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(Alec)

When our daughter matriculated and she started university, she started doing her BA degree and she got very involved with politics, with the ANC, The African National Congress. That was Nelson Mandela's party. Otherwise there was very little involvement...politically. I mean, we used to have our regular party that we used to vote for. You know, the white, English-speaking South Africans voted always for the United Party, which, unfortunately, just petered away. You know when the nationalists came in in 1948, it was the Afrikaners who started dominating politics. So generally, we kept out of politics. We had nothing to do with it. We just accepted things how they were and that was our lives.

(Elfreda)

Well mine was a little bit different in that I lived in a little town and the nationalists came in 1948 and in our town it affected the town very much. Because the party came in and they were at different entrances. Like a shop had two entrances. And also it affected the businesses because the Jewish people were mainly in the United Party and a lot of people tried to boycott their businesses. They were angry, the Afrikaans people. So as a little girl I remember that part. It was quite traumatic when they came in. It affected a lot of the life in the smaller town because they were mainly Afrikaans people and the Jewish community were much against the apartheid. So that was a bit of a traumatic time in our lives.

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