

## Spot The Difference, 3<sup>rd</sup> Election in-lay Interview with the NEFF

**Interview questionnaire with the Namibia Economic Freedom Fighters (NEFF), represented by its National Coordinator Mr. Kalimbo lipumbu**

**If you were to predict the elections outcome, which will likely be true?**

- 1. Your party wins majority seats in the National Assembly**
- 2. Your presidential candidate wins the majority vote**
- 3. 60% of Namibian youth will cast their vote**



**Answer:**

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**How will you go about achieving the above prediction?**

We will organize and mobilize the youth through mass campaigns, the importance of casting their votes. Youth should be encouraged that it is about their time to take over from the aging generation that is currently ruling. This would mean that the youth will rule and not referred to leaders of tomorrow forever, young people will be able to grow our economy and empower every citizen.

**Why is it important for young people to vote?**

It is vital because the future belongs to them. To exercise their choice as enshrined in the Constitution of Namibia.

**Why should the youth vote for your party?**

Because our party represents the aspirations of the working class and the poor and provides an alternative vision and is the solution for total radical Economic Freedom for Namibians. Our party is a mass based organization which aspires to free the youth and the poor from poverty, unemployment and inequalities.

**What motivated the formation of your political party?**

The deep level of poverty, unemployment among the youth, unequal distribution of the wealth of our country, higher level of corruption practiced by the ruling elites, nepotism, channanism, sexism, racism, jobs for comrades only as well as greed among our rulers.

**What philosophies/principles are at the core of your party's identity?**

We stand for the protection of human rights including cultural, economic and social rights of the minority and marginalized communities. We stand for an accountable, open and transparent society. Most importantly we stand for economic growth that can respond to the economic crisis that confronts our society.

**How do you think history will remember your party?**

Our party will be remembered as the only party established with the aim of fighting for economic emancipation, eradication of poverty, nationalization of mines, free education and expropriation of land without compensation. We also advocated for redress of ancestral land rights.

**In what ways do you think your party has changed since its formation?**

At formation the party's membership was minimal, but now membership has multiplied significantly. Structurally, the party is inclusive in terms of gender balance and youth empowerment. This comprises most of its leadership.

**What is your party's stance on the following issues?**

**Unemployment amongst the youth**

To create more job opportunities for our youth, those that have reached the retirement age must retire to pave way for the young and energetic.

**Access to resources for young entrepreneurs**

Young entrepreneurs will be prioritized in accessing loan and grants. To revisit the free marketing economic policy that allows multinational companies to dominate the local market.

**Gender equality and Women empowerment**

By 2024 we envisaged gender balance in all our structures.

**The Land Question in Namibia**

We stand by our submission to the second National Land Conference 2018: Expropriation of land without compensation and redistribution of land accordingly.

**Nation-building amidst gender-based violence, ethnic heterogeneity**

We educate our people abide by the rule of law and strengthen institutions that deal with gender based violence. Society will also be educated on ethnic tolerance.

**Government procurement processes of goods and services**

There shall be a procurement monitoring mechanism in place to evaluate the benefits of the contractors and the labor force from the given tenders.

### **Corruption and Accountability**

The corrupt culprit must face both criminal and civil charges: Criminal charges to go to jail and civil charges to pay back the money to the State. Tax evaders' properties must be forfeited to the State as in case of drugs and illicit dealers.

### **Decentralization: Devolution to Regional and Local councils**

Central government makes budgetary allocations to regional and local councils and give them power to run their affairs without unnecessary interference from political parties or the central government.

### **What is your party's short and long-term vision for Namibia?**

Short term: To narrow the gap between the rich and the poor by sharing Namibians wealth equally, bury corruption and self enrichment and do away with underemployment and create more job opportunities.

Long term: To grow Namibia's economy to meet the basic human need of our people. Policies that are pro-economic growth will be put in place to raise the standard of living of all Namibians.

### **Additional questions:**

#### **How can we make colonial and apartheid-past wrongs right for Namibians?**

We will abolish outdated legislatures that are still in place. Do away with contract labor system. Many mini shops mostly owned by foreigners recruit workers on a contract basis. Racism like in the Bantustans system should also be abolished. There should be no schools for whites/blacks or schools for certain ethnic groups and no segregation policies that enable children of the rich to attend expensive private schools. Government should subsidize all private schools so that the poor can also afford best education offered by private schools.

#### **How will political parties ensure that Namibians are justly compensated to be able to live decently?**

People will be paid market related salaries and wages that will go along with the cost of living. All people will also be given benefits such as social security, medical Aid, housing and other allowances.