

# Worse than apartheid: Neocolonialism in South Africa today

While much of the world believes that freedom has been won in South Africa, the **Pan Africanist Congress** exposes that in fact conditions for Africans today are worse than under the apartheid system.

According to the Human Sciences Research Council, South African households have sunk deeper into poverty since the ruling African National Congress (ANC) came to power, and the gap between the white settler population and impoverished Africans has widened. The ANC is the party of Nelson Mandela and current president Thabo Mbeki. Today:

- Current average life expectancy in South Africa is 48 years.
- 96 percent of South African farmland is still owned by white people who make up only 13 percent of the population.
- South Africa is considered a “developed” country, yet 61 percent of Africans live in poverty, as opposed to only one percent of whites.
- 34 percent of Africans in South Africa live on less than \$2 a day.
- Under this severe poverty many African adults and children are forced to search through garbage for daily subsistence.
- A two-tiered economic system persists with the poorest 20 percent of the population receiving only 1.6 percent of the income.
- Rural unemployment is 70 percent for African people.
- South Africa now has nearly 200,000 people in prison, by far the largest prison population in Africa.
- 80 percent of South African prisoners are there largely because of “poverty and joblessness and the frustrations that they cause,” according to the South African *Business Day* newspaper.
- 85 percent of people in South Africa have no health insurance.

## Vision of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania

The mission of PAC is to unite and rally African people into one national front for self-determination on the basis of Pan Africanism and socialism committed to the absolute destruction of white supremacy and all forms of domination.

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