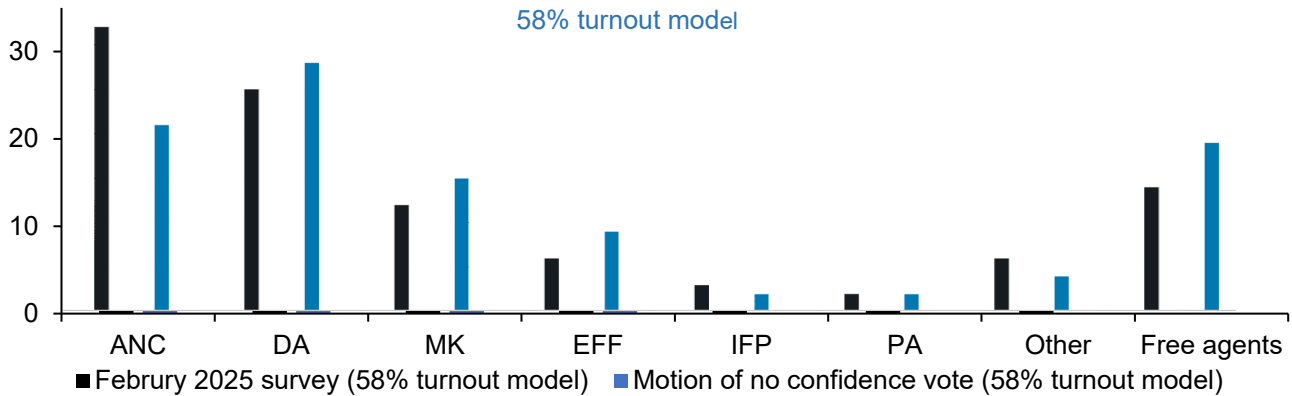


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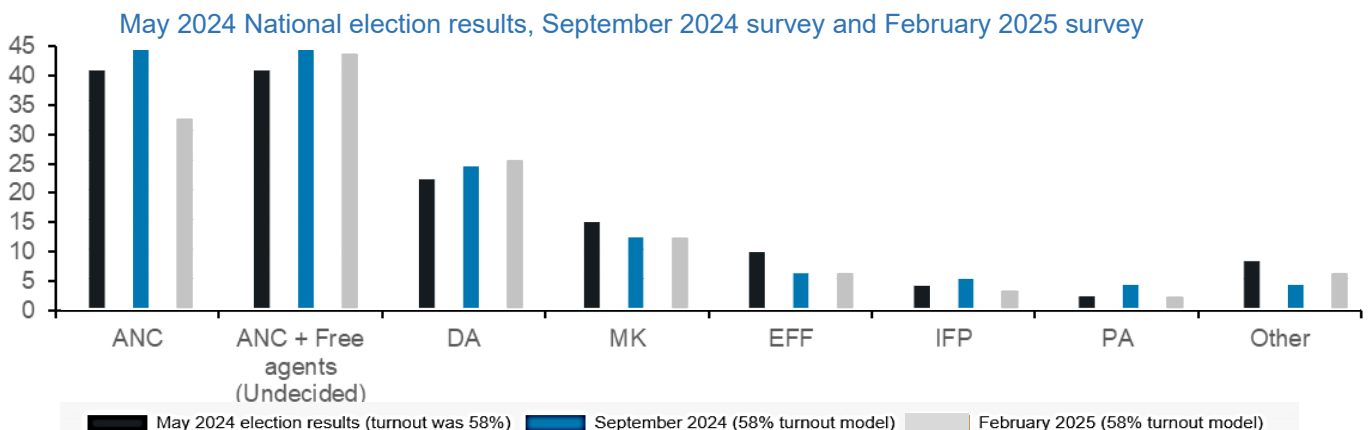
Figure 1: If there was a vote of no confidence in President Cyril Ramaphosa in parliament, which political party would you vote for in those new national elections?



Source: Social Research Foundation April 2025

- Last year before the national election, various polls showed over a month in advance that the ANC was expected to receive around 40% at the national election at the end of May, which proved highly accurate.
- This month the SRF (Social Research Foundation) found if a new national election was called with the DA's membership of the GNU seen to be in jeopardy, the DA's voter support would rise to 28% on a vote of no confidence for President Ramaphosa and his removal, up from 25% polled support in February.
- Polled ANC support dropped to 32% in February from 40% in the national election last year, while a successful no confidence vote this month on a relatively high turnout sees the ANC drop closer to 22%.
- That is, "without Cyril Ramaphosa as its leader the ANC would sit just above 20%, this would place it as the second largest party, behind the DA. This result is further evidence of the importance of Cyril Ramaphosa's presence in the ANC in maintaining that party's support levels. The DA, EFF and MK ... received moderate boosts in support, but the biggest growth would be amongst the 'free agents' category."

Figure 2: If general elections were taking place today, which party would you vote for (on your national ballot paper)?

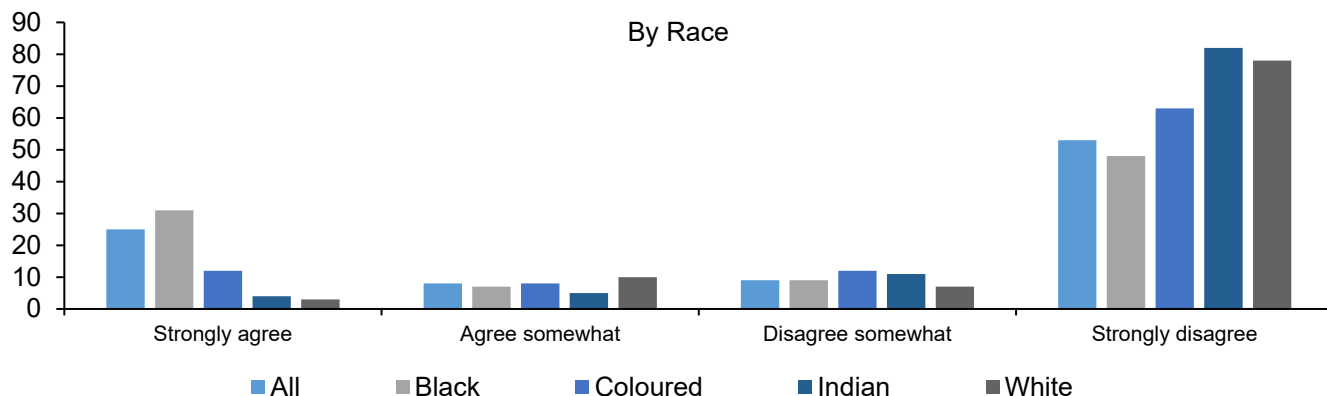


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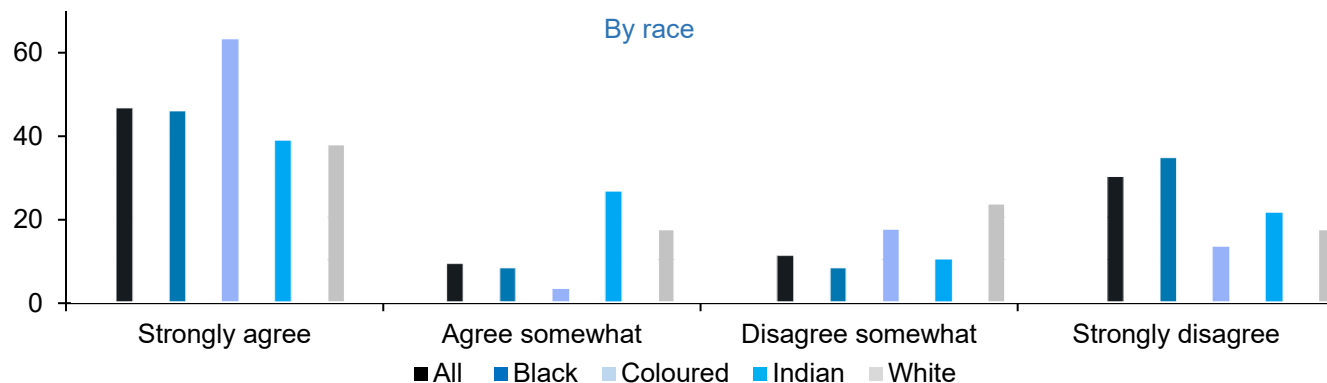


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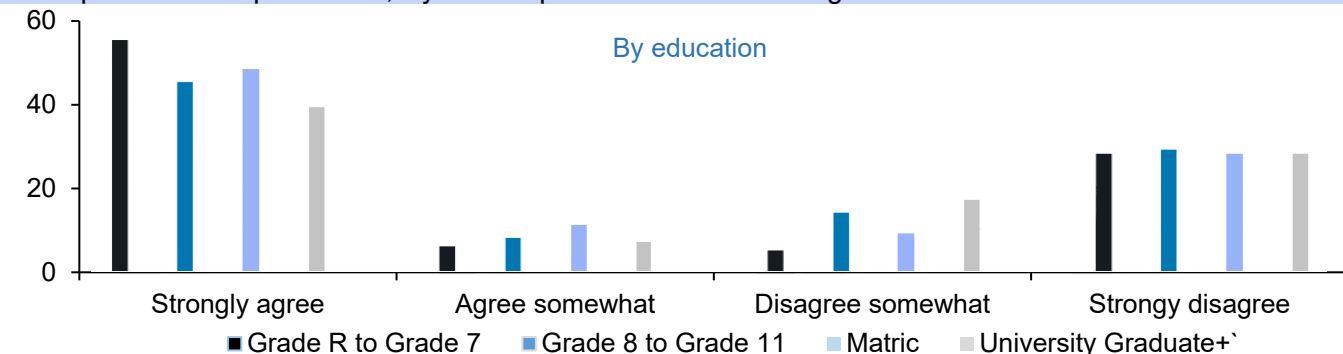
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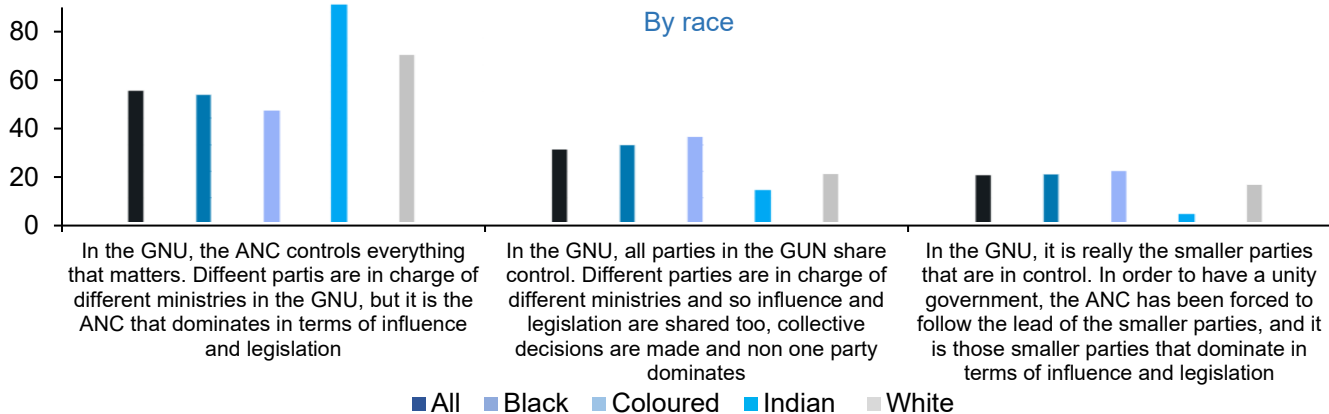
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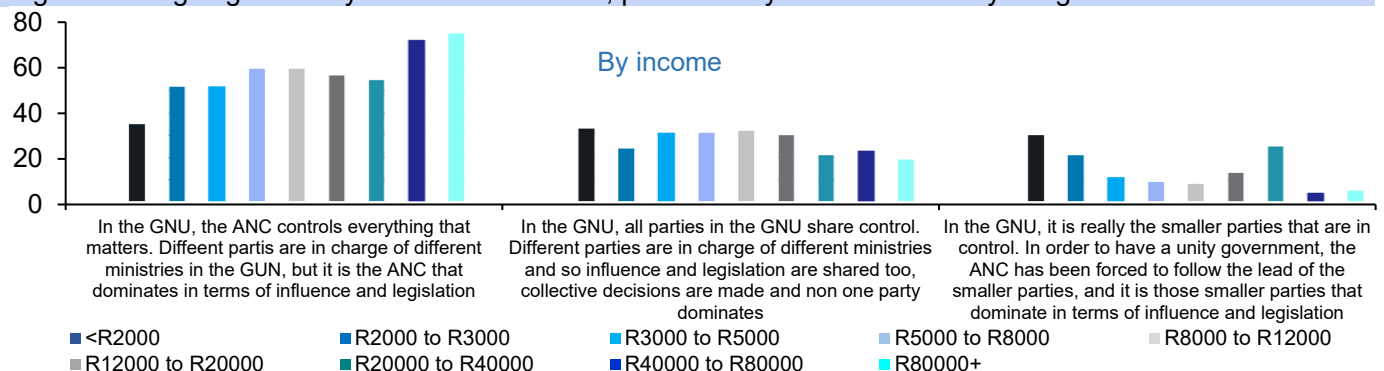
Figure 6: I'm going to read you three statements; please can you tell me which you agree with most:



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- The SRF adds "(a)n interesting question is therefore raised as to what effect the loss of Ramaphosa's leadership after the 2027 elective conference will have on ANC support levels" which show a sharp drop.
- Early last year, a coalition was widely expected to be formed after the election, but there was widespread concern about its longevity, and was seen to depend on the coalition partners ability to work together.
- SRF also finds in a public survey this year that "the bulk of South African public opinion agrees with the idea that the ANC is dictating the agenda of the GNU."
- "This finding provides a partial explanation of why the ANC has seen its vote share shrink so significantly in this survey while the other parties' have remained stable from September 2024, as voters have assigned responsibility for the policy agenda of the GNU to the ANC."
- "A long-term trend in South African public opinion ... has been the unpopularity of the ANC's populist policy agenda. By maintaining course on this agenda, instead of adopting a more economic growth centric policy agenda, the ANC appears to be continuing on the same path that led them to the historic loss of vote share in the May 2024 election." The rand has collapsed on the risk of the DA leaving the GNU.
- "1 004 demographically and geographically representative registered" voters surveyed in February 2025.

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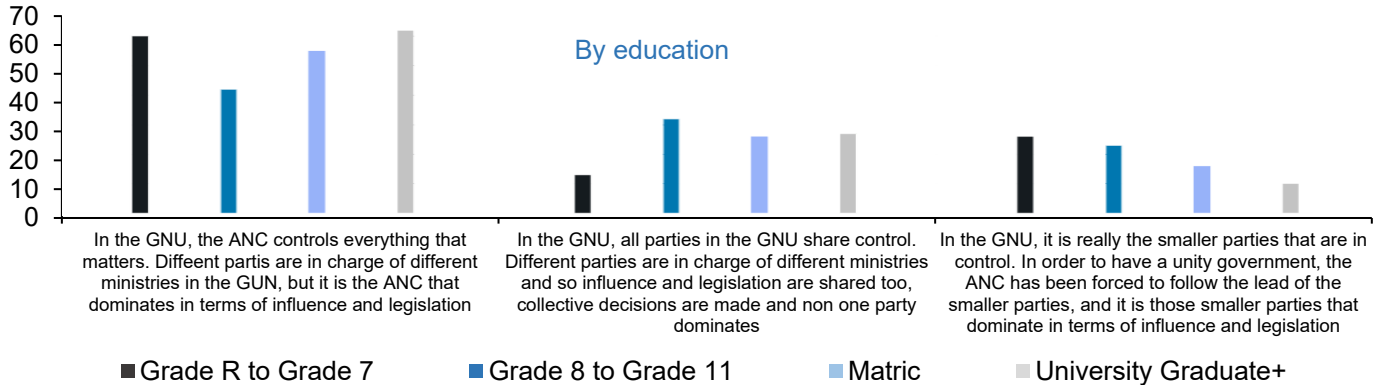
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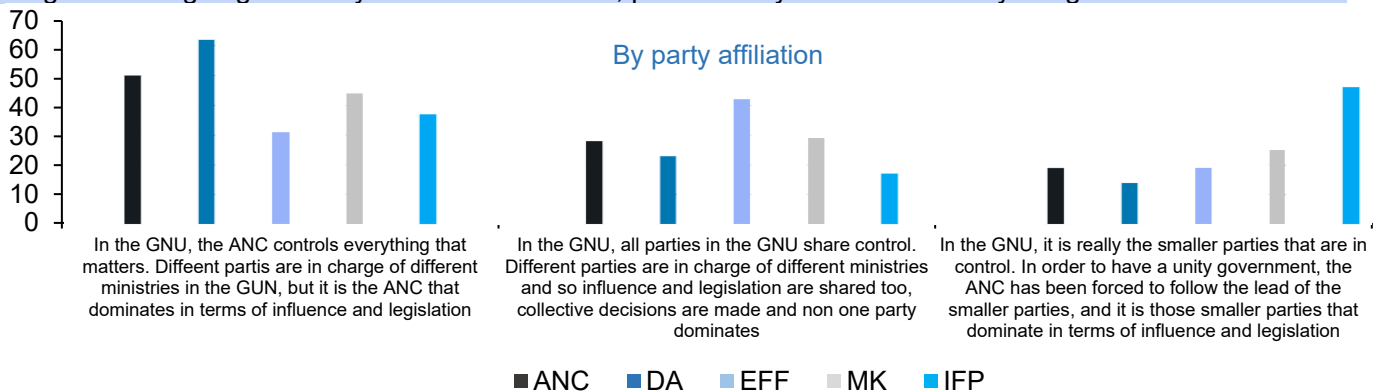


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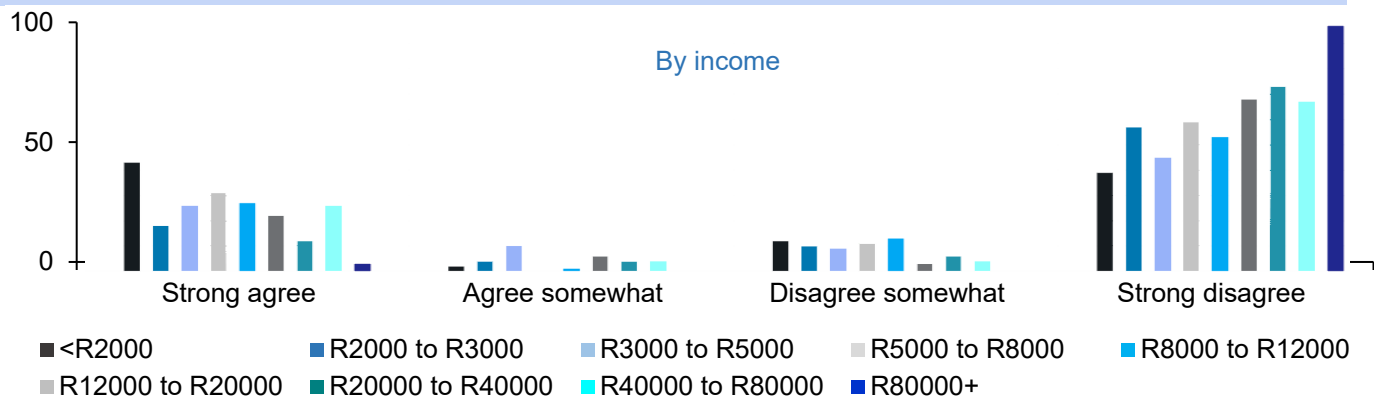
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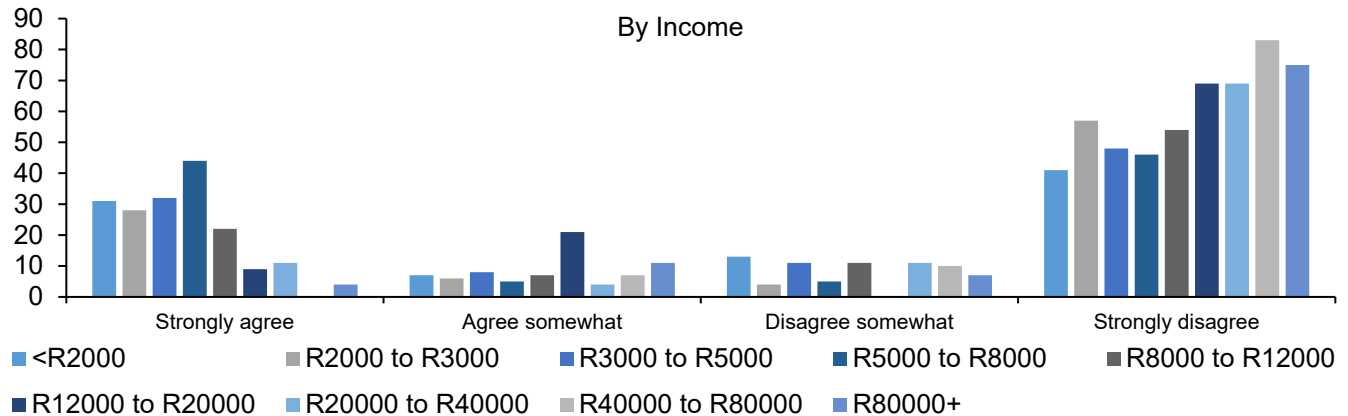


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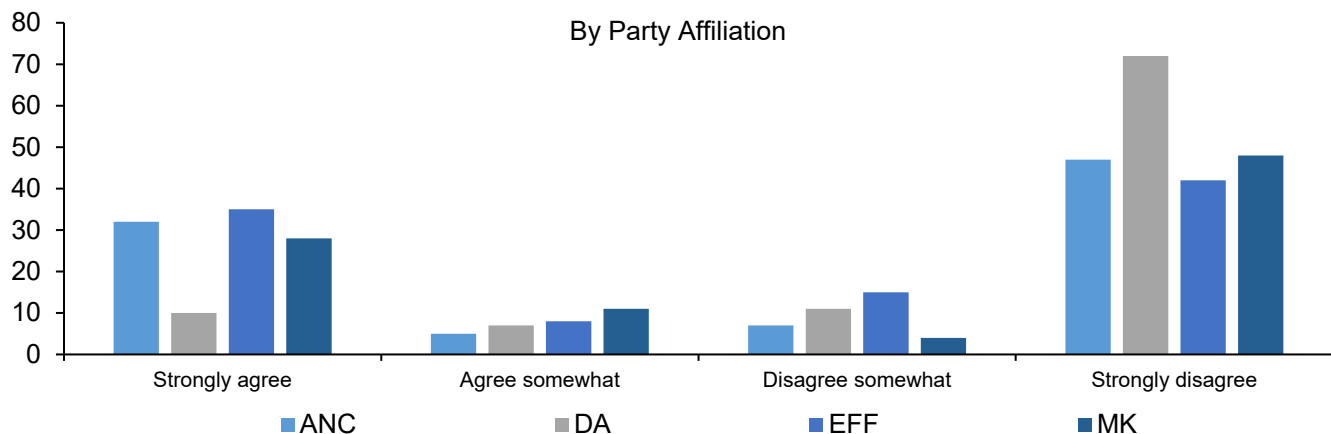
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Source: Social Research Foundation April 2025

- A lot can be seen by public opinion across South Africa on expropriation without compensation.
- In particular, public opinion holds that national government, i.e. the ANC which is seen to solely control (dictate) national government, cannot be trusted to expropriate land as it does not have “a proven track record of upholding the public interest.” The survey also showed that the public generally believes that expropriating land without paying the owner any compensation for it is not a good economic idea.
- Indeed, if the national government expropriated large amounts of land without paying the owners any compensation this was seen as likely to harm investment and/or confidence among foreign investors.
- Overall “approximately two thirds of South African voters are opposed to the policy of expropriation without compensation.” “These findings are in line with previous Foundation results that highlighted that most South Africans are hostile to racial nationalist or economically populist policies.”

Figure 12: The national government can be trusted to expropriate land, without paying the owner any compensation for it, because it has a proven track record of upholding the public interest.

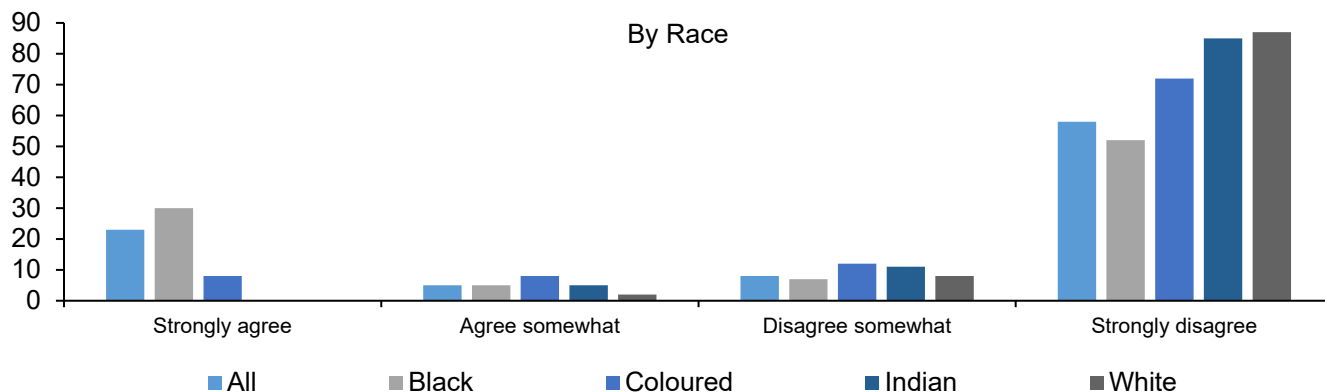


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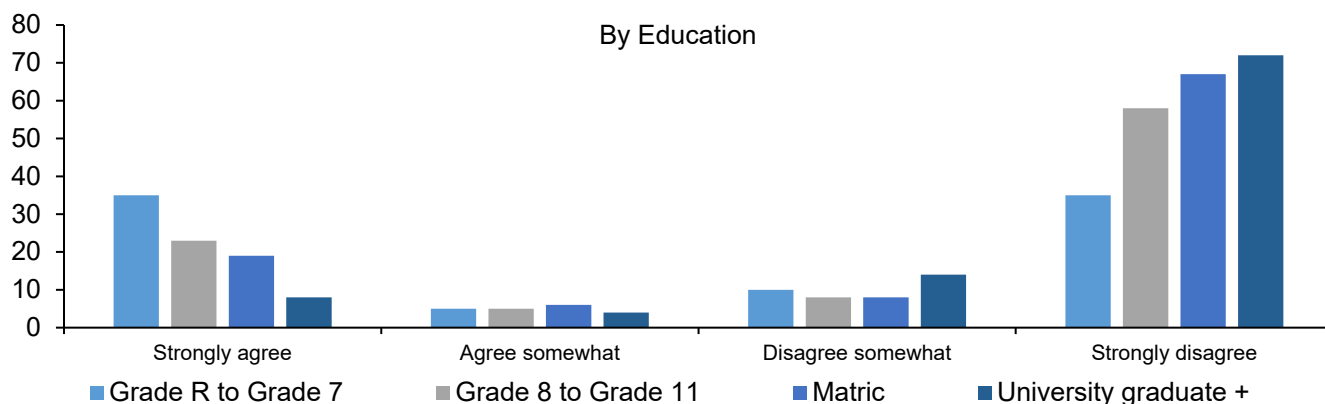


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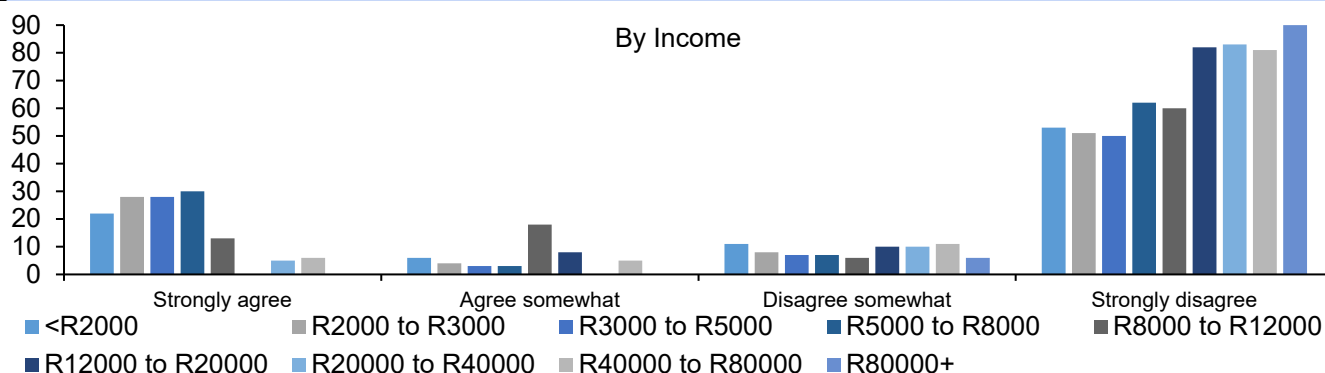
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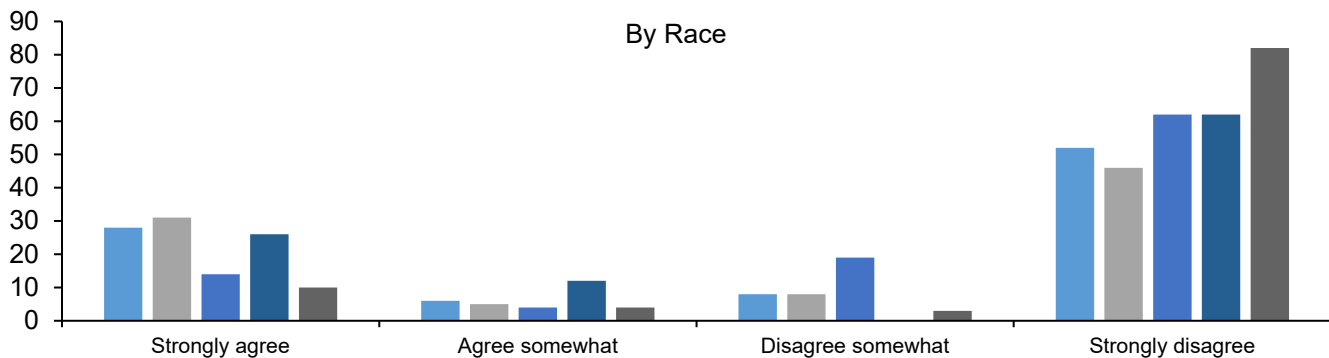


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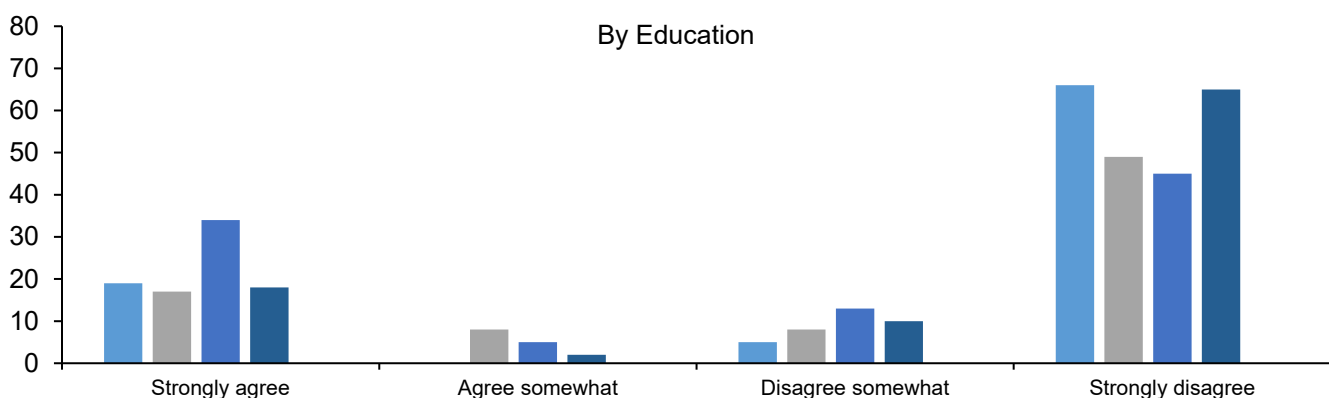
Figure 16: If the national government starts expropriating large amounts of land in the public interest, without paying the owners any compensation, this will not harm investment or confidence among foreign investors.



Source: Social Research Foundation April 2025

- “The Foundation would suggest that this disconnect between the policy agenda of the South African government and the stated preferences of South African voters was a primary contributing factor to the collapse of ANC vote share in the May 2024 National election and it has continued to contribute to the loss of voters that the ANC is still undergoing.”
- Indeed, public opinion is leaning slightly in favour of a motion of no confidence because of the slow pace of economic growth creating, not populist, reforms.
- “About three quarters of ANC voters stated they oppose a motion of no confidence, while majorities of all non-ANC party voters were in support of a motion of no confidence. “
- “This is the first in a series of reports that demonstrate that while President Ramaphosa's presence is anchoring support inside of the ANC, he no longer attracts the broad spectrum of support outside of that party that he once commanded”.

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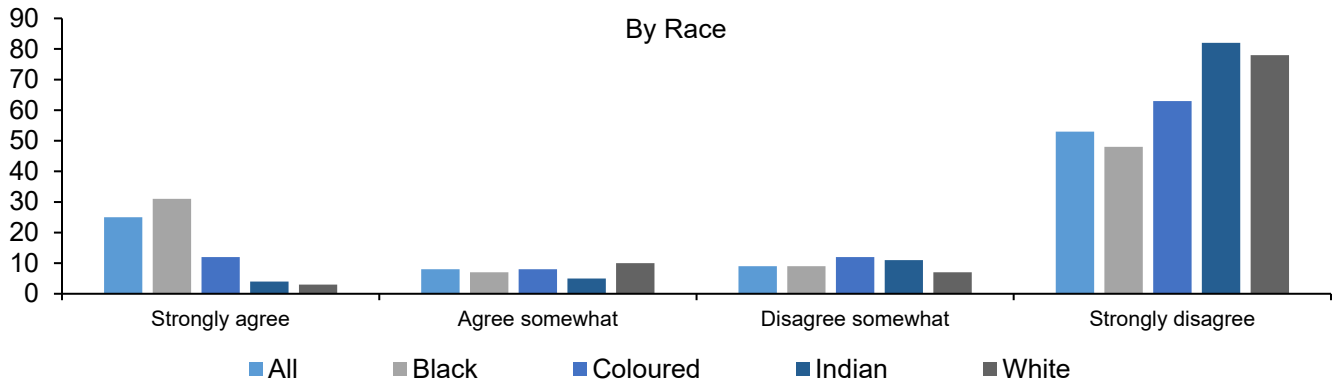


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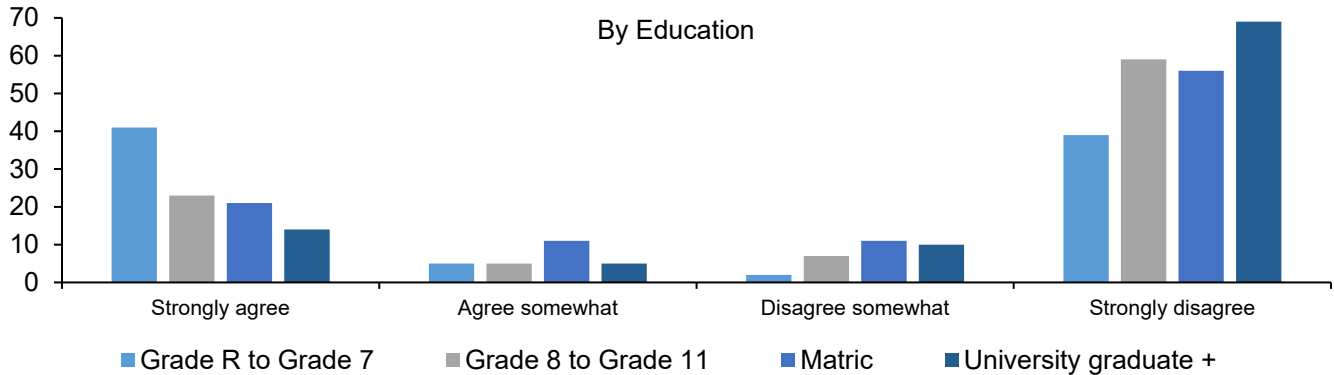


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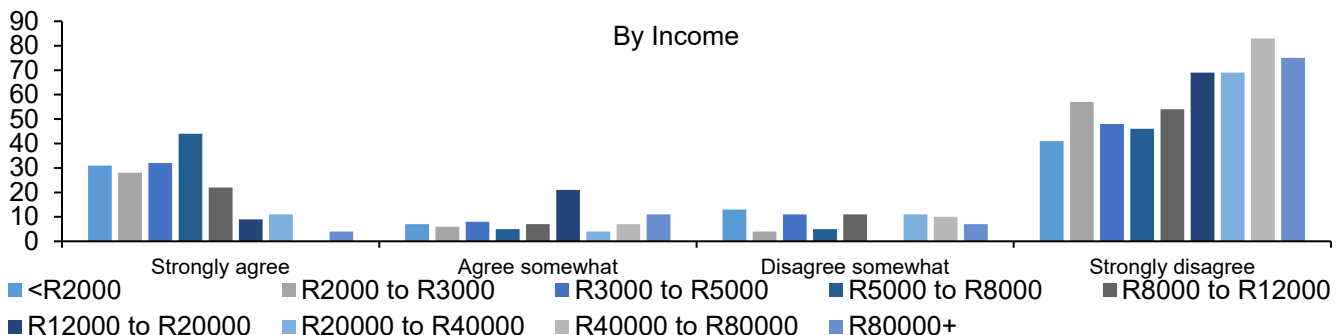
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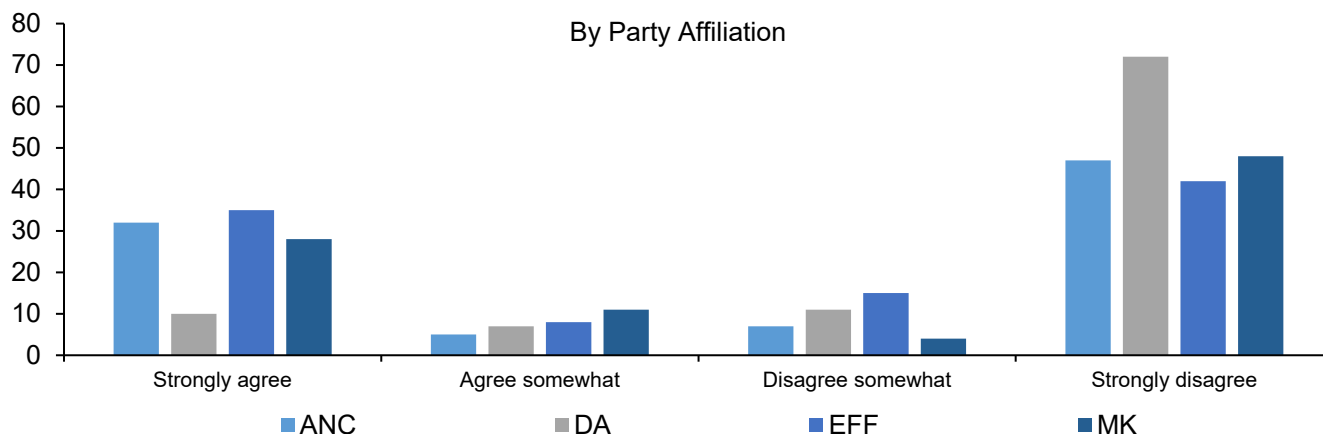


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