed to eat at a restaurant with my colleagues, I was paid less than a 3rd of what whites were paid, would not be promoted above my white colleagues. Am I supposed to be grateful today? No. Because I fought hard for that referendum to happen, it did not come out of the goodness of someone's heart. People died to get there! The fact that 98% of white people voted for white led parties shows they still Miss Apartheid. They miss the "good old days" when they were called Baas and Missus. The 92% blacks vote for black led parties because they won't go back to Apartheid by voting DA or FF+

Reference 2 - 14.48% Coverage
When one finger is pointing away, I three of them are pointing right back at you.
Reference 2 - 11.13% Coverage
After the election results, I dare you to come back and say the same words. Let's see who will be laughing. Unless you vote for the ANC not a person, but a political party Let us stop pretending as if the DA is made up of Angels. If it is then they are not politicians.

Reference 1 - 95.72% Coverage
The Western Cape has the lowest GINI coefficient Go look it up That means that it is the LEAST unequal province in the country The DA does not waste taxpayers money on extravagant events meant to make sheep (like you clearly) continue to vote for them even though they are blatantly unable to create jobs, fight crime or reduce poverty The president spends their money on his harem and his home What is the problem with the DA? That it includes all race groups? It is blatantly the best party to vote for although I'm sure you will rather vote EFF because you have the political nous of a varsity student

Reference 1 - 10.34% Coverage
I wear my label with pride, Colour, Creed, Faith, Sexuality mean nothing. It is YOU the person I respect regardless of who or what you are. Do your job well, show compassion for those who need help. Treat others as you yourself want to be treated. Utopia; Yes, but, a good and sound basis to lead YOUR Life
by The saying goes that Power corrupts. In this case that is 100% true. National Government is so corrupt it is amazing that anyone votes for them but then they do control the media and have rewritten South African History

Reference 1 - 54.59% Coverage

The big challenge with EFF is what is it is going to do to maintain the 1 million voters for the next 5 yrs, let alone to grow them. Is it going to succumb to inner-party struggle like most leftist parties do in this country? Or are they going back to the grassroots and work with the masses who voted for them for next 5ys? If they stay in the parliament with their symbolic 25 seats, even if they do not have fights amongst each other their support will drastically dwindle. Look at UDM in its maiden election it got only 4 Constant visibility amongst African masses, working with them on grassroots level is what will maintain a steady growth. The majority of downtrodden masses understand that language.

Reference 1 - 16.06% Coverage

Dude i vote for a party that actually works by and large. No-one in this party flings popo or toy toys instead of working. No real free loading retards who demand, demand, demand stuff for free. Plonk themselves on land which is not theirs. My party doesn't wear snot infested berets or red clown outfits and jumps around spewing garbage whose leedah is no more than a common uneducated thief/liar/retard. My party runs a province that works. Systems are organised and corruption is not accepted. Oh well 1/9 provinces better than 0/9 oh and to you chynai also go haha hahaha from my house under the mountain hahaha hahaha

Reference 1 - 7.44% Coverage

I think "no 1" is blaming Nomvula for the loss of support in Gauteng hence the replacement. This attitude of blaming everything and everyone else is so typical to this chap... Viva Number One viva!

Reference 1 - 21.68% Coverage

No Mr Gatvol. There is a difference between state and party president. Zuma can lead the ANC in parliament without being a state president. But the ANC constitution says its president must be the presidential candidate as well.

Reference 1 - 87.42% Coverage

...and he is against capitalisation and capitalism!!! hahaha! But then what do you expect when the like of him continue to get voted in.http://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/amcu-leader-s-life-of-luxury-1.1690081

Reference 1 - 48.95% Coverage

Rori, your views are seriously FLAWED. Let's review some FACTS....
1. EU is not broke - Ok it's mainly supported by the 3 main economies - Germany, UK, and France. BUT far from broke.
2. Provinciality, the DA out performed any ANC province. ie WC versus ANC service delivery and governance.
3. 2016 municipal elections cannot come quick enough. Even in Inherent ANC strongholds, the DA provincial votes outweighed the National Votes - what does this tell you? Where is the EFF?
4. EFF - EVERYTHING FOR FREE?? In order to achieve this - We would need to have Unemployment at less than 5% to support even a fraction of the promises made by Julius and Co. We're currently at approx. 25% unemployment.

Reference 1 - 64.76% Coverage

As a black person Im feeling highly insulted by what you are saying here.........................But then again as sour as this is there is lot of truth in it. I was driving in Limpopo and Mpumalanga over the weekend looking at all the riches that our country has in terms of minerals yet our people are still poor and foreign countries like USA, UK, China and France are benefiting through Africa's minerals. I then realized that the white man didn't come to SA for a holiday but they came to explore, conquer and rule. Besides that they fought very hard for this. They also worked very hard for all the farms and the mines that they own. Then I realized that as long as we are still led by People like Zuma we won't go anywhere. This system of BEE's of creating few black rich people out of system that was implemented and still favours the minorities will take us nowhere. Motsepe, Ramaphosa, Sexwale they can have all the billions but that will do very little in terms of changing the living conditions of the majority. We need much more than that, we need years of learning, hardworking and planning that is led by visionary, intelligent, hardworking people that are total opposite to Zuma and all his crew. Its tough outside, no one will do us favours.
ends i.e. its racist supporters (who pushed the many into the arms of EFF) on the run on this forum, it’s not possible that Zille who blogs all the time is not aware of what people who claim to be her followers are doing here in the name of DA. for my part am glad it didn’t gain as much support, cause now you guys must really do introspection into how you interact and behave towards black Sans, in your case as I’ve been reading your remarks, I must be honest I didn’t read one racist post of yours, but that can’t be said for the crowd you hang out with on this forum,

Reference 2 - 20.20% Coverage
Forget the emotional side of the original post, the rationality of it is that, apartheid for the many is still etched in the psyches of the many in this country, you ignore this at your own peril, the inequalities also re enforces this situation, from the many I spoke with about voting trends in SA, most of the black people I spoke with told me they voted the DA as a transit, cause there was no clear direction in both Agang and Cope which are considered liberal black alternative, and the black youth fully identify with EFF politics. I have been saying that for now that the DA should stop its pro West politics and sincerely realise that hate ONLY way it will be considered as an alternative is when it acknowledge legacy of hate past i.e. inequality, which causes poverty, there is no hitting the bush about this very obvious reality SA face. Putting a few black faces here and here means nothing to the people who have been waiting to be delivered from poverty, a promise the ANC has failed to deliver on.

Reference 1 - 1.04% Coverage
Answers like the spy tapes...

Reference 2 - 22.01% Coverage
You obviously should have voted EFF then. the difference between ANC policy is that its disguised policy to enrich the few where after 20 years you people that still vote for ANC live in squaller whilst EFF policy is blatantly open and addressed what the ANC has NOT achieved. A party of Ants could have achieved more then what the ANC has achieved in 20 years… but then you people are always just satisfied with food parcels and social grants... maybe a T-shirt thrown in. I’d rather vote for a party that WILL deliver to its people as opposed to delivering to themselves and on top of it are totally incompetent.

Reference 1 - 17.31% Coverage
Blue, is your thinking blue as well? Can you make all these inferences from my unhappiness with people who stand on top of Web Mountains to claim cleverness for themselves and stupidity to others? Have it ever happened to you that those millions could not have wanted to vote for Zuma as an individual? Ever asked yourself why they stick with the ANC (whether they like Zuma or not). Maybe not but go on and claim to be clever not Zuma.

Reference 2 - 19.97% Coverage
My apologies Blue for an offensive tone of mine I used. Now that I understand you but if I can say, the problem lies in the mistrust between races in SA. Look at what is sometimes articulated by Zille. How can you make people trust you when you say people from other provinces living in your province are "refugees". The masses would easily associate this with apartheid and put it to you that if you may win power, apartheid would be back. So who to vote if tired of the ANC....dilemma for the masses.

Reference 1 - 93.49% Coverage
That’s sad Emjay Both you and Pascal are using racist remarks at Mrs Zille by calling her a madam, and the sad thing is you are upset with Pascal that it isn’t racist enough?!?! And then the ANatsC wonders why minorities will never vote for them

Reference 1 - 1.33% Coverage
And learn that the people they are serving are more important than their own little needs for luxuries and the good life. Oh, and also that they ARE NOT spending their OWN, personal money, but that of TAXPAYERS, BUT that they CAN spend their own personal money for all the luxuries they so crave :-)

Reference 2 - 5.11% Coverage
Faith, the Skills Development Levy Act and Skills Development Act have provided opportunities, bursary schemes, scholarships galore. They fail because it requires hard work and sacrifice to make it. If you run an economy where employment is assured because your skin is a certain colour, we are designing economic failure. You cannot fix a wrong with a wrong. You need to fix the problem, for the future, and honestly speaking, there are MANY people who HAVE benefitted with the provisions of the EE Act. There are also MANY who have failed, despite being given opportunities, because they feel entitled to rewards, not because they know what it takes to earn rewards. I teach for a living, and I see the differentiator of those who succeed and those who do not, and believe me, the basis is NOT skin colour. In fact, the harder the challenge the stronger the fight. My top student in Economics last year was a beautiful, gracious black lady of 18, suffering from cancer. She passed away on 7 Nov, before she could write her final exam. I can tell you that she would only have ever wanted a job because she earned it through hard work. Nothing else

Reference 3 - 5.03% Coverage
Thanks, Faith, I appreciate your answer. I do think there are very many businessmen/entrepreneurs who are desperately trying to improve their Scorecards. But are also fighting for economic survival in an
increasingly tough economic environment it is beyond time to stop blaming and demanding, and start working together. Faith, I have myself, recommended black professionals with the correct work ethic, do you not think that businesses try as a first option to follow EE? I experience that they do! I also want to add, in my opinion; we have a productivity and work ethic problem, again, across the board. I have had multi-racial classes for the past 8 years; top performers have always been black students. (Private schools) Perhaps some of the perceptions of inferiority are in your own minds? Or are created by the bad apples that underperform once they have the position and perks? As a last point, perhaps the difference lies in that you see sub-standard opportunities, where I see any opportunity as an opportunity? My point remains: the differentiator is in how hungry the person is for success, not the colour of their skins.

Reference 1 - 8.23% Coverage
I find it funny when you put out challenges like that and then can't come up with a rebuttal!!?

Reference 1 - 10.97% Coverage
1. Because black people are united in their suffering. They feel empathy. The absence of empathy from you either makes you a coconut or white.
2. Go anywhere in the world...most developing nations blame the whites (Europeans and US). Go Google "colonialism".
3. Actually, it is the blacks that has defined what is "cool" or "in" the last two decades. Slang, music, branding, etc.... is dominated by blacks. Sorry to burst your bubble.
4. I don't know you so I can't gauge your success. You might be someone with low goals that were easy to achieve. Let me reserve my judgement.

Reference 1 - 9.43% Coverage
No, I did not get out of bed the wrong side, I went for my 8km walk this morning and am now having a nice cup of tea, thanks for enquiring, I haven't any issues as I was just stating the obvious things that surrounds ZZOOMMa, he is a total laugh and the world knows this, he is only a lowlife warlord and we have plenty of them in Africa. He is heading for a huge fall after the elections, and I just hope when he goes to court he has to answer to Garry Nel, as it will be even more interesting that is going on with OSCAR, he will claim that he knows nothing and everyone will agree, and then the fun will begin as it is with the Oscar trial, as he is a much bigger liar than him,,

Reference 1 - 15.31% Coverage
S.A is a culture of "You owe me" Why should I work, when I can blame apartheid?

Reference 1 - 95.98% Coverage
Maybe the poor change their vote for a t-shirt and cap and the promise of everything being for free instead of the reality which is that NOTHING is for free! I get annoyed when black people think whites just get their houses for free and didn't work for it! My parents got me into varsity and I WORKED my age
standard opportunities, where I see any opportunity as an

Reference 1 - 72.37% Coverage
BC deserves it but all of us know they won't give her chance.

Reference 1 - 4.92% Coverage
It's a complex socio-economic problem. The fact that these people were dehumanised and disadvantaged by many, many years of oppression, culminating in Apartheid plays a major role in their circumstances today. Anyone who thinks 20 years of black rule is going to solve that is living in lala land. Sorry, but it makes no difference how good the government is, but 20 years is not enough time. I'll be the first to argue that the government has failed their people in making progress in the time they have had, but I'm not arrogant or ignorant enough to think that it could have been all better by now . . . under any circumstances!!!

Reference 2 - 6.45% Coverage
Oh come on Joe, don't be cynical! We're not talking about India, Bangladesh, Tunisia or Thailand. We're talking about South Africa. If you've read you history, you'll understand that the black man in this country has never been given a fair chance. That's reality and there's no point trying to gloss over it. It's like complaining that your donkey does not win the Met. Europeans who came to this country were for perfectly understandable reasons more advanced than the local inhabitants. They exploited that from day 1. The results are outside your window for you to see. Apartheid is used as an excuse for good reason. You know it as well as I do. It's a perfectly justifiable excuse for where we are today, but it's not a justifiable excuse for the excessive failings of our government, albeit that it is very closely related!
Reference 3: 7.66% Coverage

So, hypothetically, I'm black, have no education to speak of, I have no job, but the government gave me a house. I have never lived in a house before. I have no food security, so I don't know whether I'll have a meal tonight. I never knew my father. My mother leaves every morning at 5:30 am to get to her job with those whites, and gets home at 7pm. She earns just enough to keep food on the table when we don't need new clothes. The ANC got me political freedom. They gave me my house and a toilet, so now I don't have to cr*p in a bucket anymore. How do I get out of this rut Jen? It's not so easy. Luckily for us with our tertiary education and cushy life, we don't have that problem. I've never had to take my own faeces out in the morning Jen. Have you? It's all a case of perspective and situation. It's probably not your fault Jen, but you can't think from an educated privileged perspective when you ask yourself why it happens. People in this country lives light years apart!

Reference 4: 5.51% Coverage

We can only judge (a harsher word than I'd like to use) each other from what we read. It's a problem. I'm sure you are a perfectly nice person Jen, and I suspect we'd agree on a lot of things. Where to from here is indeed the correct question, but understanding and recognition of how we got here I think helps. I THINK us whites are sometimes too quick to discount the past in an attempt to move forwards. The problem is that the past is a massive anchor slowing this ship down, and then there's the inept government who don't know how to captain it as well. Two massive problems I don't have the answer to how we go forwards. I have an opinion, but I'm not sure it would be a particularly popular one! Lol

Reference 5: 4.49% Coverage

Agree. I have not said that the villain is the tax-payer. All I have said is that one would be ignorant or just thick to suggest that Apartheid has not had a strong influence on the situation in which we find ourselves. Whites (generalising) moan about the Apartheid excuse, but I think it is out of frustration, not because they genuinely believe that the effects of all our discrimination will just suddenly evaporate in twenty years. Moan about corruption and miss-governance, sure, but don't try to deny the role discrimination has played in us finding ourselves where we are!

Reference 1: 15.78% Coverage

Yes but how did Malema get his wealthy lifestyle on R 20 000 a month declared ANCYL salary? But he love da bling that da white man bring... Now Mathunjwa is supposedly a socialist/unionist... he should lead by example and show empathy with the workers he is telling to make sacrifices. Why can't he make the same sacrifices? I respect the actions of Ghandi who lead the Indian independence through his sacrifice and eschewing all luxuries to show empathy with the poor of India he was fighting for. What's wrong with arriving at a meeting in a Toyota wearing Mr Price? I think this guy is a hypocrite and has lost perspective...

Reference 2: 3.29% Coverage

Socialists who lead capitalist lifestyles are hypocrites...At least Capitalists who donate to social programs are not hypocrites...

Reference 1: 2.03% Coverage

They can't say one sentence without the communist and revolutionary claptrap, there is NO revolution! When i saw reactionary i actually thought "could this finally be the day their vocabulary extends?" But cue Jack Daniels with the counter revolutionary!

Reference 2: 2.89% Coverage

You mean the apartment blocks? Efficient use of limited land. Gugulethu is cleaner than most suburbs in other provinces (Yarwell no fine confirms this). Getting free homes or apartments sounds like a hell of a better deal to me than nothing. The unemployment rate in WC is low; do you know what the national unemployment rate for whites are? Even lower than that 3%

Reference 3: 1.92% Coverage

Zille doesn't want to be the president for one; she knows she won't be accepted. Debating about everything is the point, it's the way to reach solutions, and further, i prefer the integrity of governors, not rulers, so the dirty can fark off.

Reference 1: 97.08% Coverage

I cannot find words to adequately respond to your comments. What I can say has been my observation is that Yes! Some black people prefer to have hair extensions. Yes! Some do like to have a lighter complexion, BUT honestly? Boy! You really have the guts to say most blacks hate their own persons? I refuse to believe that you are a psychiatrist or a researcher who went on a nationwide crusade to discover that blacks - the majority (most as you put it) hate themselves. You are disgusting even to your fellow Europeans, let alone to me as an African. I hate such comments even amongst my fellows. I will not go further than that because your view of my kind is really nauseating. I am challenging any sane white, Indian, coloured people to challenge your view because I believe this view is shared by people who are in the same cacoon as yourselves. It would be very strange to imagine you being friends with other kinds of people. I cannot suggest that you change your way of thinking, as I suspect you are an "old dog". You know what they say about "old dogs"?

Reference 1: 89.83% Coverage
Yeah whites always get blamed for everything of course, this will continue ad nauseam. Such dumb f--ks :-)

Reference 1 - 84.29% Coverage

Pathetic statement but possible for man, sad case Personally I Mandela, Cyril, Motlanthe, more than Zuma or Zille

Reference 1 - 8.85% Coverage

Cyril Ramaphosa is involved in wild life, he and others push Thabo Mbeki out and installed a puppet in the presidency, and all of a sudden rhino poaching shoots through the roof. Are there any dots to be connected here? How much does Mathunjwa pocket each month in commission from the policies, personal loans and medical aid he has AMCU members sign up for? Some of the AMCU members take home R21.00 because of the loan shark repayments what I would like to know is this: what is Mathunjwa relationship with those loan sharks? Pathetic, African leaders IN FRANCE to discuss Nigeria's internal strife that's how these prototypes solve African problems What is important to them is to sleep in 10 star hotels in France at the expense of the poor they leave behind. African leaders travel overseas for medical care because there are no medical facilities in their hellholes. Why don't they discuss Nigeria in their shitholes? Pathetic African leaders can't develop their "motherland", they need to travel to Europe to suck d!cks in exchange for foreign investment. What a pathetic lot that African leaders are.

The worst oppressor of a black man is another black man. This was the case long before colonisation.

Reference 1 - 71.83% Coverage

They can't use this money for the conference as this has been earmarked for the leadership's new fleet of luxury vehicle and bonuses for doing such a wonderful job in the past year. It's amazing that the workers complain about the salaries that the mine bosses make but never question the salaries that their unions pay out to their top brass!!! Remember that mines pay salaries and earn profits for the investors - if they didn't pay the investors they wouldn't have a business; however what exactly does the union do for the worker? It advises them to strike for no pay - for 4 months??? I wonder if they've allowed the workers to not pay their union subs for the duration of the strike!!!

Reference 1 - 95.61% Coverage

This AMCU strike will actually take us to the job evaluation process. Just because I have an office Job that requires me from 8-5 and the miner works shifts of 6-6 extracting wealth, who should be paid more? But if were to be honest that is a dangerous job that should be given some level of recognition in rand terms. If the 12, 500 is justified by the calculations they should be paid but this should all be based on productivity and no greed of the owners.

Reference 1 - 97.32% Coverage

Firstly, the majority of unemployed whites don't register as 'unemployed' so the statistics appear low. They also have the incentive to go out and do something about their predicament and a chance to earn a wage, like starting their own little company which, by the way, even creates jobs for others who are not white. Secondly, there are many Africans and coloureds who are collecting social welfare grants but still working as labourers and/or gardeners for small firms but the statistics have them listed as 'unemployed' because..... They're not declaring it. On top of that, there are many thousands of domestics that have jobs, collect a social grant but who are listed as 'unemployed' because.... they're not declaring it. We know it's illegal to do this but, with the ever increasing high cost of living and pathetic wages who can blame them. I would do the same in order to survive. In a nutshell.... these statistics are a lot of crap.

Reference 1 - 40.03% Coverage

Johannesburg - The intelligence service has become a tool for Luthuli House and the president, former intelligence minister Ronnie Kasrils said on Tuesday. "They say we messed up in our jobs and we're responsible for where the country is today," he told reporters at Wits University in Johannesburg. "I blew the whistle and I figured out that there were [intelligence] agents, that there were officers who were not working for the state but were doing... [Work] for Luthuli House." This was happening more and more now, said Kasrils. He was responding to ANC secretary general Gwede Mantashe's comments that the Thabo Mbeki administration had not done its job. Kasrils and other ANC veterans have been criticised by the ANC for their "Sidikiwe! Vukani! Vote -Campaign". The group said it was not a "no vote" campaign - they were calling on people to go to the polls on 7 May and not to vote for the ANC. Former deputy health minister Nozipho Madlala-Routledge, who was part of the campaign, said citizens could send a strong message by either voting for a minority party, which would take away from the dominant political parties, or people could spoil their ballots. Kasrils said when he was speaking on a radio station on Monday, Mantashe called in and said the shooting of mineworkers at Marikana was an intelligence failure and that Kasrils had messed up when he was minister. "When I became minister of the intelligence I very quickly discovered, this was in 2005, the rape case and then the hoax e-mails which were being written by people within the intelligence service generated as though it was coming from Phumzile [Mlambo-Ngcuka] the deputy president and Bulelani her husband and indeed myself and
others, designed to show that there was a conspiracy against Jacob Zuma. "They were not decisions of greed," Kasrils said he had ordered a review of the country's intelligence and a report was tabled at the end of his last term in government, which the current government had not taken forward. "They don't want to know anything about that report because they want the intelligence service to be a tool of Luthuli house and of the president." That is where on the one hand you get Mantashe saying we did a terrible job and they going to expose us. Let them. I will gladly... go out into public court and we can have it out in terms of our record," he said. "We never took decisions for our private aims." Kasrils admitted that he was quiet during Aids denialism under Mbeki and he apologised for that. However, there was a difference between the Mbeki administration and that of former president Nelson Mandela compared to now. "There were no decisions that they took that were about their own wealth. They were not decisions of greed," he said.

Reference 1 - 24.12% Coverage
Peter, you aren't joking, I run a small internet cafe/computer repairs shop. That's where I earn my bread & butter. But one thing I have learnt is to appreciate other people. Love other people. When I meet the humble people of SA running busy fixing their lives, I really admire them. They teach me to be humble. I learn to work with them and enjoy their lives. However, what I have learnt is that between us the black people and white people we don't tell each other the truth when we happen to meet. We tell each other what each one wants to hear. The blasting you read here you never see it in real life.

Reference 2 - 48.60% Coverage
The language of someone coming down to their level and living their lives not someone talking in English in sometimes; in a condescending, insulting and disrespectful manner. Take it from me: most whites have a very low opinion of African people. Some will never even bother to learn any African language in spite of them living in a country with abundance of many African languages. But they will be quick to point how bad Africans can speak English. We might not be fluent in English but we are very fluent in our home languages. Black South Africans also can't trust white people with the country political leadership. History backs them up. 20yrs is a short time to have unlearnt apartheid, and that's where the fear lies. As long as democracy is one man one vote, I do not see how a white person will ascend to the top to SA leadership unless it's through ANC, and a party which many white people loathe. I would like to point out, that I have no prejudice against white people at all. I mingle with them so much and many of them wish this country the best. Most of times, they are mistaken for many wrong things. Majority are nice people. But both sides of the divide have radicals who do not wish the rainbow well.

Reference 1 - § 1 reference coded [97.76% Coverage]
That is very rich coming from the senior member of the ANC. Firstly; the senior leaders of the ANC openly preach racism. Before you demand my head on the plate I will hasten to explain my statement.
The president of the country does not hesitate to say DA represents white interests. At one stage he even said he wanted to liberate Western Cape. Liberate from what? Secondly, some leaders in the ANC call DA black members derogatory names like tea girls and garden boys. How is that for so-called democracy? Thirdly, some senior ANC did not condemn some ANC hot heads who prevented Mrs Helen Zille from going to Nkandla. She is a senior member of the opposition. Ms Lindiwe Zulu do you honestly think voting along racial line is a mistake?

Nope, most government officials regardless of the country (generalization) go for the safest and more often than not expensive cars. It's not like these guys are moving around in May bachs be complained about but really, getting a car isn't one of them.

People are always afraid of what they do not know, for a very long time we have been subjected to the thinking that "investors" will leave the country if the ANC coughed and we had to be still, Having spent some time in the USA on work, I found that people do not give a flying shit about SA, they do even know where SA is even, they will invest anytime you tell them that SA has the current interest rates. So I wonder which investors we were referring to. Which ones? It is also amazing how people who always throw insults at the country are so patriotic when they are at any other part of the world where they are not afforded the luxuries that they enjoy here. So in short, anyone and indeed everyone is free to voice their opinions but there is sadly no end in sight for those that believe that the country is the worst place, believe me that the grass is not as green on the other side, else people must feel free to start farming in Mozambique as well, we will see how the natives treat them since they have already shown discomfort around that idea. To the fellow blacks I say that let us remember the mouse that got the cat education and started behaving like a cat, did everything to feel welcome in the cat society, but when it hits the fan, the mouse will forever be food in the cat's eyes.

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1. Oh please black people are always suffering, even when they make it in the world they're still suffering. 2. Is that the first word you're taught when you born along with apartheid, struggle etc. forget "mama". 3. Hahahahahahahaaa it funny because black people love to think that oh and you forget black people invented what now? Aeroplanes, cars, trains, cell phone, computers, iPads and pods, the wheel, math (I can go on). You've listed things that don't even matter, because 10 years from now what's cool will be uncool, I know it's hard not to cling to the past, shame! 4. it's interesting you'd use the words "reserve and judgement" guess what I do for a living.

Yah now people expect this man who is fighting for the rights of those at the bottom of the food chain (the miners) to be poor as well? Let's be honest, even if he is getting the money from the union he earned it, cos he is fighting for the poor unlike those who are focusing on enriching themselves and then say "vuka uzenzele". People are so quick to judge and point fingers, this sis apolitical conspiracy to dent his name and make him look like he is eating the miner's money. Let's judge fairly, you can expect the president of any association to live in a shack, if that's the case let presidents of major companies, organizations and president Zuma to all live in shacks. Let's open our minds black people and let's not allow the rich white bosses to make us hate/envy each other. Is the STAR boss living the same lifestyle as the journalist who runs around and chases all these stories that make the newspaper money??

I was supporting you. I don't care if the perpetrators are past or present, if they are White, Indian Coloured or Black; let us deal with them all, equally! Then you attack me??!! Sadly, you are a sad, sick, racist little boy who secretly wishes he was white so that he did not have to wake up with a complex every day that he chooses to be inferior - probably you've only ever got anywhere, if indeed you did in
your life, through BEE or nepotism or something similar... or because some white person gave you a hand-up or taught you something! Check yourself, you 30% 'err. What have you ever done for others and even for yourself and or your family? And for other races I've done more for your black communities then you have... not for any other reason than that I have a heart and care for people! But of course, because he is black and because he is your cousin, No1 Zuma is perfect in your eyes. So I wish you specifically, all the ugliness, hunger and appalling services you will get in the rest of your miserable, racist little life! Just don't ask me for a hand-out at the traffic lights!

Reference 1 - 67.40% Coverage

I don't believe they are doing a good job of working for the country's interest right now, so I gave them nothing. I also have good evidence that they can't be trusted with our liberties, the constitution and parliamentary majority vote (their MPs rubber stamp party wishes and exercise very weak oversight), therefore they have to be denied a 2/3 majority and the opposition is to be strengthened to effectively defend the citizens from them. Thus I gave both mines to opposition parties. There are many different reasons why many people still vote for the ANC, 1: the history. 2. The selfish voter who looks at their own past progress and feels beholden to the party because of it, without looking at the bigger picture and comparing the bigger cost to their personal benefit. Many educated Africans fall here, they can be absolutely brilliant and understand everything about politics, but there's no comparison of the value of their personal benefits and the cost of the ANC running the country. 3. Those who are frustrated by the shenanigans but genuinely fear/distrust whites due to experiences like racism in town, at the mall, at work or on iOL...and believe that the ANC is a lesser evil than racist whites (which are inevitably linked to the DA, as it steadfastly refuses to acknowledge economic inequality and the need for transformation). 4. Those who aren't really clued up in the workings of a democracy, and believe that the party isn't doing that badly. 5. The ultimate loyalist, who will let the whole country die for the ANC, and they are the last to die...and they die for the ANC! 6. The disgruntled one, who's not over the past and how the present was ushered in. The African was given a raw deal and it remains raw...unless we start from scratch and right the wrongs of the past by acknowledging the wrongness of apartheid and seek genuine redress for the affected population, and finally heal everyone's attitudes towards each other to enable unity. The disgruntled voter can be pretty perceptive and can see everyone's fault, including the ANC, but argue its unjust to focus on such a relatively minor and new mistake. There's a much bigger and costly mistake to be taken to account first, before all others: redress of past gross injustices! The disgruntled guy can be very hard to convince to move on, as his points are argued by principles. 7. The careerist, hoping to find a political appointment, tender etc. There are relatively few of these, but they are mostly found on the upper echelons (or the higher one gets, the more they are likely to display this character), they can be pretty destructive and selfish. There are other sub groups and a combination of some groups here. I can outline what the DA fails to do to attract some of these groups, but that's for another day.

Reference 1 - 16.50% Coverage

When the DA - then called the Progressive Party - was founded its membership was open to all. When the African National Congress was founded, its membership was restricted by race. The SACP party began as non-racist but expelled its founder (Sydney Percival Bunting) for opposing the racist plan it took from Russia, Spot the racists.

Reference 1 - 11.67% Coverage

Obviously dude, you cannot dig my meaning: The meaning and understanding of "responsibility" and "accountability" if I may add, in other words "notion"(- dictionary).....Unfortunately the software for reader-automatic-understanding does not exist yet........

Reference 1 - 10.18% Coverage

Archbishop Magoba is saying what many South Africans say to portray President Zuma the devil reincarnate. This surprises me coming from a man of cloth as I have always been surprised by his predecessor's utterances on President Zuma throughout his term as President. The fact of the matter is that President Zuma was democratically elected and is surrounded by a host of colleagues in government and advisers that are part of the decisions that we as the public get to know. Singling him out in light of this can only mean the following: 1. President Zuma is a dictator that overrides the inputs, views and advice of those around him which is impossible in a democratic setting we all know prevails in this country; 2. The entire membership and support base of the ANC are party to the evil he imposes on the country but of course that would be an insult to the people in these groups; and 3. South Africans have no power to use their democratic right and vote the ANC out and you and I know this cannot be true Archbishop Magoba knows these things but still says what he said. SA is sick through and through when our religious leaders promote ideas like Magoba is trying to feed to the 'flock'.

Reference 1 - 32.42% Coverage

It is very frustrating. The country was handed over to the ANC with first world infrastructure. a) If Mandela had kept his word of a Rainbow Nation b) Did not introduce BEE c) Kept borders closed and
allowed in only those that will benefit South Africa the country would not to be in the state it is. De Klerk must also be held accountable for being weak. In 20 years of rule we have seen only rising crime, sudden enrichment of a few, rising unemployment, blatant corruption etc. Nothing good to report in the last 20 years this is the legacy.

Reference 1 - 19.52% Coverage
Mmusi if you say that you are not a puppet then be very outspoken and give the people your views with regards to the Palestinian issue. Will you condemn Apartheid Israel for what they are doing to the Palestinians? Are you bold enough to do that? Now is the time to show and prove you are not a puppet.

Reference 1 - 52.50% Coverage
For someone who has been working since the 80's, and has been leading a union for years, R1m vehicles plus R5m property less about R1.5m debt against those assets, I'd say R4.5m net worth sounds fair, if not somewhat an underachievement. Get back to me when you're talking assets in the region of R20+m before we start accusing him of anything. Besides, I doubt there's a single dealer who would be willing to take those 3 cars off his hands for that R900,000 so stop abusing info to make Mathunjwa look greedy & evil in the media. I know some ordinary families in Soweto who have a combined net worth of about R2.5+m in terms of house, cars, furniture and savings. In fact there's plenty of people living houses worth over a R1m these days based on City of Jo'burg's recent property valuations that I've had a look at. How many poor Indians in CT suburbs live in houses approaching R3m that they can't even afford to pay rates for? This reminds me of what Malema used to say something to the effect of - "there are plenty of white boys driving around all over Sandton in million rand worth cars while living in multi-million rand apartments they never worked for, but these people don't want to see any black person thriving in similar fashion. They don't want black diamonds to shine." The Star, ETV & TNA don't want Black diamonds to shine. Period!!

Reference 2 - 20.60% Coverage
Not everyone wants to portray a Warren Buffet outlook. They are entitled to make those choices. Why don't all the multi-billionaires donate 80% of their liquid personal cash, and not the odd $1m or couple of hundreds of thousands once in a while? Ghandi was a racist; I detect or entertain noth. Don't all the multi-billionaires every so often give money to a Blank diamond to shine. Period!!

Optimistic citizen
One can't help feeling we are in a sinking hole. Just look at the billions being spent on our premiers, ministers, president and all 10 kings. Millions of rands so let's sort out the chaff and get the money siphoned to those who need it. That's when I will feel optimistic.

Reference 1 - 25.00% Coverage
Nonono Coloureds are black, we all suffered during apartheid.

Reference 1 - 55.98% Coverage
I gave it three months from 7 May. So that's 2.5 months from now. And I'm also betting that, behind the scenes, they have been besties all along.

Reference 1 - 31.40% Coverage
It's a fact that these miners vote EFF because of hope. I don't understand how's that got to do with "better". Every political party gets funding from capitalists just like Julius Malema got some money from amongst others, Tokyo, Phosa, Patrice etc...

Reference 1 - 0.74% Coverage
Never is a long time. NEVER SAY NEVER

Exasperated citizen

Reference 1 - 25.81% Coverage
Hauw, i must remember to pay my union fee's every month so this guy can live large while I starve... you get what you voted for!

Reference 2 - 2.62% Coverage
"Druhmsteeks"

Reference 1 - 94.17% Coverage
@Simphiwe so the social grants is what it is about Firstly, they wouldn't disappear overnight Secondly, young girls are getting pregnant just for those grants, thirdly, I am told that horrendous things are being
done to babies, so that they become disabled, so as to increase the grant. That right there is a great life! If 8 BILLION rands had not disappeared since '94, then the Eastern Cape would have looked way different today, and I would vote ANC. But alas, it's gone! @Lerato it would happen a lot quicker as the past 2 years has shown Anyhow, enjoy the next 5 years! Let's see how it pans out

Reference 1 - 27.27% Coverage
It's like having a meeting at work on a Monday morning, it costs money nothing gets done and it was a waste of time, except this is way more expensive

Reference 1 - 21.92% Coverage
So African...it's almost funny. You live in shack with no money and you toy-toy for better wages while your leaders (like Malema) steal from the very people they want to free...you guys deserve all the suffering! It's just plain stupid...but I think you already know that?

Reference 1 - 60.42% Coverage
My husband is a cyclist. We battle every year to find accommodation in Sea point for the Cape Argus Cycle Tour. Last time my PA who is white booked under her name. Guess what it was confirmed only to be cancelled once she provided my card details. As a matter of fact Cape Argus is no longer on our cycling calendar.

Reference 1 - 37.21% Coverage
Won't surprise me if in the coming months the EFF and ANC kiss and make up, so much looting to do so little MP's

Reference 1 - 47.62% Coverage
Disgusting

Reference 1 - 93.48% Coverage
That's why the country is so screwed, no equality. Racism is uncool and illogic in these modern ages. Why hang on to it? The only ones benefiting are your greedy leaders as they pit one race against each other for their own selfish gain as taught by Hitler. The whole lot of those bustards can join the trash pile

Reference 1 - 85.50% Coverage
I don't have any sympathy for these people anymore if they continually put themselves in the circle of ineptness

Reference 1 - 6.24% Coverage
Cockroaches scrapping for morsels

Reference 1 - 1.83% Coverage
The problem is that, if the political will existed, the problems would, for the greater part, have been addressed and reduced too much smaller problems. This dangerous mentality of diverting blame to Apartheid, when it should be but a very small reason at this stage of the game, is going to destroy this country and this economy. No way will I be hanging around to be used like this any longer. Enough is enough

Reference 1 - 4.25% Coverage
Jou moer dedicates victory over terminal lying, self-immolation in the fire pool on the hill, post-haste please J-Cub.

Reference 1 - 83.24% Coverage
You guys think you are so important but you look from the outside - you a corrupt third world country with a shit government, crappy education system, militant labour, and non-entity currency. Do you really think anyone will give a sh*t if you sink into the ocean and disappear? You can take the land and stick it up your butt, because you can't farm. You can nationalise the mines but you don't know anything about modern mining. You can nationalise the banks but who wants to buy a diminishing currency? You are stuck up the creek with leaky canoe brother. Enjoy the ride. PS Better polish your begging bowl before you go and ask for some food and a bit of money from the people you hate. Nothing like a bit of grovelling to put you in your place people

Reference 1 - 6.19% Coverage
I assume you are neither Zulu nor Pedi. As a matter of fact, the word exists. The ANC just don't practise what it says. Stop sucking your thumb and passing off your lies as the gospel truth

Provocative
Ben Burger - § 2 references coded [23.91% Coverage]
Reference 1 - § 11.00% Coverage
A victory for corruption and mismanagement the voters must now keep quiet about service delivery and enjoy their grants.
Reference 2 - § 12.91% Coverage
They are looking for a Nkandla scapegoat. Can somebody please type out Zooma's CV and send it in. I'm sure he is the best qualified candidate.

Bernard De Gouveia - § 1 reference coded [71.74% Coverage]
Reference 1 - § 71.74% Coverage
Apparently only the bright people didn't vote ANC, according Jacob

Better days - § 5 references coded [16.70% Coverage]
Reference 1 - § 3.00% Coverage
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Reference 2 - § 3.53% Coverage
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Reference 3 - § 2.92% Coverage
I see the ARVS are working still
Reference 4 - § 2.83% Coverage
Can't feed them don't breed them eh?
Reference 5 - § 4.42% Coverage
There is no space in your last word oh clever one

Blanca Castaflores - § 1 reference coded [20.05% Coverage]
Reference 1 - § 20.05% Coverage
Admit it you just want him to give you a big fat kiss on the lips don't you, Eugh.

Billy Bob - § 1 reference coded [7.14% Coverage]
Reference 1 - § 7.14% Coverage
Pity No more handouts from me. Leave it to the ANC

Bizza Bunton - § 7 references coded [31.56% Coverage]
Reference 1 - § 1.57% Coverage
Why must he be poor?
Reference 2 - § 4.95% Coverage
What have you created? I bet you do not have a 2010 BMW automatic.
Reference 3 - § 4.80% Coverage
So should the likes of Griffiths then according to your logic...
Reference 4 - § 6.22% Coverage
You see, you were raised wrongly. We congratulate and wish good for our fellow man.
Reference 5 - § 8.47% Coverage
"Wrongly" see you cannot even read but you want a black man more educated than your household combined to be poor?
Reference 6 - § 3.15% Coverage
No, not spellcheck, but you and your mama.
Reference 7 - § 2.40% Coverage
List of nincompoops...I'm afraid

Black, Green & Gold - § 1 reference coded [80.00% Coverage]
Reference 1 - § 80.00% Coverage
Cosatu or gosatu please go and play somewhere else, we are just concerned about the missing girls

Blackaffairs - § 3 references coded [19.24% Coverage]
Reference 1 - § 15.23% Coverage
Each miner must pay R12 500 contribution per month so the AMCU can leave large with expensive big cars, mansions, designer clothes, five star restaurants and a host of other flashy attributes of opulence. Life is short they must be allowed to enjoy it. The miners must pay.
Reference 2 - § 2.62% Coverage
Can I be in charge of the fund? Thanks anyway.
Reference 3 - § 1.39% Coverage
Then there is still hope?

Blackwoman - § 13 references coded [14.95% Coverage]
Reference 1 - § 1.44% Coverage
Yes, the spear should be up for an Ospcarpiss award!
Reference 2 - § 1.38% Coverage
Exactly....And I do believe Jet Li was The One!
Reference 3 - § 1.35% Coverage
Luke had the force with him. Jet Li was THE ONE!
Reference 4 - § 2.93% Coverage
The ANC will only rest when we SA reach a Zimbabwe status so...But I'll take the yummy juice anyway!
Reference 5 - § 1.07% Coverage
This explains the pebbles for brains.
Hehehehe
Blegh!!! I'd rather have the Captain or Tintin!
Stop thinking so much...it's ruining your education.
Yes Daddy
I didn't know you had it in you...LMAO!
Nooooo! Read the thread again.
LOL! Agreed.....but now he works for a garden gnome and alleged rapist.
Good call! That makes sense. I could see the body language between Fransman and the ANC NEC
didn't look great...I think you nailed it.
He will feel like he is among likeminded people in the ANC!
You are talking nonsense Antin, provide proof or sit down and let adults talk.
And a ham roll it is too.
Next round is on me.
Take a dip in the fire pool.
That's a bit rich I think if Madiba could he would get out of his grave and punch you in the face
I think he spent half his life walking around with a paper bag over his head
Well then thank you for not voting. Viva all you want.

Whatever Gogo!

The race is on, to see who on this list will make it first to the front page of newspapers for wrong doing!

Democracy is the rejection of god as ruler. Any "Christian Democratic" movement if internally self-rejective Maybe you should get better informed?

My ancestors are from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Poland. What does that make me????

Not stirred.

Only after a few drinks...

Thank you. And then the next round is on me...

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You've got anger, poy! You need that kick as on your profile pic.

Yep, you guessed it right poy!

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Never has the cabbage-pimp looked more like an idiot! Girlfriend Floyd picked the wrong colour outfit

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Time for your medication........???
Reference 1 - 0.92% Coverage
Is "Kunta Kinta" Albanian for "stupid"?

Reference 2 - 11.60% Coverage
I think like it is was implying that ANC voters are idiots

Reference 1 - 5.40% Coverage
That's not how you spell it

Reference 1 - 14.50% Coverage
Paul John you want me to grow up but you don't understand what the question mark means...this "?" means I'm asking.

Reference 1 - 67.74% Coverage
Ah... mxm... lo fetsa neng dipopae ke Lena?

Reference 1 - 78.70% Coverage
Please learn to spell; it's revolting to say the least. Mix it died a 100 years ago.

Reference 1 - 1.92% Coverage
LMAO I don't think she would want to be in a relationship with him, he still has Stone Age mentality

Reference 1 - 58.97% Coverage
i.e.: Disillusionment!!

Reference 1 - 0.70% Coverage
Joseph....Are your parents siblings?

Reference 2 - 0.54% Coverage
Oh thanks for nada...go away

Reference 1 - 0.85% Coverage
Go back to the bush

Reference 2 - 1.42% Coverage
Surely you can't be that stupid!

Reference 1 - 1.19% Coverage
Another Mthembu spokesperson Ai

Reference 2 - 1.04% Coverage
I don't think so, Mr. Lawyer.

Reference 1 - 11.14% Coverage
Looks like a no real soccer game... did Bafana loose again? Oh wait...Bafana probably scored... & the showerhead actually thought they were cheering for him!

Reference 1 - 0.69% Coverage
Jy is a droll.

Reference 1 - 3.44% Coverage
[Hahaha another disgruntled one...] Irrelevant; emotional; ascription [Have you notice that Malema is going to parliament?] Well, duh, do you think I'm blind? [Hahaha, how do you feel?] Since you ask, let me check, Heart OK. Body Still fine, but I definitely haven't been 20 years old for more than a few decades. Mind Still sharp, and certainly still intrigued by intellectual debates and not in emotional hyperbole. Now, is there any solid, logical, well-argued point that you wish to make that would be to the better of all people in South Africa? Or even better, the world.

Reference 1 - 10.09% Coverage
And that's saying something. You must be really dumb to be the dumbest one among that lot
Reference 1 - 47.46% Coverage
And probably your girlfriend

Reference 1 - 3.05% Coverage
Cnut has long lost his sense of smell!

Reference 1 - 15.64% Coverage
You see, you get so worked up. If you had done something practical like chemical engineering where you analyse with brains instead of verbal diarrhoea that you seem to spout, you would have been able to use one of your brain cells to understand my point. I am actually jealous of your virgin brain cells! Never been used once whatsoever!! Damn. You can answer if you feel like vomiting more and more.

Reference 1 - 58.18% Coverage
Who said that mum? R u a prophet

Reference 1 - 5.16% Coverage
Are you a botched circumcision case?

Reference 1 - 0.38% Coverage
Go and sleep

Reference 1 - 0.60% Coverage
Go to your room kid

Reference 1 - 1.46% Coverage
That's the intention, moron, at least you are becoming clever

Reference 1 - 21.37% Coverage
"Go out! You bloody agent!!"

Reference 1 - 0.10% Coverage
Retards

Reference 1 - 0.30% Coverage
Like a turd in a rectum.

Reference 1 - 0.34% Coverage
Take your time.

Reference 1 - 0.98% Coverage
Puppy Might be prepared Up the dose?

Discourteous comments

Reference 1 - 1.16% Coverage
Which one of the wives is Short Round?????

Reference 2 - 2.03% Coverage
Blade, you are such a fucktard...how can it be lies if Nkandla is real!!!

Reference 3 - 0.87% Coverage
Spent pimping his lips to '22's

Reference 1 - 4.30% Coverage
That's BOY but the 1st letter is facing downwards, stupid!

Reference 1 - 56.03% Coverage
Lindiwe You sexy beast...Listen Hellene if you seriously want to win, just PLACE LINDIWE AS PRESIDENT then all shall be well...

Reference 1 - 17.06% Coverage
Is this idiot the best person for an educational minister post? We are in big trouble.

Reference 1 - 9.68% Coverage
Full blown aids looks bad on you - d*ck head

Reference 2 - 22.80% Coverage
The only victory that you have gained is destroying SA, screwing every township maid and contracting aids.

Reference 3 - 26.45% Coverage
I see you got exackerie disease - your face looksa exackerie like your @ss - I see you are wearing your @ss on your shirt.

Reference 1 - 2.83% Coverage
Kumelweindodana bastard kaumyeniwesithathu

Reference 2 - 3.43% Coverage
Great - now the cabbage-pimp jumps on the bandwagon

Reference 1 - 22.73% Coverage
He gives birth to a new breed of thieves anyway He looks like a packet of cheese & onion chips

Reference 1 - 2.08% Coverage
You're on the gravy train, what else can you say?

Reference 1 - 7.65% Coverage
Not a chance bud. He is hanging onto those pennies cos I think he can hear the whispers in the passages. He knows his time is up... Watch this space, maybe not before the election, (stupid if they don't) but certainly after, that stupid man will be gone.

Reference 1 - 5.50% Coverage
Whoever gave you that impression is an idiot and if you really believe it then you are retarded.

Reference 1 - 11.46% Coverage
Mulder the idiot at it again

Reference 1 - 4.01% Coverage
Huh? What does white only places have to do with it? Private property is what most of those are. And for all I care they can all go on and fester in there. on here - now - you are the one sucking crap out of your thumb...

Reference 1 - 8.48% Coverage
I tried to translate this using my cell phone's translator, but it doesn't have an app that translates bullsh1t.

Reference 1 - 0.93% Coverage
I prefer D!ck, thank you, a more pliable organ!

Reference 1 - 5.07% Coverage
JA, we know there is no such thing as a hermaphrodite. Only chicks with d!cks. He seems to be up for it.

Reference 1 - 20.69% Coverage
Why do you think he won't you silly circus clown

Reference 1 - 1.40% Coverage
It means grow the f*** up, see it for what it was be...
Johnny Better - § 1 reference coded [1.50% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.50% Coverage
No man... Sis

Kgothatso Kubembu - § 1 reference coded [59.68% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 59.68% Coverage
Are you really that much of an idiot?

Knalpot - § 3 references coded [11.33% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.71% Coverage
Hell of a reply you racist scumbag. People like you need to just fuck off and die.
Reference 2 - 5.11% Coverage
Mark I don't normally reply to such childish crap but the places could be made a tad more accessible for people of colour especially making it affordable.
Reference 3 - 3.51% Coverage
Oh and for your information. Even if I had the money I wouldn't live there in that soggy little shithole.

Koisian B Bantu - § 1 reference coded [19.99% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 19.99% Coverage
Wow Rampies, I see you have eventually recovered from your fleeting affair and subsequent breakup with Helen Godzilla. Like a typical jilted lover you aim to go one better (after the DA accused Zuma of stealing) and accuse the ANC to be a band of thieves. I hope you are wearing a condom....

Kurban - § 1 reference coded [1.41% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.41% Coverage
Read my above comment dumb ass

Love Boaters - § 2 references coded [19.03% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.87% Coverage
Ignorant piece of junk...
Reference 2 - 17.16% Coverage
Why are we so 'gentle' when it comes red necks like Herman, stupid uneducated pigs like you are the ones racially dividing us? Anyway life is a B*tch and we all going to die so your red neck tendencies will not be around for long.

Luigy - § 2 references coded [2.66% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.69% Coverage
I am not surprised, that's the only way you can comment, you don't even knowing my mother
Reference 2 - 0.56% Coverage
Try it first stupid fool

Makabongwe Gambushe - § 1 reference coded [23.89% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 23.89% Coverage
You o dump read baba books, tell your white cronies buy you book and read!!!!

Mark Stevens - § 3 references coded [1.11% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.59% Coverage
But they don't want you either! Car boot sale
Reference 2 - 0.19% Coverage
Puppies....D@S!
Reference 3 - 0.33% Coverage
A free fair arse...whoops.

Misty - § 1 reference coded [90.83% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 90.83% Coverage
Why must you be rude, that point could have been addressed fairly without being utterly rude? Everyone has his/her opinion and they are all entitled to it, just because it's different from yours doesn't make it stupid. We really need to grow up, so much hate is time and energy consuming and it's not worth it.

Mntungwa Mbhulazi - § 1 reference coded [0.25% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.25% Coverage
You will eat mine first.

Mozzi - § 1 reference coded [37.50% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 37.50% Coverage
F** off qaeda!!

Nevyn - § 1 reference coded [3.31% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 3.31% Coverage
Is he? If that is the case then well that explains everything, like I said before he looks like a sh*tbag

Nkandla shareholder - § 2 references coded [16.15% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 12.11% Coverage
Exactly and why then the law that forces us to buy blacks we do not want these incompetent mamparas and they have no reason to be bought by black owned companies. Really farking beyond all reasoning
Reference 2 - 4.04% Coverage
Why is there a picture of a black pen/s with glasses on his t-shirt?
**<Internals\Oscar Mthembu>** - § 2 references coded [6.59% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 4.76% Coverage
Sucker (SA Sucks) is also a rambler...with a big rumbling hole in between ears! He even hears sounds giving him numbers.
Reference 2 - 1.83% Coverage
True what you say...she is just an asl@#kisser

**<Internals\Owl>** - § 1 reference coded [0.67% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.67% Coverage
OH, Panther, you expect so much from me! BTW, your second bitchy comment to me, Tsk, tsk, tsk, you should be careful, I might start bitching back :-(

**<Internals\Peter>** - § 1 reference coded [1.81% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.81% Coverage
Only his mother could love that face, actually did he have one, or is he straight out of the ANC sewer, that's the most probable.....

**<Internals\Running-Kick-Slap>** - § 1 reference coded [2.46% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.46% Coverage
We know what happens at the "white" house nowadays......it ALSO has some worthless black asshole running around in it.......who is ALSO fck ing up their country.

**<Internals\SilentMaster>** - § 1 reference coded [2.11% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.11% Coverage
Sies

**<Internals\sp4wn>** - § 1 reference coded [25.60% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 25.60% Coverage
Clearly doesn't know her arse from her face this one!

**<Internals\Telstar12>** - § 1 reference coded [3.28% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 3.28% Coverage
Noooo Don't FAAARKK me.

**<Internals\Thivhulawi Victor Munyai>** - § 3 references coded [6.92% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.32% Coverage
I don't like big a$$$ it has funny smell
Reference 2 - 1.22% Coverage
Big a$$$$ is not my favourite it stink
Reference 3 - 4.37% Coverage
Let me tell u something a$$ hole, even if he's wrong we are not going to remove him like Thabo Mbeki different style jou Pu$$$$$$kie

**<Internals\ToothyGrinn>** - § 1 reference coded [16.23% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 16.23% Coverage
I can see them crawling under his skin, the bad breath and bile splattering out of his mouth as he speaks.

**<Internals\Tracer ZA>** - § 1 reference coded [6.56% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 6.56% Coverage
Faeeses that only a mother could love......

**<Internals\ts monare>** - § 1 reference coded [80.52% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 80.52% Coverage
Hi sies mark that is uncalled for and disgusting would you be ok if that said to you, man that is low and it degrade you too

**<Internals\Unfckngblvbl>** - § 1 reference coded [0.41% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.41% Coverage
Lie on back, legs open, watch the ceiling and moan

**<Internals\Valkenburger>** - § 3 references coded [1.33% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.09% Coverage
What a balls up.
Reference 2 - 0.21% Coverage
Hohoho Sweat, muthi fuckas, sweat.
Reference 3 - 1.03% Coverage
If I'd wanted to be crude, I'd have called you an arsehole. However, I used the correct scientific Latin terminology, which was very refined and sophisticated of me.

**<Internals\Whotnot>** - § 1 reference coded [12.73% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 12.73% Coverage
Turn your phone / LCD screen sideways and you may just see his @ss...

**<Internals\Zodiac legend>** - § 1 reference coded [1.72% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.72% Coverage
I wonder if those people were given money or food for donating their poo to the PSF, P-oo, S-lingers, and F-ront...

**Information sharing**
Poor debating skills

<Internals\jandr0> - § 2 references coded [1.32% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.72% Coverage
What a primitive debating style. Claiming someone "lost" and jeering with, "haha" comments? Are you still in school or what?
Reference 2 - 0.59% Coverage
Erm, I am not aware of anything that I have "lost. "Please try to make logically coherent statements.

<Internals\Liberal> - § 1 reference coded [2.30% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.30% Coverage
Joe Public would not understand what you mean; it is second nature to him

<Internals\Owl> - § 1 reference coded [0.11% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.11% Coverage
Very dramatic answer :-)

<Internals\PomegranatEpipp> - § 1 reference coded [0.92% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.92% Coverage
It's rare to have sensible debate/discussion on these forums. I value it. Thanks. The compliment right back atcha! :-)

<Internals\Willem Wikkelrescia> - § 1 reference coded [5.60% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 5.60% Coverage
It is oh so easy to be cynical. Can you possibly make a positive contribution?

Poor analysis

<Internals\jandr0> - § 1 reference coded [2.14% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.14% Coverage
[But you did lose... the EFF did a better job eroding some of the ANC support... The DA basically only got the votes of the ID and probably COPE. They have not done anything to erode the ANC support base... so yes, the DA loss.] None of that in any way led to a conclusion that I, repeat I, "lost." Please try again; your "argument" does not pass the test of logic.

<Internals\My_opinion247> - § 1 reference coded [18.88% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 18.88% Coverage
Colin - did you read this story? Maybe read it again, slowly. If you still don't understand it, then don't comment.

<Internals\Paul John> - § 1 reference coded [5.06% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 5.06% Coverage
How do you know this man has not given the miners a cent? Because he does not take a full page article out in the Sunday Newspaper like some posers do, does this mean he does not donate money to the miners? You are reading more into this article than there really is.

<Internals\Progressive Prick> - § 1 reference coded [1.60% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.60% Coverage
Please. Read the comments, someone referred to it being the Black house since 1994, was the United States White House built in 1994? No, it was rebuilt shortly after being burnt down in the war of 1812.

<Internals\Rae Smith> - § 1 reference coded [5.46% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 5.46% Coverage
When did I say that I am voting for a party based on the number of headlines they make? Read properly.

<Internals\Three bananas for the Republic> - § 1 reference coded [19.63% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 19.63% Coverage
I guess if you made an intelligent comment people would take you seriously.

Emotions

<Internals\Colin Craig Broadfoot> - § 1 reference coded [64.46% Coverage]
don’t bluff yourself, he is in his grave thanking God that he was not involved with the current ANC. Ask your ancestors, and witchdoctors. None of the theft, corruption and ignoring the plea’ of the poor were ever in his dreams.

Seems that whenever there is no easy answer for the problem at hand “blame the Whites,” that race card is getting old now as you have practically worn it out. Try if you can, think up another lame excuse to cover your disgusting corruption.

Sdumo Dlamini knows fokol about COSATU’s Constitution

That’s what I said

This party has no shame what so ever. Are their wives going to accompany them?

Your jealous is extremely man,

Stop mocking me:

Not until the WC is independent will the threats to freedom of the people there stop

I am not a cure in good standing, so I am unlikely to feel whipped, just p!ssed off with the blatant stupidity

Changing fact to suit your political agenda does not make you any brilliant. Bring facts to counter what I said and you will not be seen as dumber. And indeed look at who is dancing to your music in comments below. You guys are seriously sick in your heads to think you can get away with insulting me instead of presenting arguments one can listen to
Concerned citizens

Reference 1 - 17.06% Coverage
We need people to bring new ideas on how to better our people's life, and to contribute on how to improve our economy, rather than fighting a lost battle, even if Zuma goes to jail, it will not help our country.

Reference 2 - 6.89% Coverage
We need people, who can come up with plans to say what we can do to increase our GDP.

Reference 1 - 2.24% Coverage
This is the reason they jump whenever Malema name gets mentioned, our next struggle is ECONOMIC FREEDOM and we are not going to be paralyzed by propaganda. Soldier on Mathunjwa, these are our minerals, all shall share. Ayosaba amagwala

Reference 2 - 0.29% Coverage
Absolutely, we all need cash.

Reference 3 - 1.49% Coverage
I don't see that happening in this country, when people earning about R37 billion a year can't afford a R12 500 a month salary? That we can see in heaven.

Reference 4 - 2.17% Coverage
Hahaha ECONOMIC FREEDOM in our life time chief, even if it will be achieved by our children, we are not turning back on this one, I know it makes your balls run dry ha ha a but you have to learn to deal with that now comrade.

Reference 5 - 1.46% Coverage
Then why are you so worried? We know that according a white system, a black person who can fight for the rights of the poor must be staying in a shack.

Reference 6 - 2.98% Coverage
I truly agree with you, this is a free country and it's their democratic right to publish propaganda and discredit everything done by a black man. To detect what they must push! You are way out of line, I have asked why? Why only looking at Mathunjwa? They must inform the public about the mine bosses as well.

Reference 7 - 1.56% Coverage
One, you need to understand that these mines need to be nationalized, and then all this will come to an end. For logical argument, I have not seen any from your side.

Reference 8 - 0.32% Coverage
That will be the best thing ever.

Reference 9 - 2.21% Coverage
100 % Azania, this is the reason they jump whenever Malema name gets mentioned, our next struggle is ECONOMIC FREEDOM and we are not going to be paralyzed by propaganda. Soldier on Mathunjwa, these are our minerals, all shall share.

Reference 10 - 4.14% Coverage
1. it's a fact that you are not black 2. Most black resent being born black, that's 100 % stupidity from your side, have you done any survey on that? 3. Who is this black person who has forgotten where he comes from? Another statement you can't backup. 4. If you were successful and black you won't be busy insulting black people, go and ask you father PW Botha as to why we as black people are in parliament and then chillax.

Reference 1 - 1.08% Coverage
I think we ain't seen anything yet. It is only going to get worse.

Reference 2 - 2.82% Coverage
Go for it. It will be worth your trouble. You are doing this for all the people in this country and those who don't appreciate it now, will come to their senses later on.

Reference 3 - 3.63% Coverage
You put my thoughts into words. Somehow I feel that my children's future is being stolen as we speak and I wake up every morning with this thought. What to do? I honestly don't know because most people don't understand.

Reference 4 - 4.54% Coverage
If you look at the past five years and that the government have no positive ideas on how to grow the economy, except giving people's jobs top other unqualified people, the EFF will just speed up the present process and the economy does not need a full five years to crumble.

Reference 1 - 9.90% Coverage
Blade is trying hard to whitewash corruption with his latest attack on Madonsela

Reference 1 - 38.89% Coverage
Good job done
Where do you propose the majority move? I'm just curious

You personally never witnessed the political spectacles during Apartheid because it had far less effect on you than on the majority of this country that was oppressed by the minority. Rallies were very prominent, many lost their lives in the process not an easy thing to brush a side if you think of it as many would like to believe

Reference 1 - 89.27% Coverage
Jeez...the language used here... "which will then give the bastards the two thirds majority they need to change the constitution!!" you may differ but as a democrat you shall defend the right of your opponent to hold view at odds with yours, do you even respect yourself, i doubt it?

Reference 1 - 15.70% Coverage
While him and his wives and other in his inner circle continue to live lavish lives. It makes me emotional that after 20 years in government and people are still so poor that you can take advantage of them and give them a tap and you have their loyalty. Do these people, who are happy with not having to fetch water know they are entitled to a whole lot more? Do they know how much is spent by corrupt officials that could have given them basic services a long time ago? He and his lot exploit the very people who support him.

Reference 2 - 7.83% Coverage
It's cool because it's beginning to backfire on them as they eventually see things differently too. Check the election trending. Demographically the ANC should have more support in the WC but instead many of the people have become converts of the way WC is run.

Reference 1 - 59.20% Coverage
Question, isn't he unable to be a minister with the R 16 million owed to SARS????? Anybody knows the answer, or has that been swept under the carpet.

Reference 2 - 26.40% Coverage
Gee thanks Einstein; we are clearly blessed to be in your company.

Reference 1 - 91.56% Coverage
When are Bono and all of them going to do songs and statements at gigs about the plight of white people in South Africa, then? It was similar about black people that got everyone into the mess they are in now.

Reference 1 - 54.56% Coverage
The Eastern Cape provincial treasury reportedly deposited R250 000 into provincial chairman Phumulo Masualle's bank account, the newspaper reported. This amount was then reversed five days later after questions about the transaction arose. Yea no way we could interpret that as fraud!!

Reference 1 - 5.14% Coverage
I know I'm going to sound like a purse lipped fun sucker, but I loathe the style of commentary in South African boards, everyone trying to wind each other up, profane language, brain dead theories, racism.. Really gets my goat, that.
Question you should be asking yourself is can you trust the ANC or Ramphele more?

True that's why we need to correct the immorality and uproot exploitation with in the history.

I think it got lost.

Why vote 3 times when the ANC has got every person who has died in the last 10 years voting for them

Yep we still ok in CT compared to the poor folk who voted against this horror in the other provinces

I think the voters are all racists that hate anything to do with whites... they would rather see this country destroyed by incompetent criminals then to ever think of voting for a party they may resemble a white party. SA is doomed and the whites had better get the hell out before it all comes crashing down like another Sudan.

YouTube (dot) com/watch=e-T796qVyGA Take care Padraigin Au Revoir

It's cool....but freaks me out a bit... :

Sorry, I have also had close calls

Shame - where does it hurt the most??

So at the next president we can stop complaining about Apartheid?

Premiers, please set a good example to society and improve service delivery to the needy people. Please do not steal money and spend tax money on your private affairs. Ensure that your team is managed well and no corruption occurs. Set an example to the youth for the future leaders in the ANC and this beautiful country. Rectify all previous faults and start with a new slate.

Please. Get real. This is not about me.

Fine you too. This is what happens when a Capetonian opens his doors to vaalies... it's a damn flood.

It's the thoughts of a youngster. The child in them I didn't steal those sweets! Mouth stained from eating them. The other kids around are happy to accept the infantile lie. It's ok cos sometime soon they will use the same lie. This is why South Africa is lost. There is no saviour. There is no great plan. South Africa was dealt the type of people it has. End of. As my old man once said to me Son if they are shit, they are shit. Just keep up wind and ignore them. They won't be changing anytime soon.

Dineeo, the word is "pity".
There is a very thin line between heroes and cowards. View Hide

How was your holidays my friend are u back safe with family

Those appointments are a mere public relations exercise. Booma is their faultless and blameless god. No prices for guessing that those appointed lapdogs whose main job description is to rubber stamp Kg@k decisions from Loot All House are going to regurgitate the Loot All House propaganda as instructed.

Is that before or after the spin cycle?

And when he is released he will be branded the hero of the people and be made president..... we know this already....

Where have you been living?

I only wish it were a laughing matter. It is actually very scary. This bunch trying to run an actual country

No, that was not the point, if that was the intention; they could have compared what Mainway had accrued while he is the leader of AMCU not what he gained in 2002. AMCU is only 2 years Sir.

This does not make sense, was Mathunjwa the leader of AMC when he acquires all this assets? This is another strategy by mine bosses to discredit the Mathunjwa since he is the voice of those who are used by mine bosses. The freedom chatter makes it clear that the wealth of this land shall be shared among all, including minerals.

So when a black man request R12 500 salary is messing up? He must be paid R2500 because that's what he is entitled to? Secondly mess up what? If my memory serve me well. You messed up this country by introducing apartheid which is a crime against humanity.

The person with a difficulty is you, he is making it clear that we Africans mess up, now I am asking a simple question, are these guys messing up by requesting R12500 or you as well can't answer that.

This business is mining and the freedom chatter had made a reference to it. So I am not generalising. For a comment made generally and you don’t know why I suggest you don’t even need to attempt to give me clarity then as you don’t know why. To say these people must go and find another job is to think that this is China, where you can do as you want and get away with it.

If you are clever enough, design a strategy and win on the next elections!! If you are continue to loss and call yourself clever hahaha hahaha
Madam Thatcherite, you know absolutely nothing about Black people, secondly, you are reducing this salary struggle into race hence they will play a race card. If you have any knowledge of the freedom chatter, may be you would comment much better. Don't come with your racist attacks and expect us black people to say it's OK. I even doubt if you are a South African anyway. It's about time you learn discuss the issue at hand not fumble around attacking black people.

Reference 9 - 11.95% Coverage
1. You claim to be Black and you suggest that black people want to be white. That is exactly you, your sister and Mam, your photo says it all, why would you choose that photo if you were not suffering from the same dazes you are referring to? 2. To say black people bring racism when they request R12 500 is another level of stupidity, you have to agree on every bone thrown at you by your boss since you were brain washed long time ago. Things have change and allow these guys to stand up for their rights. 3. For a sushi, it will take a stupid person like to think that one uneducated business man from jail represents us (blacks) and it is enough to use him to draw conclusion about us, stupidity at its best. If you were clever as you claim to be, you could have thought of stats in this instead, basic stats. Esakwa standard six chep. 4. I don't blame you for not knowing what the black person had done for this country, you are being feed propaganda and you are vomiting it on this page. So you think when black people want to be rich they want to be white? Wrong you even don't know that sushi is Chinese dam you are brain washed Sir. Now that the ANC had liberated you politically, the next step is to liberate yourself mentally.

Reference 1 - 1.08% Coverage
No, we had no contact, but I know where he is from, the real one.

Reference 2 - 2.09% Coverage
If all those qualifications she has do not make her a presidential candidate, what does one say of the one we have presently?

Reference 3 - 2.22% Coverage
I don't know when he left, but most of these atrocities came to light very recently and he thought that he was still in Mandela’s ANC.

Reference 4 - 1.96% Coverage
You must be new. Just humour. With Churchwater, you just read the opposite. Notice how he places Europe inside France.

Reference 5 - 1.44% Coverage
Even so, all these articles were based on the facts as set out in the report of the PP.

Reference 6 - 1.11% Coverage
In Afrikaans it is spelt with one 'l' and the 't' replaced by a 'd'

Reference 7 - 10.06% Coverage
The unemployment rate of white people (which you got wrong) is of whites who have been born here. The unemployment of black people resulted from about 25% who have been brought here from the Eastern Cape, who had houses there, still have, but want a second house here. They should ask the ANC for jobs as they brought them here to vote for them. You also did not mention that coloured people are now being removed from all the chain shops to make way for these Eastern Cape people. If you don't know who they are, they are the poo throwers and their supporters and the coloured people were also born here.

Reference 8 - 1.49% Coverage
Proof I don't think that it is more than 50%. Remember the NP joined the ANC, not the DA.

Reference 9 - 1.14% Coverage
Her report gave us the proof that we always wanted, what a good girl.

Reference 1 - 76.00% Coverage
There are many successful SA farmers in Mozambique already and they are supported by the people of that country.

Reference 1 - 92.50% Coverage
Not one white person elected, more corrupt premiers put in charge Africa Addio see the movie it’s an eye opener see and digest what Africa has become.

Reference 1 - 11.96% Coverage
The DA and ANC both espouse the same secular humanist values. With proportional representation every vote counts. The DA's ploy to marginalise and swallow up smaller parties shows it is also dictatorial.

Reference 2 - 31.68% Coverage
Helen Zille forgets that with proportional representation, every vote counts. The ANC wants a one-party state, while the DA is pushing its two-party state platform by marginalising other parties, which it wants to swallow up. The ANC and DA have the same secular humanist values and have voted for legislation that is contrary to godly principles and values, Christians should not be taken in by DA (or ANC, or
whatever other parties’) propaganda, and should vote according to their values. Your vote endorses the values that a party espouses.

Reference 1 - 11.63% Coverage
That is the description of an *ineptocracy.**** (in-ep-toe-racy) - a system of government where the least capable to lead are elected by the least capable of producing, and where the members of society least likely to sustain themselves or succeed, are rewarded with goods and services paid for by the confiscated wealth of a diminishing number of producers. ** Awesome.

Reference 2 - 8.17% Coverage
Indeed. I am not implying that his words do not refer to her, as they do indirectly through accusing the articles about her report.

Reference 3 - 8.76% Coverage
It happened in Germany with old Adolf, can’t see why it can’t happen in good old SA Oh look... Adolfin

Reference 4 - 17.25% Coverage
That’s if the EFF aren’t part and parcel of the ANC, this could be a very interesting scenario If you think about it, that’s what i would’ve done to retain power

Reference 5 - 11.05% Coverage
When I say “practical”, I am referring to a “game plan”. How to go about it from A to Z if only in broad lines

Further, what I say and think, I hold for the truth. And the moment that Truth can no longer be said, for fear of idealists losing faith, then I say they are not true idealists in the first place. I personally may admire Ms Madonsela, but I do not “expect” her to do stuff for me personally, on the condition that I shut up. (Would be strange, no?) And you make the mistake to presume that I think of the exemplary persons you mention, in terms of race. I don’t. Understand that despite my despising the “abstract average Bantu” I can admire and adore individuals of all ethnicities. Not only can I, I do, so very much! I would welcome any arguments and facts that prove me wrong. If they are convincing, I will change my views.

And I am not just saying that. I tell exactly what I believe, I NEVER lie. (Funny thing that is about me it’s not even a moral position. It’s simpler/easier and makes me so much stronger.) And I will confess to having moral problems with gratuitously stating the truths I hold, in this regard, if it serves no purpose. One should do so with care so as not to needlessly hurt the personal feelings of those who don’t have it coming. On the other hand, I also believe that many societal problems cannot be addressed by being blind to the realities. AA HAS not worked, and for reasons I try to put down WILL not work. Not like this, assuming that donkeys can be racehorses.

Reference 2 - 12.67% Coverage
Forget about trying to explain away the realities that beset the respective populations’ talents. This desperate drive to sell that politically correct idea, that egalitarian dream of “all people are born equal” is just sooo outdated and untrue. The “environmental” cop-out may be very partially true, but is only a minor factor, only detracting from the harsh reality that by far the biggest contributing factor is genetic. Just as cart-horses will never make race-horse material, not with the best nutrition and training, not after 10 generations, so can we never expect the average African to be like the folks from Hong Kong, or Ashkenazi Jews Listen, if there was even the remote chance I were wrong, I would have to change my stance radically - and I hope that you trust me that I am flexible and honest to do so, but I see no way that I am wrong. I have also read the critic of those who shaped my thinking, and found then badly wanting, frauds even. But I do see a way that the currently abysmally low IQ’s in e.g. SA can be elevated through the so called Flynn Effect, however this is only limited, and would take a long time.

And sadly the ANC’s rule is a major factor preventing this from happening -and that is also how the ANC will maintain its hold on an averagely very naive and backward populace. Sorry to be so blunt and gloomy; truly wish matters were different. You, yourself were never in the 70 points range, IQ-wise, (Africans’ average.) and neither were your parents. The first I can say with certainty from the way you write, and the second I can derive from the way that only in rare cases stupid parents have smart offspring, (And vice versa.) They may be less educated, but that is different from being born stupid.

Reference 3 - 2.81% Coverage
And does anybody perhaps know if Malema paid the amount he owed to SARS -and for which he was sequestrated by the Court -and which sequestration does NOT allow him to be an MP, by parliamentarian rules? Or has any sense of decency and abiding by the rules gone out of the window? SA is hell-bent on making other banana republics wish they are not seen as in the same category like us.

Reference 4 - 1.71% Coverage
I see you are not familiar with the law. JM is a Trustee, and as such, in cases like this can be held -and has been found responsible by the court. Makes no difference "If" -well then he'd better try do so soon, no? Let's see then.

Reference 5 - 3.08% Coverage
Legal-technically there is no difference between provisional sequestration and a final one, in this respect. This should still preclude him from being an MP. Edit: the opinions conflict on this point -but it's the 26th and once the sequestration is made final, he can appeal -which he will certainly do. We'll see on Monday. At least it's sort of legal and he's not by far the biggest crook in parly -yet...give it time.

Reference 1 - 70.31% Coverage
Mbeki said to the irresponsible people/adults must not use condoms when they having sex???

Reference 1 - 0.31% Coverage
MANDELA FUNDS = ARMS DEAL!

Reference 1 - 0.19% Coverage
Not in Bekkersdal

Reference 2 - 2.08% Coverage
Well, at least the Rand stabilised at around R10.36 to the Dollar (thank you Zuma) ...unlike in the 1994 elections where it was just terrible: R3.60 to the Dollar (thank you Mandela)

Reference 3 - 6.90% Coverage
It can happen; but as part of the EFF and ANC constitution there will have to be a membership vote on both sides to allow this. In other words, Juju can't just simply say "we're now part of the ANC because I'm forgiven". It has to be put to a vote. Chances are this will not happen as the EFF broke away from the ANC for a reason. How do you tell 1million people who you've worked up against the ANC with so much hatred, that, oh, we're BFF's now... Also, remember that Juju wants complete power. He doesn't want to share it with JZ because it would weaken his party and turn his own members against him.

Reference 4 - 6.70% Coverage
61%, 69%, 760,000....lovely figures there. Please do tell: how do you have these statistics when there is nowhere on the ballot paper to mention what race you are?! I'm not saying its lies. I am just questioning the legitimacy of the actual numbers, as this simply cannot be calculated correct without being able to racially profile each and every counted ballot paper, which, if it were possible, is an insane breach of our privacy and the electoral code itself. So spin this as much as you want to, the fact is you can only count the members - NOT who they voted for in the end!

Reference 1 - 5.25% Coverage
It's not just calculated according to 45,000 votes = 1 seat, but that's more or less a quick way to determine the seats. Some seats are proportionally distributed. 200 of the 400 seats are distributed according to the votes and the other 200 are proportionally distributed. As a small party who is only in third of fourth place, it's possible to get 1 or 2 extra seats because of the system that's used.

Reference 1 - 2.80% Coverage
Oscar - I will ask you another question: Why is the US and Western Europe and Japan and Australia such wealthy countries? Why do you think they are doing well?

Reference 2 - 1.99% Coverage
NP joined the ANC...learn your history friend. The DA is born from the DP...which has always been anti-apartheid.

Reference 3 - 23.60% Coverage
Here is what happened....if you really want to know: During the 2004 South African general election, NNP was all but wiped out. Much of their support deserted the party due to unhappiness with their alliance with the ANC, and their portion of the national vote dropped from 6.9% in 1999 to 1.9% (it was 20.4% as the National Party in 1994). The party was pushed into a distant third place behind the Democratic Alliance in its former stronghold in the Western Cape which put big questions on the future of the party. With the former governing party now only the sixth largest in the country, questions were asked about its long term future, and the leadership of van Schalkwyk. Despite his party's poor performance in the polls, van Schalkwyk was given the cabinet post of Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, as a reward for aligning the NNP with the ANC. The NNP Federal Council voted 88 to 2 to disband during its assembly on 9 April 2005. It also settled its outstanding R5, 2 million debt with the Absa Group Limited, in preparation for dissolution. As of 5 August, 2005, all NNP members of parliament became members of the ANC, in accordance with South African parliamentary floor crossing
legislation (a series of laws which, prior to 2009, allowed politicians, elected on one party ticket, to defect to other parties).

He's earned that disrespect, and I doubt that the commenter is being racist.

He was the face of the ANC and read the constitution of the ANC before you comment

You are one of the most astute commenters here, Antin. No doubt one of the people whose views I read, may not always agree with what you say, but I know that you have taken time to think about what you say, and research your fact. Watching you engage, from a position of attack, you reason yourself into seeing the other person's point of view, acknowledging and respecting it, turning the tone from negative to positive. Very admirable I just wish you would listen better to what I ask. What I appeal to, is your sensitivity, being right, is sometimes not the right way to go. Simply because we are dealing with human beings if someone insults your child, saying something you know is true, it will still make you dislike that person, simply for being so insensitive to voice the truth. It takes wisdom, rather than knowledge, to deal with humanity. So when you use the words "Bantu", I cringe, for all of us, because you take us back to a very horrible past. Always remember that your audience is far, far bigger than minds like yours, and Thuli's. You blame genetics; I say there are very many measurements, very many types of intelligence. And because someone has a lower IQ than you, does not mean they matter less. "The problem with this world is that some lives matter more than others" The tragedy is that it is the fault of humans, that some of us are smarter than others. I am not expecting equality and classlessness, those are natural structures. In the name of development, the world has been changed by the more intellectual of us, through the discoveries of advancement and technology. It is those very same discoveries which now, ironically, threaten life on this planet. In hindsight, the simplistic way of subsistence living, is really what should have been allowed to continue, we should have been more respectful of the indigenous cultures, their way of life. Before you blast me, Google "the story of stuff" Peace Antin, thanks for reading my reply.

I was wondering just this morning: when I open a bank account they read my thumb print and it goes directly to Home Affairs for feedback - so the technology is there so why isn't it used for elections also? The scanning of our IDs didn't feed back to the database, although that may have been for privacy

One of the poorest provinces it's a pity was hoping either UDM or da would win and get it up to speed again

Why do people have to use race all the time as if anyone has a choice on what colour they want. If you are black be proud, if you are white be proud. But to see another race as lower than yours it just means you are sick. Elections are done and over congrats to the ANC and DA a job well done. Now let's move on.

You are, of course, welcome! I'd like to thank you for confirming my observation!

Archbishop Makgoba I salute you

Why do you call him stupid when he is asking a genuine question?. Chill Truism!
Shoo daar... Just pass it around your circles, and then get people to commit and then sizo hlangana on social media once there is something solid. Or even better just get the donations flowing to the pastor who is using his pension pay out, this can be done until something solid is created.

He loves you.

Ok, ok you win you clearly have done the research on this topic. You work as an observer and know how it works. I apologize for saying you are daft, as you are a real clever boy.

Good morning owl ;), on that ugh note: p

My bad...

LOL, Oh okay thanks Akhenaten. These guys have been throwing a word to be that I had no idea what it means. But I must say, Afrikaans is a beautiful language, very expressive, I just wish it was used in a proper way. I would love it.

Says the fly in the ointment?

Thanks... usually it's just dreams about your mommy

Geez, sorry, looks like it's not my day today....Hiiiiiiii LOL!

Greetings on this bright and sunny autumn morning, sorry it was an opportunity not to be missed, I so despise this lot.

That's his good side.....phffttttt

Is that an apology?

Thanks

Thanks that made me, laugh out loud at my desk!! Thank you :)

@Buhlebam that is an unfortunate experience. I hope that you have taken action against them, even if only to post your experience to as many travel websites as possible and/or to Cape Town Tourism (0214876800). Please do not let this incident taint your opinion about Cape Town or your husband’s
participation in the Argus. If you don't come back due to the actions of these small-minded bigots, then they 'win'. You deserve better.
One can only imagine that car dealerships around the country are rubbing their hands in glee at the prospect of all the shiny new and pathetically overpriced FULLY IMPORTED vehicles they'll be flogging to the new Premiers, MEC's, Ministers, etc. over the next few weeks. Next will be the interior designers, the builders, the security fences, the bodyguards, the planes, the holidays, the hotels, the contracts, the allegations, the lawyers, the racism, the lack of delivery, the police crackdowns, the jackboot legislation and finally the revolution. Lap it whilst you can, parasites - your days are numbered.

Reference 1 - 16.90% Coverage
A nightmare Big Dreamer

Reference 1 - 2.02% Coverage
Is "trying" well enough ....30%?

Reference 2 - 5.11% Coverage

Reference 1 - 5.52% Coverage

Reference 1 - 0.66% Coverage

Reference 2 - 0.16% Coverage
Ignorant

Reference 1 - 5.59% Coverage
Lying old bag shouldn't be in parliament

Reference 1 - 6.42% Coverage

Reference 1 - 1.30% Coverage

Reference 1 - 6.42% Coverage

Reference 1 - 1.22% Coverage

Reference 1 - 4.72% Coverage

Reference 1 - 6.98% Coverage

Reference 1 - 2.45% Coverage

Reference 1 - 5.75% Coverage

Reference 2 - 8.38% Coverage

Reference 1 - 5.39% Coverage

Reference 1 - 0.82% Coverage

Reference 2 - 0.77% Coverage

Reference 1 - 10.97% Coverage

Reference 1 - 10.97% Coverage
But of course that's what the friendly ANC will be doing after screwing us all once more time. Good thing you are in England and will miss all the fun hey!

<Internals\Kingsley> - § 1 reference coded [70.37% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 70.37% Coverage
The only thing that is over is the future of this country

<Internals\Kunta Kinte Zulu> - § 1 reference coded [4.28% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 4.28% Coverage
Shut the F up...lost respect for this ...... woman

<Internals\Lo Philips> - § 1 reference coded [68.77% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 68.77% Coverage
What are you talking about? Inequalities exist because your government do not spend the money of the country on the people who need it most, but enrich themselves and their family. For the past how many years, every year at least R30 Billion are defrauded and they do not know where the money went? How the hell is that possible. You insult the whites and DA supporters with your racist comments and that is ok, but when someone speaks up you start throwing stones. So, racist transformation policies are ok as long as it doesn't affect you as a black person? You just prove when you open your mouth, you are a racist ANC supporter and no one will or can ever change you because your mind is only seeing one colour, black. I feel sorry for pathetic people like you.

<Internals\Love Boaters> - § 1 reference coded [11.64% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 11.64% Coverage
You either STUPID or uneducated... you choose. You are not even man enough to stand up for what is right. You are not man enough to even deserve my comment.

<Internals\Madaras> - § 1 reference coded [65.52% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 65.52% Coverage
This is a farce.....

<Internals\Marius Maritz> - § 1 reference coded [71.52% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 71.52% Coverage
To think that people all over the world can read this article and they must think SA is do stupid, they must still be in the Stone Age. And to think we (tax payers) pay him more money he can spend and then he can't say anything logical.

<Internals\Mgavi> - § 1 reference coded [1.78% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.78% Coverage
Our president is acting strange

<Internals\Mike Watkins> - § 2 references coded [3.34% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.22% Coverage
I'd love to see the serpent's tongue hiding behind this Baas snake's face. It would make old Lucifer's look normal.
Reference 2 - 2.12% Coverage
certainly not while they're pandering to their puppet president and his baas, comrade Nzimande , and allowing their own to steal the nation deeper into poverty and an ignorance to match their puppet's

<Internals\mmokoqama> - § 1 reference coded [35.15% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 35.15% Coverage
They say new broom sweeps clean but i am not sure any more

<Internals\Mntungwa Mbhulazi> - § 2 references coded [0.76% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.41% Coverage
Join Oscar. You can be an outpatient too
Reference 2 - 0.34% Coverage
Ditto Owl. What a waste of space.

<Internals\Nevyn> - § 1 reference coded [2.81% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.81% Coverage
He is cowering in the corner like a little girl, delaying as much as he can, chicken shit.

<Internals\Nicola Justice Reddek> - § 1 reference coded [79.61% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 79.61% Coverage
It is easy to say they were counted!!!! How do you know? NO party has any frigging back bone is this county Makes me sick

<Internals\NIRVANA> - § 1 reference coded [47.83% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 47.83% Coverage
She is an academic, BEEE non-exec board token and a former World Bank parasite........she doesn't have what it takes to run anything. And this was madam Zille's presidential candidate ahead of Lindiwe Mazibuko.....or some DA male. SA politics is a circus (like most others).

Reference 1 - 0.32% Coverage
Eew, I can’t even stand looking at his face never mind his eyeballs :( Morning!

Reference 2 - 0.53% Coverage
No FO to make us laugh, for a loooooong while :( Life is going to be very depressing; we will have to think up something!

Reference 1 - 0.67% Coverage
Don't hold your breath!!

Reference 1 - 17.89% Coverage
"We dedicate this victory to our beautiful girls in Nigeria"...he says while he sits there with his finger up his arse expecting the USA and UK "imperialists" to find them and free them from his African bothers. Typical African moron with nothing to offer other than lip service while living an adopted western lifestyle and just being nothing more than a monkey in a suit.

Reference 2 - 14.88% Coverage
Oh shit! Another 5 years of ANC governance. Well I suppose there's not much that can be done about African stupidity. Seems like, it'll still be some time before the west can find a cure for this unbelievable stupidity. The civilized world's been living with it ever since they discovered these primitive people.

Reference 1 - 0.55% Coverage
You don't support your own because you hate yourselves and want to be white.

Reference 1 - 4.09% Coverage
***yawn***same moronic drivle as usual. The inability to broaden your horizons and take in another's compelling argument is the reason that your people are the worst failures in the history of the planet.......You ARE the kvktdars of universe.......good night.

Reference 1 - 0.23% Coverage
You mean Auntie Helen taking toy boy Mmusi to London with Mamphela to fundraiser; you are so right I am upset about this prune using naive kids and then discarding them!

Reference 1 - 5.41% Coverage
Get a life

Reference 1 - 94.29% Coverage
I wonder if IOL admin screens the responses prior to being posted here. Most of the responses are hate speech and full of racial comments. I am very disappointed.

Reference 1 - 16.56% Coverage
Get nominated no gals! Are you a stand-in for Trevor Noah? As any teacher nowadays - you have to BUY your appointment to secure a post......dhrol. Jeeeesss......

Reference 1 - 14.38% Coverage
You are the fool. You accommodate? Don't make me laugh. You are less than nothing. You're just another knob head who sold his soul for a cheap lie. Common sense wasn’t planted inside your thick skull. i smile in the clear knowledge you were born a twat, will live like a twat, and soon enough you will die, still the same twat. Get off the internet and find a child’s English book, and try learning how to use it correctly, knob head!

Reference 1 - 3.58% Coverage
If these feckurs told me today was Tuesday, i would go and check the newspaper. Liars! Every last one of them Useless, lazy, thieving liars!!!

Reference 2 - 13.03% Coverage
And so it will come to pass. this obnoxious toad will go the way of so many other foolish leaders. he will not even hear the footsteps as they come for him. his bunker will become his grave. Zuma will be deleted within 2 years. it just takes one smiling yes man, to grow a pair and turn on toady, and south Africa will see another useless leader take the short trip hell. in the meantime. KEEP HIM IN SOUTH AFRICA! Wherever he goes, his infantile remarks and childish giggle makes toes curl, and he stinks the place out.
If you keep repeating the same shite over and over then yes, you do end up believing it is real.....

Reference 1 - 21.66% Coverage
Go and live in Zima you can have all the ANC you can stomach

Reference 1 - 4.96% Coverage
I was waiting for the apartheid comment. Don't be an idiot of course they're not getting paid (why do you think they're starving) they're fighting for more pay to do less. The unions on the other hand get membership which they can raise and ultimately fill their own pockets. Read comments properly before commenting, idiot!

Reference 1 - 80.80% Coverage
Sadly his is an indication that education has not worked at all over the last 20 years. How does one explain having education and supposedly being educated and still voting for a corrupt moron that hasn't even finished primary school as your president? Evidence suggests that educating Africans is a meaningless exercise and has no purpose in 95% of the cases.

Reference 1 - 14.78% Coverage
I don't care about the DA, I care about the hundreds of thousands of extremely poor and impoverished Gogos who still go without so that your president can be no different to any other in Africa to date! I care about the millions - yes millions, of mostly black children who go to bed EVERY NIGHT, whilst Zuma spends, or allows to have spent on him and his greedy family, at their cost.... I am not talking as a white who conceptually has a moral and ethical issue. I have held many of your dying babies in the most remote and ugly parts of our country, whilst excesses for few condemn them pain, suffering and death!
And if you think Zuma is right, you are WRONG!

Reference 1 - 9.27% Coverage
LOL RESPECT IS EARNED IDIOT. I WILL NEVER JUST GIVE IT.

Reference 1 - 27.73% Coverage
What crap are you talking? Clearly you are an idiot who don't know squad of what's going on. I don't have time for people like you. Get your facts straight before you make statements like this. I hope you are a Christian. For your information there are many Christians being oppressed by the Israelis? Think twice before you make statements like this you moron. Or most probably you are doing this on purpose. Sorry it won't work.

Reference 1 - 88.51% Coverage
The worst run province gets the highest percent of ANC votes. This tell many stories The poor must stop protesting as they love living in poverty and dirt
I see the problem; I just don't see the relevance.

Democracy is f**ed all over the world, we're not special

I guess a sense of hopelessness and lack of opportune have nothing to do with that then?

Disagreements

They wouldn't because that makes all his dependents losers!

Jeze, that's a terrible argument

Wrong

Indeed. This is not the place to advertise your cause.

Same as the many that can't see through DA

Well I live in Port Elizabeth. Will have to wait and see.

Maluma is not a minister. You have to be stupid to think he is.

You are such a chop!

Ehhhhhh...

I can’t even take you seriously man. Between the lack of relaxers and lack of transparency, I can’t take you seriously

Who said he is a DA supporter, and who said he speaks for all DA supporters? You’re a f8cktard if you believe that. It is a stupid question - but your response makes you just the same

Oh please let that not be possible! Dear heavens, the thought

All hail old geyser who the fark are you, to tell anyone to leave? Skebenga

I see you are not taking folks seriously. Not us obviously.

Stupid comment

Nooooo a goldfish has more brain cells

So the ink came out and you needed to bring your own pen!!! Nonsense!!!
Oh no...

[One, you need to understand that these mines need to be nationalized...] No, I certainly do not need to understand that, because that is the worst thing that you could do.

WHO DID HE STEAL FROM????

Sadly, you're not... He's not the one... Masochist

Speak for yourself!

The “people are ever wrong” Cnut!

Please don't waste your time; they want to believe their convictions. * Not we..., but you...

I think you don't understand the meaning of racism... next time please dont type sh*t that you don’t understand

As if you do
Reference 2 - 0.99% Coverage
I don't care, give up also 62% against 22%

Reference 3 - 0.75% Coverage
I can't see it, you are the same

Reference 4 - 0.31% Coverage
As if you are

Reference 5 - 0.64% Coverage
You tell me, Jy is die baas

Reference 6 - 0.68% Coverage
As if you have ever made one

Reference 7 - 0.99% Coverage
Your thinking screws are off...

Reference 8 - 0.75% Coverage
I can't see it, you are the same

Reference 9 - 0.31% Coverage
As if you are

Reference 10 - 0.64% Coverage
You tell me, Jy is die baas

Reference 11 - 0.68% Coverage
As if you have ever made one

Reference 12 - 0.99% Coverage
Your thinking screws are off...

Reference 13 - 0.75% Coverage
I can't see it, you are the same

Reference 14 - 0.31% Coverage
As if you are

Reference 15 - 0.64% Coverage
You tell me, Jy is die baas
U seem to have both questions and answers, wonder why u asked initially

No man...you make it sound like a war zone. We are in an enclosed area...

He would never have survived :) in my house

You seem to want your own conversation, making what I say, imply what you want it to be...so why don't you rather just to yourself, then you can say it exactly how you want my side of the conversation to go? Night!

Apparently not!

Actually, they do!!

No lotto in my life Joe. Just circumstance

ANC stalwart you need to check your facts, baba.

Stating the obvious?

As if! Me? Never

Well, anyway, that's beside the point. http://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/amcu-leader-s-life-of-luxury-

I promise I won't go, even if she insists.

Ngiyakuyeka (let me leave you in your dream world)
Agreements

Reference 1 - 5.95% Coverage
HMMMM I HEARD YOU

Reference 1 - 1.54% Coverage
Didn't you guys say this would happen by the 2014 elections... What on earth makes you believe this?

Reference 1 - 2.51% Coverage
Says a lot about the jackass

Reference 1 - 36.36% Coverage
Spot on Henk

Reference 1 - 1.29% Coverage
The same...

Reference 2 - 1.09% Coverage
Yip...amazing, what some hard work and dedication can do hey?

Reference 1 - 3.72% Coverage
Could also be problematic if you called for Invisible Woman

Reference 1 - 0.20% Coverage
And Tshwane too

Reference 1 - 2.04% Coverage
I like him too. Africa is our mother land that is why we have to keep on fighting for it. Mayibuye!!!!!!

Reference 1 - 0.45% Coverage
Well said!
Reference 2 - 0.49% Coverage
Good point!
Reference 3 - 0.31% Coverage
Correct
Reference 4 - 0.49% Coverage
Good point!
Reference 5 - 0.45% Coverage
Well said!
Reference 6 - 0.98% Coverage
Too true! Hahahahajaja

Reference 1 - 0.54% Coverage
It is all good.

Reference 1 - 7.09% Coverage
Thank you for the correction ;)

Reference 1 - 0.09% Coverage
Yup

Reference 1 - 22.86% Coverage
Nothing

Reference 1 - 0.55% Coverage
I had no idea, well said
I really did not know that about Luigi - wow, it explains everything.

I swear, I was thinking the same thing too - check at the yellow eyeballs.

Somewhere in this long thread I lost your last post - but also, thanks for your opinion and the fair way you discussed it - and I agree too, we are often on the same team manipulated by what's around us - who knows, there may yet be hope :)

I swear, art, was thinking the same thing too - check at the yellow eyeballs.

I'm with you here.

Exactly.

Probably all his buddies.

Well said that is a fact.

Thanks owl :) and I did for most of the night...

Ahhhh ... an eff supporter that explains everything.

But I'll accept his life...

Fair enough can you break down rich and poor represented proportionally by race please (with education levels)?

Thanks for playing.

Humbled, you should be, if you realise the source of your support, twat!

You started off with "So, hypothetically ... " was just carrying on that line of thought...

Way over your head but thanks for playing.

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Humbled, you should be, if you realise the source of your support, twat!

Tee-heeee Yes...

Maar hy is 'n lelike ou bliksem.

Cmrda.

Well said.

Well said Lynne smit,
Tip of the iceberg

Typical

Why not? The DA looks like a perfect ticket to the Ivy League schools. You get the paper and everybody thinks you are smart to eternity. Easy

Thanks for talking the truth

And I thought I had a twisted mind. Nice one Vlooi!

Well that's a bit extreme, but if they continue to tighten discriminatory laws it may be useful one day, agreed.

Absolutely, they know how to complain

It really beats me

Lol this is just too sad...

Ok!

I totally support the comment

Nkosazana101 Gazilam You Sir I agree with. Politicians who the %^& do they think they are governing us!!

Wahtyki! If you say so

I support this.

Mthuliseni that is a very good observation

Well, enjoy it.

Yup!
He is 50% lol!

And sweet...things they are a happening on the fracking front...will update you soon.

Those are his Bison ...so your'e probably right.

No doubt.

Reckon you're right!

Seems we're in agreement today!

Wise words

Good point and homer only has 3 children? And a medium size house!

Classic

Precisely

Well some of them are light skinned black people

Well said...thank goodness it's over...

So would I if I was one of them on their little gravy train.

And that's the truth.

We believe you.

Oh - I see.

BS would be a step up for him...

Yep - but only a 5 second memory...

Thank you - Thank you very much

And they are as good as banana too

Yes Pastor, we do. But we hate their sins...

I didn't think of that, nice man.

Mmmmmmm, that's a good point actually.
Ah ok, works for me then

Gladly

Or spawn: P

Spot on

Gladly

I think you are being very optimistic that it will be only 1 week. This will take months!!

Aah! Thanks.

I like that!

I do!

Huhumm...I agree with Busi

Agreed Busi, We are destructive, rather than constructive.

Mmm, good idea, thank you, I think he needs to move to Europe, to...I don't know...find himself or something, the stress here has taken its toll on him ;)

Only slightly ;)

Mmm, depending on the "sooner rather than later"

Aaaww, I was feeling positive, for 3 seconds! ;)

I am sure you understand aliases though?

Hmm, not intended, and I do understand, I make no excuses, that moment will come, more than once, so to speak.

That should surely do, I'll be guided by you ;)

Hopefully you have in mind action of more pleasurable kind ;)

No loss

It has turned out as expected

Good one

Hypothetically speaking that's very clever of you. In reality however . . .
I'm not sure about "much smaller", but conceptually I think you are correct.

And the k word is Arabic for non believer...

Wishful thinking on my part...but it definitely would.

I couldn't say it better.

I remember reading about this one too.

Another chance that saya lot

I couldn't say it better.

I remember reading about this one too.

OK see what u r saying makes sense

You are right

Yes, Tell me more?

Shooo' you hit the nail tbt!

Me too.....

And not many of them around anyway Lionel to have a positive impact

Ok see what u r saying makes sense

Definitely!

Exactly

You are right

If not, he should.

No premier for the Western Cape?? Oh yes, now i remember why not.............!!!
I couldn't agree with you more...

No shit......?? Did you guys only work that one out now?? Can't wait for the next revelation...

Brilliant deduction that's why they're politicians and represent the intelligence elite of the nation, I wouldn't have been able to formulate such conclusion.

Useful enough to be noticed by you it seems...

Agreed #useless and irrelevant

So true

That's right, at least some good will come out of her.

Hectic

That's right, at least some good will come out of her.
Malevolent

Reference 1 - 2.41% Coverage
...good point...but does not beat the understanding of "notion"vs "word".....
Reference 2 - 0.65% Coverage
...add the stench....
Reference 1 - 1.22% Coverage
Same with me
Reference 1 - 1.22% Coverage
Reference 1 - 0.69% Coverage
They have already
Reference 1 - 2.10% Coverage
Of course I am.
Reference 1 - 11.44% Coverage
The girls are not rebellious.... but agree with your 1st part.

Reference 1 - 0.79% Coverage
Is Mathunjwa earning his salary by the way?
Reference 1 - 0.62% Coverage
Hehe... what leader he is! Wow...
Reference 2 - 1.41% Coverage
should have added at the end "and don't worry comrades, we will count and recount until we have the correct CANCer numbers "all those cANCEllled and spoiled votes, eish, and all those we put in before and afterwards democratically :)
Reference 2 - 1.88% Coverage
If lips and fugly were brains, ol' blade would be a genius
Reference 3 - 9.36% Coverage
Sadly too, with the general belief in ancestor worship, ditto primitive magic, coupled with an unbelievable lack of humanity, children are "harvested" for their organs, to "win the lottery" or "cure aids" , make it "bullet proof", or whatever the wheeech dokotela tells it to do. Shudder...
Reference 2 - 9.93% Coverage
I won't. Something tells me it pays better than yours does.
Reference 2 - 6.08% Coverage
Happy googling and ing! You've got some great skills! Seriously, want to be my tracing agent?
Reference 1 - 5.97% Coverage
Nah... I think you don't have FACTS about what you just posted! THINK.... before you add your comment! Sometimes you need NOT to let people know how STUPID YOU REALLY ARE!
Reference 2 - 1.59% Coverage
Accepted norm in Zulu traditions... They do their washing and DRAW WATER, DOWN STREAM from where their ANIMALS CRAPP INTO THE RIVER...
Reference 3 - 0.76% Coverage
Imagine WAKING UP NEXT TO THAT FACE!!!!!!!!! FAAARKK MEEE!!!!!!!
Reference 4 - 0.90% Coverage
If he is found guilty of MONEY LAUNDERING.... HE IS OUT ON HIS FAT ARSE!!!!!!
Reference 5 - 0.64% Coverage
IT has NO SPINE... so do not refer to IT as a MAN!!!!
Reference 1 - 1.57% Coverage
Socialism has no language barrier. Sadly, this is what most South Africans seem to want... to always suck on teat of the government.
Reference 1 - 18.03% Coverage
She is just proving to be the worst leader in SA politics over and over again. What an ego driven muppet.
Reference 1 - 3.59% Coverage
Dumb, dumber, how are these 2 events even linked? Don't dedicate, send some EFF supporters to help find them.
Reference 2 - 1.39% Coverage
I have responded to your earlier response.
Reference 1 - 90.75% Coverage
His face looks like they tried to put a forest fire out with a screwdriver. He should change his nickname from 'Blade' to 'Ugly Bob' as he is hideously ugly!

Reference 2 - 2.64% Coverage
The dumbest ones got the boot

Reference 3 - 5.30% Coverage
A venereal gnat buzzing atop the shoulder of a dead giant...

Reference 4 - 7.63% Coverage
It's their stupidity

Reference 5 - 7.43% Coverage
You dumb ducks would still be eating each other man!

Reference 6 - 8.62% Coverage
Must admit I can't wait to see him in parly - just another clown in the circus...bring in the elephants!!!!

Reference 7 - 7.43% Coverage
John the Bat-pis.......there you go showing that pre-school education for all to see again.

Contemptuous comments
Reference 1 - 1.02% Coverage
Of course it's coming... every year they get a New Merc

Reference 2 - 0.47% Coverage
Which country do you live in?

Reference 3 - 0.13% Coverage
Rubbish

Reference 4 - 0.73% Coverage
This is not an insult, merely a description.

Reference 5 - 8.29% Coverage
I know hey, it is incredibly pathetic

Reference 6 - 2.31% Coverage
I know hey, it is incredibly pathetic

Reference 7 - 1.35% Coverage
You want white woman; they have smaller ones?

Reference 8 - 1.82% Coverage
Considering your surname, you might be on to something there!

Reference 9 - 1.79% Coverage
I haven't seen it. What stereotype of coloureds does he fit?

Reference 10 - 0.87% Coverage
And partially edentulous too

Reference 11 - 1.05% Coverage
IOL is a democracy. The majority sets the tone. Don't like it? You and your goat can go to another site. No need to needlessly upset yourselves.

Reference 12 - 3.22% Coverage
I see that whenever the ANC is at issue here @ IOL, your tsotsi heads crop up. Hardly the behaviour of one who does not worry because, "it's not read." You see a need for tactics here like putting up multiple, fake personalities, to talk to yourself, giving yourself upvotes -because nobody else takes you seriously. This is a (silly) transparent attempt to influence the voters here. You can't be here for FUN; nobody on this rag likes you.

Reference 3 - 1.59% Coverage
It could be said that all this public talking to yourself makes you a suspected loon. But telling a non-witty thing, and to then laugh at it yourself, is a sure sign that you are a certifiable nutcase Marius Bobaasman.

Reference 1 - 1.07% Coverage
Herman there is no need to be a d@$s...

Reference 2 - 0.45% Coverage
So you regularly sip a MUG OF STUPID?

Reference 3 - 0.07% Coverage
OH FFO

Reference 4 - 1.18% Coverage
He has NOT BEEN TO COURT TO FACE THE CHARGES...>YET! Think it is due in court in Sept...

DUMB AZZ!

Reference 5 - 0.57% Coverage
Different cases and charges! Wake up DUMB AZZ!

Reference 6 - 0.77% Coverage
Clutching at STRAWS,... and ALL THE WRONG ONES ARE COMING UP!!!!

Reference 1 - 38.57% Coverage
You're talking plain bullsh#t. It's their choice, and your calling other people idiots because they don't buy your sh#t creates a huge cloud about your own intelligence, stupid tart @Albert

Reference 1 - 50.63% Coverage
He will not be welcomed by Fransman, as he, Pascoe, was promised Fransman's job.

Reference 1 - 60.00% Coverage
Madam Venter we don't give a d$%g who u vote for! It's your right...

Reference 1 - 21.36% Coverage
Someone do what for me? I'm second class in your eyes because I'm black and do not agree with your racist and/or prejudiced ways. Whites like you get mad seeing a black person driving a 2010 bmw automatic. You did not make it during apartheid because your folks were too dumb and lazy.

Reference 1 - 93.85% Coverage
So everyone i is going to ignore the fact that DA claims this man was never competent yet they had him occupy his position for so long? This is similar to a coach saying a player who played every game for his team was ineffective.

Reference 1 - 0.39% Coverage
Aaah! The Bat!

Reference 1 - 34.55% Coverage
If Miners don't see this, then they are thicker than i thought, 4 moths without pay they will never recover from this... i guess is their choice let them suffer.

Reference 1 - 7.32% Coverage
Show some respect please!!

Reference 1 - 2.72% Coverage
First of all David you have no intelligence to insult. You are unable to support points you make by making silly accusations of President Zuma and expect me to buy it. Reading a book upside down and claiming to know its contents to equally demented audience and receive a standing ovation from it does not make you wise.

Reference 2 - 7.22% Coverage
David your problem is that you think what you say is always right yet you talk like a child that thinks everybody should agree with what he/she says notwithstanding what the other person reads from it. Of course, David, "...blatant and continual lies ..." is indeed 'silly accusations' of a person lacking in intelligence given your interpretation of what President Zuma said at different times and in reference to different situations and creating your own versions in the process. In addition to this is your unruly tendency to go vulgar when challenged further on your comments. Seriously any MORON can see you are really devoid of any intelligence. To be honest with you I think it's good riddance from my side if you chose to stop this interaction but I know you won't because you've to have the last word to celebrate your 'winning' the debate.
Humorous

Reference 1 - 75.81% Coverage
Hi hi hi hi....Dandan ungihlekselani mfowethu

Reference 1 - 1.24% Coverage
Morning, morning.....long time no see....

Reference 1 - 1.28% Coverage
A fish is not rotting because only the head is rotten?

Reference 2 - 0.64% Coverage
Different day, same faeces

Reference 1 - 84.97% Coverage
How can he dazzle, he is covered in a dark brown covered substance that resembles manure! Not even Karcher can clean up his image

Love and affection

Reference 1 - 2.38% Coverage
Flirting already :)?

Reference 1 - 1.61% Coverage
But will have to wait for next Valentine’s Day.

Reference 1 - 20.00% Coverage
Always loved 69 myself

Responsible citizen

Reference 1 - 12.42% Coverage
Lol you are right and I apologize, expecting politicians to follow rules, what was I thinking :) Good day to you

Cynicism

Reference 1 - 0.51% Coverage
Kinky!

Reference 2 - 2.21% Coverage
Please don't insult slime!

Reference 3 - 1.53% Coverage
Lol obviously not!

Reference 4 - 2.30% Coverage
That's the idea!

Reference 6 - 2.30% Coverage
Nkandla not finished yet???

Reference 1 - 13.13% Coverage
Who else thinks that Blade’s mouth looks like a horses butt hole?

Reference 2 - 11.92% Coverage
Has Floyd grown boobies? Something doesn't look right there

Reference 1 - 35.90% Coverage
Stupid at Best

Reference 1 - 2.58% Coverage
These guys are a riot!

Reference 2 - 4.81% Coverage
Go suck the shit out of Zumas flacid ass.

Reference 3 - 0.59% Coverage
'Tsek

Reference 4 - 1.06% Coverage
Your mom

Reference 1 - 71.76% Coverage
Panty Kak-kula the mastermind I recommend a lifestyle audit.

Reference 2 - 76.19% Coverage
ARIE VIDECHI...GOOD BYE...BYE BE...ENJOY THE TRIP TO LOOSER CITY

Reference 3 - 0.19% Coverage

Reference 4 - 1.64% Coverage
They are set for another 5 years of great business... yerrrrrr that lady can eat man.

Reference 5 - 0.15% Coverage
Hahahaha

Reference 6 - 1.80% Coverage
KFC Northern Cape, keep high stock levels for more Chicken... U Are going to run out of Stock...

Reference 7 - 0.66% Coverage
Kwakwakwakwakwakwakwa ...finished

Reference 8 - 0.21% Coverage
Hahahaha...

Reference 9 - 2.29% Coverage
When ready please answer my questions and stop mumbling, the so called black person. I like the fact that for us blacks to be responsible we must accept every shit. Only you and your mam, leave these guys alone to fight for their salary.

Reference 10 - 1.40% Coverage
Me too Sir, we have change to be a Black house, Juju had joined them, while the tea lady and her madam had divorced mhhh this is very interesting

Reference 1 - 65.63% Coverage
Zuma's girlfriend for keeps of course yeah

Reference 2 - 1.26% Coverage
Yes, a bit dof of me, but you must admit that he can be compelling at times.

Reference 3 - 1.61% Coverage
I have tested him. I grew up in the same town as Fransman and this guy does not know where it is.

Reference 4 - 1.04% Coverage
You and I will never know. Haven't been there won't get there?

Reference 4 - 1.82% Coverage
Yes, Nialstroom was named after it by the Voortrekkers as they thought at the time they have reached the Nile.

Reference 5 - 0.63% Coverage
Both too much the dozen and the dime
Reference 6 - 0.36% Coverage
You are one nasty man.
Reference 7 - 0.98% Coverage
Yes and he can take his president with him to get educated.
Reference 8 - 0.48% Coverage
What a turd means in English.
Reference 9 - 1.01% Coverage
As hy nog droog was kon ons hom uithaal, maar dit is n natte.
Reference 10 - 0.48% Coverage
At last, someone with brains.
Reference 11 - 1.56% Coverage
They might be able to teach the people not to eat before they give the land away to squatters.
Reference 1 - 5.05% Coverage
Does your mother know that you're out?
Reference 1 - 5.05% Coverage
She can't! Needs a femidom if it's not too late
Reference 2 - 10.02% Coverage
Or they are still eating from the food parcels and kept warm with yellow T shirts
Reference 3 - 6.56% Coverage
Who is being optimistic here? More like five years!
Reference 4 - 0.37% Coverage
LOL
Reference 5 - 5.94% Coverage
She can't! Needs a femidom if it's not too late
Reference 1 - 85.44% Coverage
Judging by the outcome of this it is clear that the majority of voters are still idiots.
Reference 2 - 24.66% Coverage
I was thinking the exact same thing.
Reference 2 - 27.40% Coverage
Frazzy remind us of us is voting ANC...?
Reference 1 - 54.76% Coverage
And Zille makes them?!
Reference 1 - 5.79% Coverage
Truth is truth???????? WTF you dumb asses would not know the truth unless it were to be something stolen by Zuma.
Reference 2 - 6.47% Coverage
They will remain slaves for as long as they remain victims, the people of Africa need someone to give something to them, making their own destiny is not the strong-point of the people, receiving handouts is.
Reference 3 - 2.03% Coverage
Bru, it's early, drink your coffee wake up then try typing again.
Reference 4 - 0.28% Coverage
Ag, shame
Reference 5 - 3.50% Coverage
I was trying not to point out that virtually every African run nation on earth is a toilet but ok you are right.
Reference 1 - 4.18% Coverage
There is a difference between will and blindly following like sheep
Reference 2 - 3.80% Coverage
Aaaaah the "Innocent until proven guilty" party strikes again
Reference 3 - 17.46% Coverage
I know..... On top of that, first he says white people are from Holland, then suddenly we from Belgium, then suddenly from France. And since when the hell is "Europe in France"? Only advice I can give a person as stupid as this is to kill himself...before his stupidity spreads
Reference 4 - 0.69% Coverage
The Colonel
Reference 1 - 91.24% Coverage
Heck, she's ugly!!! Wonder what her daily rate is to haunt a three bedroomed house during December she could make some money and I can go on holiday No worries about burglaries with her in the house
Reference 1 - 22.18% Coverage
Yeah my pension is totally stuffed. In 1987 it was 1A$ - 1ZAR and. Yeah Zuma you numbnut, the world has faith in you! Lol

Nanunu displays the intellect of most voters. What a numbnut!

Of course it was a fraud. It is perfectly reasonable to say it was a fraud because it did not go the way you wanted it to. It was rigged by the ANC, DA, IEC and the illuminate trying to get control of SA from the reptile people from planet X. Unless you wore a tinfoil hat to the voting station you were under the influence of mind control waves broadcast by the British Royal family from SABC headquarters.

The question is if Juju wins the next election, will he be thinking of his African brothers up north? Would he sending military assistance?

It's hard not to make reference to those bony claws she gesticulates with in every photo but they detract from her ability to lead - for me anyway.

I have been entertaining similar thoughts about her or is this just a ditzy persona she is adopting as is portrayed by her avatar?

You have to be there; in fact they should take the people of Seeisoville, to see how clean water flows in the WC. Haven't you noticed how empty the EC is?

You took your time coming up with that response...

Your inability to interpret intention is beyond astounding.

Vote Rigging and Vote manipulation... the order of the day.

Where we stay we don't see the circus at all, but this is second best for us.

now here's a thought, start a party called the "free KFC and tenders" party, with election promises that everyone can have free money and stuff...the gullible masses will follow you like flies around a turd, you may even become the next El Presidente number one, king of Nkandla!

Yes that's true, plus they pack the blacks away without toilets behind the mountain! What a non racist beautiful province!

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Yet you're quite the point and clicker....

BUXOM comes to mind.............or is it JUST PLAIN FAT!
"LIER".... "TYM"? With common spelling mistakes like that... You two should go get a refund from the Dept of "Edu-ma-cashun"

Reference 3 - 0.37% Coverage
You obviously do NOT PAY TAXES!

Reference 4 - 0.34% Coverage
A thieving one, at that too!

Reference 5 - 0.54% Coverage
Luigi is a TIN OF TOMATOES, short of PASTA!

Reference 6 - 0.97% Coverage
Looks a bit GREY AROUND THE GILLS.... You sure he has not got a "SLOW PUNCTURE"?

Reference 7 - 0.35% Coverage
Must have had SHREK...IN HIM!

Reference 8 - 0.24% Coverage
Glad YOU believe it!

Reference 9 - 0.79% Coverage
A "LOST SOUL" Should start calling you "LIMBO" from now on!!!!!!!!!

Reference 10 - 0.95% Coverage
I thought it was the river that flowed through the Mac MAHARAJ LIARS CANYON....

Reference 11 - 0.37% Coverage
IS that you Oscar? ROFLMAO!!!!

Reference 12 - 0.97% Coverage
Burst was when the Judge told hom to stand... And he answered... "I am. My lady"

Reference 1 - 3.31% Coverage
Where is the bitching? Problem of an imaginary interjecting in the middle of a conversation

Reference 2 - 1.02% Coverage
Using your imagination I see

Reference 1 - 0.78% Coverage
Why are you concerned? For starters I was not addressing you...

Reference 1 - 3.16% Coverage
Said safely after everyone else has already stuck their necks out...

Reference 1 - 1.65% Coverage
Great!! Let me know once u found a place i will come for tea.

Reference 1 - 9.64% Coverage
Kwaaaaks

Joke sharing

Reference 1 - 2.40% Coverage
Yes ... spoons with my mind..... amazing party trick I tell you...

Reference 2 - 1.33% Coverage
Ters are mooi ... send me her number

Reference 1 - 16.42% Coverage
But one laughs at jokes and they make one want to vomit!

Reference 1 - 0.50% Coverage
Don't say it too loud, they might hear you. Sssh!

Reference 2 - 0.17% Coverage
Humbled as usual?

Reference 3 - 0.90% Coverage
I made you learn something today. I see you just found a new word for tour limited vocab.

Reference 1 - 5.89% Coverage
Juju missed the first sleeper in yellow.

Reference 2 - 7.22% Coverage
It will only be my immediate family and the pets.

Reference 3 - 12.52% Coverage
Don't worry, if you're going away just leave the key under the pot at the front door.
Exactly - but still people fall for this troll. And shame on you - if you grew up in same town as Fransman why didn't you hit him over the head with a brick? Edit: Aaaahhhhh you did didn't you. You caused his terminal brain damage. You are to blame for giving us Marius Fransman - quick everybody let us stone Akhenaten ;)

This list is like a who's who of SA retards, like a top 8 ranking of kfc eaters

This was thinking Limpopo too but then i remembered nothing beats the EC...
? Is that the name?? Sounds awful for someone who works with music
Reference 10 - 0.01% Coverage
LOL
Reference 11 - 0.28% Coverage
Good grief!! Would also only be served on a photo, in my house!
Reference 12 - 0.50% Coverage
Oi, now I feel like I am in the classroom...stern voice, where are my glasses?? Heck, I don't wear any, I forgot!
Reference 13 - 0.01% Coverage
:-P
Reference 14 - 0.01% Coverage
:-D
Reference 15 - 0.01% Coverage
LOL
Reference 16 - 0.11% Coverage
Like...alive or dead....?
Reference 17 - 0.58% Coverage
Thank-you Is the Cape a bit warmer today? We have a winter-zing in the air...perfect excuse to open a
good bottle of red wine.:-)
Reference 18 - 0.45% Coverage
That was the point of plucking up the courage to provide alternatives, this goat being a goat too. :-/
Reference 19 - 0.44% Coverage
So, they (the Zoomers) can live with you, then? Till they manage to get their own little palace? :-)
Reference 20 - 0.27% Coverage
Disengage testosterone Joe. You are fighting friend, not foe.
Reference 21 - 0.07% Coverage
I drive well :-) 
Reference 22 - 0.24% Coverage
I also wondered what the size of the ummmm...carrot was.
<Internals\P A N T H O R> - § 2 references coded [5.83% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.49% Coverage
Voluptuous; D
Reference 2 - 4.34% Coverage
Does juju have a crush on Michelle????
<Internals\Padraigin> - § 1 reference coded [3.89% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 3.89% Coverage
And there's no substitute for the real thing, as goats would have it. YouTube (dot) com/watch
v=9hwE0siNnd3Y
<Internals\Paul_Dogon> - § 1 reference coded [2.19% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.19% Coverage
Circus
<Internals\Paul Mark Maarman> - § 1 reference coded [17.03% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 17.03% Coverage
Hey I loved that Queen Amidala look.....
<Internals\Paul_heighton> - § 2 references coded [30.51% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 13.56% Coverage
Our very own retarded rock star
Reference 2 - 16.95% Coverage
They must all be very proud of him then.
<Internals\Peter> - § 1 reference coded [0.21% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.21% Coverage
PAVE_MUNT ......
<Internals\Phillys Winterbottom> - § 1 reference coded [6.59% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 6.59% Coverage
Smells like it as well!! LOL!!
<Internals\Piet Bylevloek> - § 1 reference coded [0.36% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.36% Coverage
Yes, you.
<Internals\Progressive Prick> - § 5 references coded [1.28% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.40% Coverage
Lol Try it. Flip Buys lives more frugal than i do.
Reference 2 - 0.30% Coverage
Thought that persona was finished! Lol
Reference 3 - 0.08% Coverage
Hah! Sharp
Reference 4 - 0.21% Coverage
Catulus might be repaired
Your catulus seems to be going up too
Reference 5 - 0.29% Coverage
Reference 1 - 5.56% Coverage
Me too, but I would not sacrifice my front teeth, could pull a trigger though.
Reference 1 - 3.02% Coverage
Reference 1 - 0.29% Coverage
Reference 1 - 8.65% Coverage
Rita, are you studying under Garry Nel lol.
Reference 1 - 5.72% Coverage
Reference 1 - 3.40% Coverage
Thailand....the home of SIAMESE CATS.....oooooo.... I’d be in my element.
Reference 2 - 2.33% Coverage
Is that why you’ve been so quiet? Morning, Joe :)
Reference 1 - 4.55% Coverage
I could teach him a thing or two... :)
Reference 1 - 0.55% Coverage
Hes a natural orator haha, much like Obama a Luo orator in the White House
Reference 1 - 32.26% Coverage
Yawn ,yawn,
Reference 1 - 1.87% Coverage
YES........with a WHOLE 6.35%. BWAAAAHAAHAAHAAHAAAAHAAAAA........change your name to "Not so bright".....it's far more apt!!
Reference 2 - 0.41% Coverage
LOL...would explain a lot!!
Reference 3 - 0.49% Coverage
Dammit I was so close...... lol
Reference 1 - 0.21% Coverage
Amper baas?
Reference 2 - 0.40% Coverage
Good r...to bad r....
Reference 3 - 0.71% Coverage
Hahahaha...very funny Go Marad, go!
Reference 4 - 1.17% Coverage
Oohhh i see I touched a raw nerve, suffering from GAD do we?
Reference 5 - 1.42% Coverage
Oops 'here comes another GAD case, calm down before you stop breathing....
Reference 1 - 1.39% Coverage
Sounds like a South African comedy show! And no doubt probably is going to be one in the future.
Reference 1 - 63.08% Coverage
Zulu culture, don’t mess with a man’s kraal. I never asked for it so why should I pay for it. LOL
My ringtone got me told off today. Gomer Pyle.

Teasing owl just teasing you should still lock up. Look at Oscar!

Funny hahaha a quick poke of the tongue is enough to put the fear of god into these savages. I'm sure I will be fine. :)

Ah. Now don't I look silly.

Ahauuu almost no brains either...

Before somebody taught him how to eat with a fork, he kept missing his mouth, and that is the result.

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If you feel a need to stroke your ego, then feel free.

Reference 3 - 0.99% Coverage
Sounds like you have experienced that very bizarre incident yourself. Did she slap you, blow you off or collapse laughing?

Reference 4 - 0.28% Coverage
His vision is simple, Memememememe

Reference 5 - 0.36% Coverage
Such eloquence, where you raised on bananas

Reference 6 - 0.47% Coverage
Don't you want me to try? We could be the ne Penn & Teller

Reference 1 - 0.50% Coverage
My characters are still recovering from that entire crack that Myrtle Fulala smoked.

Reference 2 - 0.17% Coverage
Uh-oh, what did I do (hides)

Reference 3 - 1.38% Coverage
Oh well, that's a local myth busted then. I'll have to tell everyone in town. Actually maybe that was a piece of biltong I found, come to think of it. But it must have been really old, because it definitely had an effect.

Reference 4 - 0.09% Coverage
The fisherman

Reference 1 - 0.36% Coverage
Do you bend??

Reference 2 - 3.55% Coverage
This one is even funnier

Reference 3 - 1.93% Coverage
I always avoid hurling personal insults. Have a good day If you only knew how funny that remark is. I actually have had such a good laugh

Reference 1 - 0.35% Coverage
If they opened the clenched fist they would fall out the tree

Reference 1 - 76.67% Coverage
Who is going to be captain of the gravy train?
**Name calling**

<Internals\Neyno> - § 4 references coded [13.79% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.72% Coverage
Criminal doesn't even begin to describe these low lives.
Reference 2 - 5.19% Coverage
Buxom woman are attractive larger ladies, trying to diplomatic here, they have sex appeal and carry
themselves really well, the ANC woman are just fat, lazy has been.
Reference 3 - 2.63% Coverage
White thing hey lol. Do you have any idea how many whites detest the DA, silly boy.
Reference 4 - 4.25% Coverage
If it was him, I would be hounding him everywhere on these forums. Fransman is too chicken shit to
come on here, we will tear him apart.

<Internals\Peter> - § 3 references coded [2.04% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.40% Coverage
This man is a total moron.....
Reference 2 - 0.77% Coverage
And a totally thieving one at that.... useless as well....
Reference 3 - 0.88% Coverage
Zuma is nearly human....dont know about the rest of his monkeys

<Internals\Pragmatic_realist> - § 2 references coded [3.04% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 1.68% Coverage
I can see that you are not what Zuma refers to as "The Clever Ones"
Reference 2 - 1.36% Coverage
So he is a rich socialist? That makes him a hypocrite.

<Internals\Progressive Prick> - § 4 references coded [2.36% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.63% Coverage
I swear Colon is another one of the mass amounts of Bobaas Mac and Marius alts.
Reference 2 - 0.44% Coverage
Easy, communists know how to make idiots the quickest.
Reference 3 - 0.31% Coverage
Lander is an annoying frog faced frog.
Reference 4 - 0.99% Coverage
Yours was yes, you saying the other idiot causes the DA harm because he is an idiot but no relation to
them? That is confused

<Internals\Qavashe Maduna> - § 1 reference coded [2.36% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.36% Coverage
Are you Ranjeni or Eishdom or just plain Dom?

<Internals\Rae Smith> - § 1 reference coded [7.66% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 7.66% Coverage
He is a hypocrite, he fought for DA's campaign a week before he change his allegiance (as seen on )
SO there is definitely insults to be given.

<Internals\Roger> - § 2 references coded [2.97% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.25% Coverage
So they're stupid then....what else can they be?
Reference 2 - 0.72% Coverage
...and you are?

<Internals\Running-Kick-Slap> - § 1 reference coded [2.33% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 2.33% Coverage
I'm ing to a majorly derogatory post and I should be NICE????? If you think that was "rude"......you must
be the most naive little thing on here kiddo?

<Internals\sean101> - § 1 reference coded [18.57% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 18.57% Coverage
Just another inept racist black African

<Internals\sJohn> - § 2 references coded [2.18% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 0.50% Coverage
Stoopid dumb 4Bar!
Reference 2 - 1.68% Coverage
Couldn't stand working for a coloured woman - misogynist pig.

<Internals\Steve> - § 1 reference coded [26.83% Coverage]
Reference 1 - 26.83% Coverage
A picture of the "thief" on his cheap t-shirt, the man he publicly lambasted a few days ago! Now this
Pascoe guy is a real turncoat!

<Internals\Stormvenus> - § 1 reference coded [5.91% Coverage]

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Because he is an imbecile

Such name calling...so immature of you, your parents should check your diaper with the amount of Sh*t that's coming out of your a$$ and grow some balls......taking things personal in such platforms "SMH"

Lol name calling..........

Hope no-one calls him "Shadow" to his face - that could be construed as racism!

It is Marius Mac Bopaas......man....and confirmed loon!

Monkey taste spicy now

That Maturdnjwa is a lying stealing capitalist

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He won't listen to you, he's too stupid.

James you aren't happy here ...leave scum bag

Rucking Fascist

Exchanging insults

Let me tell you something Dorothy, the sum of your people is equal to the mass of kak you speak on an hourly basis with a level of English that's hauw you speaks it to pretend, to be clever like you uncle Jacob Zuma. Now you have a better after night enjoy your lovely African National Curse and get an ejaculation quick, quick ok..!

The big difference between us is education and the freedom to choose where I want to work...sadly you're stuck in someone else's RDP shack bitching about the whites whom you feel owe you a decent living while you breed.

"Lies perpetuated by white people" Obsessed about "whites" A sort of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. It rains, it shines, it hails, it snows, and it thunders .... All white" peoples fault Silly little man.

You illustrate Sizewe's point exactly. You do the DA immense harm. Silly person

How about.......No? -----------------------------QED Silly person.
Okay, stop, I really don't need the details of the effect! Work for me now! See ya, don't insult people!

Almost, sounding OWLISH... :)

You must be the queen of Bitching from what I see... IMAGINE you had something significant to with...IMAGINE ;)

Work for me now!

You no Einstein, 'you don't own no shyt', 'you didn't invent no shyt', you' no Bill gates, you a poor white stuck in SA. You donno shyt if you donno that Byatch. 'You didn't invent any KFC', white Americans hate you stop claiming their inventions. SA whites are the poorest whites in the world with the highest prevalence of HIV.

But look who cries the loudest when they are jilted.

But you still work for a white boss monkey man.....lol!

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Reference 1 - 0.21% Coverage
Your official capacity as an anus
Reference 2 - 0.51% Coverage
Who cares if you call me an arsehole? It wouldn't make you any less of an arsehole.
Reference 3 - 0.02% Coverage
Ans
Ans
Reference 1 - 2.37% Coverage
More like a turdberg.
Reference 1 - 0.56% Coverage
Dumb and winning the elections. How about you? Wise and losing hey
Reference 1 - 7.69% Coverage
Can't help it you stand out like a "retarded skaapie".

Foul language
Reference 1 - 48.84% Coverage
Sylvia Lucas, aka KFC muncher, stuff your face and F the locals I look after my own.
Reference 1 - 4.67% Coverage
Well that was Wonder Woman...so she probably blew him then slapped him....
Reference 1 - 0.40% Coverage
F.O.!
Reference 1 - 1.74% Coverage
Rubbish
Reference 1 - 0.52% Coverage
The Tokoloshe in his underpants told him.
Reference 1 - 0.37% Coverage
He presents as a great butt-licker.
Reference 1 - 2.86% Coverage
Dear poor and dumb f@k you very much and enjoy the taste smell and sight of popo for another 5 long years.....
Reference 1 - 33.33% Coverage
Dumb ass
Reference 1 - 0.79% Coverage
F...ing moegoe idiots!
Reference 1 - 1.79% Coverage
He borrowed Zumpty’s heifers for the weekend. They took turns to sit on his face hence the look......

Irresponsible behaviour
Reference 1 - 14.43% Coverage
Sure he will be hitting the Brandy bottle again tonight - has to gather some wisdom for tomorrow!!
Reference 1 - 7.52% Coverage
In a parking lot this morning a child dropped some food wrappers and serviettes. Her mother said: "Leave it there, its job creation"!!! (which means also this mother didn’t use the opportunity to teach her child the responsibility and discipline to pick up what's been dropped and also didn't teach this child that it looks untidy and ugly when everyone just drops whatever they feel to!!!)

Ridicule
Reference 1 - 7.87% Coverage
Where is Germany?

Reference 2 - 3.24% Coverage
Shaken?

Reference 1 - 31.43% Coverage
Because the obvious, obviously eludes the majority obviously which is why I assume they aren't at your local town hall?

Reference 1 - 7.13% Coverage
Dont you have a garden to clean BOY? You master is looking for you.

Reference 1 - 77.14% Coverage
I just burst out laughing...... I have a vivid imagination.... OMW......well said!

Reference 1 - 82.26% Coverage
Neither his face nor his brain could launch a thousand ships and most definitely not a mug to die for.

Reference 1 - 1.40% Coverage
Kentucky fried chicken face

Reference 1 - 1.02% Coverage
The capitalist defending the workers in order to continue his lavish capitalist white man, and he calls himself a union leader

Reference 1 - 0.58% Coverage
You wanted proof go do your research instead of being stupid and naive

Reference 1 - 0.79% Coverage
I am not that flexible that I can stick my nose in my @rse. That skill is reserved for anc cadres

Reference 1 - 1.53% Coverage
*******Helen Suzman was no saint just another hidden racist*****you really need to catch up with history and get out of this state of total stupidity that you seem to so eagerly embrace

Reference 1 - 0.48% Coverage
I can try pulling a rabbit out of your @rse if you want me to.

Reference 1 - 1.51% Coverage
You've made you point have you? I see you did not listen to Winston Churchill when he said that you should never miss a perfectly good opportunity to shutup. Are you going to listen now?

Reference 1 - 2.26% Coverage
Did you know that "Azania" is actually an old Arabic word for an area of East Africa which includes Kenya? Liberation movements got the name from a group of European archaeologists who were exploring the Mapungubwe site in the 1930's, and who mistakenly called the area Azania. So you've got the wrong place, you should go to Kenya, or else change your username.

Reference 1 - 0.21% Coverage
Just smoke dagga, it'll feel real.

Reference 1 - 0.39% Coverage
Stupidity

Reference 1 - 0.39% Coverage
Your finger has funny smell

Reference 1 - 0.91% Coverage
So, do I have to pay him LOBOLA??

Reference 1 - 4.57% Coverage
I doubt you may understand the meaning of my words.....he he he....Perhaps you wake up in the middle of the night if it hits you, but "if"........
Hehehe ....shame you dont sleep at night...we have voted, we have chosen...and oh by the way .........hehehehe ...you are the losers...hehehe

Reference 1 - 8.06% Coverage
Judging by your comments the three of you are still morons
Reference 1 - 78.38% Coverage
OMFG how could I forget that little fat turd. YES, that is a much better one as example.
Reference 1 - 73.53% Coverage
Why not appoint Zuma. :-) 
Reference 1 - 8.11% Coverage
Ag shame Do you manage to dress yourself in the mornings?
Reference 1 - 6.85% Coverage
Are stupid or are you naive
Reference 1 - 0.58% Coverage
Crossstitutes!
Reference 1 - 9.78% Coverage
I figure JM is either Bipolar or BPD...or perhaps both
Reference 1 - 1.48% Coverage
Let's get him a bigger one, in orange.

Monotonous
Reference 1 - 1.68% Coverage
Come on DA...he can barely speak or read so the chances of him supplying the answers you seek, are as good as Blade falling pregnant.

Frustrations
Reference 1 - 5.11% Coverage
You European keep saying troll wat is the troll is it ok? That is racist shut up now! You must give us job now ok!
Reference 1 - 12.69% Coverage
People like me who what? Think that government officials are entitled to perks? Okay, they should live in shacks and take taxis to work then. Happy

Pompous
Reference 1 - 1.55% Coverage
Mr. Pahad you sound a bit full of yourself.

Respect
Reference 1 - 6.00% Coverage
Start by respecting him first to show he is representing 100%. I am not Zuma supporter and I have not been commenting but I can't take your disrespectful racist remarks about the prez of the country as you alluded that he represents 100% of South Africans http://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/acting-president-must-be-appointed-cdp-1.1689185

Egocentric
Reference 1 - 1.07% Coverage
Now why would you want to go and give them all these ideas?

Disbelief
Hehe, Roggelbek Mac is that really you.

Then why did you buy it?

Really, WOW how low can you go? What a Cnut!!

R50???? Is that true?

Rampies is a man?

Western Cape???

You mean RESUME?

Thanks, you are so negative. I hope you aren't like this to your family

Huh?

Zero, I thought it was more in the negative figures?

No way man! Who else has been voting 3 X?

Disappeared?

Hope to goodness it can't breed?

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Feeling sorry for something?

I doubt it exists....

You think? Lol

More than you love yourself?

Even more amazing to me is EFF and their supporters!

I nearly lost my mind...
Flip Buys?

Uuuughh, James:-/

We will have to wait and see.

Why I am not surprised.

OH so that is what the poo slinging was all about in CT, and there I thought it was political.

You must be joking.

Why?

And brought the new apartheid?

You had to test him to know, he is fake.

My goodness! So soon!

Are you saying that only baboons will lead South Africa?

Tony Y.

How did you manage to get through pre-school?

Woaaaaaaa, elish!

Hau, no gays and paedophiles in breeders

Why?

Astonishment REALLY, Where’s Babane been living?
Isn’t that Captainness?? Being female?

Has she?? I didn’t know that.

Does it come in black?

Demographics only apply to the DA and rugby. No prob

What then?

What took her so long??

If it was the Leader of Solidarity?

I am shocked

So where did you hear about this oil & gas?

Where was this??

Is he gay??

Why I am not surprised?

Are you surprised?

What did he steal?

Feeling whipped?

For what

Oh NO!

Compliment
Can you say that in English? Coz it is very well said.

Thank you, Inspector!!

Very sweet, thank you!

:-) P! Thank-you...an early morning chuckle!

It appears opinions previously unchallenged, remain. Again, no attempt will be made to dissuade, thank-you...the price yet again, too dear; YouTube (dot) com/watch? v=6941Mpf4fq0

Thank you and until then a moment past always present YouTube (dot) com/watch? v=1Ir6LAAQNPE

And that's why you are always here to remind me. Thank-you ;-) Duckduckgo (dot) com/?q=always+something+there+to+remind+me+youtube+song

. . . . and thanks for your valuable contribution. You should write preferably fiction.

He is in comparison to the majority of South Africans! Now you have made me laugh.

Thanks, Got you.

Amen 'a positive objective voice from a very few, thank you Mntungwa, Liberal and truthbt....bless you.

ViVa' Grinter ViVa!

Ohh 'Gill Mucus is smart, and Michael Moore?

Love it

Nice one art!

Lol, you’re hilarious.

Interesting, Thanks for the info.
Wow - Joseph... very erudite and well written... Went to school in Limpopo did you?

Yeah right... nice try TROLL

Perfect summation

Ay, but these guys are too cleva.

69, my favourite number!!!!!!!!

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(<Internals\Van Persie> - § 1 reference coded [0.88% Coverage])

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(<Internals\Goldenoldie> - § 1 reference coded [11.62% Coverage])

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(<Internals\Joe Public> - § 3 references coded [3.27% Coverage])

(<Internals\Joe Cynic> - § 1 reference coded [10.43% Coverage])
What a bunch of gatkruipers! They all know exactly what is expected from them.

Reference 1 - 10.43% Coverage

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Reference 1 - 20.62% Coverage

Remember the old joke? New apartheid washing powder Washes whites whiter, coloureds brighter and does %**&all for.................................! ([IOL will probably delete this comment]

Reference 1 - 8.02% Coverage

You forgot the new ministry of Propaganda, in it's advanced stages already,a mix of the Chinese, Russian, Zim + USA models. Couple this with the Secrecy bill and we won't even be able to comment freely online without being harassed by the authorities. See M&G last Fri.

Reference 2 - 4.79% Coverage

I also mentioned it online earlier. Thanks for the extra post...it may survive the weekend. Or not. :-)

Reference 1 - 4.06% Coverage

All of these assets were acquired before he assumed his position, but they want to mislead the public and the workers, in fact they want to divide AMCU.

Reference 2 - 0.87% Coverage
100 % correct! They must compare AMCU's leader and Lonmin boss and stop this propaganda.

Reference 3 - 6.68% Coverage

This article had fail to inform the public as to how much the mine bosses are making while they find it difficult to pay R12500, secondly, it is propaganda. 1. Because they have been misleading the public about Matunjwa life style, his life style is not at all related to the Position he had assumed in AMCU. All his assets were acquired before he assumed the position. 2. He was elected by the workers to be their representative, he never send a CV for that position. The workers are happy with Matunjwa; they have supported him throughout this struggle. 3. If his wife is director or not a director so what?? Who must represent these people a man staying in the most appalling conditions?

Reference 4 - 7.52% Coverage

Thulz, you are 100 % correct, this is another strategy to discredit anybody fighting for the rights of poor people, they used the same strategy against all our leaders, Mandela & Tambo. If you have a million rand in your account or any assets worth that amount, you are not eligible to fight for the rights of the poor, why? Why is this article not telling us how much is the Oppenheimer's and Motsupe's netting a month? These assets they are pointing out were acquired before he (Joseph Matunjwa) become the leader of AMCU, that's a fact, why is this article not clear on that? Is the objective to mislead people? Are the requests of these works in contradiction with the freedom? I don't think so. If not where the bases for this article are and what objectives it intends to serve?

Reference 1 - 77.53% Coverage

How genuine are these if only figures are sent and who is monitoring?

Reference 1 - 0.79% Coverage

85 comments... and 5...yep 5 “UP VOTES!” Give it up as a BAD JOB!

Reference 1 - 77.53% Coverage

AMCU was formed about 2 years ago, but newspaper lists properties and assets he acquired in 2002. This is spiteful to bring disharmony among black people, especially those less educated. The main drive by “our white skinned” infidels is that Africans must not trust and believe in their capabilities. We have seen the mockery of these whites aimed at the president of the country. But it is fine. It helps us to close ranks. We, Africans, would continue to support each other until we get it right.

Reference 2 - 38.21% Coverage

And we are supposed to call that responsible reporting by a capitalist newspaper! Why they don't tell us about the millions that the CEO earns to “deal with all this nonsense” as he claimed. Newspapers would always target the vulnerable to sow seeds of mistrust, divisions and anger. And they step back and watch. I think IOL and Star should take full responsibility when miners start attacking each other based on such reports. You are instigating crime here!

Reference 1 - 24.44% Coverage

never has the media checked the Cosatu and affiliated Mathunjwa is a leader of non ANC aligned union therefore he has no political protection and there will be no recruccussion for the journalists Angelique Serrao and Lebogang Seal ja neh I hope these journalists not embedded Helen Zille has exposed some embedded BD Live and Sunday Times journalist Some journalists were proved to have been embedded with Ebrahim Rasool during his premiership tenure of WC

Reference 1 - 4.87% Coverage

R 1 million bonds, R900k cars....opulence? There is no story here.

Reference 1 - 84.43% Coverage

Now this is the biggest load of bullshyte I've read in a long time and I despise you for writing that.

Reference 1 - 91.51% Coverage

"The ANC is a thief stealing citizens' money" - Very perceptive, tell us something we don't know!

Reference 1 - 4.35% Coverage

Sadly the sites I like don't have much SA news, so I'm afraid my goat and I are stuck here, for SA news at least. And Iol hosts vicious dumb chat for clicks. Nothing to do with democracy or ethics

Reference 1 - 26.56% Coverage

“We will not be shocked if the peddlers of manipulated and wrong information will release another batch of manipulated information, paraded as factual information to unsuspecting editors gullible to anything appearing to be a scoop."Like they manipulated the information around Nkandla? Hahaha the media will continue to ‘peddle’ information as long as the ANC remains corrupt.
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You are free to stay in whatever political home you fancy. The opposition campaign, especially on IOL, was paternalistic to say the least.

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Dont take articles personally

Why is this news worthy? A bond of R1 million for three houses, a 2002 3 series, X5, and the latest 3 series which was probably a replacement of the old one. This article just proves that he has nothing, please dig deeper maybe you might hit a stone worth something...

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**But Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union (Amcu) President Joseph Mathunjwa is not suffering the same deprivation. A lifestyle audit by The Star shows that the union leader is living in opulence**. This is what the article is about. Seeing that the union leaders live a life of luxury why does the CEO get the blame - why do the strikers not protest about their leaders living the life of opulence??

**Here is some die hating you live a life of luxury why does the rest of the NUM, ANC or mine bosses. Why don't these PAYED journalists do a lifestyle audit on them too and compare with Mathunjwa...?**

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**Media monopoly**

Consider too that Independent News and new age are owned by an ANC sycophant......

SABC being among the top looters!

How is it we can comment on this but not on the SABC banning Malemas add on SABC. Is this free and democratic elections are. Only if you vote for the ANC are you allowed views on the SABC. Welcome to democracy Russian style

Hadn't noticed in the articles I've read.

Now why did this paper not also do a lifestyle audit on NUM's President? Or on the fact that he is one of the CEO of Lonmin This is because INL and the Star are the voice of Anglo American; is it why we say that workers should seize the mines.......finish and klaar

Truth sucks doesn't it? if people like Thuls1810 and the like had their way we'd have no computers in South Africa only the one leader so anointed would have one and everyone else will still be illiterate and ignorant but hey at least one has computer...PS we all eventually die the difference is some die hating who they are and others die accepting the truth.
Agenda setting

I'm fascinated that the media always gets a hammering. The racist white owned media is what the ANC complains about. Now the media, according to the EFF, does the ANC's bidding. So which one is it gents?

What a very clever move the writer is directing his agenda who is behind this?

But ...this article is down-right ONE-SIDED. Whoever wrote it must ask themselves "whose agenda am i pushing??" what about the mine bosses, who pay their "unskilled" labourers a cent and allow them to live in inhumane conditions - while they make them billions of rands… personally i think materialism is like cancer to any functional society. What is obvious is that Mathunjwa didn't earn his possessions from the poor miners. However i don't think it was ok for him to show-up and show-off in that way in meetings with them. Our Government officials are WORSE. They take what doesn't even belong to them. And enrich themselves at the expense of the poor. They couldn't care less about the poor. But... how many do we hear about??

This attempt to depict Mathunjwa as living in opulence is laughable and actually expises the agenda of the media the media was on his side when NUM was being destroyed, now the attack shifts to AMCU. Is Mathunjwa not entitled to all of what he has? Was it established if he misused the union funds? Have you checked the President and secretary of NUM? It seems like an agenda in now being pursued.

"Lifestyle audit by Star "This phrase alone sums up the line this argument will follow. So the question one has is who commissioned the star to do the audit. Actually the article proceeds to indicate that he accrues no benefits as leader of the union but he benefits from members subscriptions. What the paper fails to tell us is whether this money received by fair means or not. Has the union forwarded concerns about his reported and as such tried to investigate any possibility of fraudulent activities on his part? It actually said when he arrived driving these luxury cars they cheered him. Whether that means they approve of his lifestyle or not is a different debate. The undisputed fact is Albert Mathunjwa is the leader of Amcu and represents their aspirations, for now an unspecified number of the workers want to continue. Remember it's not his individual desire but that of the workers he represents. The role of the media here is critical because it influences the direction this strike will take in the coming weeks or days. Media does not just reports but actively campaigning for workers to accept the standing offer and return to work.
Well, maybe that is what we need. Let the journalists tell us what kind of a lifestyle does the leader of Solidarity live.

Lazy journalism once again, what about Mathunjwa businesses the vehicles were accumulated over a period of + 12 years for crying out loud! Most people change cars every 3-4 years. So the only difference is that he keeps his old car instead of trading it in for a new one everytime. And how did these journalists arrive at the R900 000 figures? Did they check the value of each of the cars? Do they know for example if when he bought his 3-series bmw in 2002 it was new or a second hand? How much would he have paid for it? And what is it worth now? To me the journalists here had an agenda to paint the AMCU president in a particular way.

Yes that's their agenda!

Yes he's absolutely right. You can scroll though to read comments by DA supporters

If what is said in this article is indeed true I wonder how this Mathunjwa sleeps with himself in view of the situation of the people he leads at Amcu. While I have a serious problem of the media raising 'issues' with Africans with wealth I believe it's only proper for these African guys not to flaunt their wares especially if they claim to 'speak for the poor'. If Mathunjwa was 'ulova' he would know what I am talking about but hey it's a common feature with my young adult African brothers and sisters, expensive big cars, mansions, designer clothes, five star restaurants and a host of other flashy attributes of opulence. Life is short, enjoy it while you can but then wonder why people call you names!

But Helen Zille has more than him and claims to fight for worker rights. And none of the newspapers have published anything on her... This is highly dubious behaviour indeed...

Helen Zille has campaigned as a champion of the poor. That was not something I put on her. As for Mathunjwa, why do you say he's corrupt? This article does not say anything of the sort. It just shows us all his personal stuff. In fairness, it should all political leaders' personal details so we can all make up our minds. Why I'm saying this is that it very easy to see shenanigans going on here, the ANC did say they would launch to discredit him. And all I'm saying to everyone is, don't be so gullible...

The video is dead!

For those that would like to feel nauseous...please watch www (dot) trendolizer (dot)com/2013/04/man-cuts-his-wife-head-off-for-cheating.html

The video has been removed as a violation of YouTube's policy on shocking and disgusting content.

Watch it once ... see if you can make it ...It happened in Mexico...

Appendix 8: Unions
I suppose you never belonged to a union. The union fee is around R30... not R100. And unions are audited just like any organisation. It is not like Mathunjwa can grab union money as he pleases... grow up.

You are grabbing figures out of thin air like it is fact... and yes... of course unions are audited.

Are you on the ground... who is the source of the information? Who says the union is not contributing to the members.

Unions in SA are like the taxi industry a law unto themselves only.

These union members are exploited by the union leaders too, actually, they just don't notice. The members pay a certain amount per month to the union which makes the leaders rich, - exploitation if you ask me.

That's quite a lot for those who say that they cannot live on what they earn. How many members do these unions have? Multiply members by R30 will amount to quite a lot.

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Thanks for having such leadership like President of AMCU, he stands against those who misusing our brothers and sisters in the mine industry. The money and cars, he had is it illegal or criminality? if not so what? He worked for these assets....

Union leaders are no different from political party leaders who are only interested in how much they will make from the people. And never in the best interest of the people.

And the people suffer because of these greedy fools that have lots of money in the bank, while their union members starve and are going in to huge debt!
The ruling class are the elite; workers are chattel to be exploited in the furtherance of the goals of the elite. Workers without the elite are jobless, and the elite without the workers are not the elite. The one needs the other, like tongue and spit. That is the history of mankind.

Reference 2 - 0.43% Coverage
Actually, yes! The elite are employers, not employees.

Reference 1 - 1.64% Coverage
I think the workers need to switch jobs if they want to make more money. Being a semi-skilled labourer in a mine is by definition not a high-paying job. They're crazy if they think it is - they can be replaced by anyone; it's always been that way and always will.

Reference 2 - 0.30% Coverage
How about if they sold their bodies on the side?

Cosatu and NUMSA dispute
Reference 1 - 7.50% Coverage
The funny thing about NUMSA is that it has one foot outside and one still in the Cosatu house and for the purposes of retaining if not reclaiming media attention they still make the noise even when their 'messiah turned sell-out' Cde Vavi clearly 'betrayed' their cause. As much as I agree with Cosatu leadership that expelling NUMSA from the federation may not be a good idea and is purely academic I think this union's persistent nature to disrespect the federation's leadership far outweighs this. For all I care Cosatu CEC and not necessarily Sdumo can use every trick in the book to 'delay' the congress no matter how evil this may be in NUMSA's eyes and even the court cannot prescribe a time frame or pop up the money Cosatu says is needed to hold it. This is truly a lost cause for NUMSA and its members must be aware of this but as English puts it: pride comes before a fall.

SACP
Reference 1 - 1.90% Coverage
Said like a true SACP impostor????????

Reference 1 - 1.05% Coverage
Wait, didn't the Communist Party of South Africa stand for an equal country for white people too? They also didn't allow other races.

Reference 1 - 1.79% Coverage
He joined the communist party, that's how.

Anti-Cosatu
Reference 1 - 98.14% Coverage
Ridiculous. Remember, however, that all trade union leaders are the same. COSATU leaders are probably even worse. They not only squander members fees by living a life of luxury, but also spend millions monthly on traveling to political meetings (plane and car & cell phone) and donate millions to the ANC for elections. When will the workers of this county realise that unions spend more time politicking than serving them, the workers. Union leaders also strike secret deals with their ANC comrades, and persuade workers to accept menial wage settlements while comrade-parliamentarians earn over a million rand a year in total. It is time for workers to desert COSATU-affiliated unions en masse and form new unions, but not of the AMCU type.

Reference 1 - 3.04% Coverage
"Cosatu wants a decisive victory for the ANC on May 7" I bet they do, there are still 'free citizens in the country, the Socialist/Marxists cannot tolerate that alien concept 'freedom' they're the kings, worshipping their idiotic Zulu God and everyone else is just a slave to the system.

Pro- Vavi
Reference 1 - 0.47% Coverage
General Secretary of Solidarity, i think since 1996 or 1997

Workers protest
Reference 1 - 95.24% Coverage
Working men support mineworkers who demand wages, and put themselves as their months and their demands and to Mathunjwa, their skills level and why some take home R23 p/m. They are sold policies they reference 1.

These people are desperate to go back to work; some of them go to bed without food and the strike is over! Tell us more about the houses, cars and wives of that? They are too lazy to be upgraded and all that they want is money they can't manage. They don't deserve given their skills levels? I have never heard mineworkers demanding training, why is reference 2.

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And this is why they fight for higher wages...workers pay a percentage of their salary instead of a subscription fee, and they can get away with giving their people R50 a month, there should be a law that a Union has to pay full wages to all strikers during the strike period. Reference 6.

The Union is paying out between R50-90 a month for every striker to live off, so those that now get that have to borrow from dubious sources to foot their food bills...guess where the salary increases end up going? Paying that off. They should make a law like they do overseas in Europe; a Union has to pay out full wages to strikers during the strike that should drain their coffers pretty bloody quickly. Reference 7.

Reference 1 - 95.24% Coverage
3 bonds worth R1 million. Can we stop with the jokes and focus on serious matters? Most readers on this discussion own bonds worth way more than that. It's the killing allegations that should be getting much deserved attention and a possible means to bringing the ensuing strike to a much needed halt.

Reference 1 - 54.12% Coverage
He might not be as poor as the rock-driller but he is elected to lead a "just cause" in favour of miners.

Reference 1 - 77.82% Coverage
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Reference 1 - 72.57% Coverage
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Reference 1 - 50.29% Coverage
These people are desperate to go back to work; some of them go to bed without food...
Africans deserve slave salaries. Thank you to all South Africans that believe that the mine bosses are on the right and not the miners. These miners must just go to work and stop complaining. Mine owners reserves are going low and we can't afford to allow these mine workers to affect the wealth of our masters. They are in Africa for goodness sake. How can they expect us to pay them better salaries like miners outside Africa?

Reference 1 - 0.11% Coverage
Their rights!

Reference 1 - 5.32% Coverage
Well it's a crazy idea which hopefully you found funny. I'm in the rural Eastern Cape, where many of the miners come from. Everyone here has free land, water & electricity. All their families get social grants. I've got to say that to get R12, 500 on top of that is a lot of money. If the average office worker was to get that much cash in their pockets, with all the expenses such as rent, lights & water to pay, and all their debts, not to mention paying half of it to the government in taxes, they'd have to get paid well over R35, 000/month. In fact, they'd be lucky if they had a few thousand Rand left over every month from that. Few people get that, even if they've studied for years. So to me, quite frankly, R12, 500 sounds like an unreasonable amount for unqualified workers. They'd be the only miners in the world driving around in Mercedes Benzes.

Reference 2 - 0.62% Coverage
Wake up yourself. These miners think they are. They've got completely the wrong idea in their heads.

Reference 1 - 3.18% Coverage
Yes, he admitted that he is receiving his salary. He said he is NOT on strike, so why should he not get his salary?

Reference 1 - 23.10% Coverage
Vavi, take your mits out the till and then let's see how good a story you have to tell along with your china's the ANC!!!

Reference 1 - 40.47% Coverage
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Reference 1 - 32.49% Coverage
Hey Vavi, what did the ANC slip into your pocket at the meeting with Cosatu the other day?

Reference 1 - 95.05% Coverage
Vavi is selling out, I think those who supported him, wasted their time. I wouldn't be surprised if he i can see him in parliament after the elections. It looks like it is everyman for himself

Alliance
Reference 1 - 3.60% Coverage
Gasoline alley then a cadre moment in bonfire heaven Polk/Poke Salad Annie and all of her friends

Reference 1 - 1.93% Coverage
Move - can come live with me.

Reference 1 - 1.24% Coverage
The word is ordinary, so much so that they do not even register on the radar, otherwise the anc and the other unions would have been all over them by now

Reference 1 - 3.58% Coverage
Mmmmm.....Haiti, Cuba, Venezuela, ex-Soviet Republics and a few others once members of the Warsaw pact, I believe.....

Marikana crisis
Reference 1 - 11.91% Coverage
It is now, because his people are murdering struggling workers who choose to return to work and earn a living. The number of workers who have been murdered in this strike exceeds the 34 that was murdered in the Marikana massacre. His wealth wouldn’t be an issue if it could be explained. The likes of Mathunjwa make money from commissions they pocket from deciding on an insurance company and products for their members. Unions join medical aid schemes and sign up for policies as a block, and if you look closer you'll find that members are grossly over insured because someone has to collect commission which is a hell of a lot of easy money if you take into consideration the fact that every month there are new employees who sign up for these policies and take medical aid. The duplication of policies is one of the reasons they end up in loan sharks.

He's not, he’s misleading workers, his followers have workers who want to go back to work MURDERED, he is living off the blood and sweat of the illiterate and semi-literate workers who trust him.

The workers who want to go back to work continue to be MURDERED. The striking workers and their families continue to starve and lose their homes and cars to banks.

You're hysterical, could it be that you kill people for their body parts for muthi? That's what AMCU members do, and then wash with the blood believing that the police will not see them when they approach to kill the police. What do you get from the strike?

My point exactly with you chopping off human limbs to make muthi and chewing raw human heart to have the balls to attack the police believing that they can’t see you.

Those oppressors are really stupid how u can want to solve anything with mine workers who cannot see any changes in their lives

Presiding over the deaths of miners not defending the rights of those who want to go back, in fact he actively advocates that people who do not want to strike should be prevented from going to work

If CRIMINALS in SOUTH AFRICA get to go to prison and enjoy 3 meals a day ... then anything can and will happen in SOUTH AFRICA.

The African slaves were sold by fellow Africans to White and Arab slave traders...

The people who don't know where they come from, can never move forward, imagine if Jews and Afrikaners forgot their past it would be sad don't you think?

...this explains why we are still slaves and will remain so for the time to come.....

I'd argue a combination of lack of opportunity, lack of empowerment or lack of desire to take opportunity and make a success of it. Why are the blacks in South Africa poor Joe? Are you going to answer the question?

We were thinking of kicking you out of your place

Seize the mines and then what?
Appendix 9: Politics

Political disagreement

They'll win but hopefully not every province.

What nonsense this women speaks, minority front which supposedly represents the Indian community could not even get half a seat anywhere, this is purely about policy 20 years after democracy we as Indians still have to answer on every application form we fill our race group we fed up of living under the new apartheid, you the ANC left us with no choice but to vote against you.

Let's hope Zuma acts as if the victory is dedicated to Madiba

Nope, you are wrong. Read "ANC corruption is systemic, unlike Nats' incidental version" by the SA Inst of Race Relations.
You are exactly the stupid kind of person I was referring to. You can't compare the DA to the EFF.

Zuma gave birth to Malema. The question is what will Malema give birth too that will make 2019 even worse than this.

Why don’t you call a spade a spade and say white people vote along racial lines. I don’t even know why black people bother voting for former Apartheid voters. Fact is white people will never vote for a black led party as long as they have a safe haven in DA. Rainbow nation my foot, black DA voters should be ashamed of themselves.

But we already have an acting president?

She has intelligence and integrity, she is a good patriot but as a politician I’m sorry, she needs to get lessons from someone thick like JZ or Malema...

Not so, the ANC would not know what to do with the Tech LOL.

I have to differ to your quote of “Remember it’s not his individual desire but that of the workers he represents” He is their leader and has brain washed them to go in that direction!!! We have all been down that road! I am surprised they have not done him in yet!!!

Black and whites will never live in harmony, NEVER! FW de Klerk once said “Until white people get rid of their greediness, they’ll never live in peace with blacks.” So you get the story behind my remarks?

I bet you, not even Zuma knows about NFP. Besides who cares about parties that can’t even make headlines?

Honestly, what is it about Philizanah’s comments that made you this vicious? Please educate me on that!

Do they think we are unable to think for ourselves? That we need such tired and selfish old farts to tell us how to live our lives.

Then they’ll need 498 seats, 2 per member. I’d kill for that tender.

If he is good riddance then, why all the insults it should be easy to wish the man well.

“We are humbled by the people of Gauteng” - Trust me, sunshine, it doesn’t take much to humble you lot.
No, but I would expect their interests to be aligned somewhat.

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I never knew we ever disagreed ;)

No need to apologise, it's good that we educate our fellow South Africans, even if they can't handle the truth.

I speak for many good people i know & have met. Only a very stupid person won't see through him. Please give your fellow Africans more credit.

You mean like the majority of white people were idiots supporting the Afrikaner Nationalists for so long?

[Wonder why u asked initially] Maybe because I wanted to hear the other person's answers

Just bear in mind that the DA is definitely not growing as a result of gaining any significant votes from the ANC but cannibalising smaller parties. The DA is the cannibal of South African politics par excellence. You may call it consolidation but as far as I am concerned it is two steps forward, three steps backward for the opposition. Very sad indeed!

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Let's see what will happen 5years from now all the political parties when they start, there's always that excitement which dwindles fast.

I give in, give me a clue

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And Marius Fransman is the shadow premier for the Western Cape

people have a constitutional right to politically associate and chose, it would appear you have (in 20yrs of democracy) not embraced core values of democracy, instead you want to dictate voting patterns for
people whose situation differs from yours, and you also don't know why they make choices that they make? You are arrogant

Thank for clearing that Mrs Zille because you fellow members were pointing ANC now

Thank you so much for a fresh comment... i mean the elections are over and all the parties did well.

At least it shows I am getting to you all racists
Sadly, what you say is 200% true. You can't tell me that the parties you mentioned above, include Agang and NFP in there as well, have NOT thought about that? It's true; it's all about POWER in SA :(

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Even Malema will agree with you

They are ANC premiers in case you haven't noticed.

Three new premiers, three new BMWs!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Exactly...there is vendetta against Mathunjwa.

Thanks for the detailed explanation, much appreciated. I was not been anti ANC or pro DA, I just think that all people appointed by their respective parties are puppets who dance to the tune of their leader, irrespective of whether the leader is a corrupt Zuma or a dictative Zille. None of the past, present or future Premiers will do anything that is not sanctioned by their leaders, they will forever want to please their leader, even at the expense of their people's needs. IE they will always be dictated to by the main peanut. PS How do you know when a politician is lying......their lips move?

@Sthe Garane - Unfortunately for you I will stick by my comment since, apart from Thuli Madonsela, almost all of your sisters appointed by Zuma have a shocking track record of gross incompetence and corruption! THEY have insulted their own credibility and integrity not me! .... I simply deal in the truth, unlike you who seek to fool yourself at any cost! .... They have proven their unsuitability and you spring to their defence! (Shame on you)..... Are you a passenger on the gravy train????
So the ANC believes in promoting demographic representation - but out of the President, the deputy president, and ALL the ANC premiers (so 10 people in total)...ALL are black, and only 2 are female? Where are all those who were wetting their panties about Zille's "all-male" cabinet back in 2011? Presumably you have those same criticisms now?

Riddance tarty Nomvula and good luck to Ntombi

David Makhura n Nomvula is my favourite

I am sure the president will use continuity to convince the ANC in GP top appoint the incumbent premier, watch

Ace retained his position. What a joke. This plonker presides over a province that's riddled with corruption. It must be asked: are blacks oblivious to corruption? Have they no sense of what is right and wrong?

Yes he was in a place called Vredendal. He spent more time campaigning for the ANC than he was in the classroom, hence the position he occupies today.

You can imagine the number of incompetent people there are in the party in high positions, only to be publicly told so when they leave for convenience of course.

Ace Magashule retained his position the more you steal the more you are trusted

The photo proves that he is fit for parliament

4 are female, and 4 are male. What are you hopping on about?

All 7 are loyal dogs in good standing with their master. What a f****g farce

New faces, same faeces

No surprises here they all black like Bafana-Bafana!

And only one woman I see...

You would think they would appoint just one "token whitey" to give even the slightest hint of a non-racial society..........Sadly no...............
Slate politics

Reference 1 - 5.42% Coverage

They will be reshuffled soon

Reference 1 - 94.66% Coverage

Make a note of these names. If, according to Zuma, they perform "well", they are destined for great(er) things in the ANC.

Reference 1 - 23.21% Coverage

Everybody’s future does not look bright Zumi's people have never done anything right except loot

Reference 1 - 90.16% Coverage

Second. Ramaphosa was also Mandela's favoured successor. before he lost out to Mbeki - that must mean something. But he's spent a lot of time in business, and like church and state, business and state is a toxic mixture.

Reference 1 - 33.13% Coverage

I say healthy factionalism. It is good for positions to be fought for not just dished out like food parcels.

Reference 1 - 30.19% Coverage

I am sure we will be seeing these same names over and over again. Just not for anything good.

Reference 1 - 73.44% Coverage

We need a Gauteng born president. That's all we need irrespective of race or gender.

Reference 1 - 53.03% Coverage

Blade Crater face Nzimande should shut up and stop showing his ignorance and own hypocrisy. I challenge him to stand for election under the SACP flag. He knows as well as I that he will only garner a few votes (possibly from his family who depend on his gravy train income) and will probably, no defnitely, lose his deposit. This commie, who is still in puberty because his voice has not yet broken, is a failure as an educator. He is a wannabe capitalist with all the trappings, including German li

Reference 1 - 17.54% Coverage

The 'elections' are proof satisfied that the ANC cadre supporters are not concerned with the theft of over ZAR600billion from public funds in the last 20 years, the corruption, nepotism, tender preneuring, etc......they vote only along the line of race, tribe and ignorance.....

Reference 1 - 93.44% Coverage

The whole of the ANC is behind Zuma. They all follow his example. It is no good asking him only to leave. The whole lot must go, and they must repay all the stolen monies.

Reference 1 - 16.47% Coverage

7 ANC MP's who will now "prove" their loyalty to El President before his next term

Reference 1 - 71.72% Coverage

Many ators here (I wonder if its ators or writers) boldly defend our president every time his name is mentioned aren't seen that for some hours here, now Very surprising since they are so eloquent in their duty

Reference 1 - 12.93% Coverage

You pick your leaders not from the population at large but only from your paid-up party membership. If blacks want more representation in DA, they need to officially become members in greater numbers.

Reference 1 - 78.16% Coverage

Now what else would you expect of them after looking at their leader

Reference 1 - 2.90% Coverage

I see the puppet now lets his Baas, Nzimande do all the talking for him as well. It must be quite degrading to believe yourself a Zulu man and discover that you're just a ventriloquist's dumble, and that millions of people despise your spinelessness and materialistic greed.

Reference 1 - 1.88% Coverage

Can only happen in the Eastern Cape
Political bias

- § 1 reference coded [84.29% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 84.29% Coverage
  You are not an opposition sit, sleep, listen and enjoy food

- § 1 reference coded [36.60% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 36.60% Coverage
  To be honest I skimmed through it so I missed that last paragraph. However despite that explanation I feel it's very irresponsible for them to simply leave those contents lying about.

- § 1 reference coded [78.57% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 78.57% Coverage
  Shame, when your madam ask you to jump, all you will ask is "how high madam"

- § 1 reference coded [36.60% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 36.60% Coverage
  To be honest I skimmed through it so I missed that last paragraph. However despite that explanation I feel it's very irresponsible for them to simply leave those contents lying about.

- § 2 references coded [5.19% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 2.04% Coverage
  Your definition of "truth" is only what you want to hear, which actually speaks volumes of your stupidity
  Reference 2 - 3.15% Coverage
  You like people who say things you want to hear, whether it's true or not, but let's wait for the elections then we'll talk about the actual black support of the DA

- § 1 reference coded [88.64% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 88.64% Coverage
  WOW...This team was most certainly chosen immediately after inhaling secondary smoke from the legalised dagga brigade!!!

- § 2 references coded [2.47% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 2.04% Coverage
  Love the old saying... "In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king". Certainly applicable here :(
  Reference 2 - 0.43% Coverage
  ANC style demographics

- § 1 reference coded [26.95% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 26.95% Coverage
  The investigation is about who leaked the information about the Cape Town logo and not corruption propaganda you are formulating. Read properly. Aah! Aaah! Chineke! Aah!

- § 2 references coded [3.70% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 2.34% Coverage
  [There is nothing poor at all; these mine workers are also contributing to the GDP of this country.] Yes, they are. The key question is what part of the contribution. [Mine bosses are stilling the wealth of this country simple] Well, you may assert that. But you certainly are not providing any solid logical argument to back it up. Maybe it is because you do not have a solid, logical argument...
  Reference 2 - 1.36% Coverage
  [So when a black man request R12 500 salary is messing up?] That is NOT what the other party said - it is YOU who are (most likely falsely) making that assertion. I suggest you learn to argue to the FACTS. It is not that difficult.

- § 1 reference coded [19.84% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 19.84% Coverage
  Wait baba most of the said cars were even bought before the formation of AMCU get your facts together

- § 1 reference coded [8.74% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 8.74% Coverage
  Wake up and smell the coffee fool!!! You are a brainwashed puppet!

- § 1 reference coded [9.51% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 9.51% Coverage
  Been there done that - didn't get a T shirt. Just the other day I gave some ANC supporters a heckling for blindly following and not looking with their own eyes.

- § 1 reference coded [11.62% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 11.62% Coverage
  How is he lining his own pockets? And her home in Rose bank is worth more than his. Mathunjwa does not line his pockets when workers strike and the union don't get paid when there is an unpaid strike. And how do you know he is lining his pockets and Helen Zille isn't? Where were the equal investigations into both their finances?

- § 1 reference coded [4.92% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 4.92% Coverage
  Why am I not seeing very degrading, negative and discouraging comments from ANC member as it would be the case with DA members if the article was about ANC?

- § 1 reference coded [82.09% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 82.09% Coverage
  The tittle suggests this article is only for ANC voters

- § 1 reference coded [1.72% Coverage]
  Reference 1 - 1.72% Coverage
  Read PP report, there is nowhere is reported that Zuma stole money, liar
Mark Stevens - § 2 references coded [5.40% Coverage]

So because you never saw in people of colour you deduce from that, the DA is not doing enough…would it appease you, if the DA offered to bus in the blacks and offer a free chicken meal, to the aforementioned beaches. I did ask for a constructive suggestion and that was your best for the afternoon, not a very sharp pencil is you?

Reference 2 - 1.20% Coverage

Your argument is based upon an infantile observation...What sort of response were you expecting?

Marko Lasene - § 1 reference coded [77.92% Coverage]

Always jumping to conclusions and accusing ANC of corruption

Mthuliseni David Mthali - § 1 reference coded [15.09% Coverage]

Ignorant fool... and you will claim to know all about politics...

Nanunu - § 1 reference coded [1.25% Coverage]

Ehhh get your facts straight sir. Its wife flawed

Nkosazana101 Gazilam - § 1 reference coded [5.08% Coverage]

How does one know if the ANC are lying.......one of them just opens their mouth!!

Patty_p - § 1 reference coded [10.46% Coverage]

'Should' being the operative word!! Different rules for different schools! In fact it was the "great" Mantashe himself who said "even if you've been found guilty by the Public Protector or have been charged with fraud or corruption, it doesn't stop you from going to Parliament because you are innocent until proven guilty by a court of law!! Now that's some scary sh*t!!

Penellope Jones - § 2 references coded [6.22% Coverage]

Of course! Don't do anything else than blame - that's how one lives life, blame someone else for everything on a permanent basis, own responsibilities and introspect flying out the window quicker than a tornado. .

Reference 2 - 2.14% Coverage

Well, you don't vote for the DA that's for sure which is reflected very well in the way you write your comments.

Phumi Shange - § 1 reference coded [89.47% Coverage]

Everyone is looking for nice secured positions in the Govt from Zuma, so they feel like they have to jump for him so he can promote them hahahahahahahaha

Steve - § 1 reference coded [22.97% Coverage]

Fiat you are stating no facts, but simple prejudice and naivety. There is no truth in what you are saying. There are many Black Women appointed by President Zuma who are excellent. Stop being arrogant. Stop seeing Black Women as Domestic Servants, with your attitude and reasoning, an average Black Woman has a 10X better IQ than you.

Sthe Garane - § 1 reference coded [23.26% Coverage]

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Thivhulawi Victor Munyai - § 1 reference coded [2.98% Coverage]

Petrol goes up and down I don't see any changes in my daily life stop wasting your energy

Udade - § 1 reference coded [5.00% Coverage]

"I blame Zille'!! The eternal cry of a loser... Instead of admitting that perhaps it was because he is being investigated for corruption!

Vérité Un - § 1 reference coded [8.34% Coverage]

Blunt, how do you link comments on news24 to the DA, don't be ridiculous.
Name one illegal activity he conducted

The man did not meet the expectations required for the position he wished to occupy. Not the best man for the job. Unlike government, there are no free rides in the real world. So he spat his dummy. Good riddance to bad rubbish

Appoint Barbara Mr President, she is the best option

But they consider themselves master chefs - how could the recipe possibly go wrong?

You got it wrong. Maximum 800,000 = 4% of Black voters’ blacks will vote for DA. 84% of whites (voters) support DA.

Science of polling is quite advanced. They are accurate to within 2-3%

I think you are a retard. Read what I say. I say 84% of whites (meaning white voters) you moron!

Hauw, no white peepool

1 in 4 is not so much of a loss when you consider this place is overrun by the "not so clever blacks"?

So too, apparently, are S'bura Sithole, Teboho Mohoje, Tendai 'Beast', Lwazi Mvovo, Eben Etzebeth, JP etc......!

How can I be more active in ANC membership circles when I know that minority groups like Indians, whites and Coloureds are excluded from the job market by AA & BEE? When racist politicians from the ruling party, threaten to kill whites and boers on national TV?

Playing race card are we!

@Haibo Mfondini - Spot on! ..... One can just imagine his two brain cell selection process.... "Eeny Meeny Miney Mo, catch a sucker by his toe. If he howlers! ..... (I’ll just blackmail with all his dirty laundry! He-He-He!)

My dear, if the Unions did not back ANC it would not have gotten anywhere near the 62%. It’s only cos the unions put on this farce to stand by the ANC and NOW, after the elections they want to start their own party... Please do not tell me the people have spoken....you can say the manipulators have spoken yes...that would make sense.

Never seen you stoop to such a low level Mark
Hold your breath and AVBOB is in business.

This is the democracy that your ANC supports...these are your people

This lot would steal their own grand-mothers' pension...

But after giving you a few sticks, and washing the red stuff off your head in Mhlwane River.

Because they can't prove anything, whites now are getting the blame.

No, nothing bothers u & family

The 'lies' will be confirmed on Wednesday.....

It's always a case of reverse throttle, or tells a school kid lie.

Nothing bothers u & family

Guess who they're going to blame for their misery.

This lot would steal their own grand-mothers' pension...

This is more like a gang of hoodlums!

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Too many cover up attempts.

She needs to look herself in the mirror first...I hear she is under investigation of fraud!
LOL... this is called a front. Do a lifestyle audit on her spouse (don't know if he is using the same surname). You will find some skeletons hidden there.

Good luck to him. But it becomes a problem when people have all these businesses that are only created to milk the system, they have no real knowledge.

They can't fight back......

He will take Fransman job within months - just watch.

Top 8 fraudsters

Thanks fighter, pink people are surviving by doing tender fronting

Well there is at least 1 conspiracy, but it's between local port authorities.

Have you got a cousin in the procurement department?

They are just good at it, hence they never get caught

Using Mandela name as a crutch in order to try and gain emotional support and votes says a lot about the current administration. Try going at it alone next time and see how far you get.

Angelique Serrao and Lebogang Seale I guess it's easy to play the man than the game, after all we can only guess on whose payroll you are on. It will be interesting to monitor all your articles, I am sure as hell that I'll pick up a lot of bias

Not even Oscar is honest

I hope this reporter does not write computer programs

"South Africa's ruling ANC predicted it would sweep national elections this week on promises..." if the sentence stops there its true, as their action will stop there.
It is going to be a headache how to satisfy the promises that was made to the illiterate followers.

A big yawn too early for this propaganda

A union should never be owned by one person, if so then it should be a criminal offence. I do not support AMCU per se (by virtue of not being a COSATU affiliate) but aspirations of the workers. On the other hand I believe the expose is the work of Capitalists in trying to de-unionise the workers.

Reference papers after they've been counted is fodder for sensationalist articles like these.

That untrue the uneducated think they won't receive social grant if they vote for another party.

She might be namby-pamby, wishy-washy or even phoney-baloney as you put it, but in spite of your opinion, she is right.

Yes because counting is done with representatives of all parties present. What happens to the ballot papers after they've been counted is fodder for sensationalist articles like these.

That's why it's only the DA votes that have been dumped and how do we know they have been counted Sounds like smoke screen.

Their fighting for power is pulling this country apart at the seams. How long can we survive with the unions going at it like they are? Killings and greed for power and money have overtaken their duty to their members, and as such now the members suffer at the hands of our own South African Mafia....

They can be very colourful in lies.

Political brutality

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What you say is very true, but let one side lose out & there will be trouble. The government cannot please them all. Look at Gaddafi, one minute his son spent weekends with the Rothschilds in France, the next minute he was wanted, dead or alive.

Typical politician!

It's funny that it's only the DA votes that have been dumped and how do we know they have been counted Sounds like smoke screen.

They can be very colourful in lies.
**Political intolerance**

What a good example Derek, chickens voting for KFC. I think most black are scared of voting for WHITE LED PARTY like DA because they think APARTHEID will come back and everyone knows YOU TRAUMATISED BLACK PEOPLE during apartheid. DON'T START ANYTHING YOU CANNOT STOP.

3 out of 7 are whips...they TOW the party line for a living

Unfortunately, I don't think "credibility" is a consideration for most voters. The vote for the ANC in these past elections demonstrates that clearly. People who have nothing to lose by voting for EFF next time will cling to the hope that they might actually get something. A scary thought

I think we are making a huge mistake by dismissing them as a joke. Fools they are, a joke definitely not. They have shown that there rantings will draw support

Denial is the largest river in South Africa.

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW many resources you have, if you don't know how to use them, they will never be enough...Politicians are just professional liars looking for their on benefits in our name...ANC, EFF, DA, PAC....Etc. can all suck my

My plan for this coming 5 years.. Complete my qualification, find a job (in a private company), and live for myself - if i hear anyone say "we blame it on the apartheid" then truly you need to do it for yourself coz your leaders can't

"The man, who wasn't linked to any particular party" sounds like the sort of pink slime that would be attracted to the SACP or the CANCer

You would only be told sorry if you were not wearing an ANC T Shirt Red Berets and Blue T Shirts and you will definitely be sent home

Sorry Joe, nothing hypothetical about it at all.

I'm entitled to agree with any manifesto of my liking, that doesn't necessarily mean I'll vote for that party.....maybe i didn't register to vote, even if i did, I'm not a card carrying member so i got no ties to any party

I voted for a party less likely to steal my money.

You are such a loser, i didn't vote for ANC, but i respect other people's political choice.

If I can say you're stupid I will be lying u know things only one thing u hide is salary, otherwise you're champ I wonder how old are u

Don't be so generous

Limpopo?
But it has been one for 20 years now

Oh a sacrifice? Like Jacob did with those cows before the last election? lying on their side, feet and hands bound, throat slit, blood gushing, spilling into the earth, chanting - so he could stay president after he poof magically became president without an opportunity to vote on it? sure I'm in for making a sacrifice, for democracy... see above for example

Do you have a crystal ball? Please tell from where the wisdom?

Is there any particular reason that you're quoting excerpts from the book 'the parallel histories of Judah and Israel'?

Shame Pull your head out of the hole that it is currently resting in that role is intended for Joooolass Commander in thief! He will be her tea boy...

The DA must be relieved that they didn't merge. Cope at least got some votes and seats before they imploded with internal spats

You are not really spending time going deep in to the numbers behind the elections & the provinces

This guy has a few very good points, and so does Malema. The sad part is, whether we agree with most or a few of their policies, the only thing the EFF need is majority vote. Many of the saner individuals in SA despise the ANC but they are in a sad minority. As the ANC lose votes, I think the EFF will pick up votes, most of the population will drift further left and that is a worrying factor.

I said it when Vavi won his case that he will be firmly in ANC's corner, some said he is gonna give them hell. Now there is a good story according to the gospel of St Vavixian

IOL must update their story; David Makhura is Premier of Gauteng, not Mekgwe

DA is going nowhere. Mazibuko realised late that she was being used like a condom. DA is desperate to consume black voters to an advantage of white leaders. Maimane Mmusi of DA is a hell-belt in mobilising masses for white leaders. The results of DA were marking its highest point after the birth of EFF. EFF can't wait to work and expose assortment of corruption behind Zuma's pants.

For those who keep asking, NFP is National Freedom Party which, along with the Freedom Front and Economic Freedom Fighters, is one of three parties with the word "freedom" in it, suggesting that we are less free than before 1994! These three parties represent those people in South Africa who are not yet free.
Politically informed

**Reference 1** - 1.53% Coverage

Not politically correct but with a kernel of truth.

@Mawande I like the phrasing (Fascinated by people of different colour). I see that all the time. When a black kid sees a white kid the fascination is beyond intrigue until the black kids grow up and learn about what this race is capable of. I am black and to be really honest with you as blacks the majority of us don't use race till we get to the work place- that's where you'll see racism of the worst kind. You know what white people feel about JZ is exactly what we feel about being made to report to a person who is less educated than us and on top of that they don't know anything about the job. You know it's surprising to find a white person at a management level who just cannot navigate a spreadsheet (for people who claim to be better than us). I end up asking myself; how did he get here. It is very insulting to talk to a man who doesn't even sound intelligent but think he's smarter than you. The race based voting pattern is a manifestation of a deep rooted complexity. And most blacks do not really care about the corruption and the Kandla-fication of state coffers...complaining about such is a luxury for a man who, not so long ago did not have a dignity in his own country? As a race we still have a long way to go... and I don't think we need white people to tell us how we should go about it. We will do it the black way... We can tolerate each other as races within the borders of SA but DO NOT TELL US WHAT TO DO and HOW TO DO IT. It simple bring back rough memories and somewhat shake our tolerance resolve.

**Reference 2** - 8.48% Coverage

Although unlikely that they would have continuous growth of this rate it does still show you that your 6% number is a misrepresentation of their actual growth. That 6% growth refers to the amount of national voters gained. Not the growth of the party

**Reference 3** - 8.15% Coverage

Something that may interest you Democracy in South Africa is not new! From 1853 to 1892, everyone in the Western and Eastern Cape had the vote, equal rights and access to land. Cecil Rhodes and Afrikaner ideology post 1910 destroyed it, through various acts of parliament. These were the golden days of black South African farming and entrepreneurship.
Ronald Reagan was an acting president.

"In 1928 [Sydney Percival] Bunting visited Russia again, this time to argue against the new Comintern decision that South African communists were to support a "Native Republic" at the 6th Comintern Congress.... Following the unsuccessful campaign [in the 1959 general elections], Bunting and Roux tried to organise the League of African Rights into a socialist mass movement for black people, but failed as Moscow ordered them to dissolve it. He was in constant disagreement and conflict with the South African government, and sometimes also had serious ideological differences with his colleagues. These disputes became so grave that he was eventually expelled in September 1931 from the political party he had helped create." --- http://www.sahistory.org.za/pe...

Mathunjwa is a revolutionary!! Challenging the status quo Aluta....

Unrelated to security whatsoever, it is a PR event to placate the King for Jacob's "palace" being bigger than his. The buildings planned are for the Reed Dance and facilities required but so far I haven't seen R300 million in any of their plans for the Reed Dance. The King's budget should be supplemented from the income that is received by the Nogomvuma Trust which owns the land of the Zulu Kingdom and not from taxpayers but that is only my humble opinion. Ultimately this is a d1ck measuring moment for Goodwill and Jacobus.

We live in a tribal dictatorship

I agree, look, Zanc is divisive. Zuma is a tribalist how can he be expected to unite other black tribe with his own tribe Zulu plus Indians, coloured, English and Afrikaners, that is asking for too much.

These Days is Also Actually along Tribal Lines... ANC is soon going to be like IFP... It's no longer an all Party but a Zulu party... soon Other Tribes are going to Get Disgruntled.

KZN According to Zuma
Patriotism

Reference 1 - 95.05% Coverage

I am not surprised about body guards but what people think what would happened him if he didn't have the body guards his opponents will get read of him long time ago. It's happening all the time in Kwazulu Natal and Mpumalanga. His car and luxury its clear he had his own business, so, what is the problem there? At least he is fighting for poor miners worker's lives to change for good and better unlike other when they have money they started to look away stand against the poor. HE IS THE MAN WHO STANDS FOR THE TRUTH!

Reference 1 - 6.37% Coverage

You got it, interesting that you even know where they are ranked. You must be a follower; I did not even know where they are ranked. Good on you, you are a true South African

Reference 1 - 0.06% Coverage

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Nepotism

Reference 1 - 19.74% Coverage

Blah, blah, blah ...who actually runs the mines is your politically connected brothers’ dude. Why do you think the labour department sits idly by? And who does the President mock? You, the loyal supporter - the not so clever black!

Reference 1 - 87.74% Coverage

I think the IEC should train its people, how to talk to their elders. Also stop hiring uncle. Mum. Daughter when real people needs this job

Reference 1 - 48.17% Coverage

And here is another good story to tell, may have reported before, but interesting reading nevertheless. Krynauwslust is a 4400 hectare farm near Vrede in the Free State. The Free State government has committed to spend R570 million on a dairy farm on Krynauwslust through a BEE company named Estina. Some of the expenses:

- R2.6 million for the gate
- R119 million for the actual dairy buildings
- R2.5 million for spanners and tools
- R6 million for dairy cows, Etc. etc.

According to a very glossy, drummed up report by the Free state Premier, Ace Magashule, Krynauwslust will deliver 100 000 litres of milk per day out of the 370 dairy cows they bought. Or to be exact: 270 litters per cow per day. That is BLOODY AMAZING! Because that is, more than 10 times the average, that a dairy cow produces per day. If you drive to Krynauwslust right now, you would smell something in the air. It is the carcasses of cows dying from hunger that are dumped in the ravine on the farm. About 65 are dead already. The BEE Company is legit and registered to this address: Block A, Grayston Ridge Office Park in Sandton. When you pay a visit this address, you will find some other interesting people also have offices in that block, namely:

1. Duduzane Zuma: Our beloved president’s son.
3. Thsopo Magashule: Our beloved Free state Premier’s son.

Reference 1 - 1.79% Coverage

Ah, so you have another cousin in the HR Dept.

Power struggle

Reference 1 - 6.41% Coverage

I guess now that the election drive is over, the fight for more individual power will commence

Reference 1 - 56.56% Coverage

Dear Simphiwe, just to inform you, your own kind is greedy But I would like to sit back and watch this show, how you will fight among each other, for power no need to worry about the greedy, worry about your own kind family (so called brothers) is the ones, mostly to stab you in the back