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## SOUTH AFRICAN FUTURES 2035

### Can Bafana Bafana still score?

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## PREVIOUS WORK



NDP 5.4%

SA history 3.4%

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## PREVIOUS WORK



**SA by 2030**  
58.5m vs 64m

**Gauteng**  
14m vs 16 m

**Western Cape**  
6.4m vs 8m

**Eastern Cape**  
6.9m vs 7.5m

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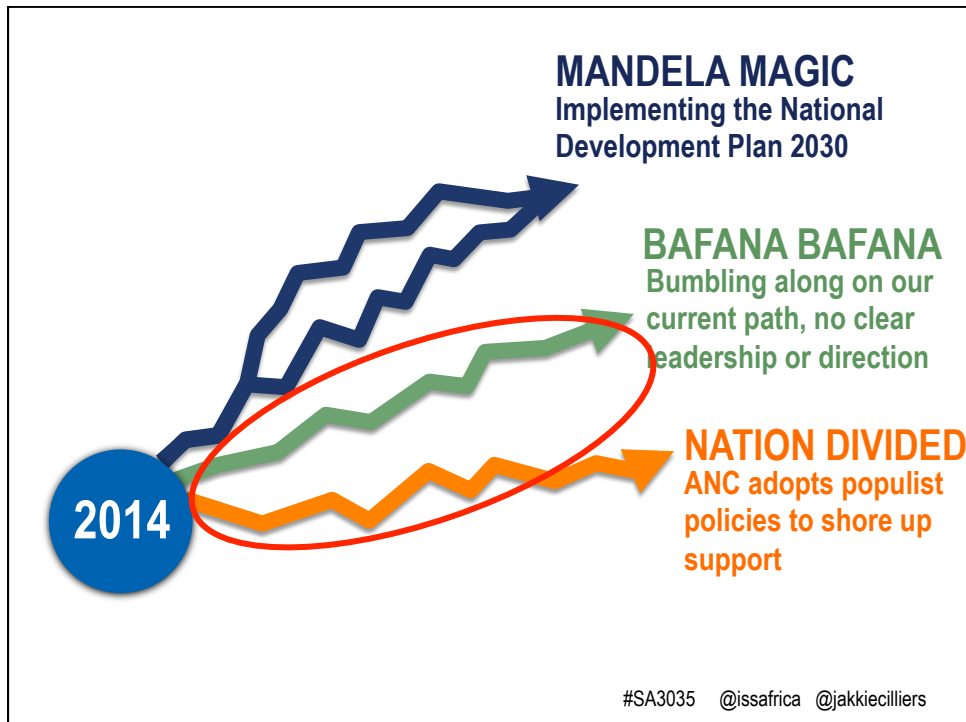


**Yes, but  
carefully**

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**CENTRAL PREMISE**

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Political inclusion a  
pre-requisite for sustained,  
long-term economic growth and  
development

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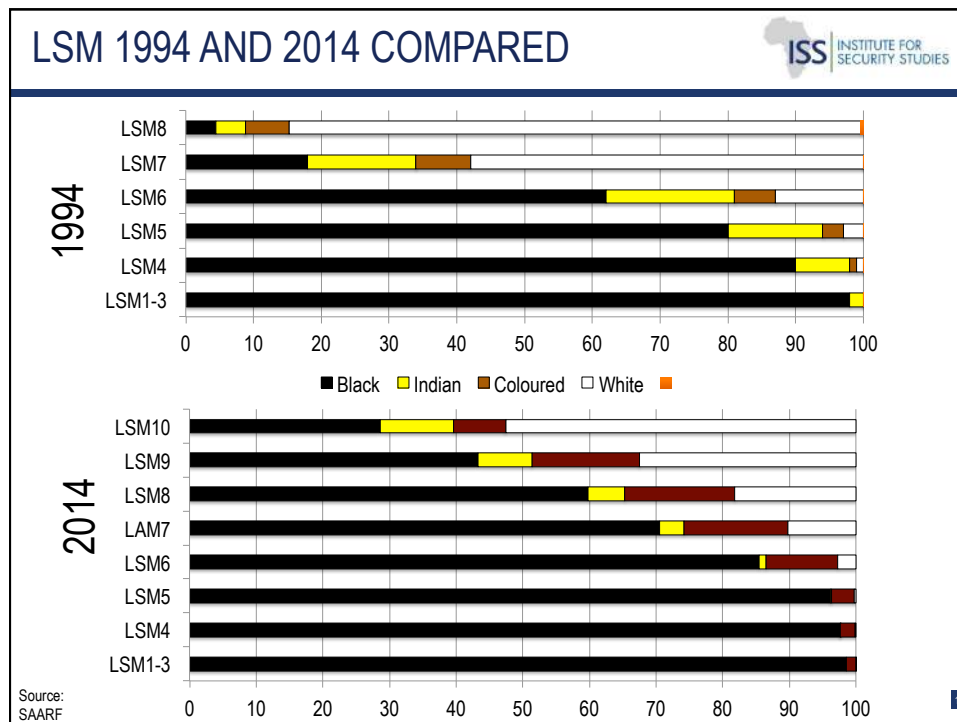
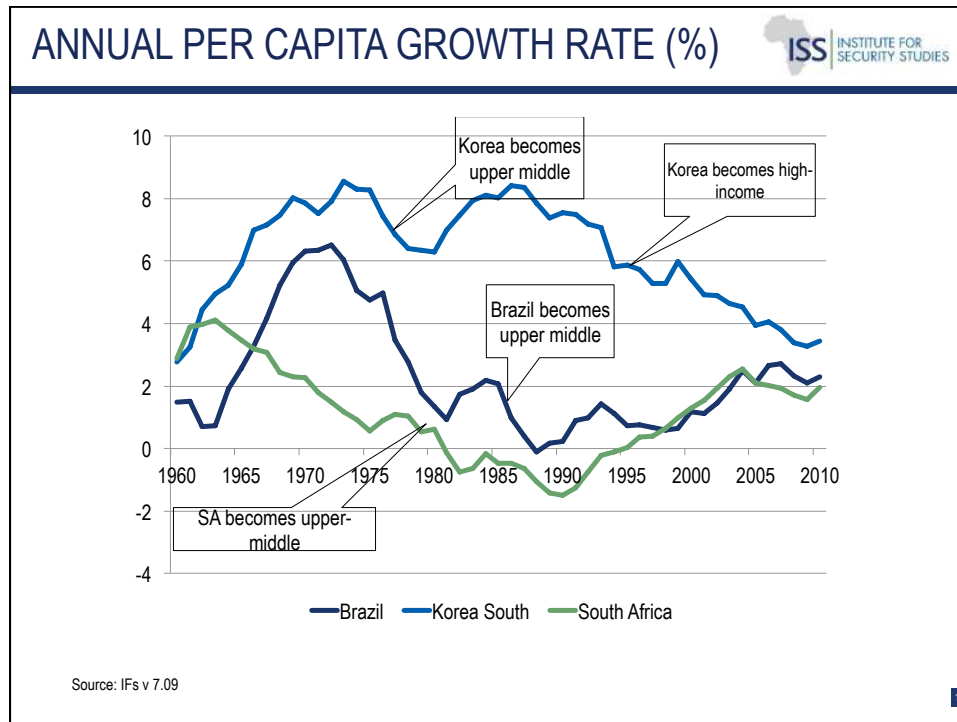
## HOW DID WE GET HERE?



- ✧ 1985 and crossing the Rubicon
- ✧ 1989: Botha to De Klerk
- ✧ 1990 to 1994: an unexpected outcome
- ✧ 1994 to 2008: Mandela, Mbeki and global growth
- ✧ 2008 to 2015: Zuma and the global recession
- ✧ An incomplete transition to inclusive politics and inclusive economics
- ✧ 2015 vs 1985 vs 2035

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## OUR CURRENT PATHWAY



- ✧ In a middle-income trap – not a recent development
- ✧ Try to break free from inequality, poverty, unemployment & crime – many mistakes...
- ✧ Today:
  - Crisis management not prospective planning
  - Electricity cap on growth
  - Policies that are incoherent and constrain growth
- ✧ **But** investments in long-term drivers of growth
- ✧ Generational change in politics has started

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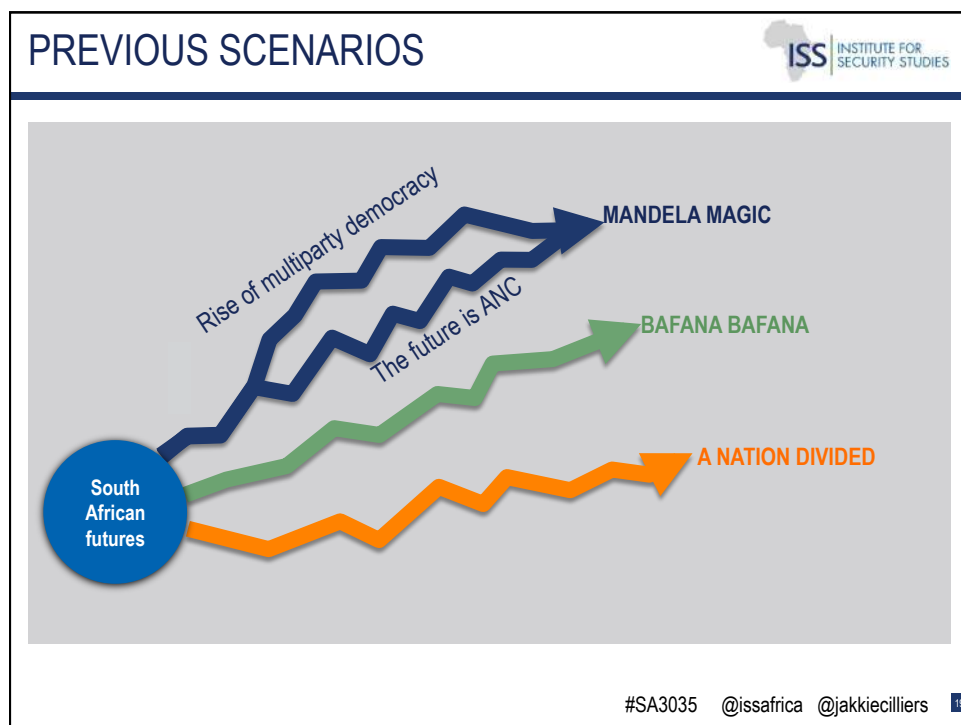
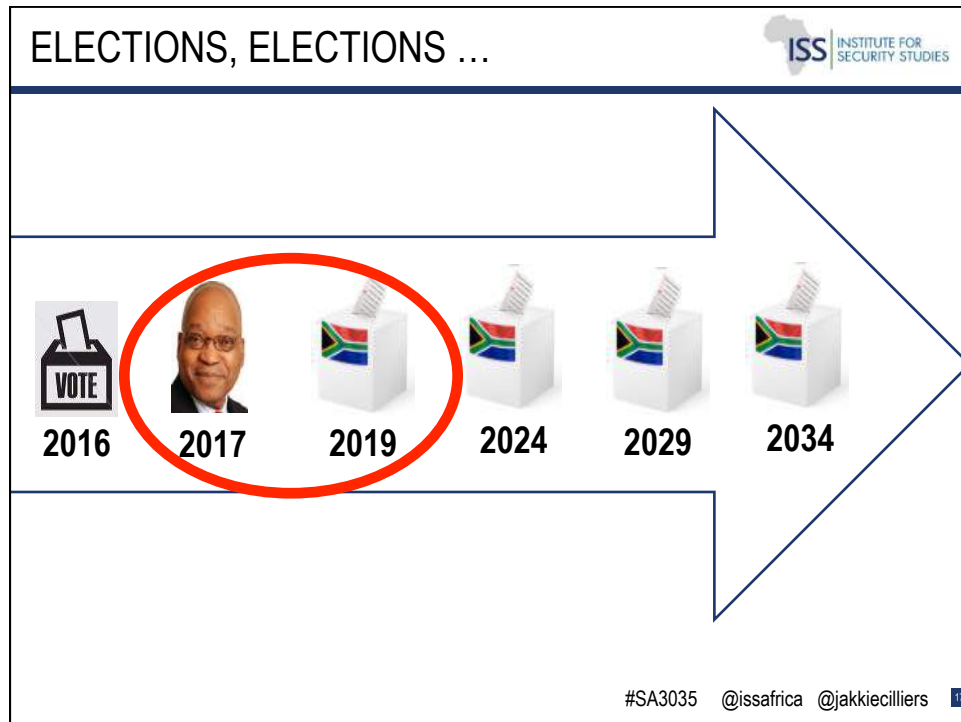


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## POLITICAL TRANSITION?



The ANC rejuvenates itself (and the country)?



Greater multiparty competition as driver of change?

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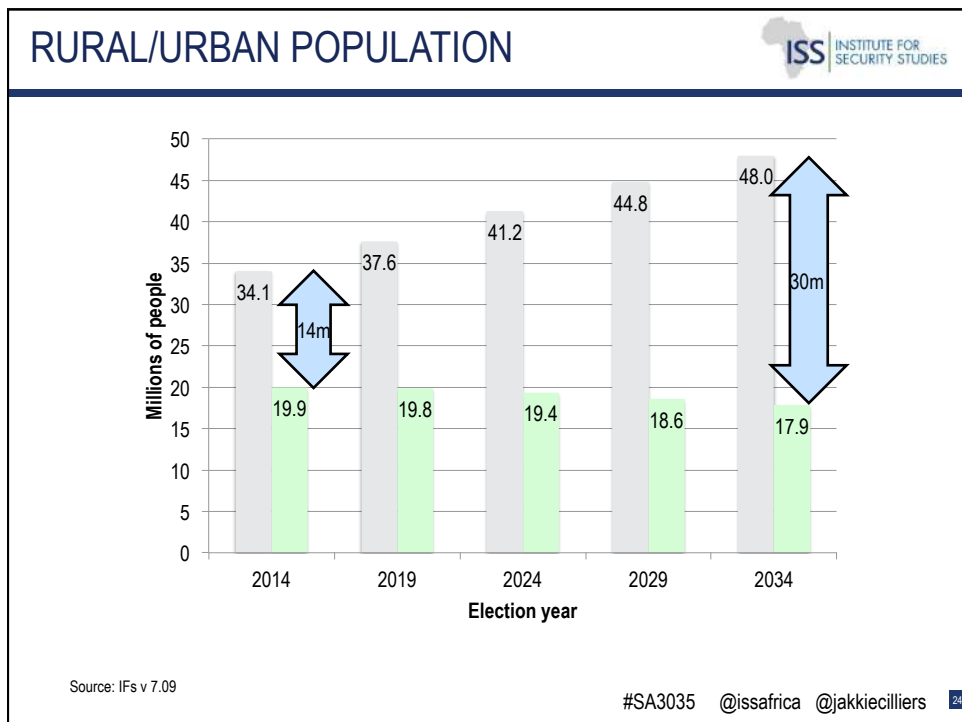
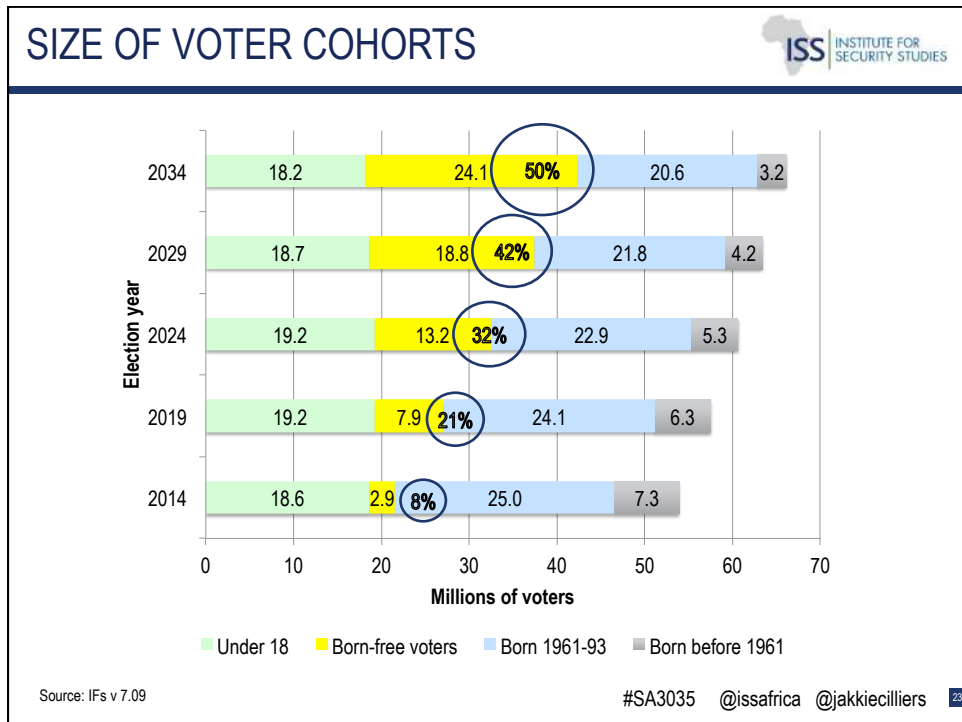
## A GENERATIONAL CHANGE?

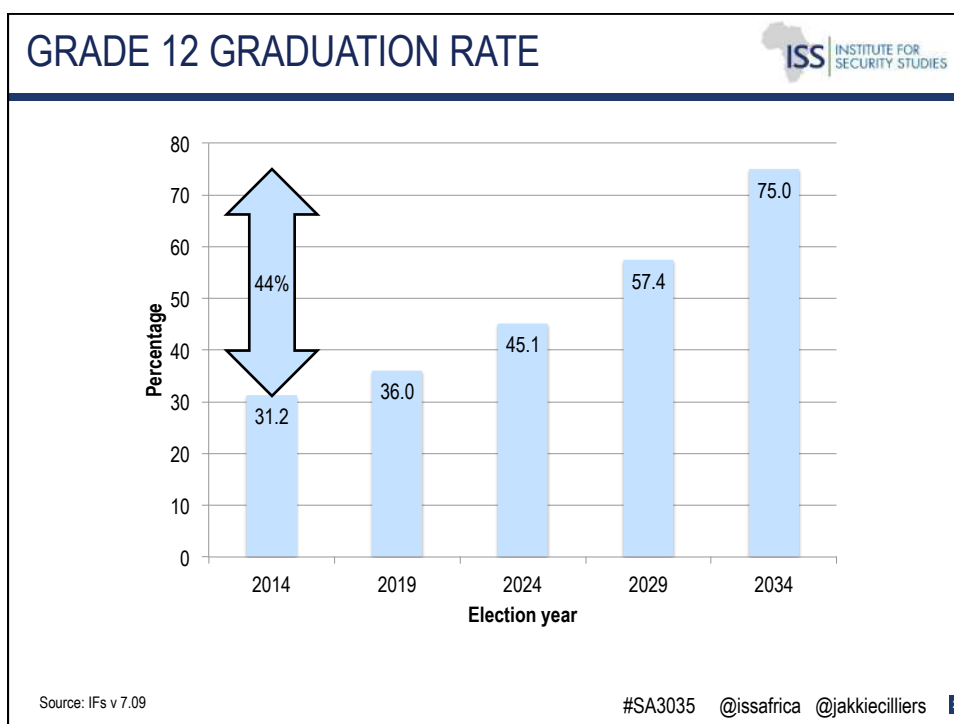


- Changing voter cohorts
- Changing rural/urban ratios
- Improvements in education

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## QUESTIONS/ISSUES

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- The ANC as an increasingly rural-based party?
- A generational transition from race to class?
- Global growth scenarios?
- Impact of leadership transition in the ANC? Duration and outcome?

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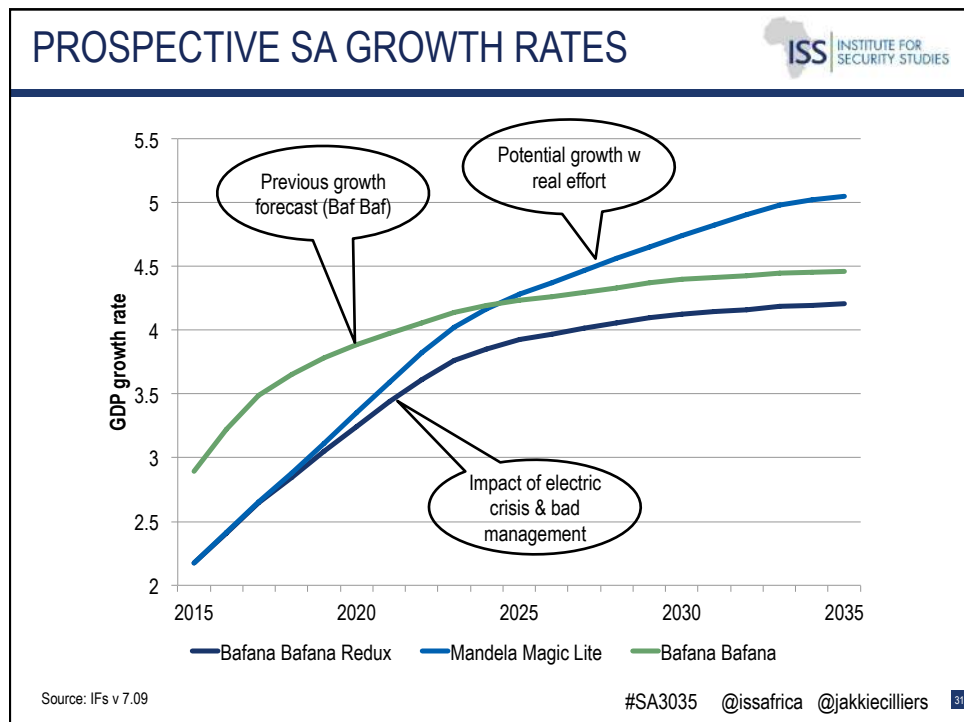
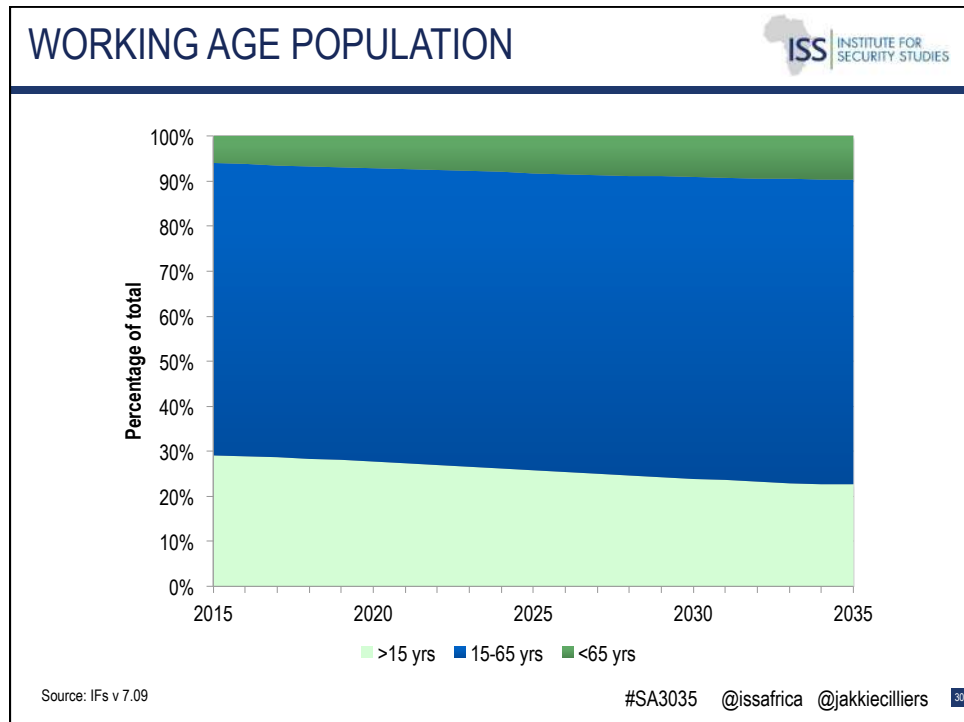
## A LARGER POPULATION?



- NDP2030 forecast SA pop of 58.5m by 2030 - our forecast 64m  
Difference of 5.5m (another Limpopo province)
- Already StatsSA mid-2015 estimate is pop of 55m
- Larger population
  - = bigger economy and faster growth
  - = lower average income levels

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## GETTING TO MANDELA MAGIC LITE



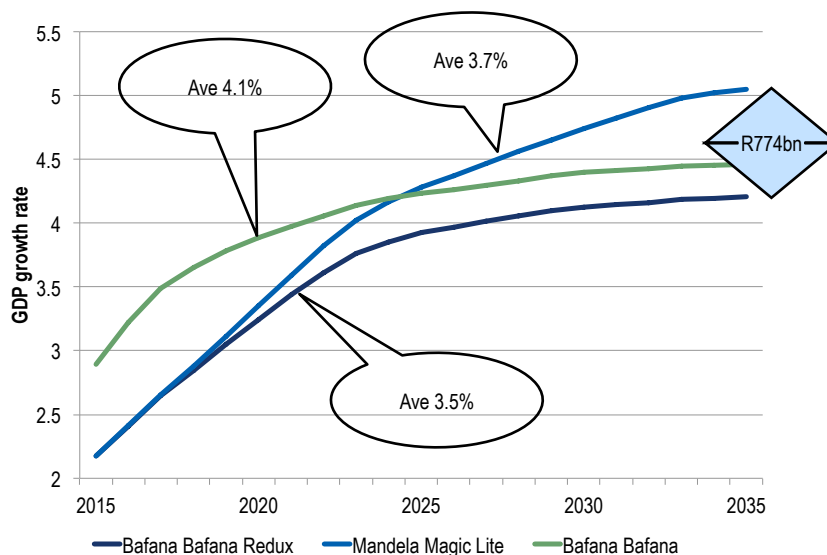
- improvements in government effectiveness
- greater investment in infrastructure
- more spending devoted to research & development
- broadband roll-out & better access to ICT
- less crime & violence
- lower death rates due to AIDS, lower HIV infection rates
- improvements in nutrition
- better education outcomes across all levels
- more access to safe water & better sanitation
- further expansion of social grants

Using the International Futures forecasting system (IFs) version 7.09

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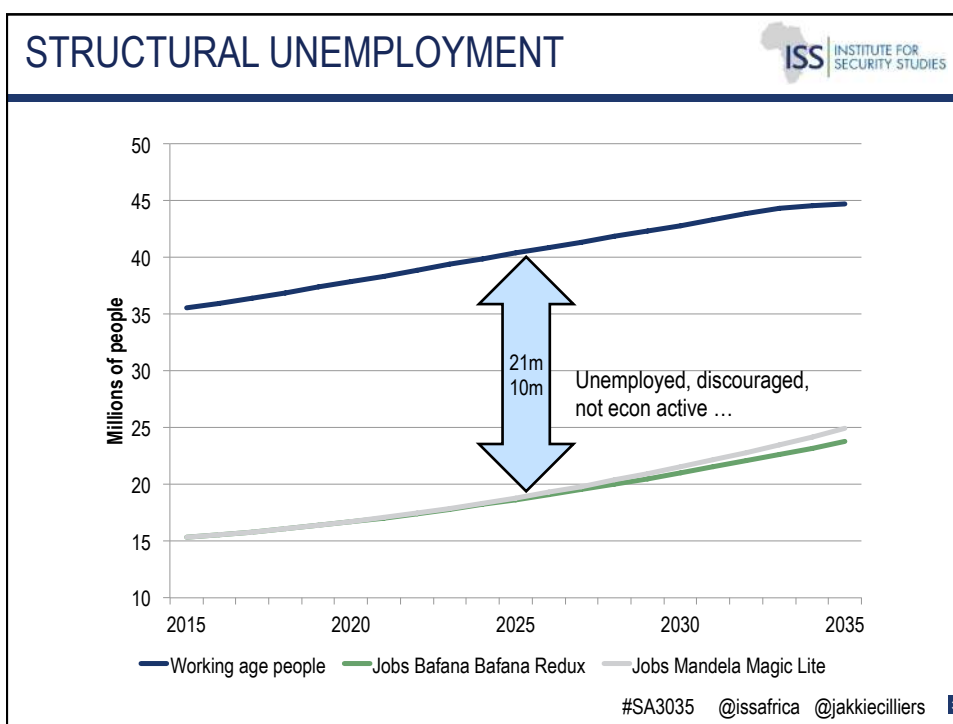
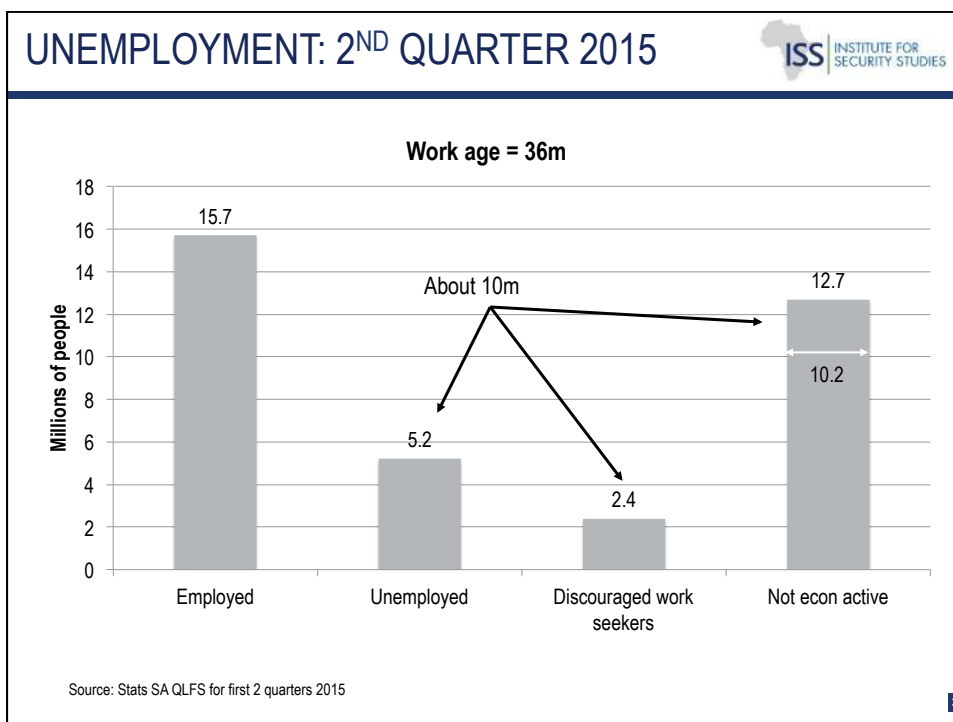
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## PROSPECTIVE SA GROWTH RATES



Source: IFs v 7.09

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## UNEMPLOYMENT VS EMPLOYMENT



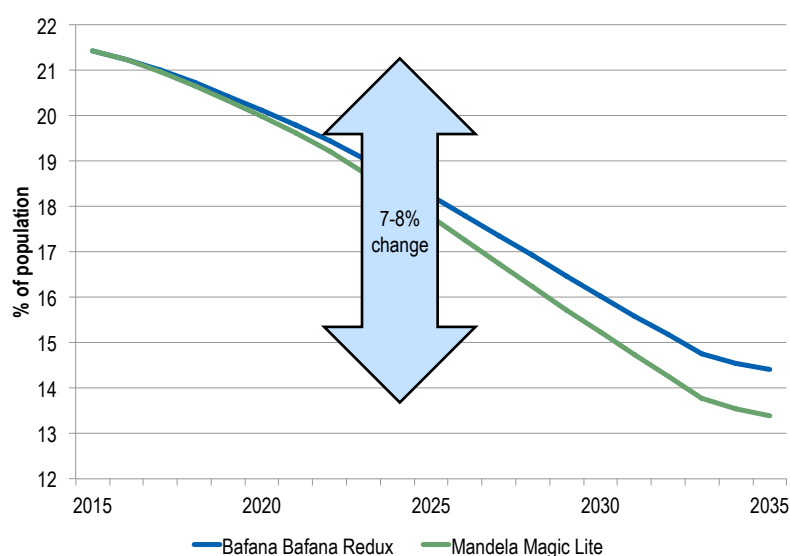
No change in long-term structural unemployment numbers

**BUT**

Increase of 9-10m employed  
Instead of 43%, by 2035 – 56% of worker age employed

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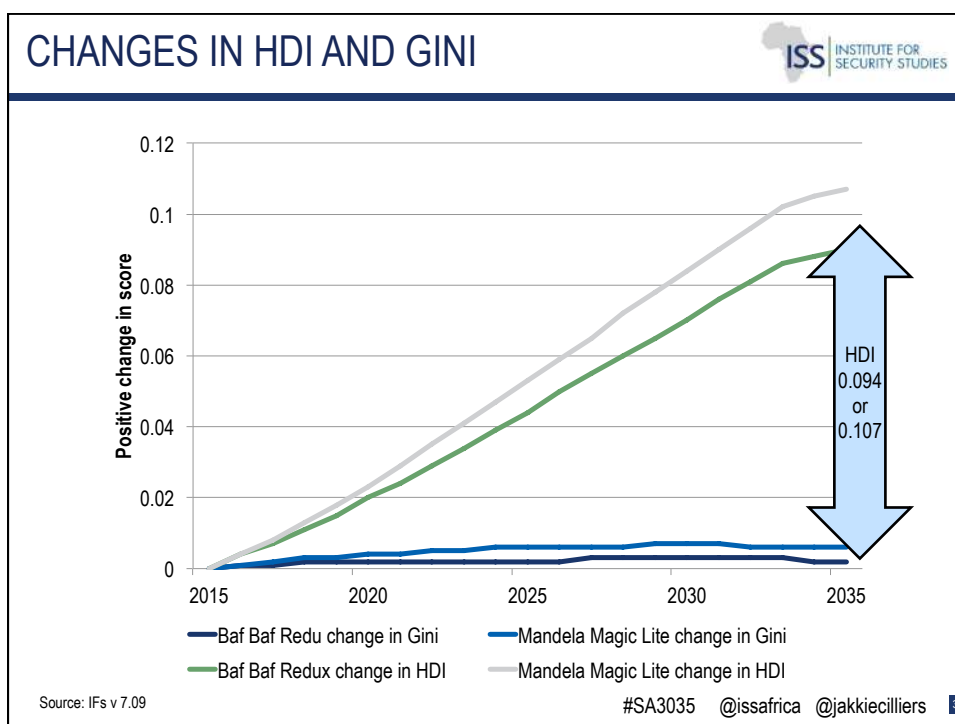
## POVERTY IN % OF POPULATION



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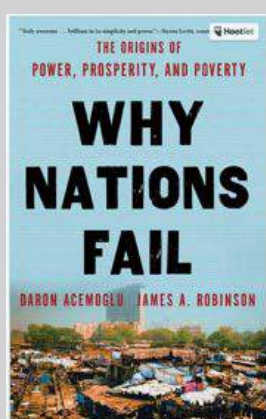
## VIDEO



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## CENTRAL PREMISE



If political inclusion is a pre-requisite for sustained, long-term economic growth and development

And if South Africa in the midst of an incomplete transition, what (more) needs to be done?

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## THE ISS ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT:



South Africa has made remarkable progress! But after the party comes the hangover.

The structural drives of growth are positive but policy and implementation incoherence is a drag

Unemployment, inequality and poverty will remain with us

What could be done at the structural level to improve political and economic inclusion?

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## STRUCTURAL CHANGES



### Political inclusion

- Reclaim political accountability, eg:
  - Constituency based system
  - Mandatory voting
- From race to class-based analysis
- Re-engage with NDP
- ANC leadership of the alliance
- Ethics in leadership
- Early conclusion of ANC succession process – resolving the 2017/9 gap

### Economic inclusion

- Unrelenting focus on:
  - Inclusive growth
  - Jobs
  - Global competitiveness
- Cap/control over private sector executive remuneration
- Reduce regulatory burden
- New ways of building a socio-economic pact

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