

# “I am a taxi owner and I’m voting National Party.”



“My name is Johann Durand and I live in Eersterus where almost everyone is voting for the National Party.

I got involved in the liberation struggle round about 1973 through SASO, starting a SASO junior branch in Eersterus, working closely with branches in Mamelodi and Atteridgeville to get the liberation struggle off the ground, to unseat the government of the day. My main aim was not to support PAC or ANC, but to create a free and fair democracy in South Africa.

Just before the ANC was unbanned I joined the Chemical Workers Industrial Union. I worked at a film laboratory and the union had established a branch there. I helped the shop stewards, I addressed meetings to gather support for the union. But then, my involvement with the unions brought me into contact with the activities of the ANC who were using the union – they were creating a very negative attitude amongst workers to gain their support.

Workers started feeling disloyal, anti-management, anti-company. In fact the unions were telling workers that management, the company and the shareholders were just exploiting them and that workers should fight at all costs only for their own benefits. Eventually we had difficulty getting people to attend work regularly – as long as you had a doctor’s certificate you could stay home – people started misusing the union’s benefits to the detriment of the company. I and many others resigned because there was no future, no benefit for us to stay, especially with the union’s involvement.

I considered joining the ANC but it had changed since the liberation struggle. I was worried about the communist involvement in the ANC, I’m totally against communism, their programmes have failed in Africa and Eastern Europe.

And then I saw mass action, how people were intimidated, how people were denied the right to decide, how other political groupings were denied access by the ANC’s no-go areas, denied the opportunity to talk to people. Now that’s not democracy. All parties should be able to reach the people so they can discuss their policies. Otherwise, how will the people know who to vote for?

If you look at the make-up of the NP it is the ideal party for all ethnic groups in South Africa. Look at the ANC’s leadership and you’ll find it heavily laden with Xhosas. They appoint friends and family who don’t have any experience.

In the NP on the other hand, I can see that it’s democracy that counts, our votes count.

I think now that the NP is going to be the only true liberation movement of South Africa; to liberate us from intimidation, from an unacceptable socialist movement, to liberate us from a state controlled economy. I know many people who are giving the NP and FW de Klerk their vote because they want to be liberated from poverty and violence.”

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