CHARTER OF ELECTION ETHICS



Working together for free and fair elections for all

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Act Ethically!
Vote Responsibly!

What is an ethical election?

An ethical election is one where all election role players work together to make sure that it is free and fair.

An election is ethical when ...

1 Voters, parties, independent and organisers show acceptance of the outcome.



2 Organisers are neutral.

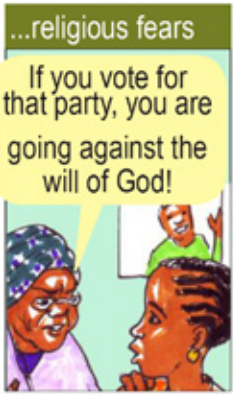


3 All role players take their election duties and responsibilities seriously.

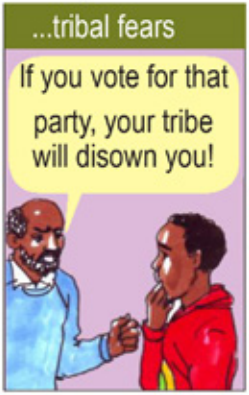


4 Everyone is free to vote as they choose. No-one should try to influence voters by using ...

...religious fears



...tribal fears



...racial fears



...or threats of violence



5 There is accountability to the people.



6 All political campaigning promotes tolerance and integrity.



7 The voting system is trusted



8 There is respect for the election outcome.



Working together for Ethical Elections

We all have a role to play to make elections free and fair for everyone:

What is the role of the IEC?



To carry out election processes honestly, fairly and accurately.



Also, nothing about the election process may be hidden from the public. This is called transparency.

There is no room for mistakes, big or small.

What is the role of political parties?



Political parties must choose leaders who are trustworthy and who have integrity.



... treat all people with respect for their beliefs and choices.

Political parties must not...



... lie to or mislead voters with false promises.

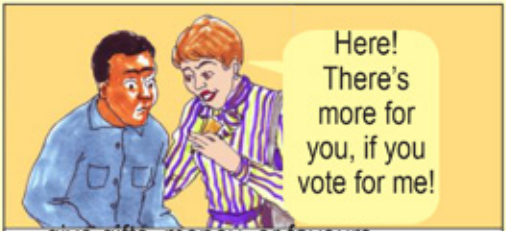
... use race, religion or tradition to make people vote for them.



... use violence,



...whether emotional, physical or verbal.



... give gifts, money, or favours to get votes.



...use taxpayers' money to fund their voter campaigns.

What is the role of ...

... the media?



To report all election stories, without taking sides.

... the police and the army?

...to protect the safety of all.



... and to maintain law and order.

... independent observers?

To make sure that election processes are free and fair...



... and to record successes and challenges.

What is the role of rate payers, community organisations and the youth?

Get involved. Think of ways that you can help promote the spirit of democracy and ubuntu.



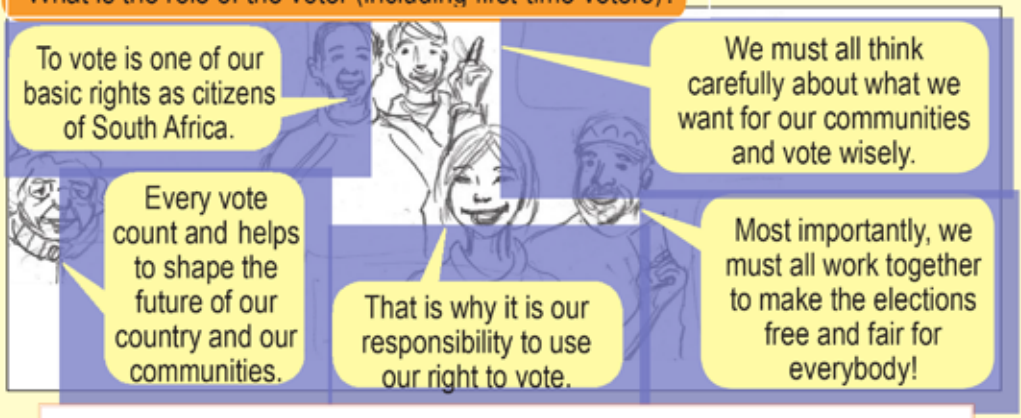
For example, you could volunteer to help with electoral processes.

Or you could help the elderly or disabled to reach voting stations ...



... especially in rural or remote areas

What is the role of the voter (including first-time voters)?



When an election is ethical, every vote is valued no matter what party it supports. In this way every voice is heard, and democracy is upheld.

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