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## Singapore Perspectives 2017: What if?

What if we ignore race and religion?

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#### Can we?

#### Difference blind?

- Viswa Sadasivan (2009): "one united people, regardless of race, language and religion"
- The pledge is "an aspiration..., it's going to take decades, if not centuries, and we may never get there."

#### Do we?

- Housing Quotas
- Racial Self-help Groups
- Group Representation Constituencies
- Elected Presidency
- Mother Tongue

#### Alternatives?

Revolution – Benign Neglect

Evolution – Targets not Quotas

## Thank You

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