

Politicizing the Banning of Labor Brokers

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ABSTRACT The heated debates surrounding the issues of whether to ban or not to ban labor broking in South Africa are becoming more interesting as different interest groups express their opinions and views on the matter, making it highly politicized. It is pertinent to mention that most of the organized labor unions in South Africa are affiliated to at least one political party. This makes it difficult to know their opinions, on the issue and whether the ruling government influences these opinions, as most of the members are part of the ruling government that is reluctant to ban labor broking. These contradictions from members of the alliance are, to a large extent, the major obstacle to resolving the issues surrounding the ban or not to ban labor broking. The government is currently in a dilemma, as it does not know how to handle these issues. This paper examines different political dimensions and infiltrations that are obstacles to how the issues surrounding the banning of labor broking should be treated in order for there to be a concrete position on the issues