



# SOUTH AFRICA: CURRENT GOVERNMENT



CONSTITUTION  
of the  
Republic of South Africa



# CONSTITUTION

# HISTORY

- 1910: Voting rights only for Whites
- 1961: Republic
- 1983: Tricameral (white, coloured, indian) parliament
- 1994 (Interim constitution): Rights for everyone

A photograph capturing a historic moment as Nelson Mandela, seated in the foreground, signs the South African Constitution. He is wearing a patterned shirt and is focused on the document. Behind him stand several men in suits, including one in a dark suit with a red tie who is smiling. To the left, a man in a blue suit and a gold chain of office looks on. A small South African flag is on the table. The background shows other people, including a woman in a colorful hat.

## CURRENT CONSTITUTION (1996)

- Past inequality was considered
- Human rights play an important part
- Eleven official languages

A close-up photograph showing a person's hands in a grey suit jacket and a striped tie. The person is holding a brown envelope in their left hand and using a metal pin in their right hand to mark a ballot in a ballot box. The ballot box is a light-colored metal tray with a slot. The text "ELECTORAL SYSTEM" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

# ELECTORAL SYSTEM



# PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

- Half of the seats determined by provincial lists

## IMPORTANT PARTIES

- African National Congress (ANC): ~ 58 %
- Democratic Alliance (DA): ~ 21 %
- Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF): ~ 11 %

# DOMINATION OF THE ANC

- Historic Events
- Charismatic Leaders
- Constitutional Rules

Possible threat: Higher GDP per capita and education could be linked to voting DA.



**GOVERNMENT**



# LEGISLATIVE

Located in Cape Town

- National Assembly consists of 400 members
- National Council of Provinces



# EXECUTIVE

Located in Pretoria

Is made up of the President, Deputy President and the Minister



# JUDICIARY

Legal system based on Roman-Dutch law and English common law

- Magistrates' Courts
- High Courts
- Supreme Court of Appeal
- Constitutional Court

A photograph showing a person in a white lab coat handing a stack of US dollar bills to another person in a dark suit. The scene is dimly lit, with a blueish tint. The text 'CORRUPTION' is overlaid in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below it, the text 'Robust anti-corruption framework, but laws are inadequately enforced' is also overlaid in white, uppercase letters.

# CORRUPTION

Robust anti-corruption framework, but laws are inadequately enforced

**HUMAN RIGHTS**

# POLITICAL RIGHTS, WELFARE, HEALTH

HUMAN

RIGHTS

FOR

ALL

- Basic political freedoms but some cases of political repression
- Welfare needs some improvements
- Problems with racial disparities still exist
- Lack of resources and beds in hospitals, problems with Malaria and HIV/AIDS



# SEXUAL AND LGBT RIGHTS

- Issues concerning gender inequality in court cases
- Many cases of rape
- Same-sex marriage legalized 2006



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