

The Golden Age of Julius Malema – Cllr Yagyah Adams - Cape Muslim congress

I am certain that the DA leadership more than anyone is going to long for Julius Malema. Who else could frighten minority communities to such a degree that they would vote for any political alternative purely to exclude the ANCYL. While most minorities love to hate him; some enjoyed the fact that he scared the arrogance out of the black and white elite. Julius Malema secured more votes for the opposition in the Western Cape than Helen Zille ever could. Many opposition election campaigns were built around his ill-tempered outbursts and Neanderthal logic.

Who else had the chutzpa to refer to the leader of the opposition in Parliament as a “tea girl”? This was as epic as referring to the President as the “shower man”. His insinuation to some local born politicians as “those comrades who speak with foreign accents” drew much veiled laughter in the same way that his ability to raise the level for political satire will remain unchallenged. Politicians, who usually regard themselves as overtly important, allowed Julius the space to remind them of their vulnerability. His ability to manipulate mass emotion with speech is legendary and a classic skill which few politicians possess. While many continue to despise Julius, the unskilled and unemployed youth admire his aptitude to achieve a millionaire’s lifestyle without a university degree or any practical employable talents. Julius Malema like him or not, has leadership skills.

In our mundane lives we all need something to loath, even hate; some despise their bosses, while others dislike their in-laws. Based on an assessment of political trends, I have concluded that every nation requires a national flag, an anthem and a national enemy. For example, the United States is currently overtly/covertly in conflict with the Afghans, the Iraqis, the Pakistanis, the Sudanese, the Somalia’s, the Palestinians, Al Qaeda, the Taliban, the Egyptians, the Yemenis and the Iranians. The British are preparing for war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands while Europe collapses under its economic war against cheap Chinese imports. By fixing attention on the national enemy, citizens are unable to focus on its governments domestic weaknesses. Unlike the US and the UK who constantly engage in war, we have Julius Malema, courtesy of the ANCYL as our national nemeses.

Is it not possible that for the past few years, that Malema’s antics was formulated to distract the average citizen while the new political aristocracy and the BEE oligarchy [the post-Mbeki era] began their “reign of consumption”? For example, when- ever Julius spoke, he was usually quoted and pictured on the front page while the opinions of learned professors and qualified academics were abrogated or articulated on page 20 of the daily newspapers.

Simultaneously in the “**Glorious Era of Julius**” inequality and unemployment increased and the cost of living soared. Neo-liberal economic policy grew stronger while a bread costs almost R10 and petrol is unaffordable. Politicians, who earn millions, spend lavishly on hotels and attend useless international talk shops. While Julius beats the drums of nationalization, Shell wants to Frack the Karoo. To the tune of “kill the farmer kill the Boer” those dancing will soon realize that without the farmer and an organised “bread mafia” at work, we may soon pay R20 a loaf. Finally, with all the hysteria around the Design Indaba and Cape Town as a modern city, do Capetonians know that soon we will all be drinking recycled toilet water, with or without a unqualified audit?