

South Africa set for pivotal election

The ruling *African National Congress* may lose its parliamentary majority for the first time since Nelson Mandela swept to power after the end of apartheid 30 years ago

Support*

40.2%

21.9%

11.5%

8.4%



African National Congress (ANC)
Led by President **Cyril Ramaphosa**, its support has dwindled in recent years due to stubbornly high unemployment, persistent inequality, allegations of corruption and rampant crime

Democratic Alliance (DA)
Pro-business party led by **John Steenhuisen**, wants to scrap ANC's Black empowerment scheme in favour of policies focused on reducing poverty regardless of skin colour

Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)
Led by **Julius Malema**, party presents itself as Marxist, advocating nationalisation of industries and land redistribution to redress racial economic imbalances

uMkhonto we Sizwe (MK)
Newly formed party boosted by endorsement of former president **Jacob Zuma**, who has fallen out with ANC. MK could make strong showing in Zuma's home province of KwaZulu-Natal

Other parties include socially conservative **Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP)**, led by **Velenkosini Hlabisa**, and **ActionSA**, led by former Johannesburg mayor **Herman Mashaba**

Parties and candidates seek election to 400-seat National Assembly under proportional representation system

*Ipsos poll of 2,545 respondents, conducted Mar 9-Apr 15. Margin of error ± 1.9 points