

The role of tech in civic life?

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“In sum, television viewing may be so strongly linked to civic disengagement because of the psychological impact of the medium itself.”

— ROBERT D. PUTNAM, BOWLING ALONE: THE COLLAPSE AND REVIVAL OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY

/the social dilemma



the technology that connects us

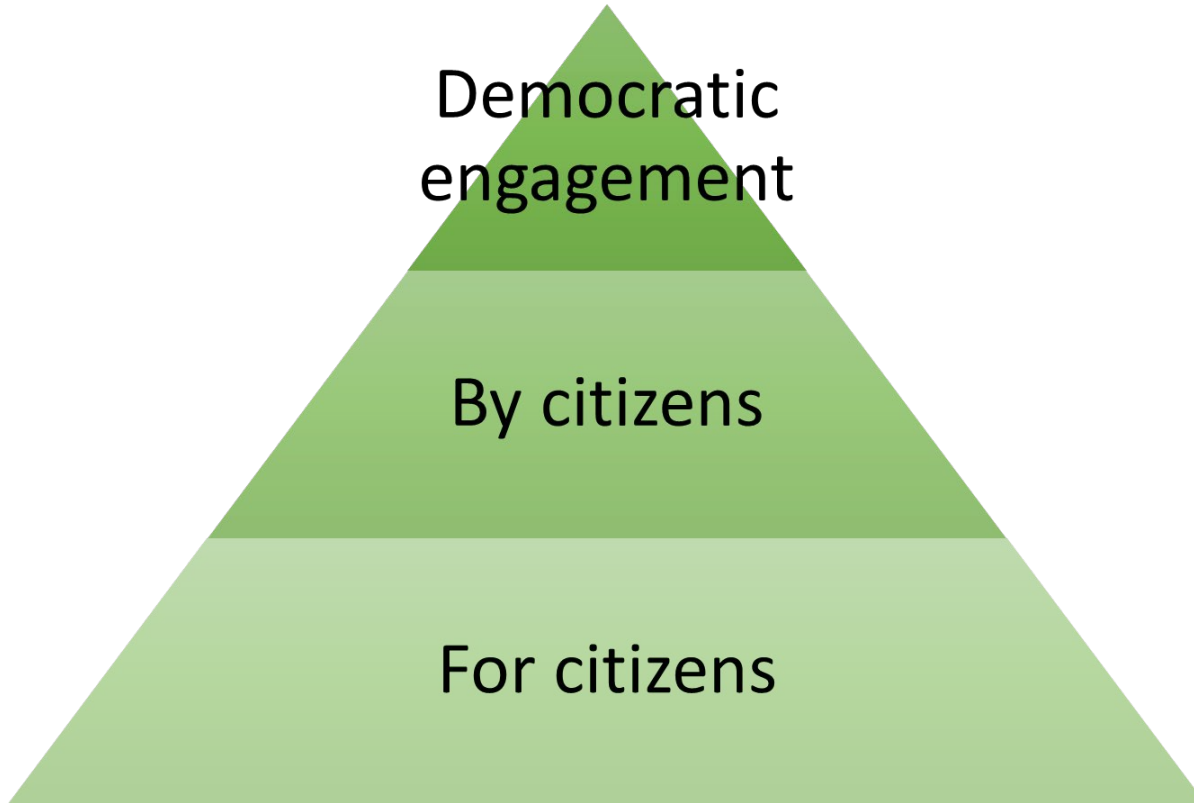
also controls us.

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Make Tech Civic (Again).

What is (a practical definition of) Civic Tech?



What is tech?

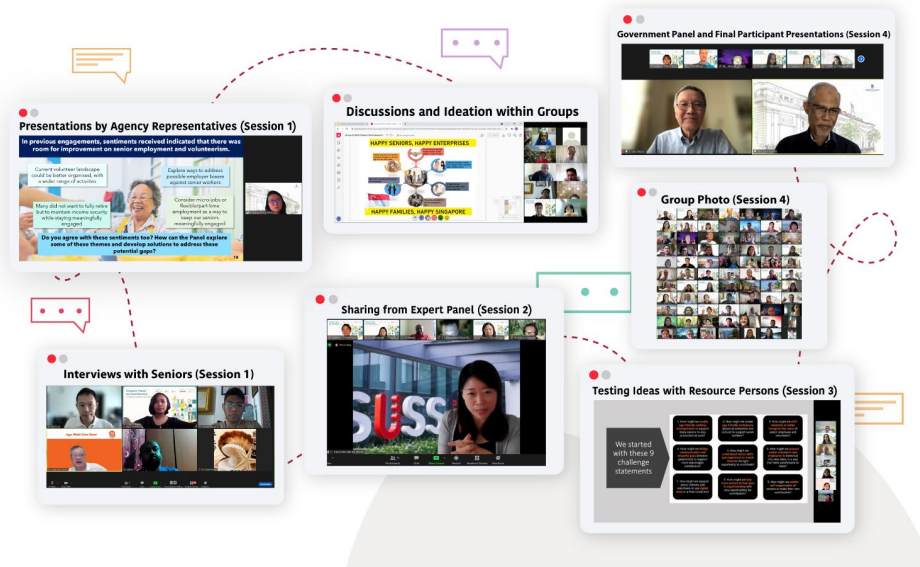
What is civic?

- For the citizens
 - Who are citizens?
 - What is good for the citizens?
- By the citizens
 - How?
- By the citizens in “democratic” ways
 - Which democratic model?

Two Ways of Doing Civic Tech

Use Tech to Promote Civic Life

Engage Citizens in Tech Decisions



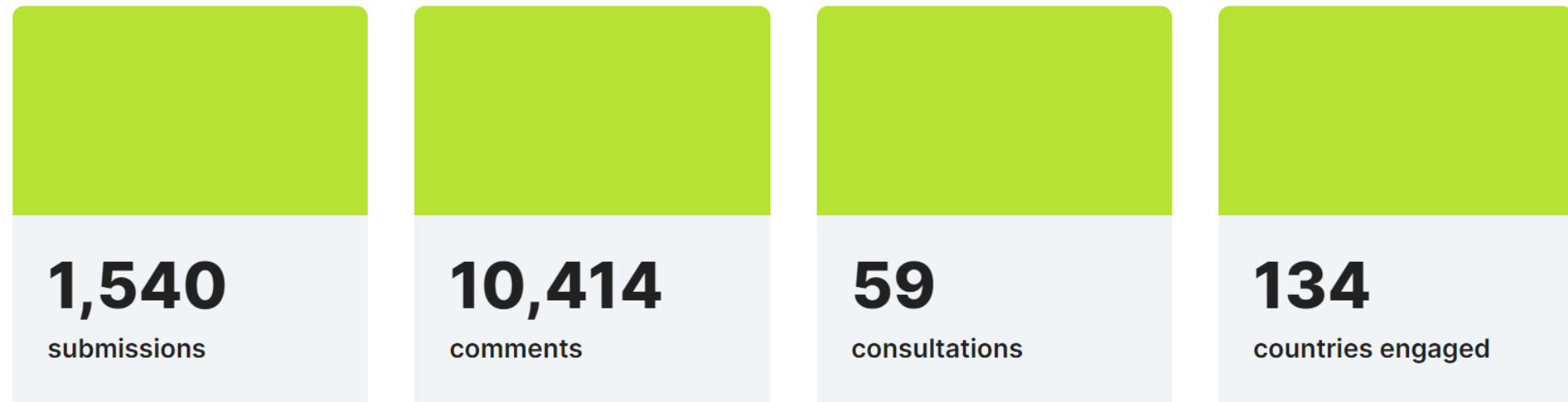
Sophistication of Tech

Level of Engagement

Singapore Ministry of Health,
<https://www.moh.gov.sg/cpc>

Guidelines for the Governance of Digital Platforms by UNESCO

Quantitative Data from the 3 open consultations



Challenges

- Representation
- Motivation
- Collective will
- Collective intelligence
- Transformation



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