

# City: Who Belongs?

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# What are we talking about today?

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**Shared Values**

Conviction

Integration

National Affinity

Home

Citizenship

Resilience

Community

Social Compact

Social Capital

**National Identity**

Multiculturalism

Self-determination

Cohesion

**Sense of**

National Pride

**Sense of**

Hope

Social Networks

**Belonging**

Social Norms

**Commitment**

Harmony

Rootedness

Civic engagement

# Our Population – Where are we today?

Chart 1: Total population as of June 2021

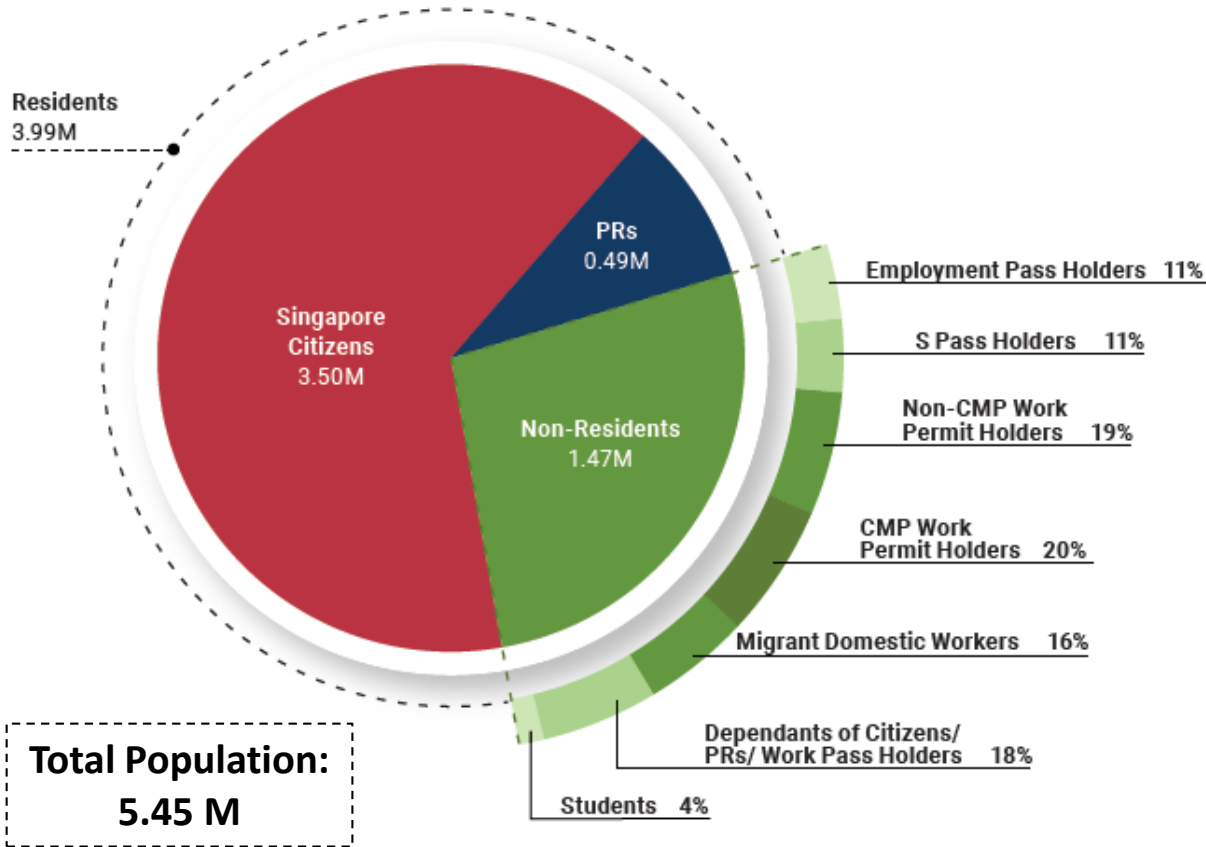
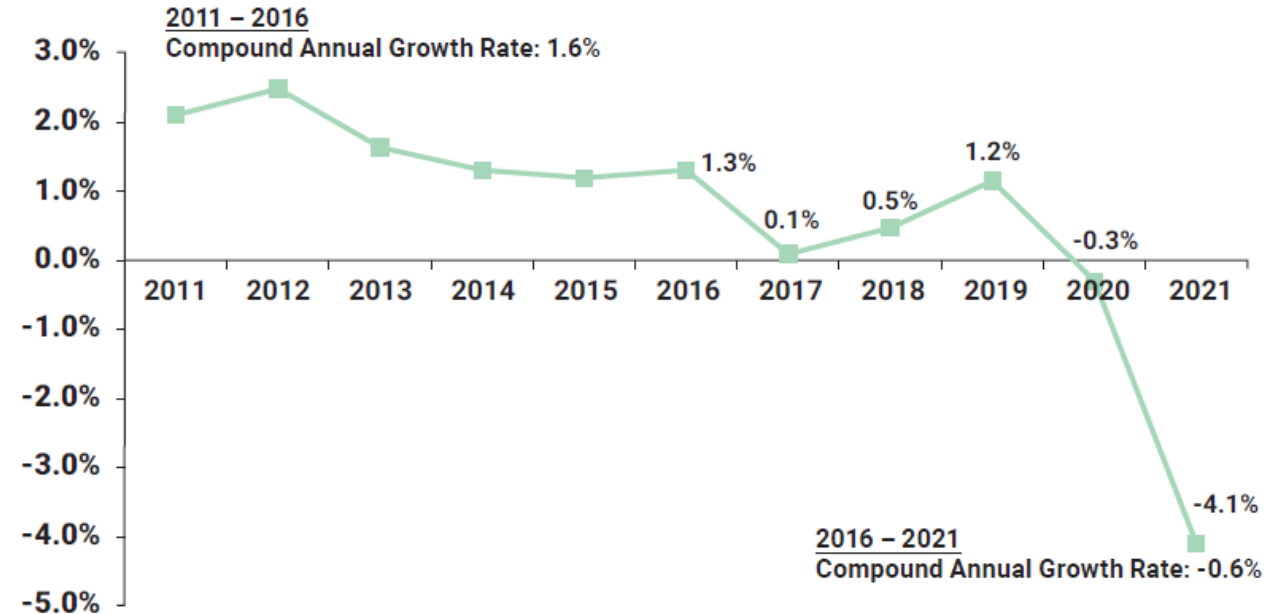
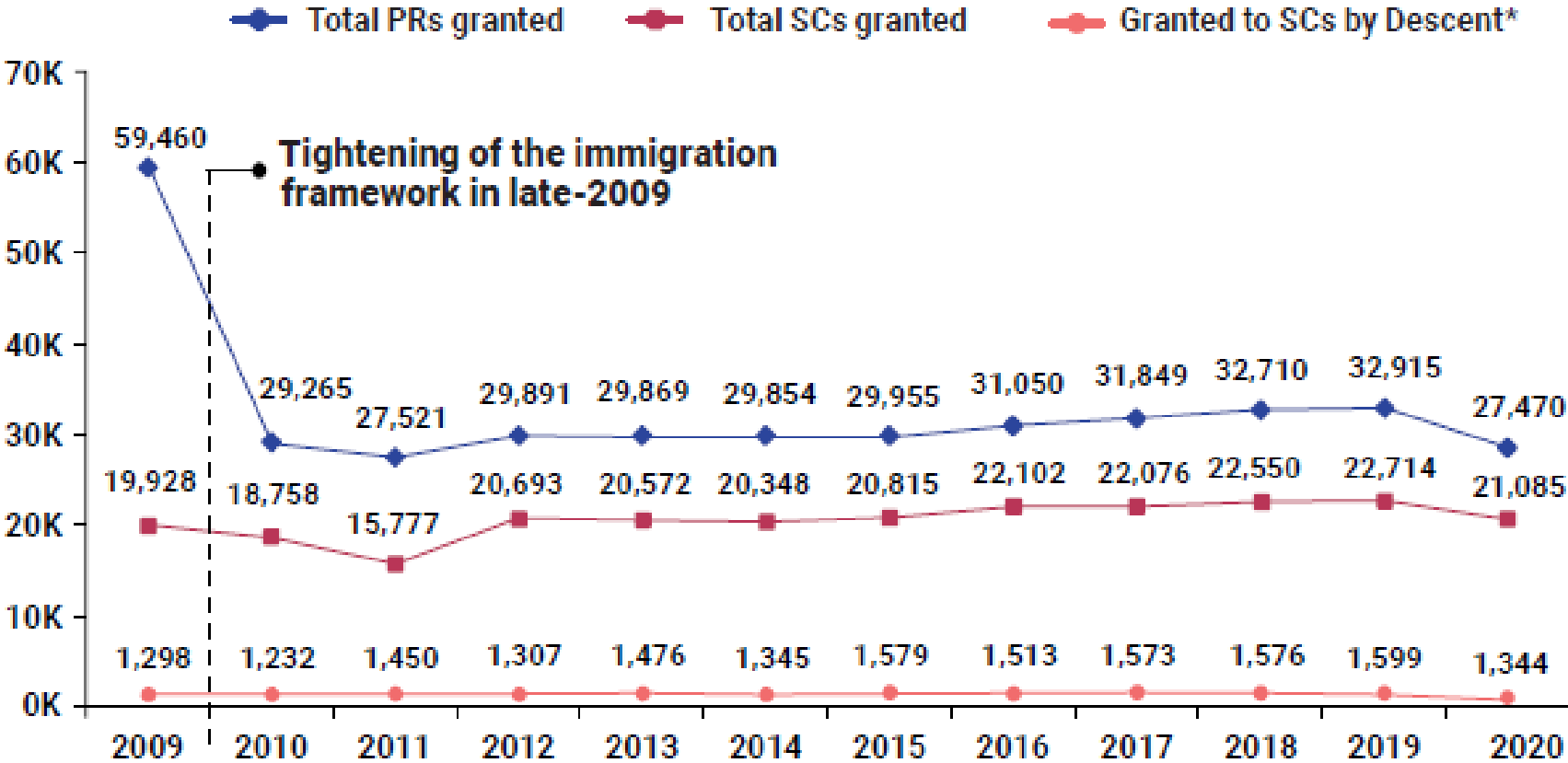


Chart 2: Total population growth rate per year, as of June (%), 2011-2021



# As new people join us yearly...

Chart 3: Number of SCs and PRs granted, 2009-2020



\*This is a subset of the total SCs granted each year. It refers to SCs granted to children born overseas to Singaporean parents.

Source: Immigration and Checkpoints Authority.  
The figures are based on the full calendar year (Jan to Dec).

# ...and many cross-cultural families are formed...

Chart 4: Transnational marriages as a proportion of citizen marriages, 2010-2020

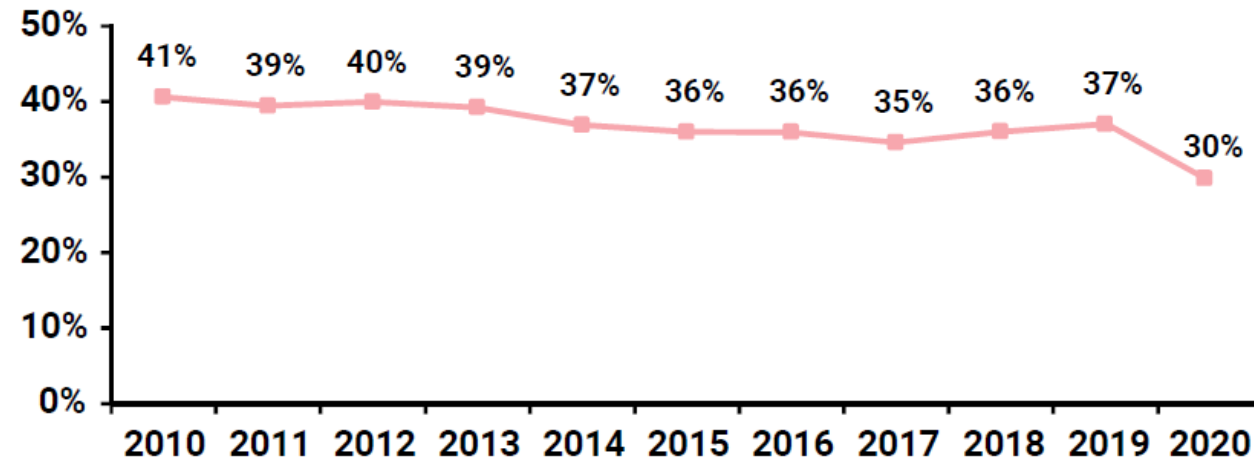
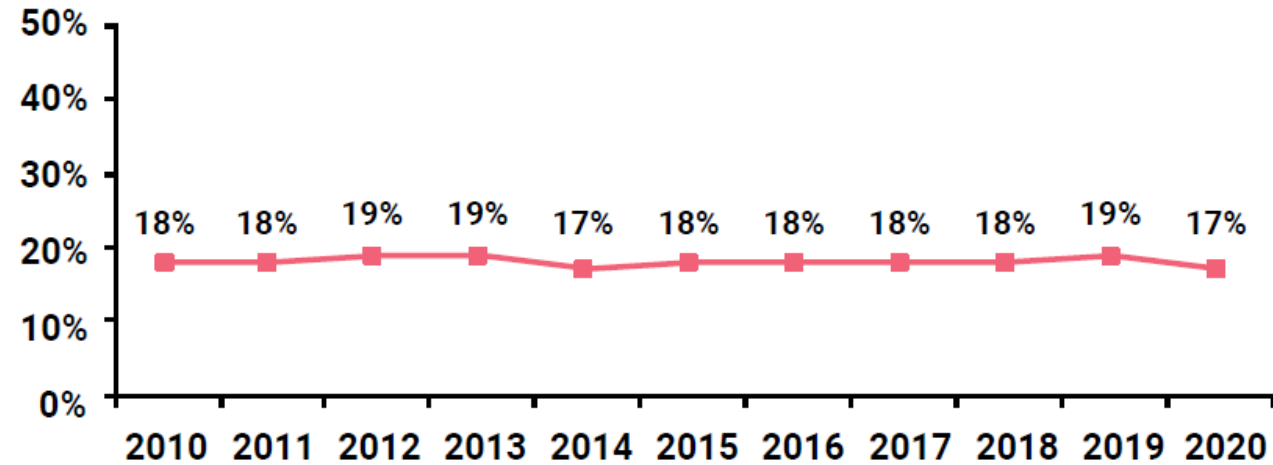


Chart 5: Inter-ethnic marriages as a proportion of citizen marriages, 2010-2020



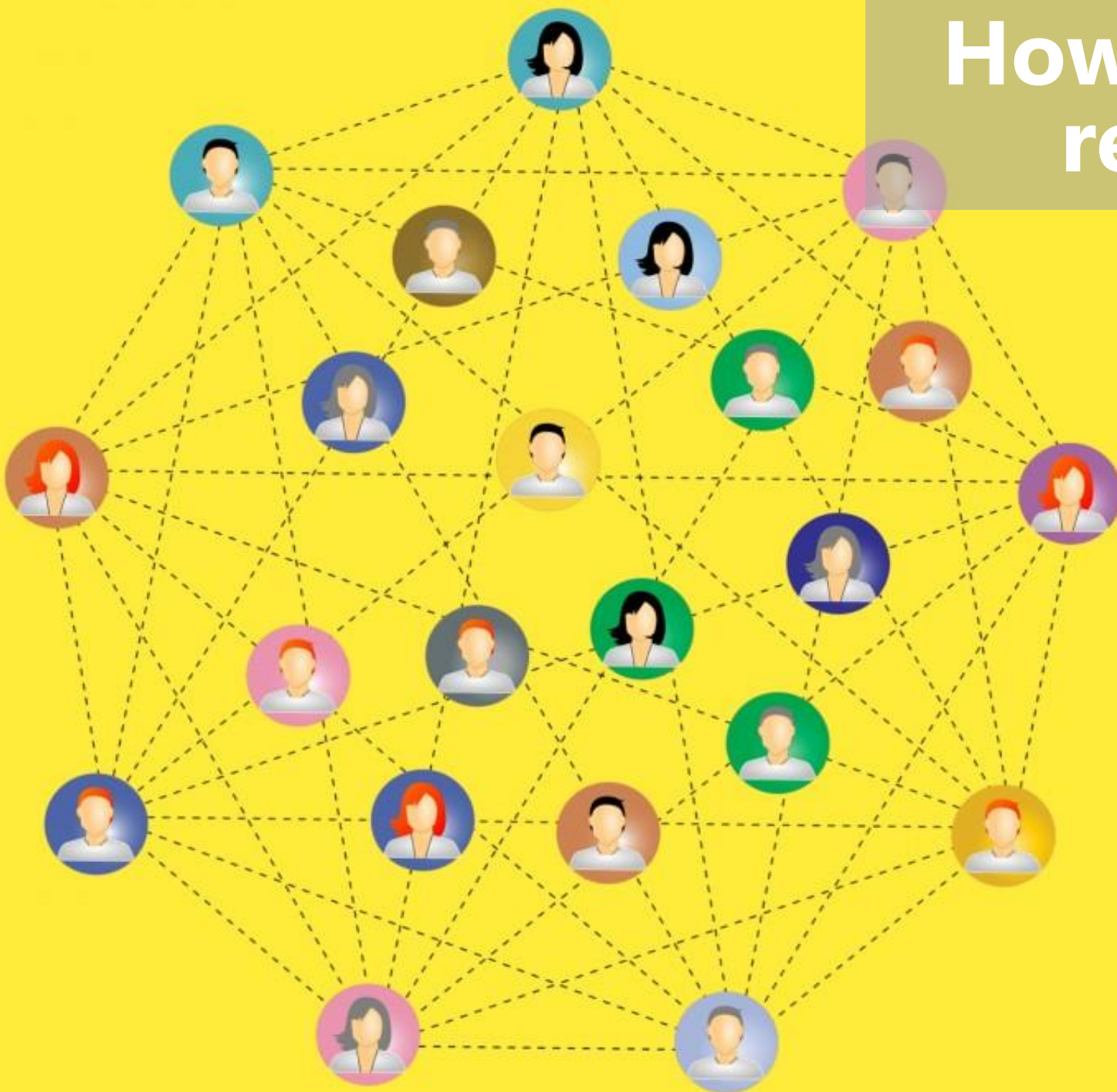
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# What maketh “Singapore” or “Singaporean”?



# How we form future relationships...





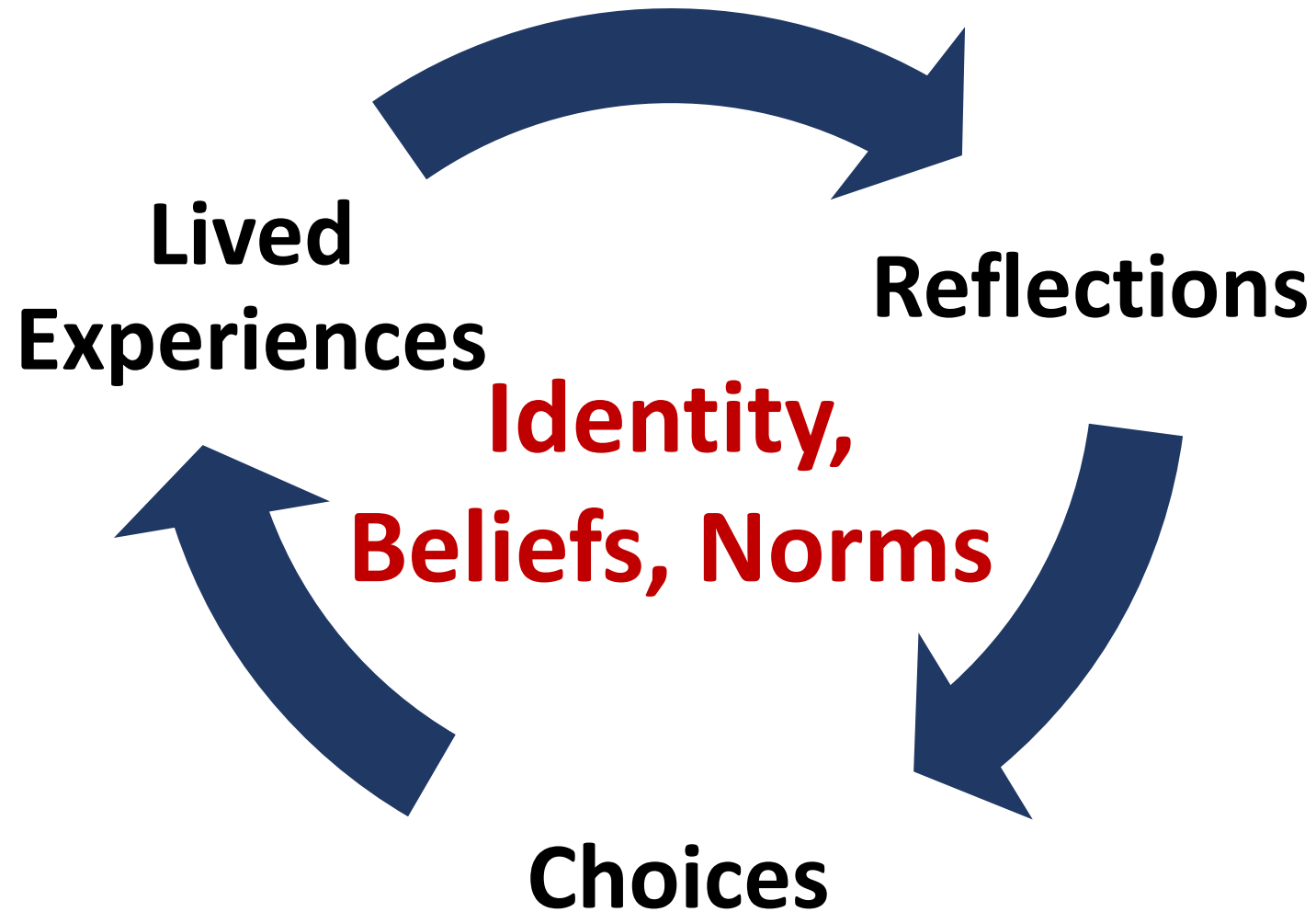
**...and construct our sense  
of reality...**





# ...shapes our future sense of identity

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# Government has clear roles to play in this process

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- Hold up guardrails

- Create an enabling environment for positive lived experiences

- Steward the evolution of our shared values



A close-up, top-down view of several hands of different skin tones stacked together in a circle. The hands are positioned palm-up, with fingers pointing towards the center. One hand on the left wears a colorful, multi-layered bracelet. Another hand on the right is wearing a grey cable-knit sweater sleeve. The background is blurred, showing a light-colored floor and a person's leg in a blue shirt. The overall mood is one of collaboration and support.

**What about you?**