



# P20 WOMEN'S PARLIAMENT

*“Accelerating Equality, Sustainability and Shared Growth”*

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**Topic: Women's Charter Perspective: Deconstructing Patriarchy and Inequality in Political and Civic life (Governance and Decision making): Advancing Women's Adequate Representation Across the Three Sphere of Government.**

# Introduction

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- ▶ **South African values** as enshrined in the Constitution: Human dignity, the achievement of equality and the advancement of human rights and freedoms and Non-racialism and non-sexism.
- ▶ **patriarchy** (social organization, social structure, social system, hypothetical social system in which the father or a male elder has absolute authority over the family group; by extension, one or more men (as in a council) exert absolute authority over the community as a whole and misogyny, hatred or prejudice against women, typically exhibited by men).
- ▶ **The Women's Charter** states that "We women do not form a society separate from the men. There is only one society, and it is made up of both women and men. As women we share the problems and anxieties of our men and join hands with them to remove social evils and obstacles to progress."
- ▶ **Inequality Imbalance/inequity/inconsistency.** Five systems or types of social inequality: wealth inequality, treatment and responsibility inequality, political inequality, life inequality, and membership inequality. Political inequality
- ▶ **Resource equity** – Indicators of men's and women's asset ownership and control are important measures used to monitor gender equality.
- ▶ **Governance** – Gender equality in positions of decision-making, as well as political representation, are important not only from an empowerment perspective
- ▶ **Civic life** a good synonym for "civic life" is public life. . Essentially, it refers to the aspects of a person's life that involve participation in the affairs of their community or nation, as opposed to their private or personal life

## Paragraph body (Evidence based)

- **Purpose:** Explore persistent structural and cultural barriers that limit women's full and equal participation in political, civic and SA 's constitutional democracy have translated into adequate representation of women at all levels of government – national, provincial and local.
- **Main Argument:** Persistence of structural and cultural barriers that limit women adequate representation/participation in political, civic National, Provincial and local.
- **Parties in parliament**

ANC	40,52	159
DA	22,21	87
MKP	14,63	58
EFF	9,86	39
IFP	4117	17
PA	2,16	9
FF PLUS	1,45	6
ACTION SA	1,31	6
ACDP	0,60	3
RISE	0,44	2
BOSA	0,43	2
ATM	0,41	2
AL JAMA-AH	0,29	2
National Coloured Congress	0,27	2
Pan African Congress	0,24	1
United African Trans	0,21	1
GOOD Party	0,21	1

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## ➤ Election Commission:

➤ According to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), on 29 May 2024, there were 27.8 million registered voters for general elections. 15,288,163 were females and 12,384,101 were males. Only 16.3 million eligible people voted.

## ➤ Voters

➤ Female 55%

➤ Male 44%

## ➤ Youth Exclusive male dominant!

➤ 53% ANC

➤ 54 % EFF

➤ 32 % DA

➤ 35 % MK

➤ 29 % IFP

## Facts and Figures:

➤ Identity theft cases.

➤ **ISSA** also confirms the drop of women/ gender inclusion in parliament, with women being 43% and men 57%

## ➤ Parliament

➤ Female 43%

➤ Male 57 %

➤ 18 – 19 Years M 184 062 F 227 560

➤ 20 – 29 Years M 1, 858, 968 F 2, 288, 058

➤ 30 – 39 Year M 3, 076 436 F 3, 603 372

➤ 40 – 49 Years M 2 , 903 854 F 3, 214, 038

➤ 50- 59 Years 2 %

➤ 60 – 69 years 2 %

➤ Staggering : 375 493 females

➤ 70 – 79 years **double of staggering**

➤ 55 ,2 % Women

➤ 44,75 % Male

# Call to Action

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- ▶ A first major confrontation was with the women, when the regime attempted to extend the Pass Laws/ Home Affairs/ illegal migrants/ ID & Birth Certificates capture.
- ▶ Political Parties stance and support for Gender Inclusive.
- ▶ **Cultural Constraints:** Traditional and cultural norms often restrict women's roles and opportunities, reinforcing gender inequality.
- ▶ **Cultural Sensitivity Training:** Offer training programs for community leaders and members to promote gender equality and respect for women's rights.
- ▶ Triple Oppression: (Class, Race, Gender)
- ▶ **Economic Empowerment Programs**
- ▶ **Anti-Discrimination Policies**
- ▶ **Cultural Competency Training**
- ▶ **Leadership Development**
- ▶ **Gender Equality Workshops**
- ▶ **Inclusive Leadership**
- ▶ **Empowerment Programs**
- ▶ **Entrepreneurship Support**
- ▶ **Regional and International Cooperation**

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