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## KEY MESSAGES FREEDOM MONTH

### Valuing our freedom in difficult times:

- How ordinary people understand and internalize freedom in the context of COVID-19?
- Freedom and its potential abuse
- The paradox of freedom and constitutional limitation to rights
- Essential services and freedom (how is the idea of freedom socially constructed by those whose freedom may be curtailed e.g. essential workers?)
- Has the COVID-19 phenomenon made the nation to appreciate and celebrate essential workers?
- Most South Africans have heeded the call to adhere to the strict measures in the regulations promulgated. What potential does this have as a lever for future endeavors on cohesion and nation building?
- The need to adhere to the COVID-19 regulations in the collective fight against the pandemic
- The importance of curtailment of some of the social habits such as up some Freedom and Rights such as Smoking, drinking of alcohol, attending funerals, going to school, going to work, going to church and visiting families and friends
- Ties that bind us are stronger than barriers that divides us
- Given that COVID-19 attacks the human body without any due regard to race or social standing, could this social experience be a platform or catalyst on which the idea of a single national identity can get traction and be realized?