

The twar that wasn't: how Zelda and Redi showed that Twitter can be sane

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On Saturday, the South African Twittersphere was set into a fresh rage spiral following comments from Nelson Mandela's former PA and confidant Zelda la Grange that president Jacob Zuma made white people feel unwelcome in the country...



Image of Zelda la Grange from [Memeburn.com](#)

The tirade, which went on for a number of tweets, echoed many of the frustrations which South Africans across the economic and social spectrum have felt with Zuma but, unfortunately, framed it within a racial narrative.

Many tweeters latched onto this, suggesting that the veil of the "rainbow nation" had slipped. The tone of some of the responses to la Grange meanwhile seemed to suggest that her relationship with Mandela was a facade and that she had harboured racist feelings all along.

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