

DAWIE'S NOTES

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WHO TO VOTE FOR, A LAND PARTY, A GOOD PARTY, A PURPLE COW OR A BUNCH OF SECESSIONISTS?

Note 4

This is my fourth note on what the various political parties stand for. My first note, on the ANC, can be found here and my second, on the DA and the EFF, can be found here. Note 3 was about the IFP, NFP, UDM and FF+, and can be found here.

In this note I will write about four new or relatively unknown parties. They caught my eye for some or other reason.

The **Land Party's** leadership originates from the protests in Hermanus last year. Additionally, being called the "Land" Party already puts them in the category of socialist "nut-heads". But not this Land Party. Although they say they want to "take" the best from all the different ideologies, which is a contradiction, their convictions seem to be very free market friendly. And their leader is young and charismatic. They clearly still need to come to grips with what they really believe in, but the start looks promising.

The reason they caught my eye is that I believe there is space on the right of the political spectrum and a young vibrant party like the Land Party might just one day fill that gap.

There is not much good about the **GOOD** Party. They say sensible things about the economy and policies, but nothing GOOD said can be believed. And that is because Patricia de Lille is their leader. De Lille cannot be trusted or believed. She has been everywhere during her political career. From the radical PAC to GOOD today, and everything in between as well. She has no values. Every time she defends whatever ideology or policy of wherever she finds herself on that day. If Auntie Pat is there, GOOD is not good.

The **ZACP** or Capitalist Party of South Africa, caught my eye because of their logo, a purple cow. They are hip and modern and do not take themselves too seriously. It seems as if they met in a vegan bar just after yoga and decided to start a political party. They are also very good at using social media and their ideology is clearly free market orientated. But they do not have much by way of policy. In fact, they still seem to be a little unsure of what they really believe. But give them time and this could become another party right of centre. Something we surely need.

The **Cape Party** are also a market friendly party. But what caught my eye is that they are campaigning for the independence of the Western Cape (for now). And it is a surprisingly popular idea. Furthermore, the Western Cape and Gauteng are the only provinces that are net contributors to the country's finances – all other provinces are net recipients. So, theoretically, the idea can work although I doubt that the central government will be happy with it.

But the mismanagement of the SA economy and the finances of the state have now reached a level where we may one day see a catastrophic collapse of the fiscus. And it is the fiscus that is the glue that keeps SA politically intact. Should the central state stop functioning properly, the possibility of a disintegration of SA politically is not impossible.

An independent Western Cape will certainly be followed by an independent KZN, Limpopo, etc. But then, why not?

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