

A Bit Dictatorial, But Who Cares?

AS a peaceful and law-abiding citizen I have no problem with the new face of our NBC. For me personally it is even better than before.

I would like to congratulate our President on his decision - it was bit dictatorial but as long as it is good and beneficial, who cares.

As a nation struck with all sorts of violence and very a high crime rate I don't think that there is need to see more violence on TV. Even sex movies are not of much use (this includes NBC pornos) because our population growth is already over international standard. Violent movies are also very harmful for those who has been traumatised by the criminals, especially women. To speed up their healing process violent movies are not recommended.

For those who are still thirsty for violence there are DSTV channels. As I heard, the ruling party holds some shares in it, so by paying for TV at the same time you are contributing to our peace and political stability. For those who find it boring and cannot afford DSTV they can go to sleep much earlier or have fun with their family members. That is going to improve our family lives and our high divorce rate is going to drop.

This is for me the right way to see it and judge the new situation. We must concentrate ourselves on more positive aspects and not jump up and start to criticise our President and Mr Kaumbi - they know what they doing. Despite the recent punch-up among our comrades at the NBC studio I am not convinced at all that

violent movies beget crime or cause violence.

I can tell you, even if our President was convinced that the previous NBC "bad movies" were poisoning our youth he cannot use his power, let's say, to arrest Mr. Kaumbi and his associates. Because all they did was provide entertainment.

All of us are aware that alcohol is the chief culprit of many evils like road accidents, domestic violence etc. There is no law under which you can bring shebeen owners or any alcohol producers to justice. They are all protected by our Constitution. We have no sharia law like our Muslim brothers in Nigeria. According to some statistics 87,5 per cent of babies in Namibia are born out of wedlock. Just imagine if we had to stone so many parents to death. There wouldn't be enough stones.

Most of us do not have the time to realise how violent this world of ours really is. What about thousands of innocent animals we kill every year? For these cruel acts we have even very fancy names, like harvesting, fishing, hunting etc. Well, this is the food production not any violence, and for food production you cannot be arrested anywhere in the world unless you are busy with farming in neighbouring Zimbabwe. How you can accuse President Mugabe of violence?

What he is busy with we call in Namibia the "liberation struggle". You cannot hold him guilty for ethnic cleansing and extradite him to Hague like they did with Milosevic.

Poor Milosevic couldn't claim that he was involved in a liberation struggle in Kosovo, because the days of liberation in Europe are long gone. Where we can draw the line?

I have not seen myself any court case for the killing of an unborn baby. This we call "abortion" - a part of family planning. In Europe, because they are more advanced in hygiene and women's rights they call it also "cleaning". An unborn child is mere dirt, but we in primitive Africa still have some values.

What about the Bible? The Old Testament is also full of violence. You cannot ban this holy book because it is our constitutional right to practise the religion of our choice. Millions of people were killed years before the TV was even invented.

As I already mentioned we cannot blame violent movies for all these types of violence. What do you think about these naughty boys like George W. Bush, Ariel Sharon, Saddam Hussein or Osama bin Laden? They didn't spend their lives watching violent movies. Osama didn't even have the chance to watch because televisions was banned in Afghanistan under the Taliban regime. Where did he learn all his dirty tricks?

For every one of us violence only ceases the day we enter into spiritual worlds. As long as our immortal spirit is trapped in our physical body violence will always remain a part of our survival. Down with violence.

Viva President Sam Nujoma.

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