

MARUAH'S SUMMARY ON EACH POLITICAL PARTY'S STAND ON ISSUES THAT WERE POSED TO THEM
INFORMATION TAKEN FROM EACH PARTY'S MANIFESTO

SYMBOLS BY COLOUR OF PARTY

NSP	National Solidarity Party
PAP	People's Action Party
PPP	People's Power Party
RP	Reform Party
SDA	Singapore Democratic Alliance
SDP	Singapore Democratic Party
SF	Singaporeans First
SPP	Singapore People's Party
WP	Workers' Party

QUESTIONS THAT WERE POSED AND SUMMARY FROM MANIFESTO

1	Racial and Religious Harmony: What more would your Party like to do to ensure that we can live as Singaporeans with a deeper understanding of each other?
NSP	There is no specific mention of promoting Racial and Religious Harmony. There is no specific mention of promoting Racial and Religious Harmony. However, there is a statement in segment, "What we can build together; The society we must be: racially and religiously diverse but harmonious, connected to different roots and cultures, but all sharing a common purpose."
PAP	No specific content on racial or religious harmony
PPP	No mention in RP's Manifesto
RP	No Specific Mention.
SDA	According to SDP's Manifesto, the Ethnic Integration Policy which determines the percentage of ethnic HDB dwellers in each estate should be abolished. The identification of "race" on our Identity Cards should also be removed.
SDP	No mention in SF's Manifesto
SF	No specific content on racial or religious harmony
SPP	Multicultural Help Centres - "relevant manpower and knowledge resources of the race-based self-help groups be housed under local Multicultural Help Centres based in Community Hubs to provide mutual help and educational support... Inter-Racial and Religious Confidence Circles (IRCCs) should be enhanced to operate as programme providers at the Centres."
WP	
2	Freedom of Expression and Social Resilience: What are the Party's views to increasing the common space for a freer exchange of views and still pave the way for greater resilience for a harmonious relationship in the country?
NSP	There is no specific mention on Freedom of Expression. There is no specific mention on Social Resilience particularly one connected to Freedom of Expression.
PAP	There is no specific mention on Freedom of Expression. However, there is a statement in segment, "What we can build together; The society we must be: a place where differences of views can be held, without disrespecting or infringing the rights of others." There is no specific mention on Social Resilience particularly one connected to Freedom of Expression. However, there is a segment on "What we face together; Internal Challenges: Our society is becoming more diverse... & Our population is ageing... and external Challenges: Uncertain global outlook; regional and international competition; The impact of technology on jobs; Security threat - extremism and terrorism" which is responded with the need for a resourcefulness and resolve; a good government...; a clean government...; a committed, visionary leadership...;
PPP	No Specific Mention. But there is an aspiration that is expressed.
RP	Abolish restrictions on freedom of expression to encourage creativity and innovation necessary for a 21st century knowledge-based economy
SDA	No Specific Mention.
SDP	No mention in Manifesto
SF	No mention in Manifesto
SPP	"We believe people want to be respected, heard, listened to..."
WP	Opinions are freely and rationally debated in a responsible public sphere, with minimal regulation, and where prejudice and discrimination is not tolerated. Propose the independent Office of Parliamentary Ombudsman be established. Repeal Internet Regulation Broadcasting (Class License) Notification
3	Gender Equality: What is the Party's view on Gender Equality in Singapore and what are the plans to increase equity. Are you open to amending the Singapore Constitution to include "gender" in Article 12(2) on Equal Protection?
NSP	There is no mention on constitutional amendment.
PAP	There is no mention on constitutional amendment. However there is a statement on "We provide support for families, we helped divorcees with children obtain homes."
PPP	No Specific Mention.
RP	No mention in Manifesto
SDA	Advocate the same rights, benefits, grants and welfare for single parents so that they can support their children and continue to play dual parental roles to the children
SDP	No mention in Manifesto
SF	No mention in Manifesto
SPP	No specific content on gender equality
WP	Equitable Support for Single Parents. Single Unwed Mothers to be included in maternity & parenthood benefits.
4	Anti-Discrimination and LGBTQIA: What is the Party's view to ensuring that the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA) or Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) community can have legal status in Singapore?
NSP	There is no mention on Anti-Discrimination and LGBTQIA.
PAP	There is no mention on Anti-Discrimination and LGBTQIA.
PPP	No Specific Mention.
RP	No mention in Manifesto
SDA	There is no mention on Anti-Discrimination and LGBTQIA.
SDP	No mention in Manifesto
SF	No mention in Manifesto
SPP	No specific content on LGBT rights
WP	There is no mention on Anti-Discrimination and LGBTQIA.
5	Migrant Workers: What is the Stand of the Party to ensure that migrant workers can be treated fairly and fairly? Do migrant workers deserve to be treated better than they currently are?
NSP	There is no specific mention on treatment of migrant workers. Under its point on Over-Population NSP makes a point on gradual increases in bringing in migrant labour. We assume that they are referring to the talented group. There must be quotas on Foreign PMETs seeking jobs.
PAP	There is no specific mention on treatment of migrant workers.
PPP	No Specific Mention.
RP	No mention in Manifesto
SDA	There is no specific mention on treatment of migrant workers.
SDP	No mention in Manifesto
SF	No mention in Manifesto
SPP	No specific content on migrant workers
WP	There is no specific mention on treatment of migrant workers.
6	Socio-Economic Platform: What is the Party's approach to ensuring that social and economic equities will happen?
NSP	There is no specific mention on policies or the principles of addressing socio-economic inequalities. But that CPF needs to be returned and that family members can work with the government to develop safety programmes for those who have "problematic spending habits". It also states that those from lower-income groups be entitled to buy flats at cost plus and also buy another flat on the resale market.
PAP	Under what we are doing together; there are segments on "We created opportunities for higher incomes for all"; "We expanded social safety nets"; "We developed a vibrant city and an endearing home"; "We gave seniors assurance in retirement and in healthcare"

Under What we can build together; there are segment on: "SingaporeEducation: Learning for life, throughout life"; SingaporeEconomy: Opportunities for all, regardless of starting point."

"SingaporeCare: Leaving no one behind" states three points on leaving no one behind:- support for less fortunate...;provide social safety nets...; help those with temporary problems...

PPP	People to decide usage of retirement funds. CPF funds to be released Review international FTAs and Manpower agreements. Reduce influx of Foreign Labour
RP	Greater help and support for local SMEs to grow into world-class companies Requirement for new citizens and PRs to do NS or to pay lump sum tax instead. Reductions in or exemptions from GST for certain categories of goods like food that form a higher proportion of total expenditure for those on median incomes and below Reforms to Foreign Worker Policy to ensure that business gets the skilled labour it needs but that our own citizens come first Universal child benefit scheme (as part of Guaranteed Minimum Income) to replace current tax breaks that heavily favour women on higher incomes Providing Cheaper and Better Lower-Income Housing by releasing more land for house-building and allowing the private sector a greater role.
SDA	Singaporean First policy. Limiting Foreign Manpower Growth Full day Concession for Elderly on Public transportation Introduce Minimum wage
SDP	For workers: introduction of national minimum wage, retrenchment insurance, reduction of cheap foreign labour inflow and a Singaporeans First hiring policy For SMEs: damping down the clout of GLCs, reducing land costs and rentals and weaning economy off MNC-addition For the vulnerable: increasing social welfare spending beyond current levels while keeping within the bounds of fiscal responsibility For retirees: abolishment of minimum sum scheme and members' money to be returned at 55
SF	Review the need to give very favourable foreign worker quotas to certain industries that are highly dependent on foreign workers Aggressively help SMEs overcome high business costs by reviewing the sale and rental policy of industrial factories and space Local enterprises must be encouraged to give priority to the employment of Singaporeans across all sectors but particularly at PMET and senior management levels Review NS policy to ensure Singaporean men are not put at disadvantage at the workplace relative to foreigners Creation of safety net comprising universal healthcare insurance, unemployment insurance and old age pension beyond CPF.
SPP	"We believe people want equal opportunities, fair employment, sustainable jobs, living wages, reduced cost-of-living, affordable healthcare, reliable public transport, assistance in business, control over their CPF monies, and a worry-free retirement. We believe people want an economy with affordable costs, built on strong, healthy, growing local businesses, owned and run by Singaporeans, and not be squeezed out of the market by GLCs and MNCs. We believe people want a clean and protected environment, conducive surroundings to raise a family, assisted living for the young, old and handicapped, and responsive Town Councils. We believe people want local representatives in their NCs, RCs and CCCs, to be apolitical, bottom-up, selfless, concerned for the community, and provide real feedback to the Town Councils and Government. We believe people want a de-politicised Town Council, with equal access to Government grants and support, equal priority for infrastructural upgrading, and no political bias."
WP	Limiting Foreign Manpower Growth Investing in Singaporean Workers and Businesses Promoting Female and Elderly Labour Force Participation Fostering Employment and Wage Security to include Unemployment insurance; National Minimum wage

7	Internal Security Act: What is the Party's view to this scheme? What improvements will the Party make to this ISA scheme to ensure that preventive detention is an open and transparent system for those detained?
NSP	There is no mention on the Internal Security Act.
PAP	There is no mention on the Internal Security Act.
PPP	No Specific Mention.
RP	No mention in Manifesto
SDA	There is no mention on the Internal Security Act.
SDP	No mention in Manifesto
SF	No mention in Manifesto
SPP	No specific content on ISA.
WP	There is no mention on the Internal Security Act.