

WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THE PFP

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The PFP, as a political party, has a fundamental role to play in setting the pace for real reform in South Africa. When I say real reform I do not mean sham or cosmetic reform but reform that will move us away from Apartheid, discrimination and exploitation to a situation where all our people can unite in a common commitment and loyalty to South Africa. The Government is not capable of bringing about such real reform at this time because it is divided within its own ranks as to how to do this. Because the Government cannot give us real reform that will lead to real security, what we need therefore is real opposition in Parliament to this Government and such opposition I believe can only be provided by the PFP which is a growing, strong and determined Opposition.

The PFP deserves support not only because it is the only real Opposition but also because, as a party, it has a record which shows that it cares for the individual. It cares for the civil liberties of the individual such as for example his right of association, freedom of speech, a free press and, of course, the rule of law. It has also shown that, as a party, the PFP not only cares about the rights of the individual but also about the quality of life of the people in society. That is why we protest against the rising cost of food, we protest when people are shunted around in terms of the Rent Control and Group Areas Acts and we protest when the old and underprivileged suffer as a result of rising inflation and inadequate pensions.

Finally, I believe that the PFP deserves support because it has a clear-cut constitutional and political policy which is geared towards providing genuine constitutional security for all South Africans - constitutional security that comes from the voluntary

commitment and support of the people for the constitution and not the short-term illusionary security that comes from the situation of one group dominating another group.

We deserve support because we fight to put things right.

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