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- 4 unequal groups in South Africa: **white, black, colored** and **Indian**



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- Many **unjust laws**: unfair work conditions, discrimination in employment, communist party banned in 1950...



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Nelson **Mandela** was elected in 1994 (as South Africa president) and abolished apartheid



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- Some of New Zealand's best players were Maori



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- Starting in 1960: public protests about Maoris being excluded from tours
- 150 000 New Zealanders signed a petition: "No Maoris, No Tour"
- Protest group "Halt All Racist Tours" was formed in 1969



- Maoris were involved in the process but the movement was dominated by Pākehā
Pākehā are non-Maori people living in New Zealand



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- In 1981, South African rugby players toured New Zealand while Apartheid was still in place in South Africa
- Even though Apartheid, New Zealand's Prime Minister did not forbid the tour

"politics should stay out of sport."

- Many games were canceled because of protesters invading the pitches



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