

Why is it that when politicians campaign, they promise everything to the poorest of the poor only to gain votes and forget about them when they are elected?

	ANC	DA	COPE	IFP
Privatisation	Yes – In the past it was instrumental in privatising the majority of state-owned industries and services. In its new Manifesto, it claims it wants a developmental state but is yet to take a stance against privatisation.	Yes – They are a staunch supporter of privatisation. They criticise the ANC saying they did not privatise industry and services enough.	Yes – They are former ANC members who had always been staunch supporters of privatisation. Members often complained that the ANC did not privatise fast enough	Yes – staunch supporter of privatisation. They supported all privatisation measures in parliament. They have a similar stance to the DA
Support for Growth Employment and Redistribution (GEAR) strategy	Yes - they came up with the strategy in the first place. Their new manifesto claims to be different but they continue to tell investors that economic policy will remain the same	Yes – they supported the introduction of GEAR during the 1990s and continue to support it.	Yes - COPE members such as Lekota were instrumental in helping introduce GEAR when they were in the ANC	Yes – they supported the introduction of GEAR during the 1990s and continue to support it.
Increase the housing budget as a percentage of government expenditure (to at least 5%)	No – The ANC currently has set the housing budget at 1.8% of government expenditure	No – they have opposed an increase in the housing budget. They promote a private housing market	No – leaders such as Lekota and Shilowa supported ANC's previous housing budgets so no change is likely	No – Tended to support ANC's previous housing budgets. They have never voted to increase the budget
Increasing the overall government budget	No – The ANC's budget is set by Trevor Manuel who is against increasing the amount of government spending because it is seen as a threat to private investment. This is in line with the requirements of GEAR.	No – Has generally supported Trevor Manuel and generally votes in support of the ANC budgets in terms of the size of the government budget	No – In past, these former ANC members have always voiced support for the ANC budgets in terms of the size of the government budget	No - Supports past ANC budgets in terms of the size of the government budget
Ending unemployment	No – They rely mostly on the market but they support some public works programs and job trainings.	No – They call for government not to interfere in the job market and rely on business to create jobs. Supports minimal sponsoring of job trainings; not supportive of public works	No – They support the market as a mechanism to create jobs. Supports minimal sponsoring of job trainings and public works programs	No - Rely on the market to create jobs. Supports minimal sponsoring of job trainings
Land Reform	Claim to be scrapping the willing buyer, willing seller policy. But their performance in terms of land reform has been negligible. 87% of farmland is still in the hands of white farmers. Much of what has been redistributed has gone to wealthy non-whites instead of the poor	Limited and negligible impact - Willing buyer willing seller. Their proposed policies would not put more land in the hands of the poor. Prefer to privatise state-owned land and give it to individuals.	Limited and negligible impact - Willing buyer willing seller. Their proposed policies would not put more land in the hands of the poor.	Limited and negligible impact - Willing buyer willing seller. Their proposed policies would not put more land in the hands of the poor.
Support for poor people's occupation of vacant and unused land	No	No	No	No
Do their policies promote capitalism or socialism?	Capitalism	Capitalism	Capitalism	Capitalism

The information above was primarily taken from the parties' own material, statements and manifestos. See the policies for yourself on the following websites:

www.anc.org.za

www.da.org.za

www.congressofthepeople.org.za www.ifp.org.za

ID	UDM	ACDP	UCDP	Alternative policies that would support the needs of the poor
Yes – Agrees with ANC. They claim they want a developmental state but they have supported most ANC motions towards privatisation.	Yes - Says 'privatisation is undesirable but inevitable and should not be opposed'. Very vague stance and generally supports ANC votes on the issue	Yes - staunch supporter of privatisation. They support all motions in parliament towards privatisation	Yes - staunch supporter of privatisation. They support all motions in parliament towards privatisation	No - the people must own and control all businesses. They must not be given to the rich to do as they please
Maybe - They claim to be against GEAR but they contradict themselves because they also support privatisation.	No official policy. They say globalisation is inevitable. Their rhetoric implies that they support a mixture of GEAR and the old RDP	Yes, they support GEAR. They have a similar stance to the DA	Yes, they support GEAR. They have a similar stance to the DA	No - GEAR hurts the poor because it takes control of the economy out of the people's hands and puts control of the economy in the hands of capitalists
No – Complains that housing budget is only at 1.8% but refuses to call for an increase in the budget	Maybe – Vague. The party provides the public with no numbers and make no commitment to increasing the housing budget	No - wants to decrease government budget. This would result in decrease of housing budget as well	No - wants to decrease government budget. This would result in decrease of housing budget as well	Yes - The housing budget should make up between 5% and 10% of government expenditure
No - Supports ANC budget even though their manifesto calls for a developmental state.	No - No official policy on this. In past, the UDM has failed to oppose the ANC budget. One can therefore assume they are generally in agreement with it.	No - Wants to decrease government budget and rely on businesses to help people	No - No official policy on this which therefore means they are likely to be in line with the size of the ANC budget	Yes - The government budget should be increased significantly and government should give more money to communities to set up their own development projects
No - In agreement with the ANC on job creation. Rely mostly on the market but support public works programs.	No – Rely on the market to create jobs. Supports minimal sponsoring of job trainings and helping entrepreneurs get into the market.	No - Rely on the market to create jobs. Supports minimal sponsoring of job trainings	No - Rely on the market to create jobs. Supports minimal sponsoring of job trainings	Yes - The government, by supporting local communities should guarantee employment for all South Africans
Limited and negligible impact - Supports willing buyer willing seller. Claim they would provide training and capital for new farmers.	No official policy. Limited and negligible impact. Seems to support ANC policy on land reform	Limited and negligible impact - Supports willing buyer willing seller. Claims they would slightly increase budget.	Limited and negligible impact - Supports the willing buyer, willing seller. Support the privatisation of land tenure	Yes - Every South African has a right to their own piece of land. Land should be redistributed to poor communities immediately. In rural areas, every family should have access to enough land to feed their families. In urban areas, no one should pay anyone else rent on where they live.
No	No	No	No	Yes - If land is not being used for anything, poor people have the right to occupy it and use it to feed themselves
Capitalism	Capitalism	Capitalism	Capitalism	Socialism – an economic system based on equality and cooperation rather than competition and profit