

“I decided not to vote for the colour of my skin, but for my country. I’m voting NP.”

– Ike Bikitsa – Entrepreneur, Sebokeng

“I have always been politically aware, from as early as the forties, and I have decided to vote for the National Party. Let me tell you why:

I remember my first baptism of fire in politics was in 1960 when we campaigned against the pass laws. I had allegiance to the PAC then. It was in Sharpeville, the day many people died. After that day there was much bitterness in our hearts. But time moved on. I grew up and got interested in business. In the meantime, the struggle continued.

But then to my shock things started happening that I never even foresaw. I had condoned the 1984 uprising when businesses were burned and the whole moral fibre of the townships was torn to pieces. I had a business then, it was also razed down by fire by the UDF of that time. Now as a businessman, I realised I was important in the community because I was a job creator, and I was bringing empowerment to my own people.

Now, at that time a question came to my mind: Was the struggle mainly aimed at liberating the black man or making him suffer? Why destroy our own selves? Because if you look at it today, in our areas there is no peace. You can't sleep well, there are dangerous thugs in your street, big stones are rolled into your streets. Generally, there is gunfire right through the night. There are these kangaroo courts in broad daylight where a man is burnt right next to his children. But, like everybody else I made excuses that okay the people are angry.

Then with the February speech of 1990, by President de Klerk, I had hopes that my organisation would also be involved in the negotiations and then the fulfilment of our dreams in the struggle would come about.

But I could no longer support the PAC who even now shout slogans like ‘One Settler One Bullet’, creating more violence. I could not support the ANC with its communists because I am a business man and the two don't go together.

So I sat down with a few of my friends, we did a brain storming session, soul searching, and I came to the conclusion that in order to save this country I've got to vote for the country, not for my skin colour.

By no means am I selling out, I am salvaging what is left of the struggle, because the people who have got involved in the struggle have messed it up.

I know this National Party will fulfil my aspirations, my dreams because it stands for the same things that I do. For my family, my children and for all those who see South Africa as a peaceful, stable, prosperous country.

If you can just sit down and think a little bit, you'll realise that in order to save your country, in order to achieve the aims of the liberation struggle, the only way out is to join the National Party.

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