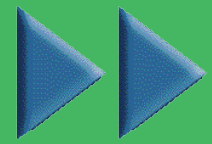


# futurefact



*In an age of unpredictability and increasing complexity, the ability to see the pathways into the future and to choose wisely has become among the most precious commodities of our time.*

*futurefact is a rigorous survey aimed at identifying these critical pathways and providing the background and insights that enable informed, clear decisions by private and public sector organisations.*

*futurefact was developed by South Africans for South Africa.*

***Tomorrow is not so mysterious to those who can understand today.***

futurefact has been tracking social trends since 1998 and has been a great predictor of trends and events on the South African landscape, including the xenophobic attacks that shocked us out of our rainbow reverie. The trends that are currently being revealed show that SA is once again at a crucial point in its history - a potential tipping point on many levels.

## Who should care?

Anyone who wishes to prepare for the future before it gets here should be deeply interested in what the futurefact surveys have to reveal. futurefact aims to provide a fact based compass for governmental, societal, business, media and academic institutions to consider how best to tap into and map out opportunities. Organisations also have a profound responsibility to see the warning signs and formulate a strategy to deal with them.

“South Africa is one of the most rapidly changing societies in the world. Companies don’t operate in a vacuum; they are dependent for their strategic route into the future on the social conditions in which they operate. These social conditions are affected by such factors as class mobility, social cohesion and social dissent, attitudes to the recession and financial literacy, political and social beliefs including transformational issues, perceptions of social delivery and unions, confidence in organisations and leaders, digital and mobile capabilities and mindsets, brand consciousness and much more besides. These all have enormous impacts on citizen and consumer behaviour, which directly affect business strategy and marketing for the future.”

futurefact interrogates these myriad social conditions, strips away the many complexities and vagaries and presents the findings in a context upon which decisive action can be taken.

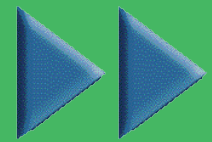
The futurefact surveys are a balanced combination of demographics, attitudes, activities, values, fears and ambitions with a comprehensive media section.

futurefact works closely with subscribers and opinion leaders:

- >To track the changes taking place in our society and identify and interpret emerging social, political and economic trends;
- >To identify target markets and develop appropriate messages and communication strategies;
- >For new product development, product and brand positioning; product reinvigoration;
- >To understand consumer attitudes and behaviour;
- >To inform editorial and communication content and direction.

***“We can have facts without thinking but we cannot have thinking without facts”***  
John Dewey, US educator, pragmatist, philosopher, psychologist (1859 - 1952).

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*"If you need to have a better understanding of the pulse of South Africa and its evolving social dynamics you simply have to pay close attention to futurefact." Paul Bannister, Managing Director of Ignite and Acting CEO, International Marketing Council.*

*"The futurefact data was thoroughly interrogated at the time of Drum's editorial turnaround strategy. The implementation of the learnings through this process has been very successful - Drum's growing circulation speaks for itself." Anfra Mostert, Research Manager for Drum*

*"futurefact has been an invaluable survey for Ads24 in tracking the fast changing South African landscape, allowing us to make sense of the social, political and cultural (including language) trends in our Rainbow Nation on behalf of the range of newspapers we represent." Tiaan Ras, Market Intelligence Manager, Ads24.*

***Where we are going depends very much on where we are today.  
Understand today and you can better shape tomorrow.***