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Yes, this country, the mighty country
People fight for human rights

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One of the world's largest countries
Has three capital cities
Cate Town, Pretoria, and Bloemfontein
Johannesberg the largest city seen
RSA has 59 million people, in fact
Variety of ethnic groups, 80% Black

Constiutionally - languages are 11
Speak them all and go straight to heaven
But first numerous problems to solve
Challenging to absolve
#10 in world for homicide*
Female Genital Mutilization (FGM) we abhor
But exists here as well as there so covertly
Preventing it requires reporting alertly

Pretoria



^{*} Homicide Rates: RSA = (33.97 per 100k people; Canada - 1.68 per 100k people

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As diverse as RSA may claim
Xenophobic attacks and riots remain
One of our members experienced such
With her children camping in the bush
"For Europeans Only" the playground sign read
That was in the 1970's. What's now instead?
Between 1984 and 2018
More than 500 xenophobic attacks - how mean

Soweto Pride 2012 participants protest against violence against lesbians. The country has strong human rights laws but some groups are still discriminated against. It is the first country in Africa to recognise same-sex marriage



Human Rights, yes; but still must fight
Rape's a battle that's just not right
The virgin cleansing myth
Once thought to cure syphilis
Now with HIV/AiDS so rampant
Men's desire for virgins is constant
Highest world rates of child and infant rape
National outrage, but no way for virgin to escape

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On a more positive note
One that I'm sure will get your vote
In 2006, same-sex marriages became legal
In RSA, differing cultures blend quite beautifully
Giving the country an identity unique

Rites of passage are in all societies Linking the individual, their communities and the world's spirituality Infants arrive from the spiritual world With information, talents, a mission to pearl Once the mission is determined, The naming ceremony can begin

Next initiation to adulthood is quite an opportunity

For 3 - 6 weeks, pubescents are removed from the community Circumcision and education too About male & female rules and taboos





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Joining two families and two mission Is the purpose of African marriage tradition

Monogomous for women, but not for men

In 1998 legal polygamy began



The council of elders in communities Provide leadership, wisdom, advice, unity

Elder's who are chosen have demonstrated focus On building community, helping others, nothing bogus

Last but not least, selection of national ancestors Honoured for their live's endeavours Every healthy community must have local heroes Whose distinction is celebrated with ceremonial throws



Maybe now you'd like something to eat Dutch, British, Asia, Indian and more diverse culinary treats How 'bout chakalaka, samp and malva pudding See the small print below if you're wondering

Chakalaka = spicy chilli type dish; Samp = croarsly ground maze drink; Malva pudding = rich sweet cake

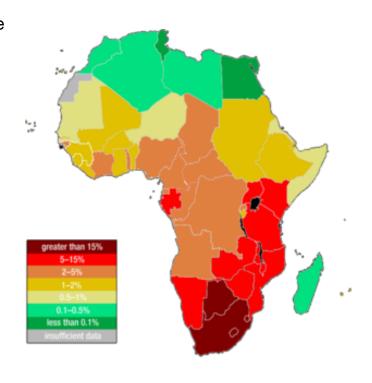






Conservation and overpopulation, Sprawling development and deforestation Threatening the welfare of the land In 2014, 1215 rhinos were killed - not grand Climate change, heat waves, drought, and fires Lead to more species extinction than we desire

IV/AIDS threatens the health of the nation
Sure no reason of celebration
RSA has the world's highest number afflicted
CIA's world facebook reports
7.2 million people inflicted
About 10% die annually
So turn the page manually
Read about SLF initiatives
They are very affirmative



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