

SHOULD CHRISTIANS VOTE?



THE STARTING POINT:

faithful prayer

“Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

JEREMIAH 29:7



**ACTIVE
CITIZENSHIP**

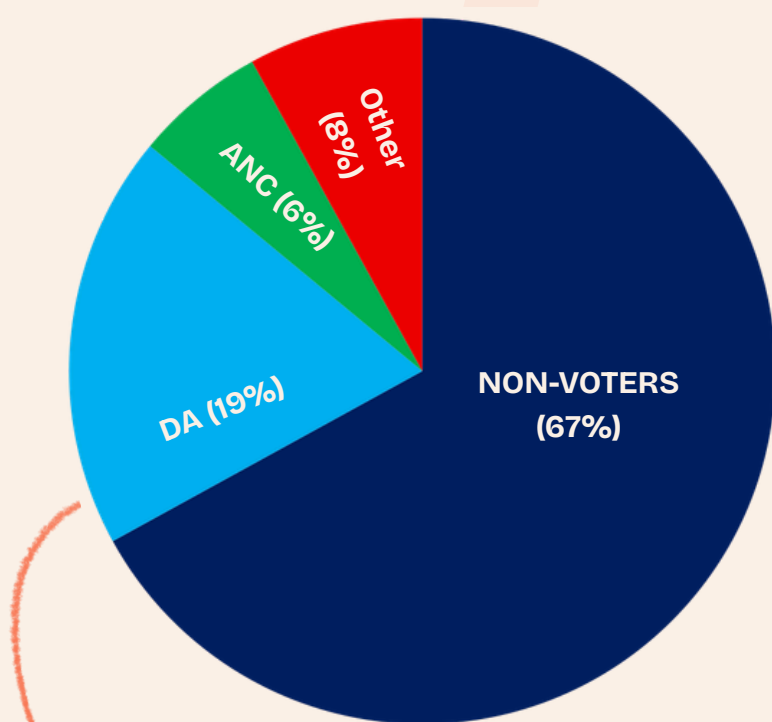
YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

IN THE 2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, ON AVERAGE, **ONLY 30% OF PEOPLE** ELIGIBLE TO VOTE (VOTING-AGE POPULATION)* ENDED UP VOTING.

**Voting-age population (VAP) refers to all citizens of voting age (18+).*

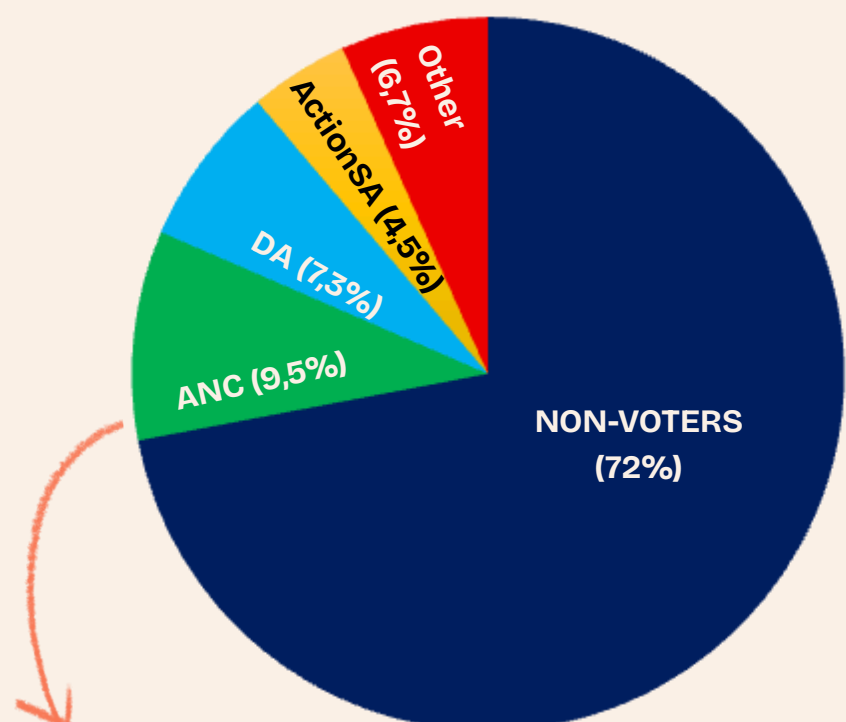
THAT MEANS THE PEOPLE GOVERNING OUR CITIES, TOWNS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS WERE ELECTED BY ONLY 30% OF CITIZENS.

In Cape Town, only 33% of the VAP voted...



The governing party received only 19% of support among the VAP.

In Johannesburg, only 28% of the VAP voted...



The governing party received only 9.5% of support among the VAP.



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HOW YOU CAN MAKE AN INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCE!

1

SHOW UP!

Make your
vote count on
4 November
2026!

2

SPEAK UP!

RESEARCH HAS SHOWN:

**SOUTH AFRICANS WITH A POLITICAL DISCUSSANT
ARE 6 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO TURN OUT TO VOTE.**

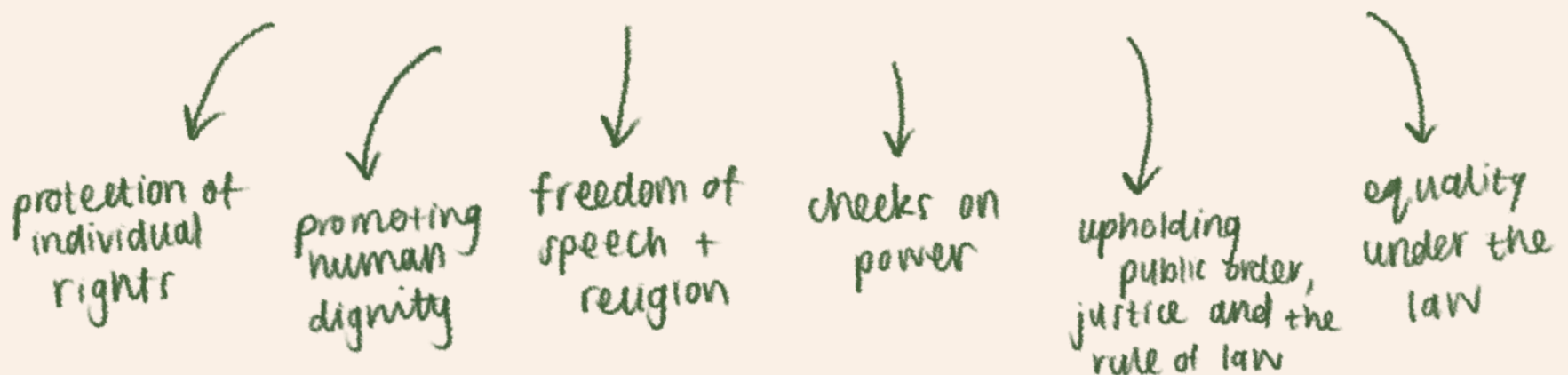
This means that when we tell our friends and family about politics and the importance of voting, they are up to 6 times more likely to vote!

**“DEMOCRACY IS THE WORST FORM OF GOVERNMENT,
EXCEPT FOR ALL THE OTHERS.”**

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

**ALTHOUGH DEMOCRACY IS IMPERFECT,
IT IS WHAT WE’VE BEEN GIVEN.**

- IT ENABLES US TO **VOICE** OUR OPINION ABOUT WHAT IS A “GOOD GOVERNMENT”.
- IT ENSURES **ACCOUNTABILITY** SINCE GOVERNMENT CAN BE VOTED OUT OF OFFICE IF THEY GOVERN POORLY.
- IT GIVES US THE CHANCE TO CHOOSE A GOVERNMENT THAT WILL FACILITATE A **PEACEFUL** AND **FLOURISHING** SOCIETY.

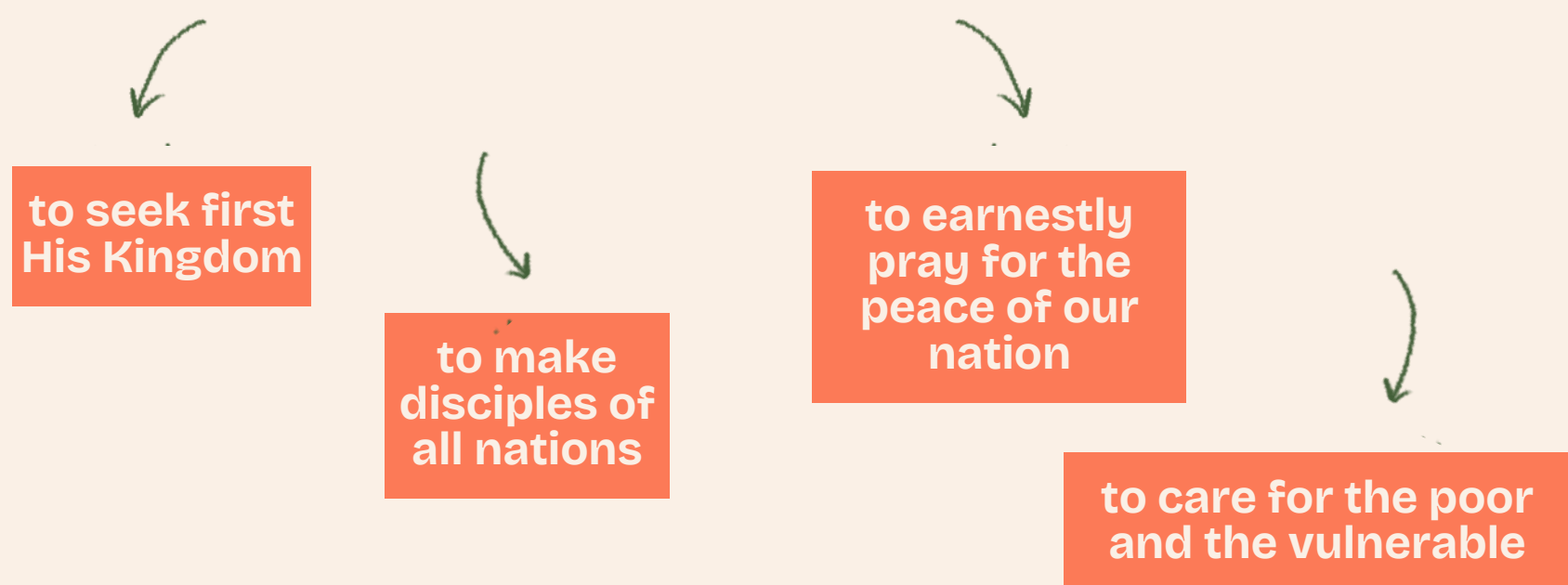


**“DEMOCRACY ALONE IS NOT THE ANSWER BUT IT
DOES GIVE US A SAY IN THE MATTER.
WITHOUT OUR VOTE AND BEING FREE TO
CONVINCE OTHERS TO VOTE FOR WHAT WE
BELIEVE IS A ‘GOOD GOVERNMENT’,
WE ARE LEFT WITH UPRISING
AND VIOLENCE.”**

CHERYLLYN DUDLEY
FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



EVEN THOUGH VOTING IS IMPORTANT, **AS THE CHURCH, WE CANNOT ABDICATE OUR GOD-GIVEN CALLING.**



**SO, GO CAST YOUR VOTE
(PRAYERFULLY AND WITH
WISDOM), KNOWING IT IS BUT
ONE PART OF REPRESENTING
THE KINGDOM THERE **WHERE
GOD HAS PLACED YOU.****