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# Politics, Economics and Markets

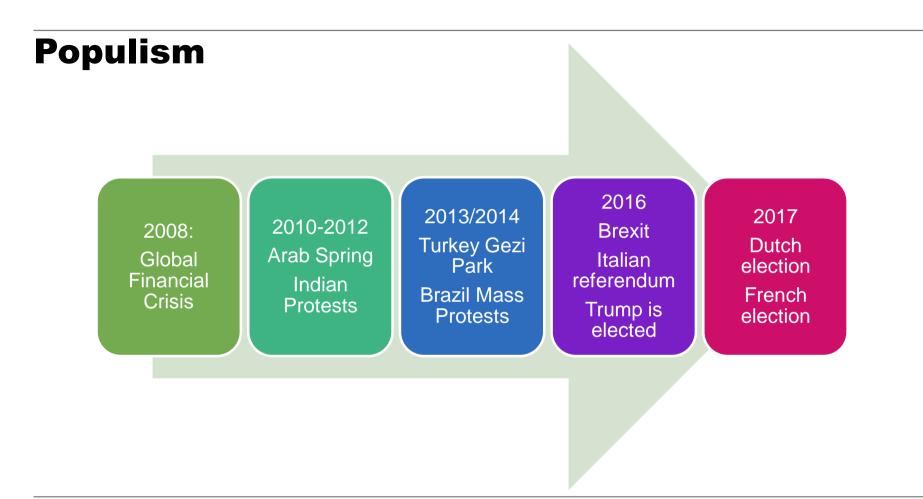
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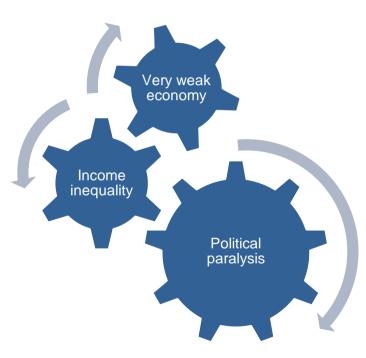


## Is this new?

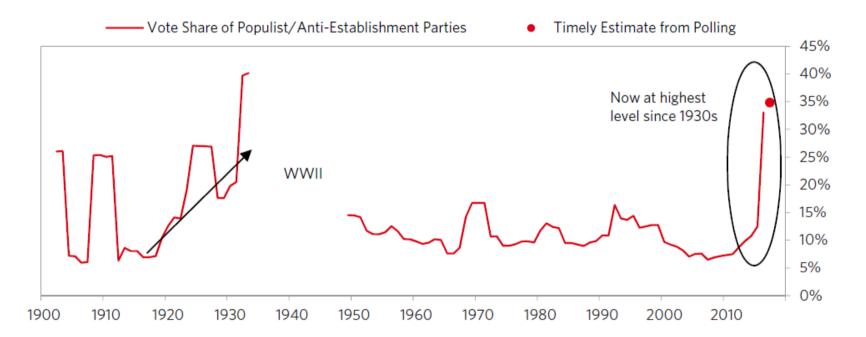
Plenty of historical examples

- Italy Mussolini
- Germany Hitler
- Spain Franco

#### **Common causes**



### **Developed World Populism Index**



Source: Bridgewater

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## **Key Features of Populism**

1930s vs Current Period

Attack established politicians

- Italy -1920s
- Germany -1920s
- Spain 1900s
- Hungary
- Greece
- Poland
- Russia 2000
- Venezuela
- United States
- Britain

#### Nationalistic/ Anti-Immigrant

- Italy
- Germany
- Spain
- Hungary
- Greece
- Poland
- Russia
- United States
- Britain

#### Protectionist

- Italy
- Germany

United States

Britain

Spain

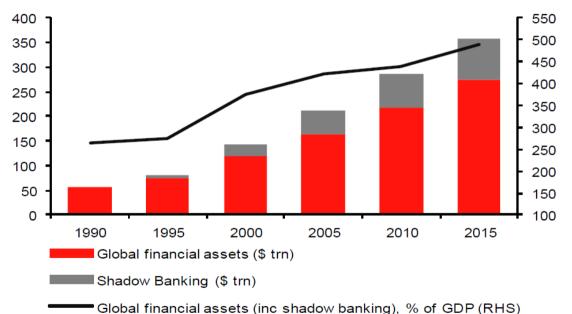
#### Attacked corporates & banks

- Italy
- Germany
- Spain
- Hungary
- Greece
- Poland
- Russia
- Venezuela

# **Capital manufacturing capital**

Surge in global financial instruments

#### **Estimated value of global financial instruments (US\$ trillion)**



G5 Central Bank Assets have surged from US\$6trn in 2008 to US\$18trn in 2016

Source: BIS, Macquarie Research, May 2017

### What political impact on the SA market?

	24-Mar-17	31-May-17
ZAR/US\$	13.01	13.15
ZAR/GBP	16.65	16.95
R186 yield	8.60	8.58
SA CDS	194	190

# **US\$64bn** inflow into Emerging Market Equity & Debt in 2017

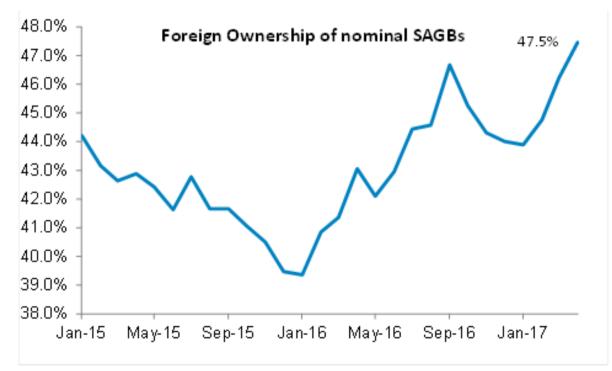
# US\$30bn into equity funds

# US\$33bn into debt funds

# Inflows of **US\$12bn** since 1st April 2017

# In contrast, there were outflows of US\$500mn from debt funds in 4Q15

## Surge in foreign ownership of SA govt bonds



Source: Morgan Stanley, 31 May 2017

## What am I worrying about?

- Weaker growth: 0.9% vs 1.7% previous forecast due to negative impact on confidence
- Weaker government revenues
- Higher borrowing costs

## **Canary in the Coal Mine**

State Companies Cannot Issue



#### Since the cabinet reshuffle:

- Transnet has had three failed auctions
- SANRAL had to withdraw an auction
- Eskom is not running auctions

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