

WE ARE JUST
ANOTHER
AFRICAN
COUNTRY

Prince Mashele

Honesty to Oneself

“But it is necessary to the happiness of man, that he be mentally faithful to himself.”

-- Thomas Paine

Post-Colonial Leaders

Frantz Fanon:

“But as soon as independence is declared ... the leader will reveal his inner purpose: to become the general president of that company of profiteers impatient for their returns which constitute the national bourgeoisie.”

Walter Rodney:

“They squander the wealth created the peasants and workers by purchasing cars, whisky, and perfume.”



The Worst Among Us



Our Character

- A civilisation of consent
- Anti-democratic culture
- Accountability is foreign
- The leader reigns supreme
- Subjects, not citizens
- Politics resembles culture

What Is To Be Done?

- Acknowledge the backwardness of our political culture
- Embrace foreign, Western culture of openness without losing our identity
- Impose democracy on ourselves by building institutions of accountability
- An education that empowers the individual
- Throw our brothers and sisters in jail, if they are corrupt
- Embrace a cultural revolution

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