# South African Social Attitudes Survey 2017

# *Restitution Questions – a brief glimpse*

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|  |  | *Black African* | *Coloured* | *Indian/ Asian* | *White* | *National (%)* |
| 1. It is essential that all white South Africans take action towards repairing the damages of the past | *Strongly agree/Agree* | 60.3 | 35.4 | 31.0 | 20.4 | 53.4 |
| *Neither agree nor disagree* | 11.8 | 10.1 | 24.6 | 9.5 | 11.8 |
| *Disagree/Strongly disagree* | 24.3 | 48.5 | 40.0 | 64.8 | 30.8 |
| 1. Black South Africans should demand restitution/ compensation | *Strongly agree/Agree* | 53.8 | 22.9 | 20.0 | 13.3 | 46.1 |
| *Neither agree nor disagree* | 14.5 | 7.2 | 32.4 | 9.8 | 13.9 |
| *Disagree/Strongly disagree* | 28.7 | 64.5 | 43.1 | 71.5 | 36.4 |
| 1. Corruption by white South Africans during apartheid should be investigated and acted on | *Strongly agree/Agree* | 55.6 | 36.9 | 26.0 | 15.5 | 49.2 |
| *Neither agree nor disagree* | 13.0 | 6.6 | 26.3 | 10.4 | 12.6 |
| *Disagree/Strongly disagree* | 28.6 | 50.9 | 42.1 | 68.8 | 34.9 |
| 1. A restitution/compensation fund to which white people can voluntarily contribute should be set up | *Strongly agree/Agree* | 54.4 | 33.7 | 21.2 | 13.8 | 47.7 |
| *Neither agree nor disagree* | 16.6 | 8.8 | 31.1 | 16.6 | 16.3 |
| *Disagree/Strongly disagree* | 25.7 | 52.8 | 42.5 | 64.0 | 32.3 |
| 1. A restitution/compensation fund should be set up by implementing an extra tax on white people | *Strongly agree/Agree* | 42.9 | 19.1 | 14.8 | 7.9 | 36.6 |
| *Neither agree nor disagree* | 19.2 | 7.5 | 33.8 | 11.8 | 17.8 |
| *Disagree/Strongly disagree* | 34.9 | 68.8 | 46.0 | 75.0 | 42.2 |
| 1. Small group discussions should be held between black and white South Africans to decide what restitution/ compensation is fair | *Strongly agree/Agree* | 56.4 | 37.9 | 28.5 | 22.0 | 50.7 |
| *Neither agree nor disagree* | 16.3 | 7.0 | 27.3 | 14.1 | 15.6 |
| *Disagree/Strongly disagree* | 24.2 | 49.6 | 40.0 | 59.4 | 30.3 |
| 1. We should forget the past, move on and stop talking about restitution/ compensation | *Strongly agree/Agree* | 50.7 | 73.6 | 57.7 | 76.0 | 55.4 |
| *Neither agree nor disagree* | 13.0 | 6.7 | 25.3 | 7.4 | 12.2 |
| *Disagree/Strongly disagree* | 33.5 | 16.4 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 29.2 |

Note: Columns do not tally to 100% since Don’t Know or no answers are excluded.

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| 1. Which ONE of the following categories BEST describes you when thinking about the injustices of South Africa’s past? | *Victim (someone who was harmed by Apartheid injustices)* | *Perpetrator (someone who participated in unjust practices)* | *Bystander (someone who did nothing while injustices were hap* | *Resister (someone who opposed injustices)* | *Beneficiary (someone who gained from the injustices)* | *None of these terms apply to me* |
|  | 38.0 | 6.1 | 9.1 | 4.1 | 6.5 | 36.2 |
| 1. Recently people have been wearing t-shirts or writing graffiti on walls that uses rude language and says “go away white people". What should happen to them? | *They should be told they are destroying our chances of living together peacefully* | *They should be praised for drawing attention to on-going White privilege* | *They should be punished* | *They should stop it* | *They should be left alone* | *Don’t know* |
|  | 25.7 | 2.1 | 15.9 | 39.2 | 12.8 | 4.3 |
| 1. Which ONE of the following should be in charge of such a restitution /compensation fund? | *Govern-ment* | *Respected individuals* | *NGOs* | *Business* | *Other* |  |
|  | 79.0 | 7.4 | 9.3 | 3.4 | 0.9 |  |