

WHICH WAY KENYA?

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ISSUES OF CONCERN

- Boundaries Delimitation
- Cost of Government
- Future Government Architecture
- Pending Referendum

➤ Kenya is in a hurry.

(Kenya on the run, or is it?) If today you became president of this country, any of you here:

- What will be your priorities?
- Where will you begin?

Don't speculate, don't dream. Let me save your time.

Peradventure you became the president of this great country today you will experience nightmares. And in your hallucinations, this is what your in-tray would look like:

- Huduma Number
- Boundaries issues
- Big 4
- Referendum
- Census
- New curriculum
- War on corruption
- Handshake
- 2022
- A troubled economy (Mess with the politics, not economics)
- William Ruto

➤ The big question that must form a national conversation is why would a broke country be in a hurry to do all these things:

- Huduma Number
- Boundaries issues
- Big 4 (How many houses?)
- Referendum
- Census
- New Curriculum

WHY CENSUS ?

□ Is a census really necessary in the 21st century (census made sense during the time of Augustus Ceaser) are we cattle to be counted? How come 2000 years later we are still counting ourselves like cows?

□ In the past 2 decades, all Kenyan birth are recorded, and this is further affirmed by immunization of Kenyan children. To the extent that Kenya has achieved a near 100% immunization and there birth notification, how can someone claim they want to count us again? And again there are death certificates. And statistics on death. Those dying from AIDS, accidents, Malaria, etc... How can you turn around and tell us that you don't know how many we are?

WHY CENSUS ?

- ❑ But a counter argument would be, I assume, that the centrality of this exercise is a socioeconomic and cultural survey. Is this information not available at the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) What information does CRA use?
- ❑ But remember census is not as innocent as it appears. It has its own politics. The Somali Figures

WHY HUDUMA NUMBER?

- ❑ Another scheme to make money?
- ❑ Could not be done simultaneously with census?
- ❑ Do you smell Cambridge analytica (cf Facebook mining data for sell?)
- ❑ The beast in the bible?
- ❑ It just doesn't make sense.

ON THE BOUNDARY ISSUE

- ❑ Is Kenya elastic? or just how many constituencies can you have every 10 years?
- ❑ IEBC never deals with other types of boundary issues? They are too timid, too cowardly to deal with other hot boundary issues like that of Maseno. A boundary in contention.

ON THE BIG 4

- ❑ A mirage, or at best a myth with entertainment value
- ❑ Like just how many houses should we start building in a day to achieve the target before 2022?
- ❑ Have you not heard of women giving birth at home, some in Uhuru park, and those near hospitals being asked to come with *mtungi* full of water to the wards?
- ❑ How would manufacturing thrive when we are in bed with China?
- ❑ Didn't you see people dying of Hunger on your screens recently?
- ❑ Have you not heard of Cholera outbreaks in the best of hotels and hospitals?

ON THE NEW CURRICULUM

- ❑ Is it really necessary?
- ❑ How do you implement a new curriculum when P1 teachers are still teaching? When schools are not built? When insecurity is still used as an excuse to deny a Mandera, Wajir or Garissa child education?
- ❑ How do you serve a wonderful curriculum to children studying under trees?
- ❑ Our experience with the 8-4-4 system should help serve as a reminder that hasty decisions and actions have consequences.

ON THE REFERENDUM

- ❑ Nobody can stop the referendum
- ❑ But what are the cost to a county that is already broke? Irrespective of its merits or demerits.
- ❑ In a country where a people have refused to usher in constitutionalism (cf. Okoth Ogendo Constitutions without constitutionalism) why change if we can't implement the one we have?
- ❑ But if we are changing, How do we want the new one to look?
- ❑ The most important thing to many Kenyans is the structure of government.

ON THE REFERENDUM

- ❑ It appears to me we want to return the Bomas draft because it offers a “good” structure of government in particular.
- ❑ But what kind of a Prime Minister do we want? Just how much power do we want a PM to have?
- ❑ We might end up having a PM but like that of Tanzania, then we will sit down and ask what was all the noise for?
- ❑ But again what are the challenges on the Bomas Draft
- ❑ Why didn't we embrace the Bomas Draft then?
- ❑ Challenges (distribution of constituencies & buyable MPs)

MY TAKE ON THE STRUCTURE OF GOV.

- ❑ A Kenyan Monarch
- ❑ Have a president, head of state, with so much powers. One term (10 years)
- ❑ Have a Prime Minister running government

Which way Kenya?

❑ Let us fix our politics:

- Deal with corruption. How?
- Handshake politics
- Our economy
- Eyes on 2022. This Man William Ruto.

In conclusion...

THANK YOU.