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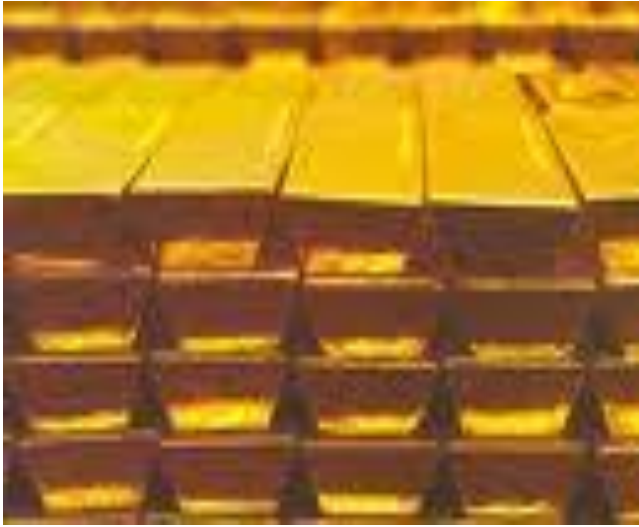
Lecture 06

The Elites and National Transformation

Session Objectives

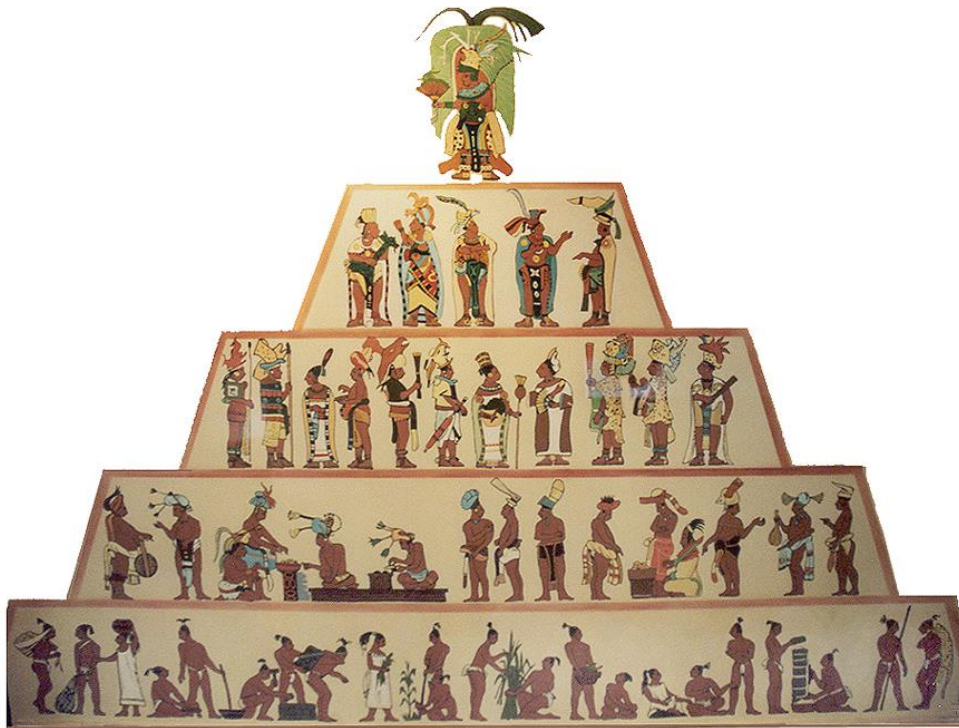
- 1. To demystify the concept 'elite' in the context of national transformation.**
- 2. To Learn from the Elites who rose to the challenge of their times.**
- 3. To have a snapshot of the various platforms and vehicles to effect National Transformation**

How Rich Am I?



- <https://www.givingwhatwecan.org>
- Annual Disposable Income?
- No. of Adults in your Household?
- No. of Children in your Household?
- How does it relate to the rest of the world?

(I)- The ELITE?

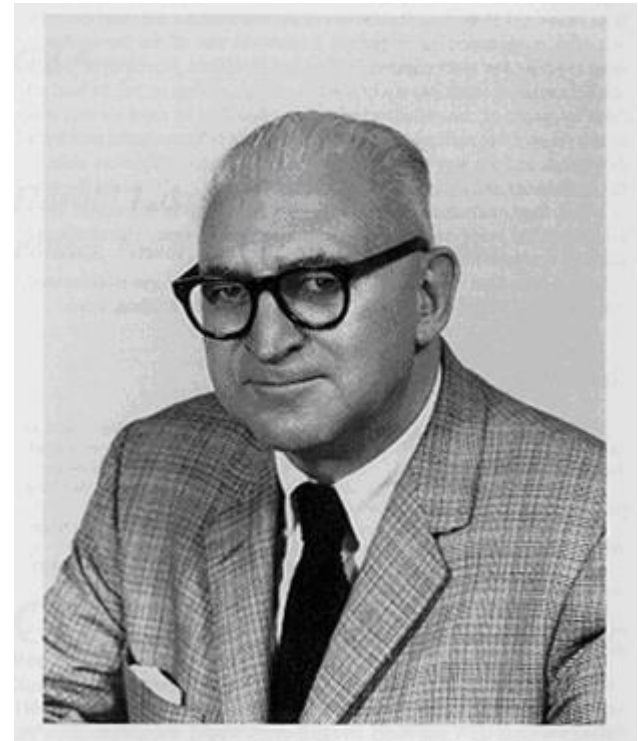


The word ‘elite’ was first used in the 17th century to refer to the superiority of a particular thing or object.

The ELITE?

Who is Elite?

The Elites are those with ***greatest access to and control of values*** ... holders of high positions in a given society'



Political Scientist H.D. Lasswell

The ELITE?

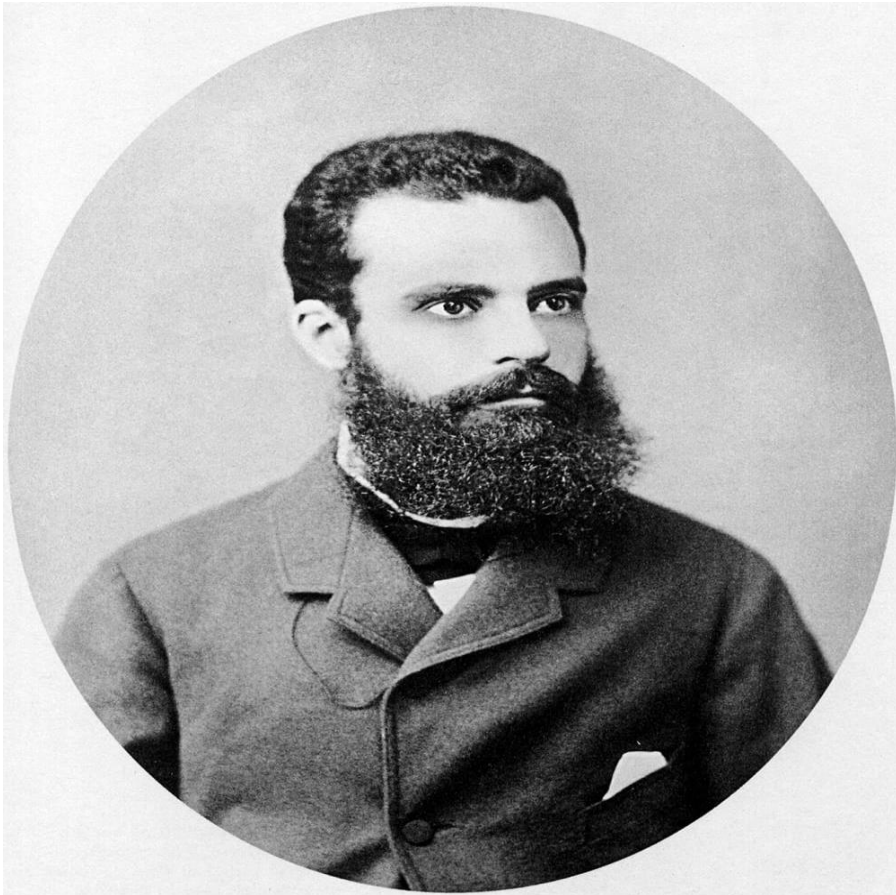
Types of the Elites ...

- a) ***Political Elites (Elites of Power)***
- b) ***Business Elites (Elites of Wealth)***
- c) ***Social Elites (Elites of Respect)***
- d) ***Intellectual Elites (Elites of Knowledge)***
- e) ***Religious Elites (Elites of Faith)***



The term ELITE

Vilfredo Pareto (1963)



- A class of the people who have the **highest indices** in their branch of activity.
- A **small group** of 'people in a society who possess in marked degree, qualities of **intelligence**, **character**, **skill** and **capacity** of whatever kind'

The term ELITE

C. W. Mills (1956)

‘Elite is composed of men who have the most of what there is to have money, power and prestige who are able to realize their will, **even if others resist it.**’



ARE YOU ELITE?

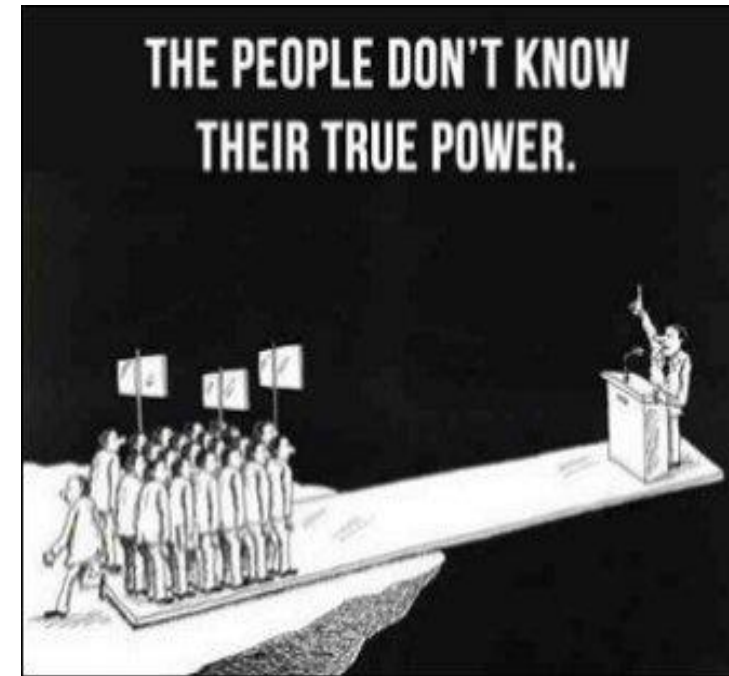


Do you agree with these Statements?

- “The elites are the most useless people we have in Uganda. Hell should reserve the hottest part for elites. They have the duty to make choices and guide the population to the truth but they are the very people selling themselves like pancakes.”
- “God will forgive those who are ignorant but if you get the message and in-spite of that you do everything to negate it, then you are the most dangerous person. You just go to the hottest part of hell.”
- “In Uganda, if you put money on a rat trap, you will, rest assured, find elite.”

(II) - Instructions to the Elites

Command those who are rich in this present age **not to be haughty**, **nor to trust in uncertain riches** but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. **Let them do good**, that they **be rich in good works**, **ready to give**, **willing to share**, **storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come**, that they may lay hold on eternal life.



~ **Timothy of Lystra in Asia Minor**



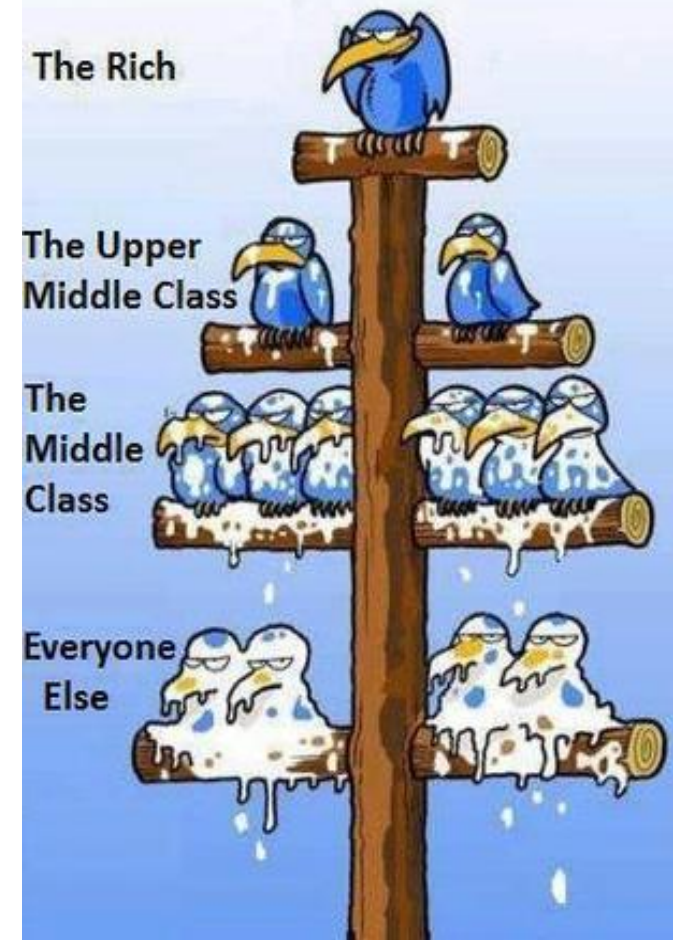
Mother Teresa



*“At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by ‘**I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was naked and you clothed me, I was homeless and you took me in.**’ Hungry not only for bread — but **hungry for love**. Naked not only for clothing — but **naked for human dignity and respect**. Homeless not only for want of a room of bricks — but **homeless because of rejection.**”*

The Resurrection of Aristocratic Elitism

A form of societal order that places power in the hands of a small and privileged ruling class. The “rule of the best” (Greek *aristokratia*).



Ralph Waldo Emerson



*“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be **useful**, to be **honorable**, to be **compassionate**, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”*

Ralph Waldo Emerson



“Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.”

Charles De Lint

“I don’t want to live in the kind of world where we don’t look out for each other. Not just the people that are close to us, but anybody who needs a helping hand. I can’t change the way anybody else thinks, or what they choose to do, but I can do my bit.”





The glaring question is ...

Why are our African elites not really driving us toward development?

Bernie Sanders

A nation will not survive
morally or economically
when so few have so
much, while so much
have so little.





(III) – The Role of the Elite in Development

- We must redefine our roles and responsibility in the society.
- We are only blessed by God in order to be a blessing to humanity.
- We have been raised by God to serve as a platform to raise others up.
- We are enlightened to become torch bearers to those in darkness.



We are only as rich as our community is:-

- If our community is poor, even if we swim in money, we are truly poor and of all men most miserable.
- We are not enlightened so long as somebody in our society is in darkness.
- We are not elite as far as someone around us is crawling.
- We are not fed when anyone around us is hungry.
- We are not privileged if we are surrounded by disadvantaged people.

Warren Buffet

“If you’re 1 in the luckiest 1% of humanity, you owe it to the rest of humanity to think about the other 99%”





The Overarching Challenge ...

As a privileged person, you must find someone else who is less privileged to make them understand and attain the level you have attained.

- If you can read, find those you can teach to read.
- If you can write, teach those who can't write.
- If you can work teach others the value of labor.
- If you are computer literate, give that gift to someone else



The Overarching Challenge ...

- If you can dress, show somebody else how to dress.
- If you know how to make money, start a **school of economic empowerment**.
- If you know, who would you teach? If you were blessed by somebody else, who would you be a blessing to? If you were noticed, who would you notice?
- **What PROJECT do you have to bless Humanity?**

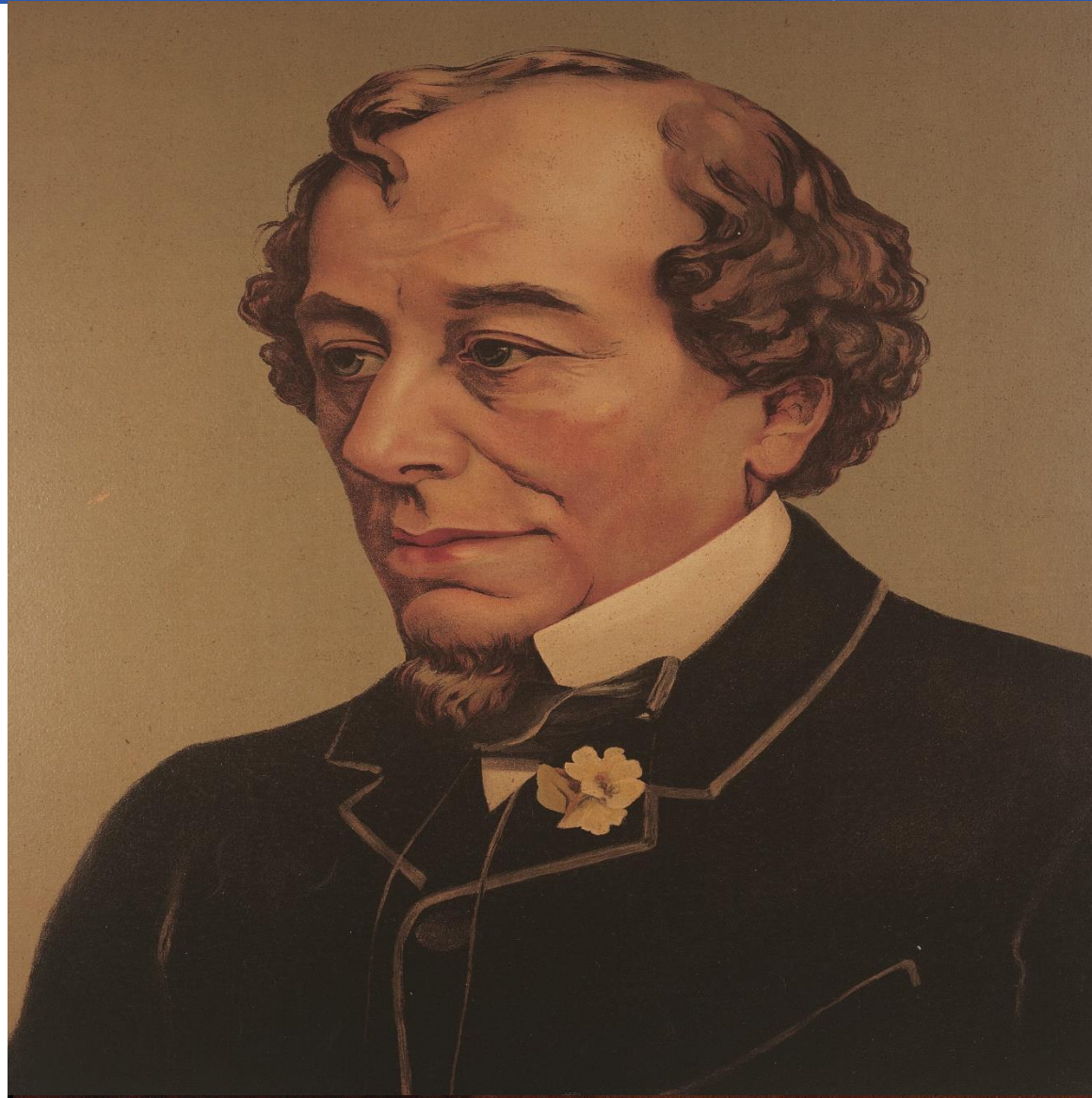


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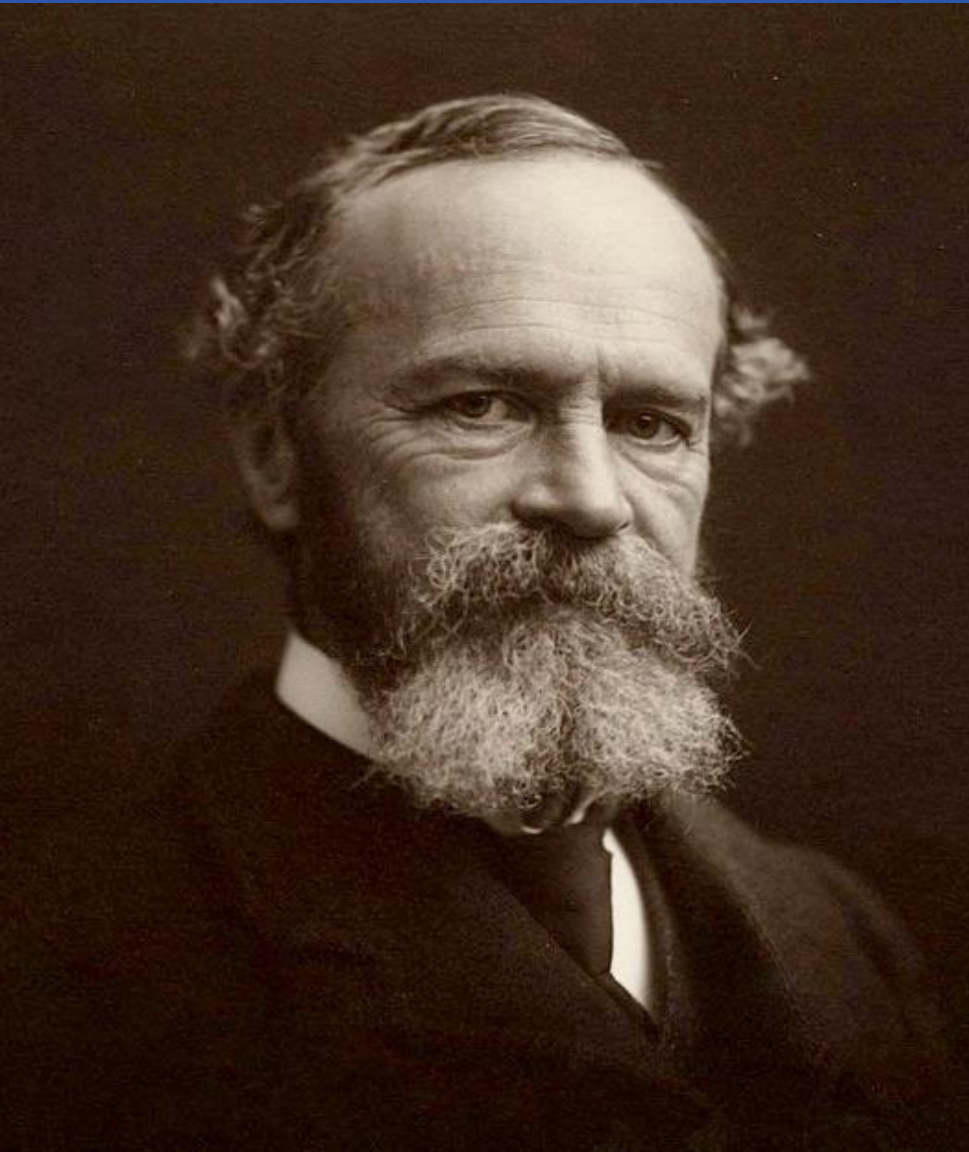
- How many people are you lifting?
- How many people are you enlightening?
- How many people are you raising?
- How many people are you blessing?
- How many people are you restoring?

Disraeli

“The greatest good you can do for another is not just share your riches, but reveal to them their own.”



William James



***The greatest use of
life is to spend it for
something that will
outlast it.***



John Holmes



“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

(IV) - Role of the Elite, NELSON MANDELA



Rolihlahla Mandela was born in Transkei, South Africa on July 18, 1918. His first name could be interpreted, prophetically, as "troublemaker." The Nelson was added later, by a teacher.

July 18, 1918 – December 5, 2013

Growing Up During Apartheid

- Mandela grew up on cattle herding farm until the death of his father. Mandela then lived with a powerful relative, the acting regent of the Thembu people.
- Years of daily exposure to the inhumanities of apartheid, where being black reduced one to the status of a non-person, ***kindled in him a kind of absurd courage to change the world.***



His Start



- 1942 – Law degree from Univ. S. Africa
- 1952 – African National Congress (A.N.C.) deputy national president

Passive Resistance to Apartheid



At first, Mandela opted for nonviolence as a strategy to defeat apartheid. He became involved in programs that fought against the laws that forced blacks to carry passes.

Persecution



Despite the peaceful protests, the government decided to charge protestors at one event of “treason,” including Mandela. The trial dragged on for five years, until 1961, ending in the acquittal of all 156 accused. Mandela was a free man, sort of.

Persecution



But by the time Mandela was acquitted, South Africa had been convulsed by the massacre of 69 peaceful black demonstrators at Sharpeville in March 1960. They were killed by the South African government who wanted to stop the resistant movement. All of them were innocent, peaceful protestors.

After the Sharpesville Massacre

- After the massacre, black South Africans were outraged.
- Many South Africans realized that peaceful protests and civil disobedience would not overturn apartheid. As a result, many turned to violence as a means to end apartheid.
- The government didn't stop with the Sharpesville Massacre. Most liberation movements, including the A.N.C., were banned.



Resistance

- Consequently, Mandela traveled to other countries to recruit people to join the A.N.C. (African National Congress) a liberation organization and he continued to organize resistance against Apartheid.
- When Mandela returned to the country, he was arrested again and awaited trial in a prison on Robben Island.





Resistance

Mandela was prepared to die for his beliefs:

*"During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to the struggle of the African people. I have fought against **white domination**, and I have fought against **black domination**. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which **all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities**. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But, **if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.**"*

~ Nelson Mandela

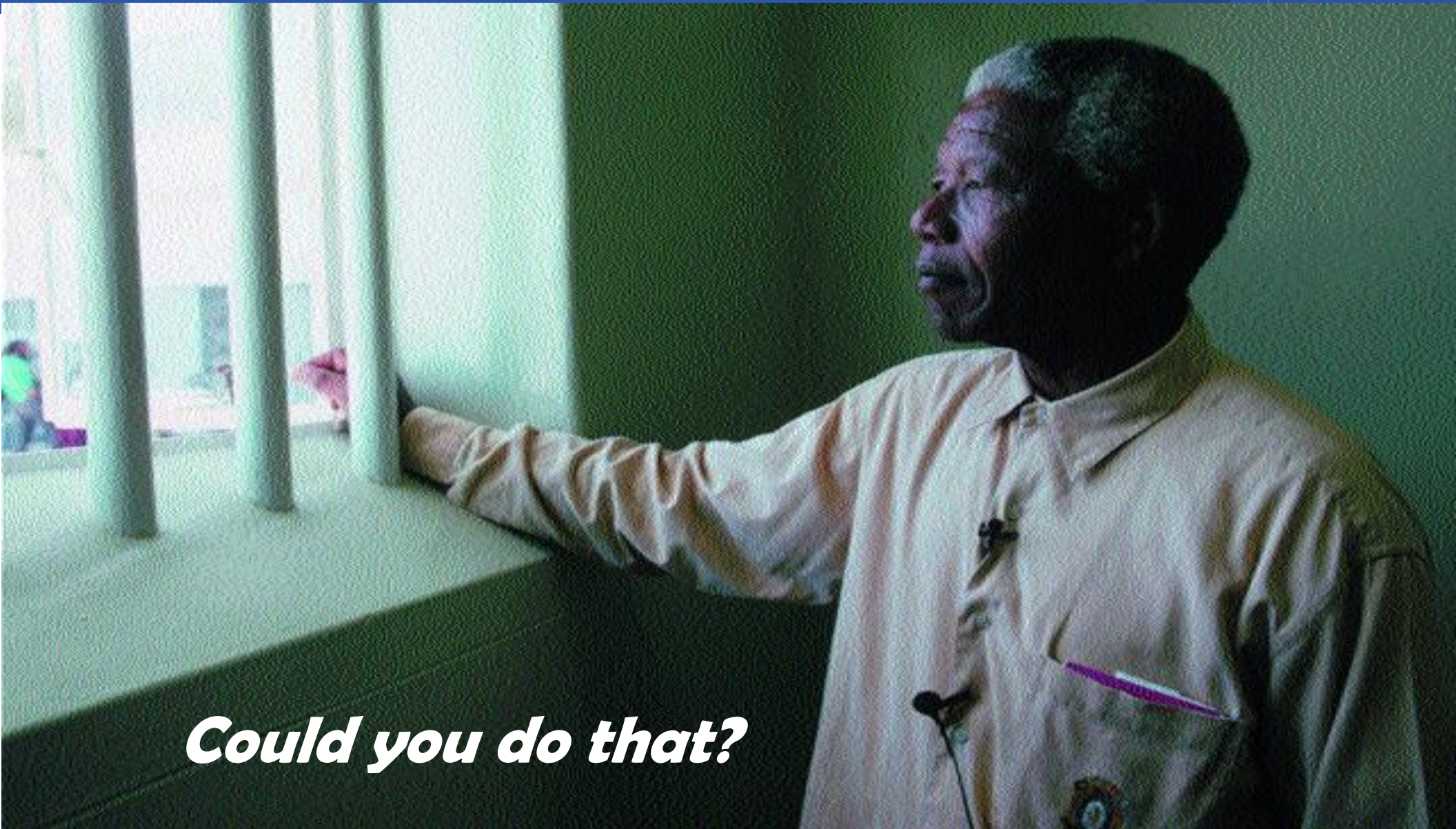
Life in Prison

- But Mandela was not executed. Instead he was convicted of sabotage and sentenced to life in prison.
- He would serve 27 years in prison before being released. Most of his sentence was served in one tiny cell. The only time Mandela was let out of his cell was to perform backbreaking labor.





Mandela jailed 1964 - 1990



Could you do that?

"Freedom in Our Lifetime!"

- After more than two decades in prison, Mandela decided on a new approach. He was escorted to the State President's office to start negotiating not only his own release but also the nation's transition from apartheid to democracy.
- On Feb. 2, 1990, President F.W. de Klerk lifted the ban on the A.N.C. and announced Mandela's imminent release. Mandela was free at last!





Victories!

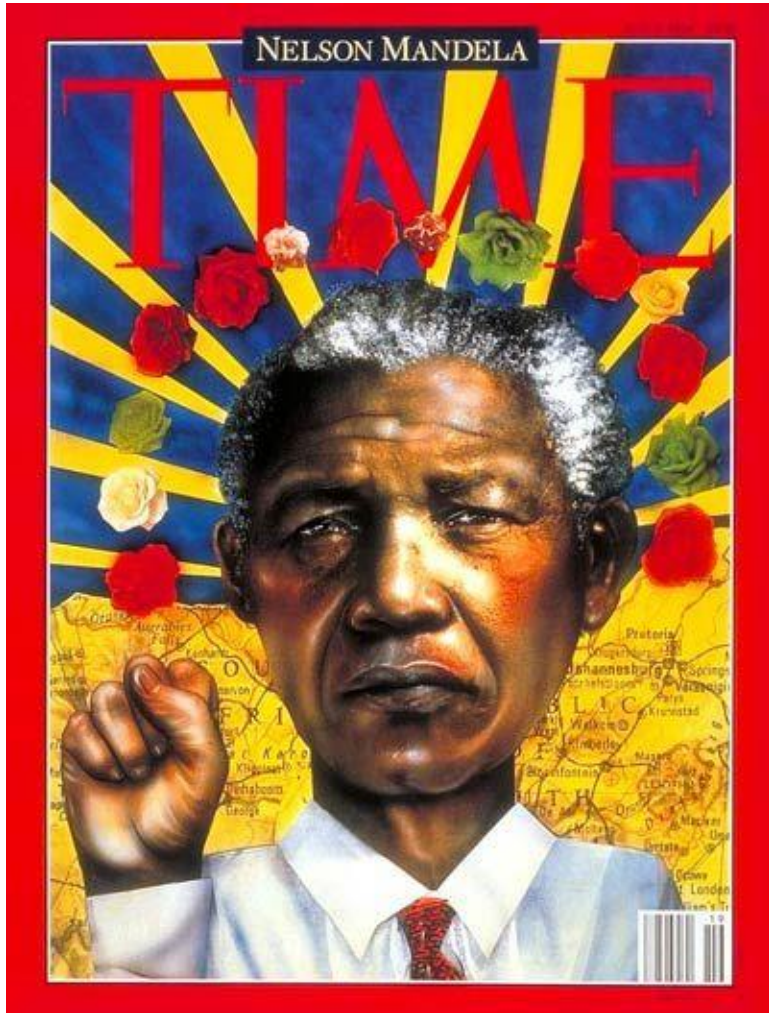
- 1990 – Mandela is released from prison
- 1993 – Mandela earns the Nobel Peace Prize
- 1993, 1994 – South Africa begins writing a draft for the new constitution
- 1994 – First multiracial election

After Apartheid



- After Apartheid, Mandela had to calm white fears and unite the people.
- The patience, the wisdom, the visionary quality Mandela brought to his struggle, and above all the moral integrity with which he set about to unify a divided people, resulted in the country's first democratic elections...
- And Mandela was elected President!

Mandela, the Elite



“Mandela proves through his own example that **faith, hope and charity** are qualities attainable by humanity as a whole. **Through his willingness to walk the road of sacrifice**, he has reaffirmed our common potential to move toward a new age of **equality**.”

His Legacy ...

- Mandela's legacy is one of strength and sacrifice!
- And it will live long into the future!



What Mandela was prepared to die for?



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Anyone disobeying these laws will be imprisoned, fined, and/or whipped:

All Africans over the age of 16 must produce a passbook on demand by a policeman.

Under no circumstances may an employer pay Africans the same rates as white persons even if they do the same work and work the same hours.

No African may strike for any reason whatsoever.

Any African who takes a job outside his town, even if he has lived there for 20 years, must leave that town within 72 hours.

Unless they have obtained a special permit to do so, a white person and a non-white person may not under any circumstances drink a cup of tea together in a cafe.

No white person may have sexual relations with an African, Coloured or Indian person. And vice versa.

No African may attend a birthday party if the number attending could make the gathering undesirable.

An African in an urban area who is out of work must take work offered to him by the Bantu Affairs Commissioner or be removed from the area.

No African may buy land, or own property, anywhere in the Republic.

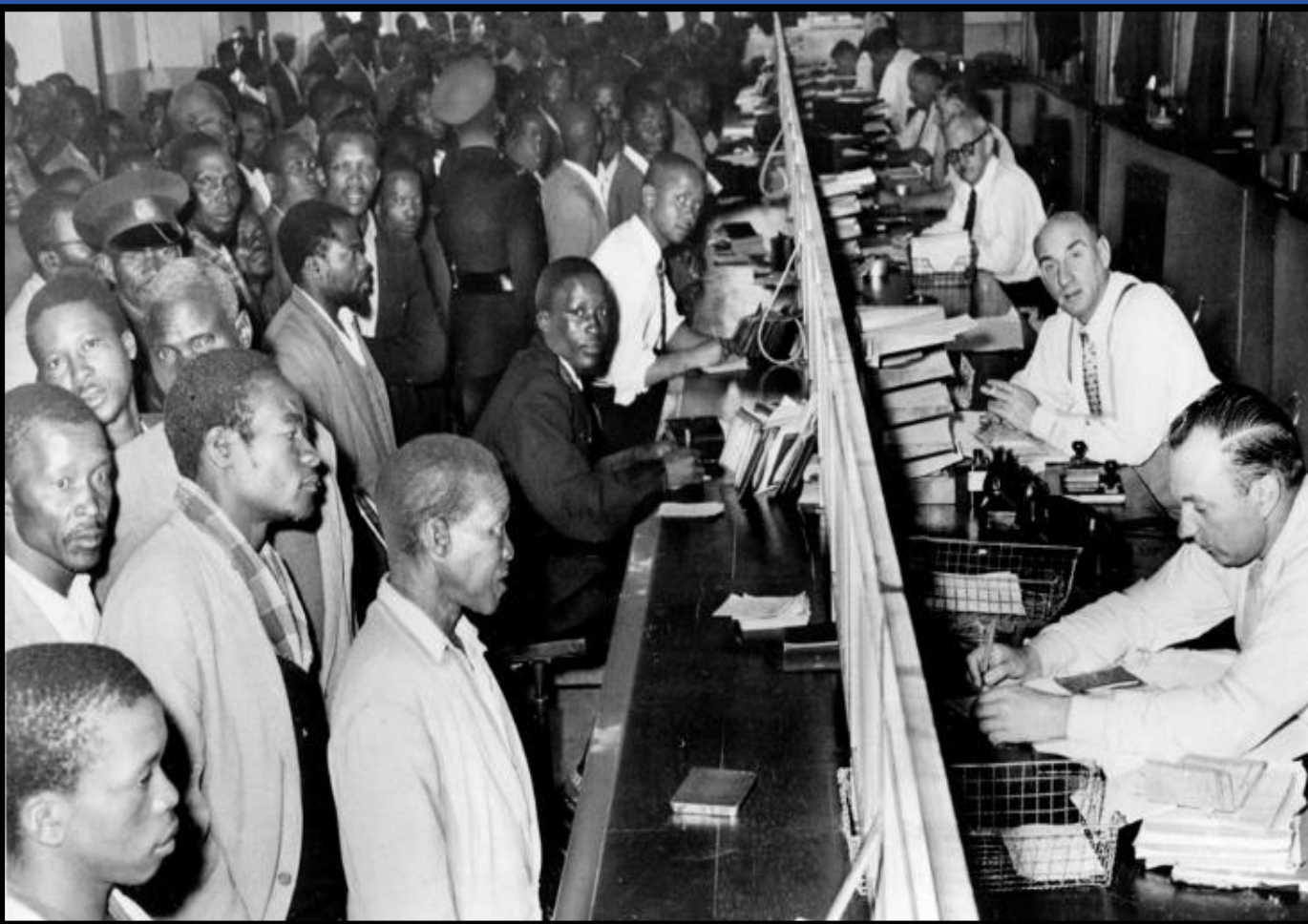
Under no circumstances may a non-white person use facilities set aside for the use of white persons.

No white man may teach an African servant to read.

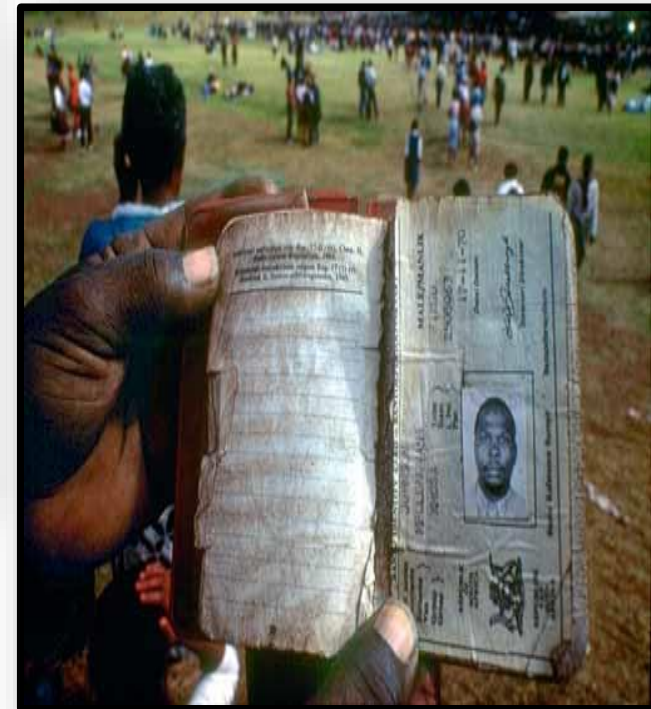
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Black South Africans line up at the
counter of a government office to get their
new passbooks in Johannesburg, South
Africa, April 7, 1960.



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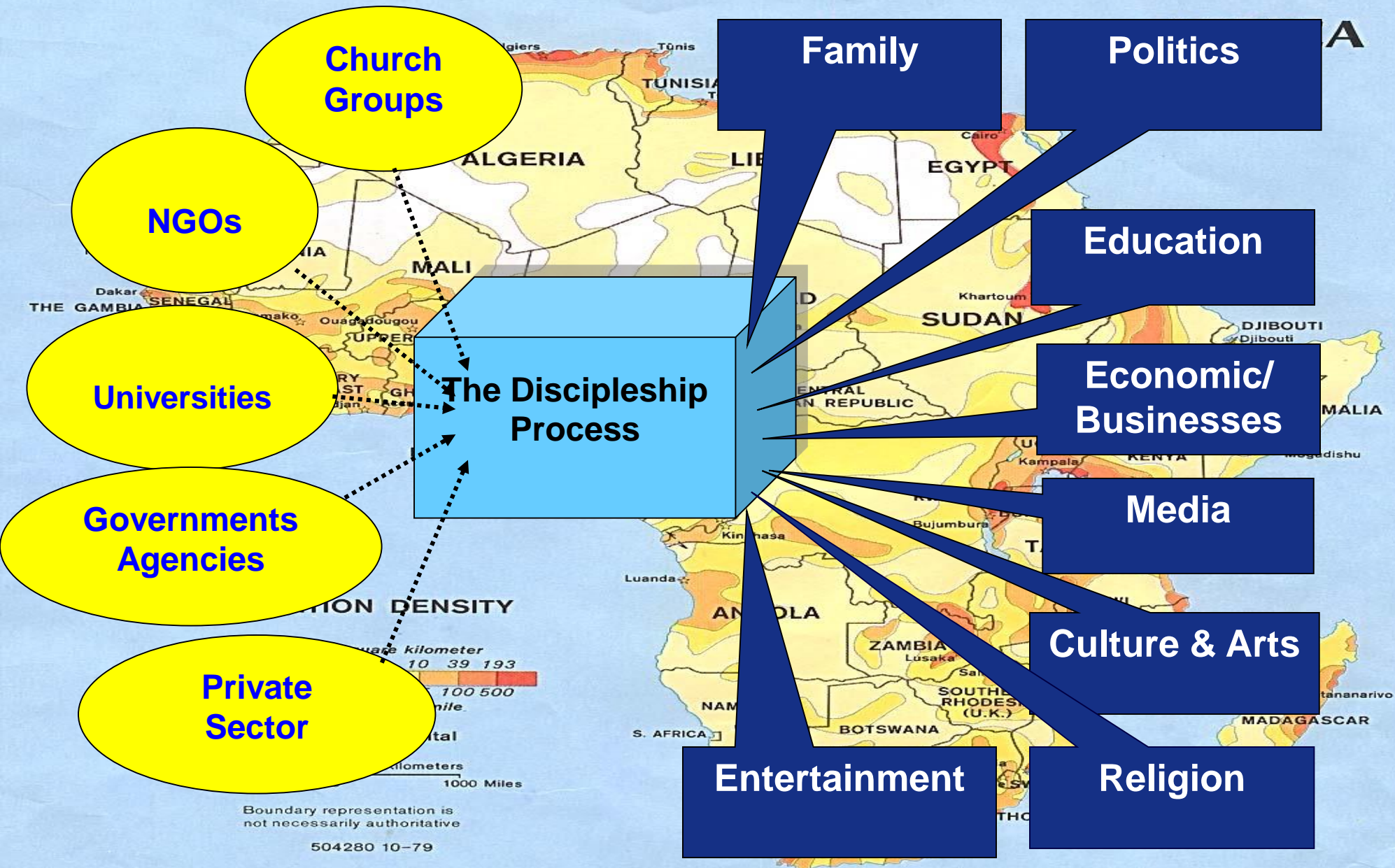
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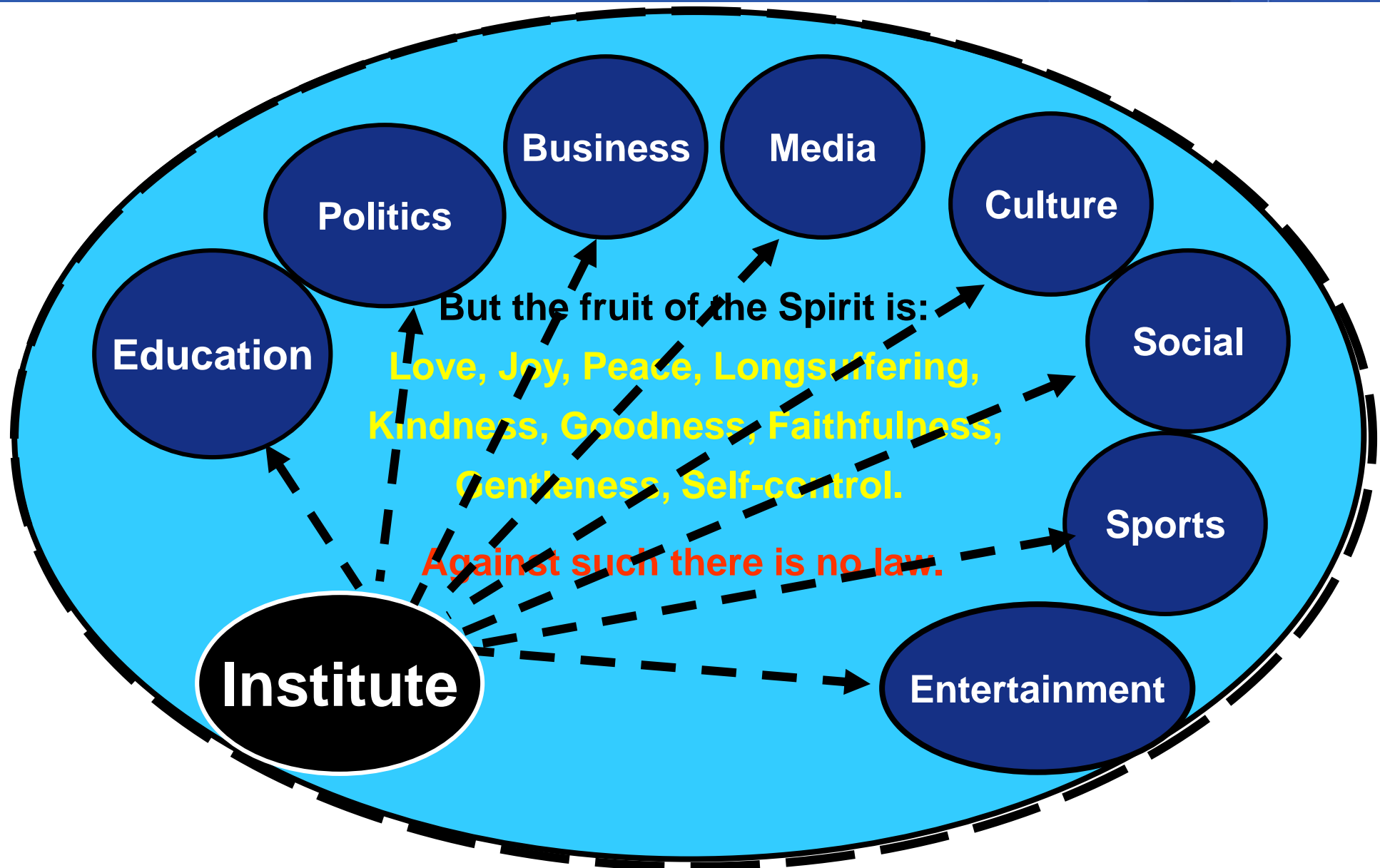
(V) - Conclusion: Platforms & Vehicles

- The quality of life in a nation depends on the moral character of their people and the principles upon which they built their lives.
- Uganda would never be great or truly developed until her **Elites** **CHAMPION A MORAL CRUSADE** that will establish in every strata of the society the principles and virtues of loyalty, integrity, excellence, and compassion.

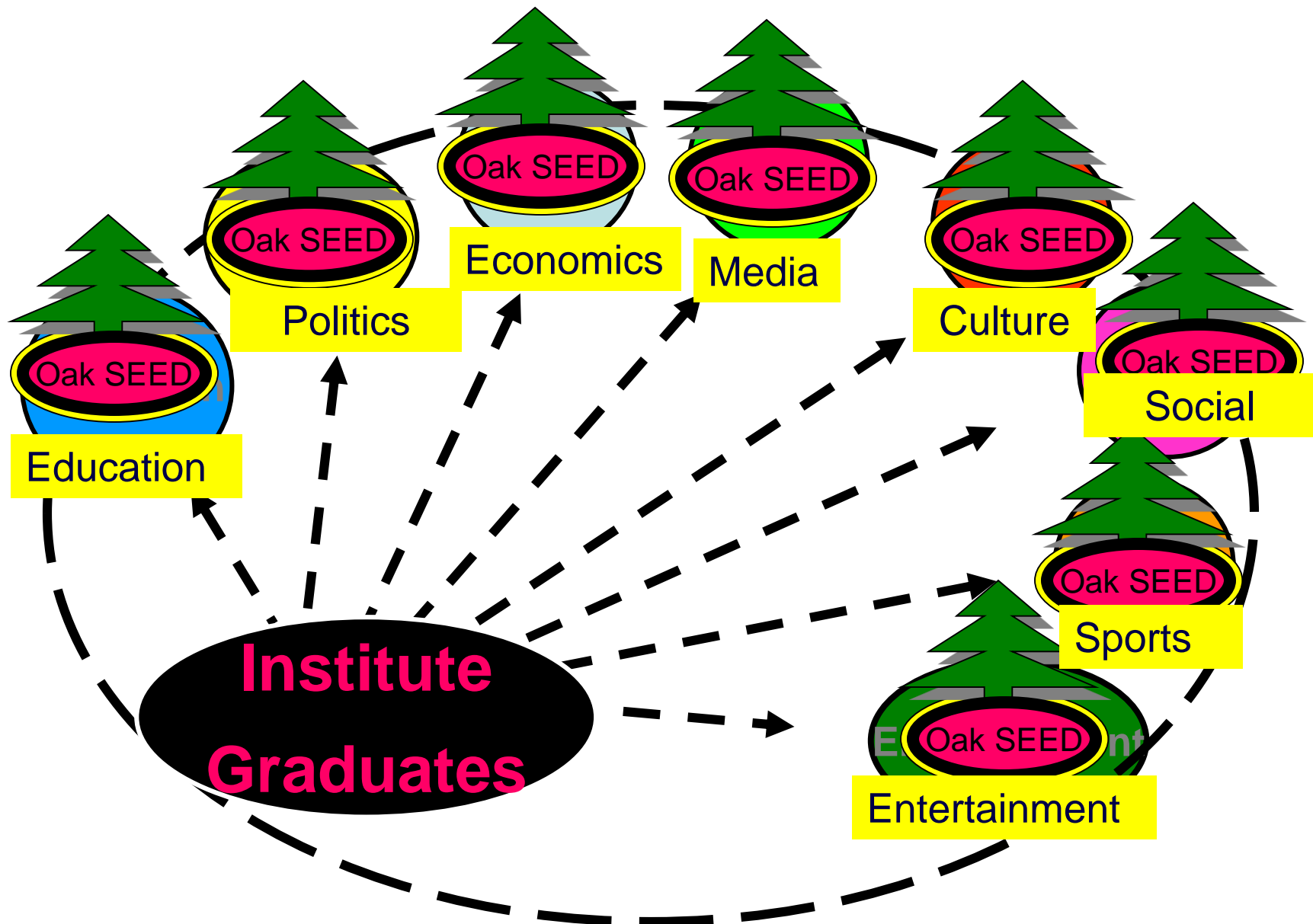
National Transformation needs all the Spheres



Foster Development of Leaders



Ambassadors of Integrity & Transparency (Alumni Program)





Sometimes it falls
on a generation to be
great. You can
be that
great generation.
Let your greatness
blossom.

Nelson Mandela, 2005



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