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Ordinary Voices

Xtra-ordinary Impact

it (looting of CDF funds) reflects on the general lack of ethics and the get rich and swindle mentality which says one has to be a politician not an accountant of entrepreneur to have a better life. there are some who claim they are yet to use the money up until today eg Honourable Kuwadzana east what's your take.—
Gilbert Dzikiti



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The Bottom-line

Ask yourself which Mp, minister and the presidum who doesn't kids abroad. They are milking the country dry both the ruling and the opposition -
Cliff Chidavaenzi

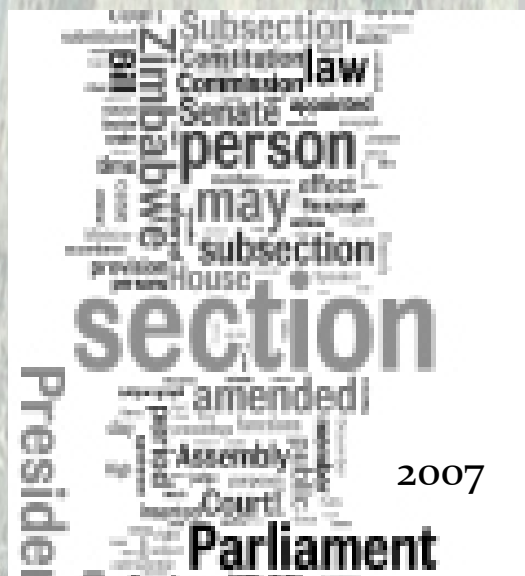
1979—2013 Constitutional Paths



1979



2013



2007

We took three constitutions, the 1979 Lancaster House Constitution, the 2007 constitution and the current draft, and since we are no constitutional experts, we let the word cloud software, Wordle do the interpretations for us and this is what we saw.





Village Observer

Well, today I want to appear like I know a lot about the politics of the national purse. This is informed by what we have been told over and over that there are no funds for the referendum and then the elections. We have also been told that the principals have agreed to the draft. But yet we have also been told that the NCA is prepared to fight for a NO. I may not have attended Politics 1.01 or read political science, pre-

ferring instead to read the manuals on how to grow maize and vegetables, but it is clear that the NCA will stand no chance. This is so for a number of reasons, like the organizational capacity, the changed political terrain and most importantly the lack of interest that has been shown by the people. The people are fatigued, and would not want to take much part in politics. This is mainly because they focus more on daily survival and relegate political participation to a luxury. The reason why it is easy

for the principals to win against such apathy is that Mugabe and Tsvangirai can easily mobilise their core supporters to vote YES. This then brings me to the gist of this installment. I have to make a disclaimer. This is not an attempt to fight against the constitution but to try and proffer more practical options given the financial position we find ourselves in. It is as clear as sunlight that the path that was proposed under the GPA towards a new constitution has been shredded more for political

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Concerned About the Draft Constitution

By Davy Ndlovu.

Thanks (for uploading the draft constitution). We have few concerns pertaining to the final draft constitution: Firstly in Chapter one, Founding Provisions, Section six, Koisan is named as one of the official languages of Zimbabwe. What is Koisan language? The San people of Zimbabwe belongs to the Khoe language Families and they would rather prefer to be called San and their language is Tshwao/Tshao/Tsoa. The official code for this language is ISO 639-3: hio. If the language is then called Koisan Language, how is it going to be different from other Khoe languages found in other countries.

The San people live some 220km away from Bulawayo, how are we going to alert them about the name change and get their views as to whether they accept their language to be called Koisan. The San people have been crying that things are imposed on them, they are never consulted and they are perceived to be unsophisticated

and primitive.

The draft further goes on to say a lot of things Sub-section 4 "The state must promote and advance the use of all languages used in Zim including sign language and must create conditions for the development of these languages" This is good considering that there are only 11 speakers of the Tshwao language from an estimated population of 2500 San people between Tsholotsho and Plumtree.

Chapter 2 National objectives, Section 16, If this is done, fine with us.

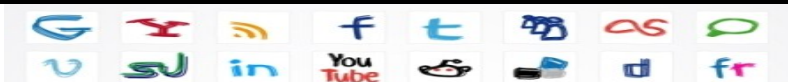
Section 33 again on the preservation of traditional knowledge is welcomed.

Lastly on the declaration of rights, there are a number of interesting things coming out especially on shelter, provision of clean water, education and use of one's language.

Overall, the constitution is not that bad but we could have been consulted further to clarify certain issues.



Virtual Public Gallery



Using Social Media to Monitor Parly

PMTZ's facebook group Parliamentary Monitor is an interactive virtual public gallery where instead of being spectators, citizens raise issues and seek solutions. As part of the integration of the social media platform and this e-newsletter, we take excerpts of some of the posts on the facebook group and share with others.

Pmt Zimbabwe uploaded a file.
Please find attached the new draft constitution for our discussion

Final draft Constitution 25 January 2013.pdf

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Christopher Chidarikire Thanks. What does this one say on dual citizenship its not clear tome

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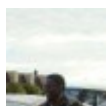
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Nyamutatanga Makombe i wish we could break it down and see which sections we would discuss on this platform

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Tapiwa Mashonganyika Interesting would be to analyse the difference between the first draft, and the new final draft

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Ashirai Mtirikwi Mawere we cant have a minister of intelligence services

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Ashirai Mtirikwi Mawere and right now the 22 minister are seating to adopt the draft. wat ministers are these, mere members of the GNU cabinet.. who have been there fir close too half a decade and failed to both bring to book the murderers of the 2008 election and failed to grow the economy. Now suddenly the negotiate a national Rule Book. wat a laughing stock, loosers congregate for us now?

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Tendai Kwari THANKS!!
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Elliott Siamonga Thanks for the draft will give you feed back holding meetings

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Pmt Zimbabwe [Nyamutatanga Makombe](#) which sections would you suggest?

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Jones Musara @AM Mawere: Why not?
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Kumbirayi Chamboko Nyamasvisva @mawere i wonder how vicious your party is. guess you spit vernom
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Ashirai Mtirikwi Mawere [Jones Musara](#) CIO is and should remain a part of national security and intelligence ACT. why then should we have a minister for that wen we have ministers for defense and home affairs.

Feedback? info@pmtz.org



Village Observer

expedience and at times to break deadlocks. This is a sign that the GPA is not cast in stone. As such we can do ourselves a great favour by making another violation of the GPA by not going for the referendum. What is in the draft has been agreed on by the political elites and the only few raising a finger would not stand against the sea. The people have abdicated their duty as the watchdog to a few political elites. As such it would not make sense to involve the people of Zimbabwe in such an expensive process. The aim of the referendum is to give a political and legal fig leaf to an embarrassingly nude process. If we do not go to the referendum, the country will lose nothing and gain some few more dollars for the elections. When one looks at the benefits and costs of the referendum, then they would see that there is more to the credit than the debit side.

Lighter World



From The Zimbabwean Newspaper

Madisnyongoro of the Week



The people of Zimbabwe were undisputable Madisnyongoro of the week. The reason why they have been nominated is because of the lack of vibrancy that was shown when the draft constitution was released. There was a cowed and timid response and until now not much has been discussed. This could be a result of fatigue. But fatigue does not disqualify a group of people from winning the Madisnyongoro of the week award.

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