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
- National Solidarity Party
- People's Action Party
- People's Power Party
- Reform Party
- Singapore Democratic Alliance
- Singapore Democratic Party
- Singaporeans First
- Singapore People's Party
- Workers' Party

QUESTIONS THAT WERE POSED AND SUMMARY FROM MANIFEST

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.
   - The National Solidarity Party (NSP) supports the promotion of Racial and Religious Harmony. However, they do not mention any specific initiatives or plans to enhance this understanding.

   **PAP**
   - No specific content on racial or religious harmony
   - The People's Action Party (PAP) does not mention any specific initiatives or plans to promote Racial and Religious Harmony.

   **PPP**
   - No mention in PPP’s Manifesto
   - The People's Power Party (PPP) does not mention any specific initiatives or plans to promote Racial and Religious Harmony.

   **RP**
   - No specific mention
   - The Reform Party (RP) does not mention any specific initiatives or plans to promote Racial and Religious Harmony.

   **SDA**
   - No Specific Mention
   - The Singapore Democratic Alliance (SDA) does not mention any specific initiatives or plans to promote Racial and Religious Harmony.

   **SDP**
   - 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 Centers.
   - The Singapore Democratic Party (SDP) proposes the independent Office of Parliamentary Ombudsman be established. Repeal Internet Regulation Broadcasting (Class License) Notiﬁcation

   **SPP**
   - No specific content on racial or religious harmony
   - The Singapore People’s Party (SPP) does not mention any specific initiatives or plans to promote Racial and Religious Harmony.

   **WP**
   - No mention in Manifesto
   - The Workers’ Party (WP) does not mention any specific initiatives or plans to promote Racial and Religious Harmony.

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.
   - The National Solidarity Party (NSP) does not mention any specific initiatives or plans to promote Freedom of Expression.

   **PAP**
   - There is no specific mention on Social Resilience particularly one connected to Freedom of Expression.
   - The People’s Action Party (PAP) does not mention any specific initiatives or plans to promote Social Resilience particularly connected to Freedom of Expression.

   **PPP**
   - No specific content on freedom of expression to encourage creativity and innovation necessary for a 21st century knowledge-based economy

   **RP**
   - Abolish restrictions on freedom of expression to encourage creativity and innovation necessary for a 21st century knowledge-based economy

   **SDA**
   - No Speciﬁc Mention
   - The Singapore Democratic Alliance (SDA) does not mention any specific initiatives or plans to promote Freedom of Expression.

   **SDP**
   - No Speciﬁc Mention.
   - The Singapore Democratic Party (SDP) does not mention any specific initiatives or plans to promote Freedom of Expression.

   **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.

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 amendments.

   **PAP**
   - There is no mention on amendment of constitution. However there is a statement on “We provide support for families, we helped divorces 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

   **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

   **SPP**
   - No specific content on LGBTQ 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.

   **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**
   - There is no specific mention on treatment of migrant workers.

   **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”.

   **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
- Singapore First policy
  - Limiting Foreign Manpower Growth
  - Full day Concession for Elderly on Public transportation

### SDP
- For workers: introduction of national minimum wage, retrenchment insurance, reduction of cheap foreign labour inflow and a Singaporeans First hiring policy
- For SMEs: dampening the clout of GLCs, reducing land costs and rentals and wearing economy off MNC-addition
- 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 pensions 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
- 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

### 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?

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