

## **Chapter 1**

### **Limits to seeking power through democratic means: a case of Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) in the 21st century**

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#### **Introduction**

The Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) entered the 21<sup>st</sup> century with a wide support base after winning nearly 50 percent of the parliamentary vote in 2000, which was achieved in the face of enormous electoral obstacles and state violence. The party failed to ride on the many failures of the ZANU PF- led government. The of this chapter is to analyse how the democratic means sought by MDC to remove ZANU PF from power had failed to do so by the close of the first decade. The chapter extrapolates the future of the MDC and democracy in Zimbabwe.