



Unpacking and Assessing Agano Party Plan (Badilisha Manifesto)

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Theory of Government

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- Main rubric for assessing if candidates understand the role of Govt
- No split between church & state
- No public goods theory
- No recognition of restraints of constitutional power
- Limited recognition of role of other arms of govt & on separation of powers

The challenges that we face

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1. Endemic & Systemized Corruption

- A lot of disgression/ No accountability
- GoK too large
- Their assessment is too narrow

2. High Cost of Living

- A policy of high income for producers results in expensive food for consumers
- Little competition/Import quotas

3. High Level of Unemployment

- The problem of economic growth

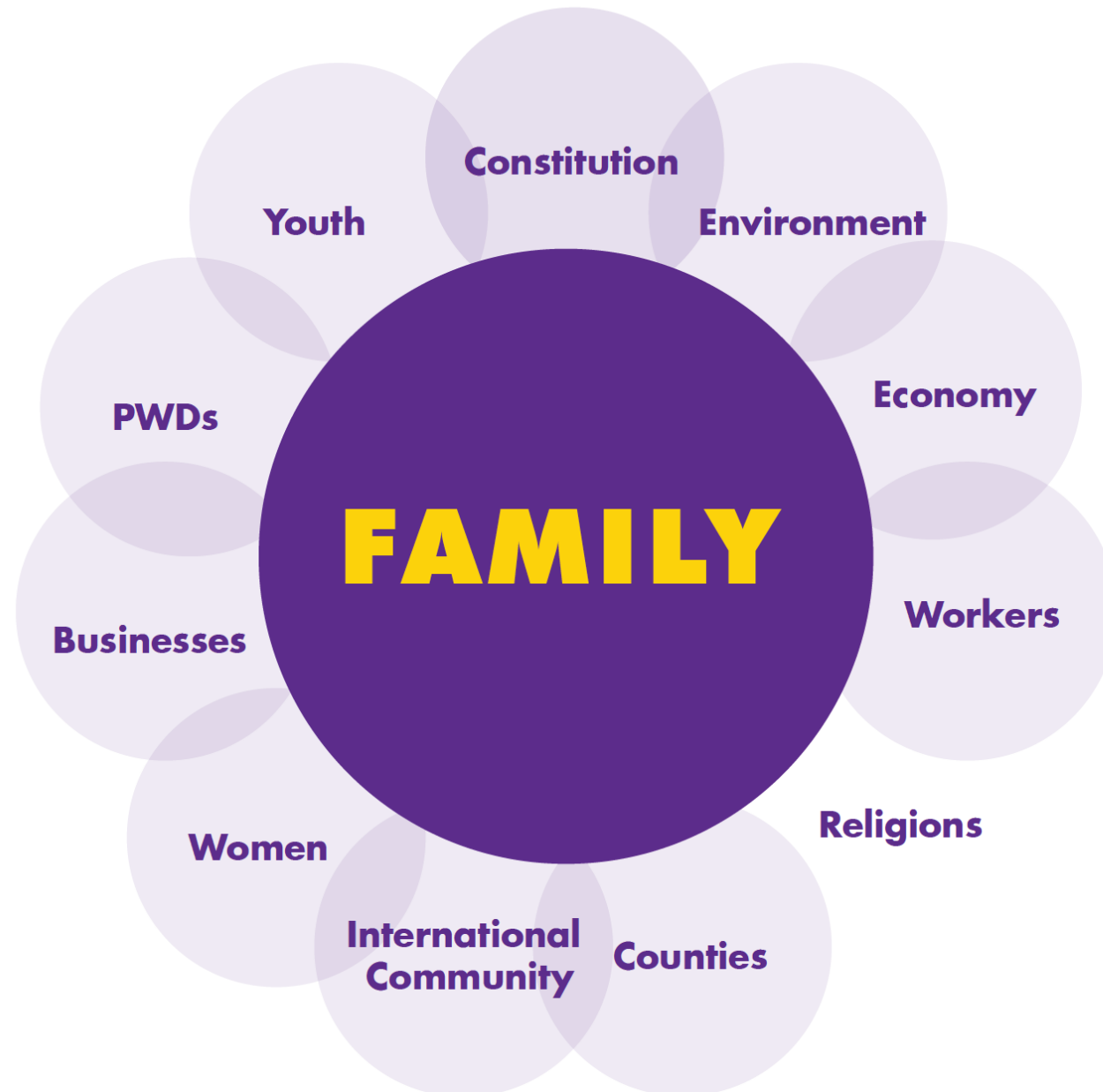
4. Negative Ethnicity

- Tribes don't organize, people do.

The challenges that we face (2/2)

5. Lack of effective engagement & facilitation for young people
 - Could be construed as Ageism, GoK policy focus should be economic policy working for everyone
6. Farmers have been left to exploitation by Cartels & Middlemen
 - Economic Fallacy, failure on Agricultural sector reforms & Competition.
7. A rising public debt
 - Kenya is already in a fiscal crisis/Debt treadmill
8. Family unit is under immense pressure and challenges
 - Household income pressures as a result of slowing economic growth

The Aganos_12-Point Agenda



1. Constitution

- Respect and defend the constitution of Kenya 2010 and guard against attempts to mutilate it through un-procedural amendments
- There are a lot of contradictions across the document e.g. convening a task force to dissolve Nairobi County after elections so that the Nairobi governor be an appointee of the president and also becomes an automatic member of the cabinet.

2.Pledge to Family

- Create an office for the registrar of Families.
 - KNBS collects data on the basis of households and the Huduma number exists to do this.
- Make the security sector a place of pride to serve and a highly esteemed job by equipping it to serve more efficiently.
 - The function of the National Police Service and the SRC
- Introduce community policing starting from the village council level.
 - Legislative functions to parliament and there is the National Police Service Act 2011, section 96.
- Establish subsidies for families that have been adversely affected by the current status of the economy
 - Fiscal policy and has to be approved by the parliament

3. Women

- Administratively implement the 2/3 gender rule in all appointive positions.
-This is in order. Article 27(8), the State shall take legislative and other measures to implement the principle that not more than two-thirds of the members of elective or appointive bodies shall be of the same gender.
- Provide free sanitary pads for all school going girls
- Convene a bipartisan forum to champion implementation of the 2/3 gender rule in elective positions

4. Youth

- Enhance AGPO reservation to Youth from the current 30% to 50%
- Waive all costs that hinder young people from applying for jobs and opportunities e.g certificate of good conduct
- Increase internal budgetary allocation for youth programmes from the GoK

5. PWDs

- Establish placement programmes to provide internships for them, secure industrial attachment and coordinate employment for them
- Organize the PLWDS into SACCOs and position them to conduct business on a larger scale, access credit and markets and negotiate better while saving for future growth and financial security

6. County Governments

- Increase revenue allocation to counties to 40% and 10% should go towards the village councils.
- Cannot be done administratively through a regulation.

7.To the workers

- General waiver of 50% PAYE
 - This is a fiscal policy and is dependent on parliament's approval
- Increase the minimum taxable income to Ksh 50,000

8. Business Community

- County and National government pending bills to be verified and converted to government bonds.
- Securitization of government bills, interest earned.
- The national government to check off pending bills and bond payments from county disbursements
- The national government doesn't have constitutional powers.
- Local content bill to be enforced to ensure that all tenders below Kes1 Billion are exclusively awarded to local companies
- Curbing competition.
- Value for money? Effectiveness and efficiency?
- Waive all tax penalties
- This can only be done by KRA
- Prescribed by parliament and done by other agencies, not within the confines of the president.

9. Economy

- Move Asset Recovery Agency to the Presidency
 - Unconstitutional
 - Interferes with the independence of the agency.
- Limit total loan repayments by the government to Kes1 trillion. This will immediately release Kshs.350B to support government programs
 - Kenya will default on its debt at that rate.
- We will urgently call for a meeting with our lenders to arrive at a fresh repayment plan to ensure the country does not fall into debt distress.
 - Debt profiling should be a voluntary action and this could send a wrong signal to the debt market.
- Make public all contracts with foreign entities starting with SGR, Nairobi Expressway, Mombasa, Lamu, Naivasha and Kisumu ports
 - Positive move, promotes transparency.

10. Religious Faiths

- We will Employ ALL clergy of registered churches as alternative dispute resolution officers in the same way as Kadhis

-Requires a constitutional amendment.

-Article 169 and 170 of the Kenyan Constitution

- Work towards a constitutional amendment to separate religion from state or cure the unequal treatment of religions by the 2010 constitution

-Article 4 of the Constitution

-Chapter two of the Constitution, Article 8-There shall be no state religion

- All clergy from registered churches to be trained in alternative dispute resolution as government officers.

-Negotiation can also be an alternative dispute resolution mechanism.

-What is required for one to be an arbitrator?

11.Environmental Sustainability, Renewable Energy & Land Management

- KPLC to divest to distributing off-grid solutions like Solar & Wind turbines
- Grid solutions are done by the government, cost element/implication. Off-grid can be done by the private sector. Off-grid solutions are site-specific.

Conclusion

- Proposals focus only a few economic areas: Agriculture & firms
- Failure to recognize Kenya as a republic (Differentiate Church & State)
- Proposals on Public Debt would trigger automatic default
- Mercantilistic proposals.
 - food imports bans would lead to starvation
 - Import bans would harm value chains that Kenyan firms already part of
- No specific "how" on fighting corruption
- Contradictions in protecting Constitutions –proposes unconstitutional provisions
- All proposals together show the Agano govt will be Big & could mean high expenditure (more taxes & more borrowing)
- Issues missing: Efficient market economy, productivity, competition, privatization, fiscal crisis

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