

NO CONFIDENCE

Youths doubt party politics – survey

FORTY percent of young black people have little or no confidence in the country's political parties, a survey released yesterday shows.

The same was true of more than two-thirds of young people from other races, the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation study showed. The

young people approached were younger than 35.

While 68.9 percent of coloured youth said they had little or no confidence in political parties, the percentage was higher among Indians (78.1 percent) and whites (77.2 percent).

Overall, about 58 percent of young

South Africans said they would consider supporting a political party different to the one preferred by most of their friends and family.

The study found that 49 percent of all South Africans doubted that national leaders were concerned with the views of ordinary people.

“Not only young South Africans but adults believe political leaders are not responsive to their views, and they have no power to change the opinions of what happens in government,” said Institute for Justice and Reconciliation researcher Kate Lefko-Everett.

About 44 percent of people sur-

veyed said they had seen corruption in their communities. More than one in three believed the government was not doing enough to fight it.

It showed that 70.5 percent of black youth had confidence in the presidency, against 40 percent of their white counterparts. – Sapa