

Perspective

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What is behind the land grab in South Africa?

U.S. President Trump has once again offered to grant a "rapid pathway to citizenship" to White Afrikaner farmers in South Africa, accusing their government of treating them "terribly." Mr. Trump said the U.S. would offer them "safety." In a March 10, 2025 cbsnews.com article, "What's the truth behind Trump offering White South African farmers U.S. citizenship?," reported, "Mr. Trump had previously pointed to new land expropriation laws in South Africa that he claims are racist and a breach of the White farmers' human rights. In reaction to the laws, he has halted all foreign aid to South Africa... Mr. Trump signed an executive order accusing the South African government of adopting racist laws that discriminate against Afrikaners, an ethnic group made up primarily of the descendants of Dutch settlers who started arriving in the country hundreds of years ago and now amount to about 13% of the population. He specifically called out a law that was passed to allow the government expropriation of some privately owned land without compensation." What is the real reason the White farmers are being pushed off their land in South Africa, and why should it be of importance to us?

The crumbling of a great empire continues!

The Commonwealth of Nations, also often referred to as the British Commonwealth, is an international association of 56 member states, the vast majority of which are former territories of the British Empire. The population of the British Empire at its zenith was approximately 458 million people in 1922, covering an area of 13.7 million square miles. At one time, the vast commonwealth of the former British Empire was a great British-reared "family of nations" that came together for mutual and friendly discussions. Times have changed, and no longer are the relations between nations as cordial.

A 2017 land ownership audit found white South Africans possessed 72% of the country's farming and agricultural land, while Black South Africans possessed only 4%. The expropriation can be applied to any land in South Africa, no matter whether it is rural or urban. The ongoing land grab in South Africa is a continuing sign of the disintegration and decline of the once great British Commonwealth.

This is not the first time, white farmers and ranchers have had their lands expropriated in South Africa! In 1965, in Rhodesia, which is now called Zimbabwe, "European" farming interests were 33.7 million acres, and the number of farms in this sector was 6,266, giving an average farm size of 5,376 acres. Farmers and ranchers were pushed off their lands by force, and in some cases whole families were wiped out by so called "liberators". Many of those ousted fled to Zambia and began large farms raising Maize and tobacco crops.

Robert Mugabe became the first prime minister (1980–87) of the newly organized state of Zimbabwe, formerly Rhodesia. He was a Black nationalist of Marxist persuasion. He eventually established one-party rule in his country, becoming dictator of Zimbabwe in 1987. He ruled Zimbabwe for 37 years and amassed a vast fortune, greatly impoverishing the Zimbabwean people. South African tabloids were filled with articles about the great riches Robert Mugabe and his family accumulated over the decades, including lands and mansions. His most valuable property is Hamilton Palace in Sussex, England, worth more than 40 million euros. In addition, he owned more than 37,066 acres of land in Zimbabwe, including estates which were taken away from ousted White farmers.

Leaders who come on the scene, like Mugabe, often do not rule with the best interests of the people in mind. He came in as a liberator, but went out as a tyrant. He destroyed the economic power of Zimbabwe's white community, which was based on their hold over the country's most fertile land. Life became more difficult for the Zimbabwe people than when they lived under the rule of colonial laws. Mugabe was forced to resign in disgrace in November, 2017 to prevent his impeachment. When news of his resignation were heard, it sparked jubilant celebrations in the nation's streets. Robert Mugabe died September 6, 2019.

It should come as no surprise that Robert Mugabe, the former President of Zimbabwe, was celebrated as a hero in South Africa. They are going down the same path. They recognize Mugabe as a great revolutionary leader who fought racial oppression and Western imperialism.

We wonder whether there will be further disintegration of the Commonwealth nations in Africa and others who might choose to follow South Africa's example. What nation could be next?

Should land in the United States be given back to Native Americans? That is a question which has been on the table for quite some time, and in some cases, Indian tribes have successfully reacquired their lands.

Good news--An end to all prejudice and racism is coming soon!

Racism and inequality persist in South Africa nearly 25 years after apartheid. Apartheid is an Afrikaans word meaning "separateness," or "the state of being apart." Unequal access to education, unequal pay, segregated communities, and economic disparities continue to exist. Will the land grab in South Africa bring about peace and tranquility? It will not. Wherever there is strife over land, minerals, water, or any rights, there will be violence and prejudice.

One of the traits of human or carnal nature apart from God's spirit is prejudice. Prejudice crosses all color lines, along with many other characteristics of man's carnal unrepented nature, jealousy and envy, competition and strife, resentment of authority, vanity, lust, and greed. And these, sooner or later, result in violence! Much of the time such violence is caused deliberately, orchestrated by deep state activists who push their own ideology and deliberately stir up strife among the grassroots.

I Peter 4:8 warns us, "*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*"

Satan the devil cleverly stirs up strife in the hearts and minds of people; he doesn't want people to get along with each other. We need to learn how Satan attacks us so we "*will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil*" (Eph 6:11). He majors in stirring up hatred and strife between people over skin color or their status in life. He strives to cause us to doubt what God instructs us to do in the Bible. Matthew 4:1-11 shows how he worked diligently through subtlety twisting God's Word to try to deceive Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus could not be deceived, and then He commanded: "*Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'*"

When Jesus establishes the kingdom of God on the Earth as King of kings, He will rid the entire world of all prejudice. There are two things which will bring about racial peace: First, human nature will be changed. Secondly, the segregation-integration issue will be settled in a way to bring peace, and there will be no discrimination in existence where one race has superiority over another. Opportunity for success and welfare will be equal for everyone.

Then human beings from the time of birth will learn, as the apostle Paul said to the Athenian so-called "philosophers" on Mars' Hill, the God of all creation "*...has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth.*"

We are not of a "white" blood, or any other colored blood. We are all descended from the same ancestral father and mother, Adam and Eve. Ultimately God our Father is going to make all people into one family in spirit and love for one another.

Think of all the suffering human beings have endured because of strife between people over skin color or some other senseless reason. Imagine, all the crying and tears over violence, mayhem, and killing of one another just based on race. God will bring it to an end!

In the future, God will bring about His immutable words: "*And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new. And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.'*" (Revelation 21:4-5)

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