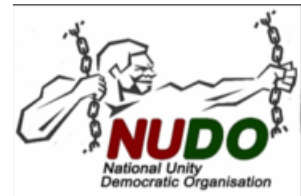


Spot The Difference, 3rd Election in-lay Interview with NUDO

Interview questionnaire with the National Unity Democratic Organization of Namibia (NUDO), represented by its president Ms. Ester U. Muinjangué

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:

Number 1 and 3 will likely be true.

How will you go about achieving the above prediction?

There is a window change that is prevailing and will make our party NUDO as a possible and alternative party for the masses and in respect with its Female head and youth in top leadership it has open a new horizon and window of hope for many Namibians. NUDO being the only party in Namibia that advocate for Genocide and Reparation issues, has instill hope and resurrected the question of ancestral land. NUDO has put out a motion in Parliament that also has brought an appointment of the Special Envoy although as a party we have strong reservations.

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Why is it important for young people to vote?

Everywhere in the world there is a growing interest in **youth and politics**. Equally it is vital for NUDO Party to acknowledge the role of young people in politics. NUDO, under my leadership (Madam E. U. Muinjangué), promise to respond more to the growing number of young people who want to affect the political system. I want to see more young people than ever before becoming engaged in local community campaigns and other political activities.

It is important for youth to vote so that they have a political voice to raise issues, interfere where need be, and raise debates on national issues. This is how they navigate their directions and influence the future. It is now more than ever, for youth to be heard on issues affecting young people. There are so many things affecting young people and if they want to be relevant, now is the time to come out. Statistically the youth constitute over 60% of the Population of Namibia and these should guarantee them place in decision making structures, more'ly they are the future shapers

Why should the youth vote for your party?

NUDO is the only party that recognize the injustice that was done to our youth since 1993, many of our youth has been thrown in the streets and many has become parents at an early stage and unwillingly due to a poor planning by the ruling party and NUDO plan to undo this but putting the youth first. The youth shall have a yearly symposium that will and must impact the State of affairs of how the Country is governed. We have a vast plan for the youth entirely to be in school despite their age, and vocational and tertiary education will form part of their day to day plan and survival. Sectoral capacity building will be initiated to benefit the out school youth. Agricultural mentorship will be rolled out to all youth to engage in food production and value addition.

What motivated the formation of your political party?

NUDO has been in existence since 1964 by the Chief Council under the Leadership Chief Hosea Katjukurume Kutako. Its main aim was rebuke oppression and intense colonialization. To fight injustice that was being imposed by the foreign settlers towards indigenous land owners and mineral resource exploitation by western settlers. The Council than needed to transform into a political party to wage the battle inclusively as Natives. However in contemporary politics NUDO is still relevant and as emerging alternative party, to enhance democracy to it maximum.

What philosophies/principles area the core of your party's identity?

To bring about quality education to all Namibians

- Equal distribution of resources and opportunities among all Namibians
- Land restitution and Land reform
- Genocide and Reparation
- Fight corruption and nepotism

How do you think history will remember your party?

NUDO is the first political party to democratically elect a female President in Southern African to lead a Political party and in Namibia in particular. Even after the Chief Council transformed in a political party, NUDO haven't abandoned the Chief Council quest to fight injustice including all petitions written to UNITED NATIONS since 1947 written by Paramount Chief Kutako to date. It was the same Hosea Kutako who facilitated the opportunity for the

Founding President Sam Nujoma to flee the country and join Michael Scott, Fanuel Kozonguizi and Mburumba Kerina.

Furthermore, NUDO was the first party to put a motion of National Interest in parliament. (Genocide and Reparation)

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

- Changed the perception of human towards genocide and reparation.
- Introduced more female members in its active and executive positions
- Paradigm shift in political arena and the horizon of the party has become inclusive to all races in Namibia, as normally NUDO was being perceived as a Herero Party while it wasn't the case
- Transformed from being led by tradition leaders into democratic elected leaders

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

Unemployment amongst the youth and Access to resources for young entrepreneurs

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Gender equality and Women empowerment

NUDO adheres to various international conventions and local laws that deal with discrimination against and upliftment of women.

The Land Question in Namibia

Namibia is a signatory to lot of international conventions such as the United Nation Convention on indigenous People and the African Mining Vision, just to mention a few. NUDO will ratify all this to the Namibian context and remind the Namibian government to deal with land reform.

Nation-building amidst gender-based violence, ethnic heterogeneity

NUDO is determined to curb gender disparity, gender discrimination and balance the GINI CORE EFFICIENT of our country.

Government procurement processes of goods and services

NUDO, if elected to power, shall formulate easy and non bureaucratic procurement processes that cut a middle man and make sure state institutions are equipped with knowledgeable and competent staff trained in procurement, logistics and distribution.

Corruption and Accountability

NUDO believes in Accountability and will prosecute all offenses equally. NUDO will fight corruption tooth and nail.

Decentralization: Devolution to Regional and Local councils.

NUDO will federalize its function and every Federal will be responsible for its revenue collection.

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

Short term

- Tolerance of diversity
- Economic reform that is humane
- Quality health and welfare for all
- Jobs creation and skills development
- Nationalization of extractive industries
- Housing and family value restoration
- Respect for the rule of law

Long term

- Peace and stability
- Economic prosperity
- Industrialization

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

We can make colonial and apartheid-past wrongs right for Namibians, by acknowledging that Namibia as a country went through various phases of colonialization and Apartheid that date back to as early as the 1800's and continued up to 1990. It is also important to acknowledge the collective effort that liberated the country, without focusing on independence election victors' story but collective resistance and liberation efforts instead, that must be told fair and honestly. This should be part of the school curriculum in a chronological order. Academics and researchers must be encouraged to research more and write history from our own perspectives.

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

For genocidal victims it is fair and important to exercise their right to self-determination and self-representation as the communities that were targeted by the extermination orders. They should be part of the negotiating process and champion their own destiny.