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1] Hopefully, after this, I will be saying less and less stuff about @DMwonzora & the @MyMDC_T

In Africa, any serious politician has to be a charismatic orator.

Strategy & effective administration is actually anchored on that.

Sadly, Dougie ticks none of those boxes.



2] African politics is unique.

There are many brilliant politicians who failed to make a mark, simply because of their inability to command attention.

You need to be able to convince people to listen, if you have any chance at convincing them to believe in you & what you offer.



3] Of equal concern is the perceptions people have of a politician.

ZANUPF caused irreparable damage on Tsvangirai as a political brand, as State media "successfully" labelled him a stooge of Westen interests.

I've wondered if the MDC did enough, to shake this off early.



4] Another critical feature of African politics, is that parties are just as popular as their Leader(s), especially the inaugural one(s).

The party grows as the Leader becomes more popular.

Most times, the Leader fortunately or unfortunately becomes more popular than the party.



5] ZanuPF was just as popular as Mugabe

MDC-T was just as popular as Tsvangirai

MDC ALLIANCE is just as popular as Chamisa.

Whoever takes over usually struggles.

Funny enough, Dougie is attempting to bank on the popularity of man who actually politically died with his MDC-T.

6] In short, Dougie has his work cut out for him because:

i) He cannot inherit the MDC-T, which was just a political relationship between Tsvangirai & his followers

ii) He lacks the ability to command political attention

iii) He has already been condemned as a Zanupf appendage



7] Out there, the political conversations still hover around the names of Chamisa & ED

Both locally & internationally, outside the EOC drama, the election of Mwonzora was buy & large a non-event.

Dougie even has a spirited social media team that only attract attacks & ridicule



8] If you were to ask a layman on the streets who Sen Mwonzora was/is & what he represents,they probably wouldn't know.

This is despite the fact that the man is genuinely one of the longest serving Opposition politicians.

Who can name any one exciting thing about Sen Mwonzora?

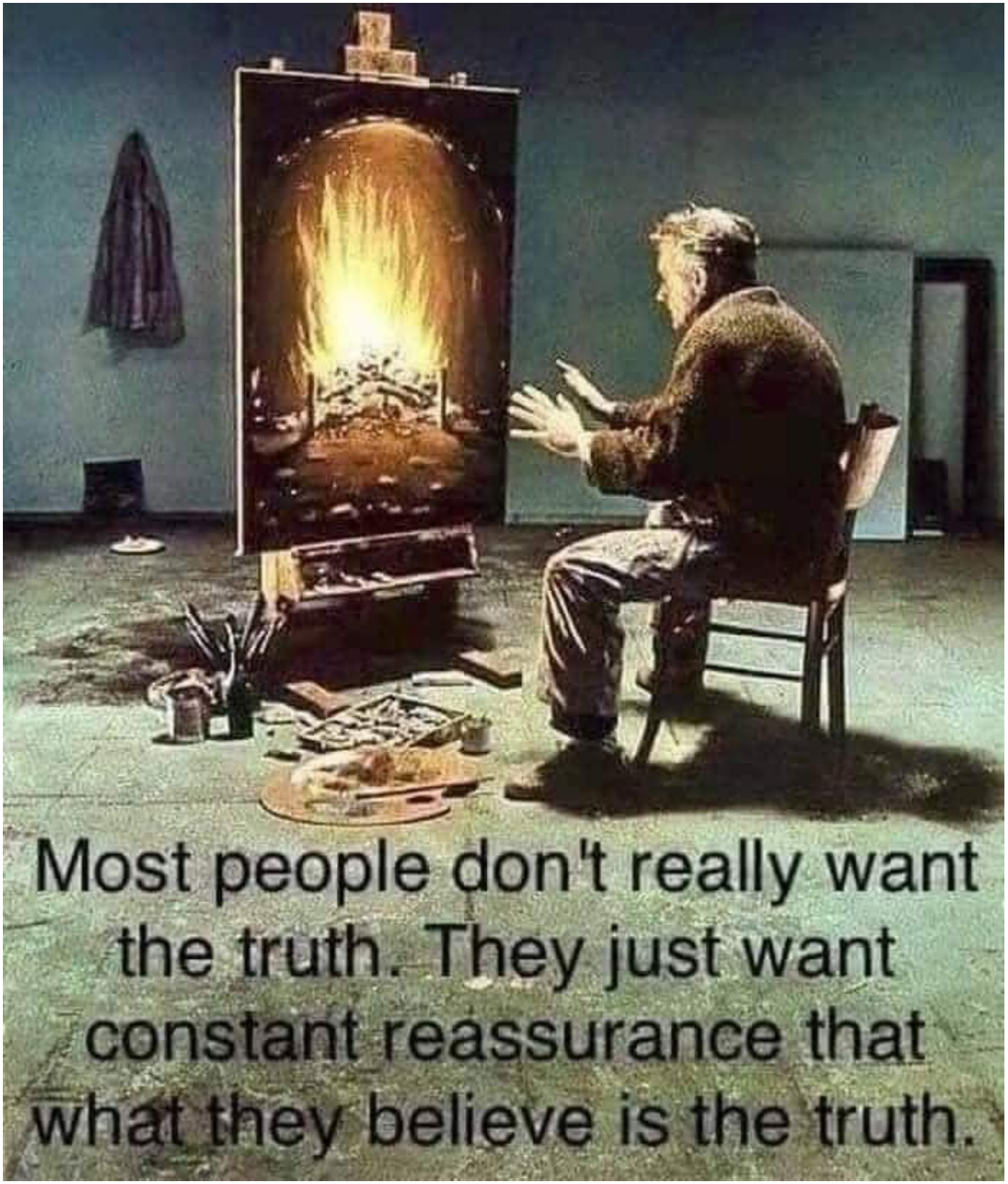


9] It's fine if I'm coming across as a fanboy promoting cult & personality politics.

Serious politicians have to accept the realities of African politics & properly position themselves to effectively cause change.

The MDC-T is a stillbirth

Realities aren't affected by opinions



10] Sen DM is simply the disputed Leader of the unelectable

The only elected officials in the MDC-T are there because of the SC judgement & the recall axe DM wields

In Africa, you're better off being seen as the victim

DM's politics,which threatens the voters,is unsustainable



11] So,the whole talk about dialogue with @nelsonchamisa & ED, is a desperate attempt by Sen Mwonzora to become part of the political conversation.

Its actually a sensible move.

His election didnt stimulate any political interest & he needs to search for it elsewhere.

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