



Treeology 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?



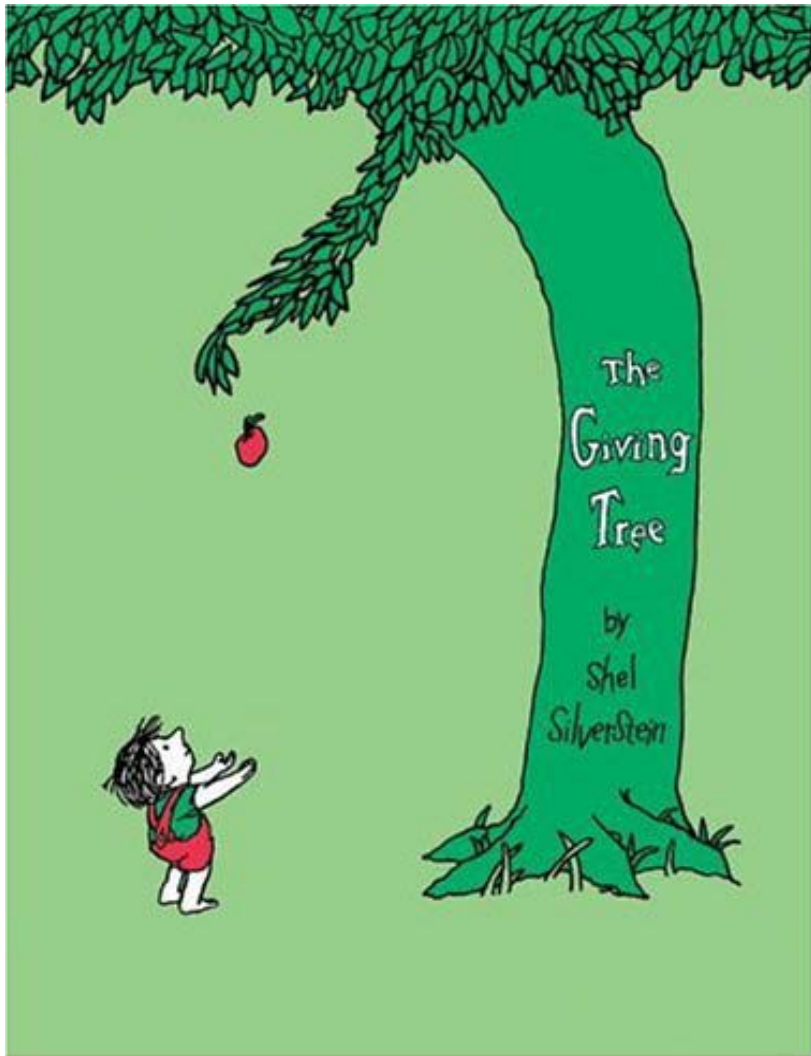
Which Tree?



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?

