Treelogy 201: Government and Civil Society
Revisiting the Banyan Tree

“The banyan tree is pruned, and civil society grows and is embraced by the establishment.”

- Participant in IPS Prism Survey
Why I am here ....
"Pursuant to Section 49, Sub-section 7(e), Paragraph A of the Parliamentary Elections Act, I declare..."
Has the Tree Grown Dominant & Domineering?
Which Tree?
Stifling any Undergrowth
Giving Tree?
New Equilibrium?

• Survey highlights
  – Triad 6 – 25% consider community/country as having equal importance to family.
  – Polarity 2 - Leadership should be provided by both govt and community, with a slight skew towards community.
  – Opinion Triad (A3): On the use of vote: (i) check on power; (ii) provide power to rule and (iii) ensure many voices are heard.
    • 24% want a balance between all 3 effects.
    • 25% want a balance between “check on power” and “ensure many voices are heard”.
    • 24% wants “ensure many voices are heard”.

The Singapore Dream?
Or This?