

Budget Debate on Vote 1: The Presidency

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Speaker so many South Africans are walking around tossed between desperation and boiling anger.

Traveling around, talking to students, people in the townships, people in churches -

They have lost trust in our democracy, in the crooks in government, in our Parliament, in the Public protector, in our courts. They have no trust in our democratic system.

What happened to the plight of our democracy?

When we asked questions like Phala Phala, Lady R we are being called counter-revolutionary and many other names.

Like former President Zuma, President Ramaphosa must also account to the nation.

This is the crux of democracy.

We call on you Mr President to speak truth to power. Responsibility and accountability are vital for our democracy without accountability our democracy means nothing.

The power that you have is power entrusted to you.

We have witnessed so many injustices under your leadership.

So many U-turns.

A U-turn about US dollars stolen from your farm. A U-turn with the national disaster announcement on Electricity. A U-turn on the country's relationship with the international court, A U-turn on announcing your resignation, a U-turn on your decision to take the Section 89 independent panel report under review

Sadly with no shame, no rumours, and no accountability, seems the only thing left on Lady CR is a loaded thick fat skin with a bloated presidency, a crowd of Ministers and Deputy Ministers reshuffled in the midst of corruption charges.

There is no difference between former President Zuma and Mr Ramaphosa.

The only difference is there is a Premier and a wounded Buffalo league.

Investigations against our President of alleged money laundering at Phala Phala, it is true what they say when a fish rots from the head down.

During the Deputy President's reign as Human Settlements MEC, the Gauteng Government was accused of Squandering R1.3 Billion meant to improve Alexandra.

The state capture commission found that Minister Mantashe be investigated for Corruption

The Secretary-General Fikile Mbalula went on holiday with dirty money, an R680 000 holiday to Dubai paid by a company that supplied his department at the time.

An allowance from Bosasa for Nomvula Mokonyane's daughter for R50 000.00 per month, contracts awarded in her name, and a PPE tender scandal of R2.7 million.

We are not surprised, only a few have been dealt with by your step-aside rule, let alone by the NPA.

Blood has been shed for our democracy. People died for this democracy.

Hon Steenhuisen, the ANC have a culture of not responding to our rebuttals. At times we faced multiple abusive remarks. They apologise to some but not to us.

It doesn't matter who said what about us, our party or our members.

With Honourable Koornhof, Honourable McDonald and on this side of the house with Lotriet, Kruger, and Wilson on this side of the house there is no difference between them, the only difference is that those sitting on this side of the house belong to a corrupt party.

We are all African too.

I am an African child.

Coloured's, Indians and blacks are been called names for being members of the Democratic Alliance.

You can call us names -

We will stand up.

You can push us aside with racist laws.

We will come back to the centre again because we are beautiful,

We will not give up. No one will steal our moonshot dream, no one will steal our hopes. The DA will continue to grow and will continue to flourish and improve the lives of its residents who live in DA governments. In fact, it was just announced today that the best-run municipalities in South Africa are under DA governance or DA-led coalitions, and the worst-rated municipalities, are proudly brought to you by the ANC.

Speaker we are proud of our leader John Steenhuisen. He is a proud, tried and tested Leader, building a new majority while on this side of the house, there are those who are making this country a sick kleptocracy, stealing everything they can, that's why today we have daily rolling blackouts, children dying in pit toilets, thousands of rapes and murders every month, and a Rand that is at the worst level in its history.

We ask South Africans today, to vote for the DA in 2024 and let us show you the DA difference where South Africa will flourish. Where the DA governs, it governs well.

Where the ANC governs, it governs with corruption and cadre deployment.

2024 is our chance to show the ANC that we are tired of their excuses, of their blatant corruption and maladministration, and lets kick them out of the Union Buildings come 2024.