

The Perception of the Elites on How CCM is Worthy for Development of Tanzania

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Abstract

The perception of the people on various ruling political parties in the world is critical to the government in power and to the running opposition political parties in the same territory. Elections, all over the world, have been kept as a mandate that give political power to most political parties. Indeed, we have many studies on governance and even on elections, but we do have few researches that assess the acceptability of the ruling political parties in our countries. This study is conducted in Arusha at Nelson Mandela institutes, where students who were being given honorary doctorate and professorship by the Loss Angeles Development Church and Institute gathered. This study was held from October 23 to 26, 2019. Three methods were used to collect data. These are interview, which was the main source of data collection. The second data collection method, was a questionnaire, which was given to each of the participant and they responded firmly. The third was the observation, we have observed keenly on every action and acts which were done by the interviewees. Besides, we have been in elections from single party democracy to the establishment of multiparty system, we have observed the trends and tendencies. We are capable of utilizing the same for data collection. The questions have been set, to be asked to the interviewee which has made a hypothesis not worthy. This study is qualitative in nature, and utilizes the argumentation to come to the analysis of the entire study. Hence quotient analysis was used to make the study become viable. The study concludes that most elites do have positive contribution to the ruling Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) due to the presence of good leadership, people and worthy politics. Chama cha Mapinduzi has been marked as the only political party in Africa which initiated independence and is still enjoying power. Certainly, because the party if made for the people and is of the people.

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I. Introduction

Development is arguably the key to any leader that is seeking presidency or prime minister of any government. It is a quest of development that makes people to hold rallies or be calm because of leadership in power. Even development of countries, the world

over, has been made differently from one leader to another due to the seemingly competent leaders in power compared to another (Mohamad, 2006). Political parties are the key to political reform that would bring forth development in most of the considered democratic countries in the world (Gilpin, 1996: 153). Hence, understanding what is the role of political party such as CCM is critical to enhance acceptability of the party in power. Chama Cha Mapinduzi is the only major ruling party in Africa, which is still in power.

Most of political parties which lead the African countries in power during 1960s have been abandoned and or regained power (Deweese, 1999).

But Chama cha Mapinduzi is seemingly the most influential political part, which has remained in power to date and thus can bring forth development (Msekwa, 2002). The world commission on environment and development in our common future states that sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (Brandt, 1987:43). Intergenerational equity advocates for sustainable development (King, 2018). It is important to narrate on the few words which are track records of the study.

Single party system, is an electoral system where by one party is given mandate to operate through the constitution of that country. Such country includes China. Development is an art of issuance where peoples access to human needs is not crucial. Such country includes Scandinavian countries namely Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland. Leadership is a totality of shows of people who are leading to the people who are led, on how to articulate the ventures, and assimilate the ways so as to get development. Chama Cha Mapinduzi is a ruling political party of Tanzania, which was formed after the union of Afro Shiraz Party and Tanganyika African National Union (TANU) on February 5th, 1977 in Tanzania. It is imperative to provide meaning of the key words on any document as it gives value of the entire documentation to various readers (Norman, 2009).

We reveal the prudence of political parties perhaps because of three major attributes of Chama cha Mapinduzi. Chama cha Mapinduzi is the founder and a leading moderator of all major parties in Africa. To mention but a few is ANC of South Africa, UNIP of Zambia, Convention Political Party (CPP) of Ghana, which was led by the President Nkwame Nkrumah, which enabled the President to come into power during the elections

which was held in April 27, 1960 (Dryzek, 1997). Malawi Congress Party (MCP) of Malawi, which lead Kamuzu Banda to be the first president during the election, which was held in 1964 (Senguji and Norman, 2005). The Liberation Front of Mozambique (FRELIMO) political party of Mozambique, immerged a winner of elections which was held on June 25, 1975 and which saw Samora Machel as President(www.sahistory.org.za as noted on November 6, 2019). These were key political parties to cooperate with CCM in order to bring peace to many other nations (Milanzi and King, 2015). Hence, the study on how do elites perceive CCM on development of Tanzania is vital as it would narrate the reasons for which the elites accepts or do not accepts the party.

II. Statement of the problem

The growth of political parties is an obvious fact just as the growth of human. Nevertheless, the growth of parties is gauged on several grounds, which are narrated in this study as five. Increased members of the party, is the fact number one which reveals that the party is growing. The second is contribution of finance to the party by members. We anticipate that when members are loyal to a political party then will cause them to evidently contribute to the party without any misfortunes. The third step is on peace and tranquility. When a party has gained the majoritarian member, it would seek to harness its relationship with the people through ensuring that each person works comfortably through observance of law. The fourth is the policy statement. This is political party measured statement, which the party uses to show its direction. The fifth factor is development. Do what you do, the most popular thing that will cause any political party to remain in power is development manifested by the people and for the people. We are carrying this research work, after we have noted that the ruling party, Chama Cha Mapinduzi is in the fifth stage of development.

III. Objectives of the study

The major objective of the study is to explore the elite perception on whether they peg trust to Chama Cha Mapinduzi to develop Tanzania. This main objective is divisible into three minor objectives, which are:

- a) To find out if the elites appreciates the appointment of various cadre of the ruling party.

- b) To assess if the elites do peg trust to the budgetary allocation of the government of Chama Cha Mapinduzi.
- c) To find out if the elites of Tanzania render acceptance to the implementation of projects and programs of the government.

IV. Questions for the study

There are three major questions for the study, which stem from the narrated minor objectives. Nevertheless, in order to capture the attention of the respondents without eliminating any affluence, minor questions were developed for that. Hence, we do have six questions.

- a) Do elites appreciate the appointment of various cadres done by the government of ruling party?
- b) Do elites not appreciate the appointment of various cadres done by the government of the ruling party?
- c) Do elites peg trust to the budgetary allocation performed or pursued by the government of Chama Cha Mapinduzi?
- d) Do elites not peg trust to the budgetary allocation performed or pursued by the government of Chama Cha Mapinduzi?
- e) Do elites peg acceptance to the implementations of programs and projects done by the government of Chama Cha Mapinduzi?
- f) Do elites not peg acceptance to the implementation of programs and projects done by the government of Chama Cha Mapinduzi?

V. Rationale of this study

This study is imperative in that it provides what is missing to many political parties which Chama cha Mapinduzi has managed to sail through. It literates the parties on how understanding the perception of the elites through scientific researches such as this, would give a narrative picture on what is supposed to be done in order to improve the trends and tendencies of affiliation to the people. The cruciality of the study further is on understanding the dynamic change of the behavior of elites regarding their perception. It is important to conduct such study as it gives the ruling party, and opposition parties to

understand how the eminent group in our society look at the ruling party, and it will always provide a proper strategy on how to deal with it.

VI. Limitations and Delimitations

Limitation of the study

This study is expecting most of the students to participate actively on answering the questions since they are students, they might think that this is crucial to the marks. Nevertheless, there is an understanding that the researcher is known to the participants and they might know his affiliation to parties and probably they might link him with what he would want to hear.

Delimitation of the study

This study is free from any delimitation since the interviewee are educated and they know what is a research. They are used into researches and were about to graduate Doctoral degree (PhD) and Professorship, henceforth there is nothing would cause them to be jeopardized from contending to research questions.

VII. Findings for the study

There are several responses to the study. Nevertheless, we have opted to summarize the responses by using a summation table 1. Generally, responses are given a character of responses as group 1 (G1), group 2 (G2), group 3(G3) group 4 (G4) and group 5 (G5). The responses were 24 and we have divided them into five groups of 5x 4groups, plus 1 group with only four members.

The groups responses are on agreement. Nevertheless, each member was allowed to talk and we gave marks to actively participating members. And generally, the marks which were attained by each group indicates that each member participated firmly and actively.

Question number one seeks to understand if the elites give value to the appointment of people in various cadre by the government of Chama cha Mapinduzi. The G1, G3 and G4 had this to say, “CCM has been keen in the appointments of the presidential cadres. They have the candidate whom we did not think he would perform such a wonderful work. He has done it. He has made replacement even on ministers whom some of us thought he

would not have done it. He removed people in power like Charles Mwijage and Dr. Charles Tizeba. These are people from his tribe. He is an excellent president”.

Then it is G2, which insisted on the matter of appointments and cherished in that the “president does promotion and appointments of leaders as if he is a manager who pursued his studies at Mzumbe. He knows how to appoint and he does away with any toothless leaders. Magufuli is a best leader Tanzania has once had”.

Do elites give attribute to the budgetary allocation? This narratively each group had a difference is responding: G1 had this to say, “budgets are very fine. Because he has managed to implement projects that we focused to be foreign donations but he has done it through the money we collect as tax payers”.

G2 had this to say, “Magufuli is a brilliant leader. He has managed to use force account to accommodate projects that were dubiously allocated in terms of huge funds. Instead of 4.9 billion, he has now managed to implement the project for 2.3 billion TZS. This is a brilliant way of managing resources.”

Do elites peg acceptance on projects and programs done by the government of Chama cha Mapinduzi?

G3 had this to say, “wonderful programs are being implemented. Such as purchase of 11 aircrafts, implementation of rural electrification projects implemented by REA, construction of MW 2115 in Mtwara region, airports construction, ports development, and many other projects.”

Table 1. Summarized responses of elites in Tanzania

S/NO	Responses per group	Description of responses	%
1.	Do elites appreciate the appointment of various cadres done by the government of ruling party? G1, G3, G4, G5	Yes, we do appreciate. He started as a soft President but as of now, he has proved to be one of the giants in appointments and on firing	80
	G2	Yes, we do appreciate. CCM candidate is keen on appointment and on firing. He gives reasons as to why he has fired some one from	20

		his posts. He is vigored keen.	
2.	Do elites not appreciate the appointment of various cadres done by the government of the ruling party? G1, G2, G3, G4, G5	None of us do not appreciate the president.	95
3.	Do elites peg trust to the budgetary location performed or pursued by the government of Chama Cha Mapinduzi? G1, G2, G3, G4, G5	Yes, we do, irrespective of some members of parliament saying that some projects are done without budget being passed through the parliament, but much as projects and programs are implemented, what else do we want? We affirm that we second the CCM party in execution of budget location.	95
4.	Do elites peg trust or do not peg trust to the budgetary location performed or pursued by the government of Chama Cha Mapinduzi? G1, G2, G3, G4, and G5	We peg trust. Sincerely as we narrated earlier Presidents are father of our houses. They know how to feed the home at all times. Much as there is no any person, including members of parliament who do not accuse the president from theft or stealing, he is right.	95
5.	Do elites peg acceptance to the implementations of programs and projects done by the government of Chama Cha Mapinduzi?	We peg a much trust. He has implemented projects that Mwalimu Nyerere propounded. Yes, the Mtwara MW 21115 electricity dam will end the shortages of electricity that we face now. Look at SGR rain, Airports, Ports, Ubungo and Tazara roads, various tarmac roads from Njombe-Makete-Mbeya. Tabora-Mpanda, and many others.	95
6.	Do elites not peg acceptance to the implementations of	We sincerely do not.	60

	programs and projects done by the government of Chama Cha Mapinduzi? G2, G3, G5		
7.	G1, G4	We are not comfortable because we feel that there are some projects that if he would be keen in implementing, Tanzania will be flourishing. Such projects include Bagamoyo ports, and Ludewa coal mining and iron	20
	Total response	560	Average response 80

Source: Data collected and analyzed through research conducted on October 23 to 26, 2019.

VIII. Conclusion

It is of great merit to have a study such as this. We have come to know that elites in Tanzania do second the ruling Chama cha Mapinduzi firmly. 95% of the interviewee indicates that they support the nominations and appointments made by the government of Chama cha Mapinduzi through the president of that political party Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli. 95% indicated that, they do peg trust to budgets and allocations. They insisted that though they are not sure of whether some programs of the government are implemented without a cause of budgetary narration to be passed by the parliament, yet if he has not stolen the funds, then he is a prudent leader. 95% of the respondents indicates that, they support the programs and projects narrated to be implemented by the government. It was mentioned that such project includes purchasing of 11 air crafts, to revive the deadly Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL). It was also evident that construction of most crucial projects such as Kampala-Tanga oil projects, which the implementation was signed by the president of Tanzania Dr. John Magufuli and Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, president of Uganda, were evident of the ruling party Chama cha Mapinduzi in promoting the country to the new level of development. Moreover, Chama cha Mapinduzi under President Magufuli has led to the improvement of Standard Gauge Railway from Dar es salaam to Mwanza, Tabora -Uvinza -Msongati (Burundi), Uyui-

Mpanda- Kalema. President Magufuli has revamped the Tanga -Moshi-Arusha railways. He has created roads, airports, and ports. He has also awakened to revamp agriculture, by creating a bank (Tanzania Investment Bank) to be firm on agricultural products, when the cashew nuts were stranded not to be bought by the people, the President ordered that the government should buy the entire crops estimated to be of 145 billion TZS. It is right saying that Magufuli is humble president who takes heed on every fortune for the country and for the people of Tanzania. He is a 100% human being with weakness and merit, as of this research work, he has been accorded as the best president in Tanzania.

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