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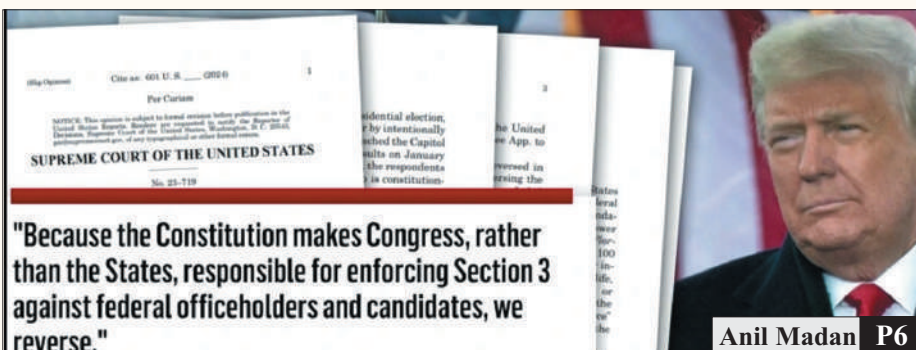
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Political Dynamics Ahead of Elections

The political atmosphere is heating up as elections draw near, with the two main alliances, the ruling coalition and the opposition, engaging in a fierce battle to rally their supporters and sway undecided voters. While May Day rallies may not always accurately gauge party/alliance popularity, they do reveal significant dynamics within Mauritius' political landscape.

The recent May Day rallies showcased the organizational capabilities and messaging strategies of both alliances. Despite their limitations as precise indicators of overall popularity, these events underscored each coalition's ability to mobilize their respective bases and sway the crucial segment of undecided voters.

Notably, the opposition alliance, spearheaded by the Labour Party-MMM, appeared to strike a chord with a broader swath of the electorate. Observers noted the resonance of their message and the effectiveness of their mobilization efforts. Conversely, the ruling coalition's strategy, marked by several measures aimed at impeding the opposition's rally, hinted at a certain unease within their ranks.

The decision to suspend Metro Express services, impose restrictions on drone usage, monopolise as many buses as possible and erect a barricade inside the premises of the Municipality of Port Louis reflected a defensive posture, perhaps indicative of underlying concerns about their electoral prospects. While such tactics may momentarily disrupt the opposition's momentum, they also risk alienating voters and fuelling perceptions of authoritarianism.

Looking ahead, both alliances face critical strategic decisions. For the ruling coalition, the forthcoming budget exercise presents one last opportunity to deploy populist measures aimed at bolstering support. Additionally, leveraging state apparatuses like MBC-TV and courting smaller parties like the PMSD could shape electoral dynamics in their favour.

Conversely, the opposition alliance must manage the complexities of their partnership, particularly the viability/durability of their alliance compared to historical precedents. Questions linger about the viability of a LP-MMM alliance in a power-sharing scenario and whether the decision to sideline the PMSD was prudent in the long run.

Beyond electoral strategies and coalition dynamics, the upcoming elections will hinge on a myriad of factors. Candidate selection, policy proposals, and public perception will all play pivotal roles in shaping voter preferences. Moreover,

intangible elements such as trust, shared objectives, and leadership qualities will influence electoral outcomes in ways that defy simplistic analysis.

As the electoral campaign intensifies, we brace for a barrage of rhetoric, promises, and, unfortunately, mudslinging. In a political landscape characterized by tough and dirty tactics, voters will have to remain vigilant, scrutinizing not only the rhetoric but also the underlying intentions and commitments of current and aspiring leaders.

Indeed, the timing of the proposed Political Financing Bill, rejected previously and re-introduced close to the next elections, understandably prompts concerns about the underlying motives behind its introduction. Advocates assert that its primary purpose is to bolster transparency and accountability in political funding. However, sceptics question whether it might be utilized as a means to target political adversaries, especially considering the recent establishment of the controversial Financial Crimes Commission (FCC).

The establishment of the FCC has already raised significant apprehensions regarding its true objectives and agenda, which some fear may extend beyond its prescribed legal mandate. In this context, the timing of the Political Financing Bill raises red flags, with critics questioning whether it could potentially be exploited to further political agendas rather than genuinely addressing concerns related to political funding transparency.

Ultimately, the true test of the Political Financing Bill lies not only in its passage with a qualified majority but also in its implementation and enforcement. If utilized judiciously and transparently, it has the potential to strengthen democratic norms and foster greater trust in the political system. However, since the proposed Bill is barely different from the one previously rejected and the Opposition's continued dismissal of its tenets, one may wonder why government is again raking the matter, a few months before the general elections, if not for spin purposes.

In the end, the outcome of the elections will not only determine the composition of the government but also set the course for Mauritius' future trajectory. Citizens demand accountability, transparency, and a commitment to the common good from those vying for power. For in the crucible of democracy, the true test lies not in the pursuit of power but in its responsible exercise within our democratic framework for the betterment of all.

The Conversation

Vulture Capitalism: Grace Blakeley's new book is smart on what has gone wrong since the 1980s

Vulture Capitalism: Corporate Crimes, Backdoor Bailouts and the Death of Freedom is the latest book from the English economic and political journalist – and rising progressive star – Grace Blakeley. The 30-year-old describes her book as a critique of modern capitalism from a Marxist perspective, which isn't a phrase that major writers on the left tend to attach to themselves these days.

This hasn't stopped her making the Sunday Times bestseller list,

the start of the 1980s.

Instead of deregulation unleashing dynamic "free markets", many industries are dominated by monopolies or oligopolies. Widening income inequality, declining social mobility and reduced life expectancies are further examples of this policy failure.

Blakeley argues that neoliberalism's underlying mission was to restore the authority of capital over labour, "a redistribution of power and wealth away from workers and towards owners and senior ma-



Demonstrators in Reykjavik in 2008. Pic - Imago/Alamy

which reflects both the fact that this is a readable and well researched piece of work, and probably also that many people are desperate for alternatives to the status quo.

The strength of Vulture Capitalism is in its powerful summary of developments over the past few decades. Rather than offering a "big new idea" comparable to fellow travellers like Naomi Klein (No Logo, 1999), David Graeber (Bullshit Jobs, 2018) and Thomas Piketty (Capital, 2013), Blakeley does a good job of pulling together many of their themes.

All these writers would presumably agree that the "neoliberal" policy approach adopted in the 1980s was a key inflection point towards today's economic malaise. Blakeley points out how different the realities are from the neoliberals' promises of greater individual freedom through lower taxation, smaller government and the privatisation of inefficient state monopolies.

Instead of reduced taxation, the Office for National Statistics is forecasting that by 2027-28 the UK will have the highest level of taxation since the second world war. Rather than a smaller government, UK government spending as a percentage of GDP is higher now than it was at

nagers". As examples she cites Amazon's success at avoiding corporation tax, and Boeing's change in management approach that prioritised profit maximisation over design safety.

The democratic deficit

Further to the idea of disempowered workers, Blakeley argues that the lack of democratic accountability in key domestic and international economic institutions helps to drive vulture capitalism. Banks, for instance, have immense power to shape the economy through creating money out of nothing by lending to customers. They determine which businesses or individuals succeed, but ordinary people neither get told about these choices nor get any say in them.

Similarly, bank regulators and central banks are not elected, but frequently make decisions for the good of capital. For instance, she argues that central banks' policy of quantitative easing – essentially another means of creating money – was done after the 2008 financial crisis to boost asset prices, making the rich richer.

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Enough of promises – let there be concrete pledges and mechanisms to hold those making them to account!

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Once again, in the run-up to the Labour Day meetings, which are more about politics than about celebrating workers, the call for mobilizing crowds has been ringing in the air. Especially so this year because the current regime's mandate is coming to an end soon and therefore general elections are going to take place.

As in the past, we have seen that the sizes of the crowds at the opposing political gatherings on May 1st are no indication of either popularity or eventual victory at the next elections. So, in a way perhaps the main opposition alliance comprising MLP and MMM ought not to have worried too much about the cancellation of metro services until 2 pm on May 1st, which their spokespersons alleged was meant to prevent their supporters from attending their meeting in Port Louis.

What they should focus on are the concerns of the people, especially the younger voters many of whom of the Gen Y and Z who will be casting their votes for the first time. A major one is that each election has resembled another in terms of what is served afterwards, and soon enough becomes apparent once the government is installed: *bonnet blanc, blanc bonnet* – more of the same or *plus ça change plus c'est la même chose!*

For one thing, a growing rumble among the younger electorate is that the current crop of leaders has been around for too long, and that also includes the current Prime Minister, although he is the youngest of the lot. Still, he is quite old in politics and was in a privileged position to pick up many a political trick from his much more seasoned father, SAJ. Besides, that astuteness of the old fox was what made the son have an almost seamless passage to the coveted prime ministerial position isn't it.

For another, they want to hear another tune, not for example about further topping up of the freebies like larger pensions or similar *largesses* that only increase national debt and inflation. With a seemingly inexhaustible war chest, never mind that the Central Bank's reserves are quasi-depleted, it is no doubt easier for promises to be made by the ruling dispensation.

What no party or alliance has ever clearly spelt out is a real and actionable *projet de société*, spelling out in clear

terms what are their achievable goals to transform the country in both hard and soft terms: a saner, sounder, more balanced society with embedded values. Not just a manifesto with promises. Enough of promises – let there be concrete pledges and mechanisms to hold those making them to account!

On the other hand, given the uncertainties about which party or alliance will win, what the country desperately needs is a larger opposition that cannot be overwhelmed so easily by the majority governing power. Moreover, what is definitely needed is to lift the standard of functioning and of debate and conduct in Parliament. The country needs a better image, and more than anything else, at least in the eyes of the world, it is the Parliament that crucially represents that image. Both literally and metaphorically, that is a major change that citizens should legitimately expect.

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USA: University campuses turned into battlegrounds

It all started about ten days ago with a protest demonstration by students waving the Palestinian flag at New York's Columbia University. Student protests are nothing new in the US: they happened in the 1960s/70s to oppose the carnage in Vietnam and against more and more conscription of young Americans barely out of their teens who were being sent to their deaths in a patently losing war. Dr Martin Luther King's battle for civil and political rights for Blacks also mobilized massive numbers of students.

The current wave of protests has evolved in an interesting pattern. From one campus it has rapidly spread to almost 20 prestigious campuses (that may become more notorious than famous post the current crisis). The next phase was student protesters being joined by outsiders, followed by camping in tents of a standard size and colour(s) on the campus premises, suggestive of a common if not single source of funding.

Initially peaceful and tolerated by both the authorities and the population in the 'spirit' of the First Amendment allowing freedom of speech, etc., the demonstrations started to turn violent. Soon, student suspension took place at Columbia, with threats of expulsion looming.

With massive police presence it was almost expected that there would be clashes between them and protesters at



BBC NEWS

US campus protests - Rival Gaza protest groups clash at UCLA. P - BBC

“What is the protest about? This has also transformed from being demand for a cease fire in Gaza, to an end to the war, to being anti-Israel and next, anti-Zionism. It is alleged that a powerful ecosystem is funding the swarm of protesters who are not students, providing tents and other paraphernalia. Interestingly, the primary trigger for the war in Gaza has almost been forgotten, namely the attack by Hamas on innocent Israeli citizens that included men, women, and even children including babies!”

some stage. But then, teaching staff also were manhandled and carried away screaming, as happened at Emory University to a female lecturer. One campus in California has announced closure for the rest of the year, so disruptive the demonstrations have been for teaching to continue. At the famed UCLA, students have been stopped by protesters from going to their classes. Obviously, there are still sane, serious students who want to pursue their education, as students should!

On one campus police found that protesters were armed with a taser, and a

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sword too was discovered. While the violence was spreading across US campuses, the protests started to go worldwide: Canada, UK and several European countries, Australia.

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Interestingly, the primary trigger for the war in Gaza has almost been forgotten, namely the attack by Hamas on innocent Israeli citizens that included men, women, and even children including babies! Hundreds were violently killed, many were paraded triumphantly in public, many more taken as hostages and are still languishing somewhere in the extensive network of underground tunnels beneath Gaza. Logically, the protesters in addition to demanding a cease-fire should also be pressing for the release of the remaining hostages – the one step that would surely end the war?

But then, crowds are driven by the emotions of mob psychology which are shorn of any logic. And therefore, it is to be expected that there is no clear end yet in sight to either the protests or the war...

Enjeux du financement politique: regards sur le projet de loi

Par A. Bartleby

Le "Political Financing Bill" et le projet de loi sur la modification de la Constitution, visant à accorder plus de pouvoirs à la Commission de supervision électorale (ESC) et au Commissaire électoral, ont récemment été publiés sur le site web du Bureau du Premier ministre, une démarche qui n'a pas manqué de susciter des questionnements et des débats dans le paysage politique mauricien.

L'annonce de ces projets de loi survient à un moment pour le moins intrigant, alors que l'Assemblée nationale devrait être dissoute dans six mois environ. La question légitime se pose alors : pourquoi le gouvernement propose-t-il ce projet de loi si peu de temps avant la dissolution de l'Assemblée nationale, et ce, sans aucune garantie qu'il sera adopté, étant donné l'improbabilité d'y réunir une majorité de trois quarts? Cette interrogation laisse place à une question plus fondamentale: comment les nouvelles dispositions de la législation proposée serviront-elles l'intérêt public?

Étant donné que le gouvernement a abandonné l'idée du financement politique par l'État, ce qui est proposé à la place, c'est la poursuite du financement du secteur privé des partis politiques. Cette situation soulève des préoccupations, non seulement à Maurice, mais aussi dans le monde entier : Quels sont les liens entre la

politique et les grandes entreprises ou la richesse? Dans quelle mesure ce type de financement permet-il la manipulation des politiques et des décisions en faveur du plus offrant?

Il serait naïf de croire que le financement des partis politiques et des politiciens individuels par le secteur privé serait motivé par des intentions altruistes. Bien qu'il soit toujours difficile de prouver le lien entre le financement reçu et les décisions politiques/administratives favorables prises dans le cadre de l'environnement soi-disant "favorable aux affaires", l'ampleur même des dépenses que nous constatons lors des campagnes politiques locales laisse entrevoir la présence invisible de donateurs privés misant gros sur leurs favoris.

En termes simples, la corruption reste le véritable fondement des conditions du commerce en matière de financement politique. Ce système permet aux politiciens de tisser une toile d'irresponsabilités de leurs véritables dépenses de campagne et les sommes qu'ils empochent à des fins personnelles.

Certains soutiennent que nous pouvons éliminer ce fléau et les opportunistes parasites en légiférant pour que tout le financement des campagnes politiques soit assuré par l'État. Dans ce cas, des limites de dépenses seraient prescrites et scrupuleusement observées par chaque candidat

sous peine d'invalidation des résultats. Cela impliquerait nécessairement un audit des comptes et une divulgation publique, une perspective que les parties prenantes pourraient ne pas apprécier. Cependant, avec un financement par l'État, on pourrait penser que les coûts à long terme pour le public seraient réduits au minimum, car des politiques non liées aux intérêts privés des entreprises privées pourraient alors être adoptées.

En réalité, ce que le projet de loi sur le

financement politique met en lumière, c'est ce que les gens soupçonnent depuis longtemps: le lien entre l'État et les grandes entreprises, ce qui expliquerait les politiques publiques favorables aux grandes entreprises, que ce soit dans le secteur de l'énergie, du sucre, du développement immobilier ou de l'accès à la terre.

L'observation d'un analyste politique américain met en évidence le problème fondamental de manière succincte: "Comme le dit le dicton, celui qui paie l'orchestre dicte la musique. Avec les donateurs de campagne et les bénéficiaires, il s'agit moins d'une question de corruption classique de type donnant-donnant – l'échange de dollars de campagne contre des votes – que de la dépendance de tant de nos élus à ces méga-dons."



Les Chagossiens craignent la perte d'identité: leur lieu de naissance disparaît des documents officiels

Selon un article de Katie McQue paru dans *The Guardian*, les Chagossiens exilés des îles Chagos, territoire disputé et détenu par la Grande-Bretagne, voient leur héritage effacé de leurs

nouveaux documents d'identité. "Cette démarche semble être une manœuvre de la part de la République de Maurice pour renforcer sa revendication sur le territoire", commente McQue.

L'appartenance britannique des îles Chagos est contestée depuis longtemps par la République de Maurice, sachant que la plupart des Chagossiens ont été déportés dans les années 1960 à l'île Maurice. Ils ont été expulsés des Chagos pour permettre la construction d'une base militaire américaine à Diego Garcia, la plus grande île de l'archipel.

Des milliers de Chagossiens ont migré vers la Grande-Bretagne, où ils ont obtenu le droit de citoyenneté en 2002. En 2022, les descendants de Chagossiens nés sur place ont également été autorisés à demander la citoyenneté britannique.

Sept Chagossiens ont rapporté au *Guardian* que leur lieu de naissance avait été remplacé par "Maurice" sur leurs passeport et acte de naissance délivrés par Maurice et les Seychelles. À Maurice, toute démarche administrative, comme l'ouverture d'un compte bancaire, nécessite la présentation d'un acte de naissance récent.

"On essaie de nier notre existence", déclare Marie Sagai, qui vit à Maurice mais est née sur Peros Banhos, une île des Chagos. Son lieu de naissance et les noms de ses parents ont été retirés de son nouvel acte.

Pour obtenir la citoyenneté britannique, les demandeurs doivent prouver qu'ils sont nés sur les îles Chagos ou qu'ils sont les descendants de quelqu'un qui y est né.

Plusieurs séries de pourparlers ont eu lieu avec le gouvernement britannique concernant l'avenir des îles. La demande de réinstallation des Chagossiens a été rejetée par le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires étrangères, David Cameron, en janvier.

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Une nouvelle étude lie les chocs climatiques à l'inflation

Avec l'augmentation des températures, les prix alimentaires et d'autres biens suivront une trajectoire ascendante

Les répercussions du changement climatique sur l'économie mondiale ne sont pas à négliger. Une nouvelle étude, menée conjointement par un scientifique environnementaliste et la Banque centrale européenne, met en lumière un lien direct entre les chocs climatiques et l'inflation. Les conclusions de cette recherche, rapportées par Seth Borenstein, mettent en évidence un scénario alarmant : avec l'augmentation des températures, les prix alimentaires et d'autres biens suivront une trajectoire ascendante.

L'étude en question s'est penchée sur les données économiques de 121 pays depuis 1996, scrutant de près les variations mensuelles des prix des denrées alimentaires et d'autres produits de consommation courante, en corrélation avec les températures et d'autres facteurs climatiques. Les résultats obtenus sont sans appel: les "chocs météorologiques et climatiques" entraîneront une hausse annuelle des coûts alimentaires comprise entre 1,5 et 1,8 points de pourcentage dans les dix prochaines années, cette augmentation étant encore plus prononcée dans les régions déjà soumises à des températures élevées, telles que le Moyen-Orient.

Cette escalade des prix alimentaires aura des répercussions directes sur l'inflation globale, avec une prévision d'augmentation comprise entre 0,8 et 0,9 point de pourcentage d'ici 2035, uniquement attribuable aux conditions climatiques extrêmes induites par le changement climatique. Pour Max Kotz, climatologue à l'Institut de recherche sur l'impact du climat de Potsdam en Allemagne, cette corrélation entre le changement climatique et l'inflation démontre de manière tangible les effets néfastes de l'évolution climatique sur le bien-être humain et économique.



Avec l'augmentation des températures, les prix alimentaires et d'autres biens suivront une trajectoire ascendante. P - Pivot Québec

Les projections pour les décennies à venir sont encore plus alarmantes. D'ici 2060, la part de l'inflation attribuable au climat devrait continuer à croître, avec une estimation de hausse des prix alimentaires mondiaux allant de 2,2 à 4,3 points de pourcentage par an. Cette tendance se traduira par une augmentation de l'inflation globale de 1,1 à 2,2 points de pourcentage, selon les conclusions de l'étude.

Cette perspective, souvent qualifiée de "climaflation" par les économistes, souligne l'urgence d'agir face aux changements climatiques. Kotz et ses collègues de la Banque européenne ont analysé un vaste ensemble de données pour établir un lien de causalité entre les condi-

tions météorologiques extrêmes, en particulier la chaleur, et la hausse des prix. Le constat est alarmant: les vagues de chaleur et autres phénomènes météorologiques perturbateurs réduisent la productivité agricole, entraînant ainsi une augmentation des prix alimentaires et, par ricochet, de l'inflation globale.

Bien que les discussions autour de l'inflation et du changement climatique mettent souvent en avant la hausse des prix de l'énergie, il est essentiel de reconnaître que les conséquences du changement climatique vont bien au-delà. Les chocs de productivité causés par les phénomènes météorologiques extrêmes ont un impact significatif sur l'économie mondiale, comme en témoigne la vague de chaleur européenne de 2022.

Les petits États insulaires en développement, tels que Maurice, sont particulièrement vulnérables à ces fluctuations climatiques. L'augmentation des températures accroît les risques liés aux phénomènes météorologiques extrêmes, menaçant ainsi la sécurité alimentaire, le tourisme et l'ensemble de l'économie mauricienne.

Face à cette réalité, il est impératif de renforcer les politiques de lutte contre le changement climatique et d'apporter un soutien accru aux pays les plus vulnérables pour garantir un avenir économique plus résilient et durable pour tous.

Stabilité politique et confiance gouvernementale: Impératifs de Singapour selon PM Lee dans son dernier discours

Dans son discours d'adieu en tant que Premier ministre de Singapour, Lee Hsien Loong a mis en avant trois impératifs cruciaux pour l'avenir du pays: la cohésion sociale, la planification à long terme, ainsi que la stabilité politique et la confiance dans le gouvernement. Ces éléments, a-t-il souligné, demeureront essentiels pour la nation alors qu'elle se tourne vers le prochain chapitre de son histoire.

Lors du rassemblement annuel du 1er mai du Congrès des syndicats nationaux (NTUC), Lee Hsien Loong a prononcé son dernier discours majeur en tant que Premier ministre avant de passer le relais à son successeur, le vice-Premier ministre Lawrence Wong.

Lee a mis en lumière l'importance de la collaboration tripartite entre le mouvement syndical, les employeurs et le gouvernement, soulignant que cette alliance a été cruciale pour le développement économique et social de Singapour. Il a souligné l'importance de l'inclusion sociale et de la méritocratie dans la société singapourienne, tout en insistant sur le rôle des syndicats dans la protection des droits des travailleurs et dans la promotion de l'égalité des genres.

Lee a présenté un aperçu des réalisations de son propre mandat, mettant en avant les progrès économiques, les améliorations des infrastructures publiques et les réformes sociales entreprises sous sa direction.

Cependant, Lee a également évoqué les défis auxquels Singapour sera confronté à l'avenir, notamment les pres-

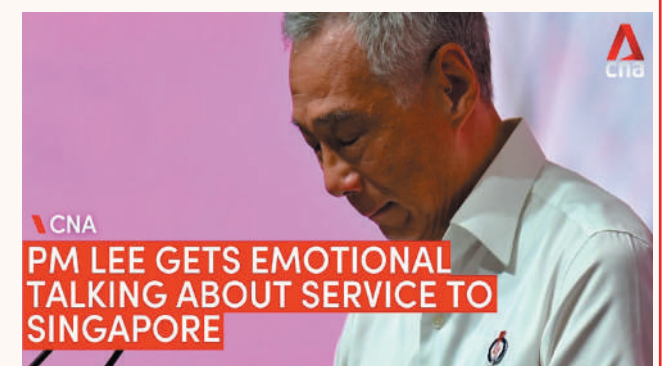
sions géopolitiques et économiques croissantes. Il a identifié trois impératifs pour faire face à ces défis: la promotion de la cohésion sociale, la planification à long terme et le maintien de la stabilité politique et de la confiance dans le gouvernement.

En conclusion, le Premier ministre sortant a insisté sur la nécessité de gérer les divisions potentielles au sein de la société singapourienne, ainsi que sur l'importance de continuer à planifier à long terme pour assurer la prospérité future du pays. Il a également souligné le rôle crucial de la stabilité politique dans le maintien de la confiance des investisseurs et des partenaires internationaux.

Un modèle de développement favorisant la résilience

Le discours de Lee Hsien Loong offre un aperçu précieux des principaux piliers qui ont contribué au succès de Singapour et des défis auxquels le pays est confronté à l'avenir. Sa mise en avant de la cohésion sociale, de la planification à long terme et de la stabilité politique comme impératifs essentiels pour le développement durable de Singapour fournit une précieuse feuille de route pour les pays, y compris Maurice, qui aspirent à suivre le modèle singapourien.

Une leçon fondamentale que les pays peuvent tirer des réalisations de Singapour est l'importance de la collaboration et de la coopération entre le gouvernement, les entreprises et les syndicats. Cette approche tripartite a permis de



Le Premier ministre Lee retient ses larmes en déclarant : "Ce fut un grand honneur d'avoir servi Singapour". P - YouTube

résoudre les conflits potentiels et de favoriser un environnement propice à l'investissement et à la croissance.

De plus, la vision à long terme des dirigeants singapouriens et leur engagement envers une planification stratégique ont été des facteurs déterminants de leur succès. Les projets d'infrastructure à grande échelle et les réformes sociales entreprises par Singapour ont été le fruit d'une planification minutieuse et d'une exécution efficace sur plusieurs décennies.

Cette approche de la planification à long terme offre une leçon précieuse pour les pays qui cherchent à transformer leur économie et à améliorer le bien-être de leur population.

Enfin, la stabilité politique et la confiance dans le gouvernement sont des éléments fondamentaux pour assurer la résilience d'une nation face aux défis internes et externes. La capacité de Singapour à maintenir un environnement politique stable et prévisible a été un facteur clé de son succès en tant que centre économique mondial.

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Losing the Plot – Israel, America, Ukraine

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Five days after Hamas carried out its deadly attack on Israeli civilians, leaving some 1,200 dead and 200+ kidnapped as hostages, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said:

“We condemn the terrorists, and we say very clearly, Israel has the right under international law to defend its citizens against such acts of barbarism.”

“The safety in Israel and for Israel must be restored, and that is why Israel must have the capacity to defend itself. At the moment there is only one place for Germany, the place, side by side with Israel. This is what we mean when we say the security of Israel is Germany’s raison d’être.”

Well, perhaps he said “raison d’état” as has been reported, but the point remains.

How things have changed.

On the same October day, I wrote that Hamas had committed a horrific mistake. But I foresaw that Netanyahu would unleash a campaign of carpet bombing and I warned that Israel would be accused of genocide.

What we have seen is a colossal mistake by Netanyahu and his right-wing coalition in squandering the high moral ground that Israel has always claimed. The tragedy is that this was predictable and predicted.

Ever since the Holocaust, the Jewish people in Israel and the Jewish diaspora, have recognized their involuntary role as victims of the world’s greatest crime against humanity and, at the same time, have seen the State of Israel as the beacon of hope, the Superpower, if you will, that promises “NEVER AGAIN.”

Aside from their fortitude in bearing the burden of the Holocaust, the wars of 1948, 1967, 1973, and the ongoing existential threats, there is the underlying decency of the Jewish people, their contributions in education, music, literature, science, medicine, art, technology, their charity, and so forth. To be sure, Israel has been cast as the oppressor and the occupier, but it has always chosen to declare its armed forces as holding the high moral ground.

Sadly, much of this has been put on tilt as Netanyahu and his right-wing coalition partners have lost the plot.

Yes, I understand that Hamas had to be destroyed. Yes, I understand that Hamas uses the civilian population as human shields. On the other hand, Israel’s far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir was but one Cabinet member or senior official who called for Palestinians to be “voluntarily encouraged to leave” the Gaza Strip. There have been similar tone-deaf statements from other Cabinet ministers with nary a reprimand or squawk of protest from Netanyahu.

A new tide has come in

We have seen the tide of sympathy and understanding for Israel’s need to preserve its security go out and a new tide come in. But this time, the tables have been turned.

Israel’s airstrikes and unrelenting bombing of Gaza, its infrastructure, its hospitals, its civilians, its children, and the humanitarian disaster of displacement, disease, and near famine caused by restricting the flow of food and water... well, what is there to say?

President Biden and Secretary of State Blinken have been reduced to pleading with Netanyahu not to launch an assault on Rafah. Biden has finally started to call for a ceasefire, not just a pause in the bombing. Blinken has started to call for a lasting peace as he pleads with Hamas to accept Israel’s offer which he calls “generous.” Even so,



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Netanyahu, in a defiant, almost petulant promise, vows to attack Rafah anyway.

Meanwhile, Hamas seems content to use the hostages as negotiating leverage, offering to release 33 in exchange for a prolonged ceasefire.

Iran launched a direct attack on Israel last month. Make no mistake. Although it was unsuccessful and largely repelled by American, British, and Jordanian forces, this Iranian attack was a game-changer. It cost an estimated \$550 million to repel. How many such attacks can Israel withstand without American and British support? How much is it clear that Israel needs the goodwill of its Arab neighbors to counter the Iranian threat?

And, not to be missed, is that Iran has shown its willingness to carry out its longstanding threat of destroying Israel. As Iran progresses towards acquiring nuclear weapons, the danger is palpable.

It is surprising that sentiment among the Saudis, Emiratis, Egyptians, and Jordanians hasn’t turned solidly against Israel. Chalk that up to Iran’s unrelenting campaign to destroy Israel and dominate its Arab neighbours. Israel cannot afford to lose the trust of its Arab neighbours.

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Destroying America

Meanwhile, the US is heading full-tilt into a presidential election with the Republican Party proffering as its champion a former President who refused to accept that he had lost — nay, been soundly thrashed in — the last election, and tried to stage a coup, in an attempt to prevent the peaceful transfer of power. To this day, he doubles down on the BIG LIE, the essential

untruth of his false persona.

And yet, the powers that be among the Republicans seem mesmerized by him, to adore him, and to express their undying support for this man who is the antithesis of everything that is noble about America.

We have seen that former Senate Majority Leader McConnell declared at the conclusion of the Trump’s second impeachment trial that he was morally responsible for the attempted insurrection, but nevertheless vote to acquit. And now, McConnell has declared his support for Trump.

We have seen John Sununu, the Governor of New Hampshire, who supported Nikki Haley, now declare that he will vote for Trump.

We have seen former Attorney General William Barr announce his support for Trump, the thesis being that in his mind, the Democrats are a greater danger to democracy than the man who expressly threatens to act like a dictator on day one and destroy the government as we know it.

We have a Supreme Court that seriously entertains argument on the proposition that the President who is charged under the Constitution with seeing that the laws are faithfully executed, cannot be held accountable if he commits criminal acts in the discharge of his duties.

America too has lost the plot.

Europe’s existential threat

And finally, there is Ukraine. It is easy to point the finger at the inexcusable delay by the Republican controlled House of Representatives to approve aid for Ukraine’s war effort as the proximate cause of Ukraine’s dire straits on the battlefields. But, as I wrote back in 2022, it was by no means clear that leaving Ukraine to defend itself was a sensible road to victory. I predicted then that Ukraine would face shortages of arms and military supplies, as well as of men.

What I did not foresee was that just as Russians fled their country to avoid conscription, so would Ukrainians.

In November 2023, BBC Eye reported that after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Ukrainian men aged 18-60 were banned from leaving the country unless they had an exemption. But BBC Eye established that 19,740 Ukrainian men illegally crossed into neighbouring countries from within a month of Russia’s attack in February 2022, to the end of August 2023.

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Politicians and the Circus of Modern Politics

'In the grand circus of modern politics, everyone is vying for their own self-interest, much like performers seeking applause from the crowd'

In the bustling agora of ancient Athens, amidst the cacophony of merchants haggling and citizens bustling about their daily lives, two venerable figures sit beneath the shade of an olive tree, engaged in a conversation that transcends the mundane affairs of the marketplace. Socrates, the famed philosopher known for his probing inquiries and relentless pursuit of truth, is joined by his friend Cephalus, a wise elder with a keen eye for the complexities of human nature.

As they sip on cups of wine, their discussion turns to the state of politics in their beloved city-state. What begins as a lament over the spectacle of modern governance soon evolves into a nuanced exploration of ethics, accountability, and the role of codes of conduct in guiding virtuous leadership. Amidst the chaos of the political circus, Socrates and Cephalus seek to uncover the timeless principles that can illuminate the path towards a more just and equitable society.

By Plutonix

Socrates: Ah, Cephalus, my old friend! How delightful it is to engage in philosophical discourse amidst the chaos of the marketplace.

Cephalus: Indeed, Socrates! And what better topic to ponder upon today than the state of politics in our beloved city-state? It seems to me that our politicians have become quite the spectacle, wouldn't you agree?

Socrates: Ah, politics! Once the pursuit of noble souls, now it resembles more of a circus than a forum for wise governance. Tell me, Cephalus, what do you make of this transformation?

Cephalus: Well, Socrates, it appears that politics has evolved into a lucrative business venture. The allure of wealth and power seems to attract all manners of charlatans and tricksters into its fold.

Socrates: A most lamentable state of affairs indeed! But amidst the sea of clowns, do you not think there are still a few honest souls striving for the common good?

Cephalus: Undoubtedly, Socrates! There are still those rare individuals who genuinely seek to better the lot of their fellow citizens. However, they seem to be overshadowed by the cacophony of self-serving politicians.

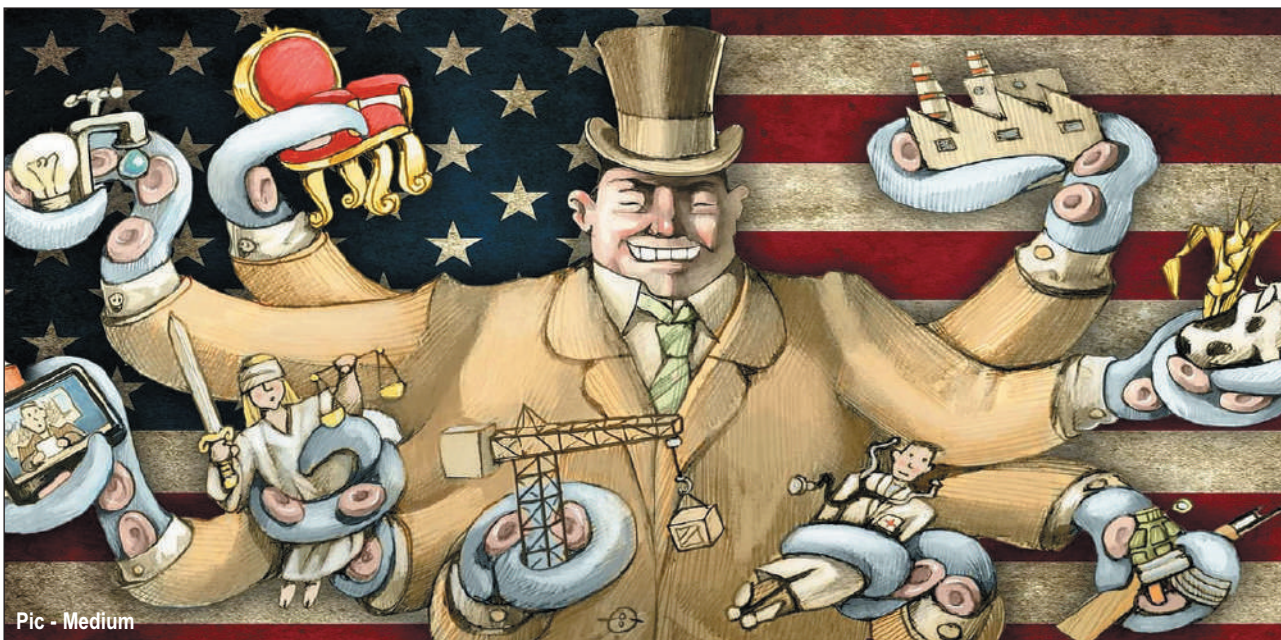
Socrates: And what of the recent Labour Day celebrations? I hear they have turned into quite the spectacle, with political parties vying for attention like performers in a grand amphitheatre.

Cephalus: Ah, yes! The Labour Day festivities have become a battleground for political grandstanding. The opposition makes promises they may never keep, while the ruling alliance resorts to mud-slinging like performers hurling insults in a comedic play.

Socrates: It seems our politicians have taken a page out of the playbook of ancient Rome, with promises of freebies akin to the bread and circus of old.

Cephalus: Indeed, Socrates! It's as if they believe the populace can be swayed by mere trinkets and spectacle, much like children clamouring for sweets at the market.

Socrates: And yet, despite the antics of our politicians, the electorate seems increasingly disillusioned, with many choosing to abstain from participating in the democratic process altogether.



Cephalus: A curious phenomenon, Socrates! It begs the question: do the people truly get the politicians they deserve, or are they merely victims of their own apathy?

Socrates: Ah, an intriguing question, my dear Cephalus! Perhaps the electorate, much like the politicians themselves, are opportunists seeking their own slice of the proverbial cake.

Cephalus: Indeed, Socrates! It seems that in the grand circus of modern politics, everyone is vying for their own self-interest, much like performers seeking applause from the crowd.

Socrates: And yet, amidst the chaos and confusion, it is our duty as philosophers to seek truth and wisdom, even in the most absurd of circumstances.

Cephalus: Quite so, Socrates! For in the end, it is only through introspection and critical thinking that we may find our way through the labyrinth of modern politics and emerge unscathed.

Socrates: Tell me, Cephalus, do you believe there is hope for our politicians to rise above the circus and govern with integrity?

Cephalus: Ah, Socrates, hope springs eternal, does it not? Yet, it seems that the allure of power and wealth is a siren song that few can resist.

Socrates: Indeed, Cephalus. But might there be a

solution? A code of conduct, perhaps, that could guide our politicians towards virtuous governance?

Cephalus: A noble idea, Socrates! Yet, one wonders if such a code would have any real effect in a world where moral principles seem to be in short supply.

Socrates: Perhaps, Cephalus. And yet, is it not the duty of every citizen to hold their leaders accountable to a higher standard?

Cephalus: Indeed, Socrates! It is the responsibility of the people to demand integrity and transparency from their elected officials.

Socrates: And what of the politicians themselves, Cephalus? Should they not be held to a code of conduct that reflects the noble ideals of governance?

Cephalus: Certainly, Socrates! A code of conduct could serve as a moral compass, guiding politicians towards ethical decision-making and public service.

Socrates: And have we not seen examples throughout history where codes of conduct have proven useful in promoting good governance?

Cephalus: Indeed, Socrates! The ancient Greeks had their oaths of office, sworn before the gods, binding them to uphold the laws and serve the people with honesty and integrity.

Socrates: And let us not forget the Magna Carta, Cephalus! A landmark document that laid the groundwork for the rule of law and limited the powers of the monarchy.

Cephalus: Ah, yes! The Magna Carta, a shining example of how a code of conduct can curb the excesses of power and ensure justice for all.

Socrates: And so, Cephalus, it seems that while codes of conduct may not be a panacea for the ills of modern politics, they can serve as a vital tool in promoting accountability and integrity.

Cephalus: Indeed, Socrates! For in a world where the circus of politics threatens to engulf us all, it is only through adherence to moral principles that we may find our way to a brighter tomorrow.

As the conversation draws to a close, Socrates and Cephalus raise their cups in a toast to the pursuit of truth and virtue amidst the chaos of the political arena. Suddenly, a troupe of acrobats passes by, performing daring stunts and adding to the carnival-like atmosphere of the marketplace. Socrates and Cephalus share a knowing smile, recognizing the irony of their discussion taking place amidst such theatricality.

Interview: Jocelyn Chan Low, Historien

“La bataille est loin d’être jouée”

‘Attendons voir s’il y aura vraiment un «move» politique qui pourrait se transformer en un game changer...’

Dans l’atmosphère enfiévrée des meetings du 1er mai à Maurice, l’impact des deux principales alliances politiques - l’alliance gouvernementale et l’alliance de l’opposition PTR-MMM-ND - sur leurs partisans et la masse indécise de l’électorat est au cœur des discussions. Alors que ces rassemblements traditionnels continuent de susciter un engouement marqué, ils soulèvent également des questions sur l’authenticité de la mobilisation politique dans un paysage de plus en plus dominé par les réseaux sociaux et l’accès instantané à l’information. Dans notre entretien cette semaine, Jocelyn Chan Low, historien, offre une analyse perspicace des enjeux entourant ces événements politiques emblématiques, tout en scrutant les dynamiques sous-jacentes qui pourraient façonner le paysage politique à l’approche des élections générales.



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Mauritius Times: Malgré le fait que l’assistance aux meetings du 1er Mai ne soit pas nécessairement un indicateur fiable de la popularité des deux principales alliances actuellement, pensez-vous que l’alliance gouvernementale et celle de l’opposition PTR-MMM ont réussi à atteindre leurs objectifs respectifs en termes d’impact sur leurs troupes et sympathisants, mais surtout sur la masse des indécis au sein de l’électorat? Selon vous, laquelle des deux alliances a mieux réussi à atteindre cet objectif?

Jocelyn Chan Low: La bataille des ‘foules’ du 1er Mai s’est installée depuis quelque temps comme un élément folklorique de notre culture politique, d’ailleurs très archaïque et passiste à l’ère de l’internet et des réseaux sociaux. En fait, il est surtout une compétition de moyens et de logistiques impliquant de très gros coûts financiers pour un exercice de communication politique.

Tout est bon pour grossir la foule - flotte d’autobus mise gratuitement à la disposition de partisans souvent rémunérés, y compris des travailleurs étrangers, avec en supplément briani, picnic à la plage, etc. Et je crois qu’une grande partie de l’électorat, y compris les indécis, ont com-

pris depuis longtemps que c’est un jeu de dupes.

Il est vrai que, cette année-ci, les rassemblements du 1er mai marquent véritablement le début de la campagne électorale pour des élections générales qui ne sauraient tarder. De ce fait l’opposition, qui avait pris un certain retard sur le terrain et qui avait été secouée par le départ de Xavier Duval et du PMSD se devait de réussir la mobilisation de ses partisans. Et elle a réussi avec brio en mobilisant une bonne foule de partisans enthousiastes bien qu’il faudrait aussi analyser le profil sociologique de la foule à son rassemblement.

Du côté de l’alliance gouvernementale, avec les moyens à sa disposition, le but recherché était sans doute une foule de loin supérieure à celle de l’opposition pour se présenter comme la favorite pour les prochaines élections générales, malgré l’usure du pouvoir et les allégations de scandales, etc. A-t-elle réussi son pari? Pour l’observateur objectif, à moins d’avoir été sur place pour constater de visu la foule présente, il est difficile de répondre à cette question car les reportages consacrés à ces rassemblements sont malheureusement - d’une manière générale - biaisés d’un côté comme de l’autre.

Quant aux images qui circulent sur les réseaux sociaux, il faut faire très attention aux effets d’optique: aujourd’hui, même un téléphone portable bas de gamme est doté de cinq caméras qui donnent la possibilité de ‘grossir’ n’importe quelle foule à travers un “wide-angle shot”...

*** Ce qui est particulièrement frappant, c’est l’ampleur des mesures prises par l’alliance au pouvoir pour entraver la mobilisation des sympathisants de l’alliance PTR-MMM lors de son rassemblement à Port Louis, entre autres la suspension des services du Metro Express jusqu’à la fin des rassemblements, l’interdiction de l’usage des drones pour le 1er Mai, ainsi que l’érection d’une barricade dans l’enceinte de la Municipalité de Port Louis. Toutes ces actions semblent indiquer un sentiment de panique au sein de l’alliance gouvernementale. Pourrait-on dire qu’elle est sur le fil du rasoir et que ses dirigeants en sont conscients?**

Cela n’est guère surprenant. Depuis des années, divers gouvernements ont pratiqué ouvertement toutes sortes de tracasseries contre l’opposition du jour, par exemple dans l’octroi des permis pour les rassemblements, les restrictions du nombre d’autobus alloués, etc. Une fois dans l’opposition, ces mêmes dirigeants se sont plaints quand ces mêmes mesures ont été utilisées à leur encontre...

Il est vrai que cette fois-ci, il est question d’un nouveau mode de transport - le métro léger - et la décision de Metro Express a pénalisé grandement le public voyageur, dont une

infime partie seulement aurait utilisé ses services pour se rendre au rassemblement de Port Louis, de Vacoas, de Rose Hill et de Curepipe.

Quant à la décision de la Municipalité de Port Louis, à leur décharge, il y a effectivement un problème de sécurité. Le “clock tower” se trouvant devant la municipalité est très délabré, *beyond repair*, la rouille des armatures ayant induit des éclatements de béton. En fait, le 21 septembre 2023, la Municipalité a déjà soumis un appel d’offres pour sa démolition. Cela aurait été irresponsable de laisser des personnes s’approcher d’une structure qui doit être démolie pour des raisons de sécurité.

Bien sûr, l’opposition clame haut et fort que c’est un signe de panique du gouvernement. Et c’est de bonne guerre.

*** Au-delà de ces rassemblements, il faut aussi reconnaître que tout n’est pas encore joué. Il reste au MSM la possibilité de recourir à d’autres mesures populistes lors du prochain exercice budgétaire, qui semble-t-il aura bien lieu, outre l’utilisation de l’appareil de l’État et surtout la MBC-TV ainsi que la carte du PMSD de Xavier Duval. Pensez-vous que ces stratégies électoralistes auront un impact sur la grande masse des indécis?**

Il est certainement évident que rien n’est joué et que tout va se décider pendant la campagne, voire la veille du scrutin.

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Il y a effectivement un problème de crédibilité au sein de l’opposition parlementaire que ses dirigeants auront à résoudre alors que la stratégie de Pravind Jugnauth consiste justement à accentuer ce *credibility gap* (ce manque de crédibilité) entre les dirigeants de l’opposition et la population. D’ailleurs à diverses reprises il a évoqué des ‘preuves’ qu’il détiendrait au sujet des maldonnées de certains dirigeants de l’opposition, à l’instar des liasses de dollars neufs jamais mis dans le circuit commercial et retrouvées dans le ‘coffre fort de NCR - mais sans jamais dévoiler aucune preuve précise à ce jour...

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Political Financing Bill: 'Certains y voient une manœuvre pour mettre l'affaire des 'coffre forts' à l'avant-plan et piéger ainsi l'opposition'

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En outre, malgré les allégations de passe-droits, d'auto-ritarisme, de manipulation des institutions et autres scandales, le gouvernement a un bilan social assez remarquable - avec l'octroi du salaire minimum, de l'*income support*, de l'augmentation de la pension de vieillesse, de la gratuité de l'éducation de la maternelle à l'université, de la construction de logements sociaux, etc.

Et il faut s'attendre à d'autres mesures populaires telles que la publication du rapport de National Wage Council sur les anomalies salariales suite à l'augmentation du salaire minimum et un budget foncièrement électoraliste. Cet élargissement significatif de l'État providence ne peut que lui apporter des dividendes des dividendes auprès des seniors et de ceux en bas de l'échelle sociale.

A cela, il faut ajouter la "money politics" et ses effets pervers, l'exploitation des secousses inévitables résultant de la finalisation de la liste des candidats de l'opposition tout comme l'utilisation de la victoire de Modi en Inde dans son électorat traditionnel, et les attaques sous la ceinture au cours d'une campagne qui sera très rude et sans merci.

La partie est effectivement loin d'être jouée.

*** Malgré les affirmations des dirigeants de l'opposition et de l'alliance gouvernementale, le PMSD - qu'il soit considéré comme valant cinq sous ou même moins que cela, en tant que symbole porté par le nom Duval - demeure important, surtout dans le contexte des élections. Après le départ de Xavier Duval, nous avons assisté à l'ascension de Richard Duval sur le 'front bench' de l'opposition lors d'une conférence de presse, et il est probable que le MSM cherchera à tendre la main au PMSD dans les prochains jours. Que représente encore le nom Duval au sein de l'électorat, en particulier chez les "Joos"?**

Pour répondre à cette question il faudra d'abord analyser ce que Adele Simmons avait décrit comme le *Creole politics*, un aspect de l'*ethnic politics* à l'île Maurice.

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C'est à ce titre que le PMSD s'est retrouvé dans plusieurs coalitions gouvernementales depuis l'indépendance. Aujourd'hui, les sondages démontrent que le PMSD ne représente pas plus de 2% de l'électorat, mais sa force réside surtout dans sa représentativité symbolique bien au-delà de cet électorat.

Dans un contexte où une grande partie de l'électorat est indécise, le PMSD représente cette caution créole bien plus que les ex-militants, alliés du MSM, ne pourraient procurer à Pravind Jugnauth. Dans le jeu politique à Maurice le patronyme Duval reste un symbole puissant d'où l'ascension de Richard Duval au sein de l'alliance de l'opposition parlementaire et les chants de sirènes du MSM et de ses alliés d'un côté, et de Linion Moris de l'autre, envers Xavier Luc Duval.

*** Une alliance entre le PTr et le PMSD crée une synergie plus durable et viable que celle entre les Travailleurs et le MMM, comme le passé l'a démontré. Cela soulève deux questions : cette alliance entre le PTr et le MMM sera-t-elle viable ou non dans un contexte de partage du pouvoir, et Navin Ramgoolam a-t-il commis une erreur**

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en abandonnant le soutien que représentait le PMSD, autrefois son allié naturel?

Il faut souligner que l'alliance entre le PTr et le PMSD n'a pas été de tout repos à ses débuts, notamment en raison de la personnalité exubérante de Sir Gaëtan Duval, soutenu par de gros intérêts locaux et étrangers. Mais au fil des années, SGD et le PMSD ont fini par ne plus être perçus comme une menace par les dirigeants et les partisans du PTr - mais plutôt comme un allié indispensable pour contrer le MMM à l'instar de ce qui s'est passé en 1976, 1983 et 1987.

Quant à Paul Bérenger, il traîne toujours les séquelles de la cassure de 1983 et de la campagne malhonnête contre les 'Rs 57 millions à l'industrie sucrière' qui s'ensuivit. En outre, PRB s'est présenté comme PM à plusieurs élections générales alors que les ambitions du PMSD ont toujours été bien moindres. Cependant, dans la nouvelle alliance, le MMM a accepté précisément le rôle de «junior partner». En



“Bérenger a évoqué des changements politiques importants qui devraient intervenir d'ici les prochaines semaines tout en soulignant que Navin Ramgoolam serait présenté comme PM et que, d'ici les prochaines élections générales, ce sera un Travailleur qui sera au pouvoir. Est-ce que cela signifie l'émergence finalement d'un nouveau élément, homme ou femme, si longtemps attendu qui sera porteur de cette transition, de cette rupture tant souhaité par le gros de l'électorat?”

outre, les leaders veulent sans doute figurer dans l'Histoire avec un certain nombre de réalisations. Ce sont là des facteurs de stabilité.

Quant à l'abandon du PMSD par le PTr, il faut souligner qu'il y a deux versions qui s'affrontent pour expliquer la cassure de l'alliance. D'un côté, Xavier Luc Duval affirme qu'il a toujours agi de bonne foi vis-à-vis de ses anciens partenaires mais que c'est le refus de Bérenger de faire des concessions ainsi que ses agissements qui ont entraîné le retrait du PMSD de l'alliance.

Mais d'autres n'hésitent pas à affirmer que le PMSD était déjà en négociation pour obtenir un meilleur accord, un *better deal*, avec le MSM et faisait tout pour traîner les négociations en longueur afin de faire capoter la mobilisation du 1er mai. Dans ce cas de figure, NCR aurait -- avec raison -- déjoué le piège tendu par le PMSD.

*** Par ailleurs, dans une élection où la compétition s'annonce serrée, le choix des candidats en fonction de leurs expériences et compétences, leur image publique, leurs qualités personnelles, et le programme électoral joueront-ils un rôle crucial dans la décision des électeurs?**

Si l'on se fie aux sondages effectués jusqu'ici, la grosse majorité des électeurs sont non seulement indécis mais extrêmement déçus de la classe politique actuelle et aspirent à du nouveau.

Il faut ajouter à cela que nos dirigeants politiques sont des sexagénaires dans un pays où les jeunes sont hyper connectés et peuvent constater ce qui se passe dans d'autres démocraties. De jeunes dirigeants politiques sont nommés à la tête du gouvernement. La question de la représentativité féminine au niveau de la politique est aussi devenue un enjeu important dans notre société où la performance des filles à tous les niveaux de l'éducation est bien supérieure à celle des garçons.

On ne saurait alors se contenter uniquement de la représentativité ethnique comme auparavant dans le choix des candidats. Il est vrai que les alliances préélectorales restreignent grandement la capacité d'effectuer des changements dans la liste des candidats. Pourtant c'est un aspect central si l'on veut vraiment incarner la rupture et adapter son offre politique à ce que réclame l'électorat.

Quant au programme électoral, l'alliance PTr-MMM-ND a déjà annoncé des mesures phares de leur programme électoral. On y voit à la fois des changements à la Constitution, des mesures d'assainissement des institutions mais surtout un élargissement important de l'État-providence, avec le transport, l'internet gratuit, l'allocation aux veuves maintenue au-delà de l'âge de 60 ans, sans compter l'abolition de l'impôt sur la pension de vieillesse et les revenus de moins d'un million de roupies.

Mais force est de constater que le PMSD a aussi énuméré certaines de ses propositions à sa conférence de presse, tenue samedi dernier, et que le gouvernement viendra sans doute avec des propositions allant dans la même direction, voire même introduira certaines de ces propositions dans le prochain budget qui sera évidemment électoraliste.

*** En plus du choix des candidats et du programme électoral, qui sont des éléments essentiels influençant la décision des électeurs lors d'une élection serrée, existe-t-il d'autres facteurs pouvant jouer un rôle déterminant dans la victoire d'une alliance plutôt que d'une autre lors de des prochaines élections aussi importantes que celles de 1967?**

Comme nous l'avons souligné ici même à diverses occasions, l'opposition a beaucoup souffert de ce *credibility gap* entre la population et ses dirigeants.

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'Dans le jeu politique à Maurice le patronyme Duval reste un symbole puissant'

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Ainsi, la solution serait d'introduire de nouveaux éléments plus crédibles au sein même de l'équipe dirigeante de la nouvelle alliance qui seront plus à même de vendre son programme de changement à la population.

Au niveau du leadership, il faut souligner un élément important.

Bérenger, dans son discours, a évoqué des changements politiques importants qui devraient intervenir d'ici les prochaines semaines tout en soulignant que Navin Ramgoolam serait présenté comme PM et que, d'ici les prochaines élections générales, ce sera un Travilliste qui sera au pouvoir. Est-ce que cela signifie l'émergence finalement d'un nouveau élément, homme ou femme, si longtemps attendu qui sera porteur de cette transition, de cette rupture tant souhaité par le gros de l'électorat?

Attendons voir s'il y aura vraiment un «move» politique qui pourrait potentiellement, si toutes les conditions sont réunies, se transformer en un *game changer*.

Cependant, il y a un autre aspect à ne pas négliger: avec autant d'indécis et de désillusions par rapport à la classe politique traditionnelle et les grandes similitudes au niveau des programmes sans compter l'émergence et le travail de terrain de l'opposition extra parlementaire, le poids du vote coupé ou des opérations de *pas met tou dizef dan enn sel panier* risque d'être cette fois-ci plus important qu'auparavant avec des effets imprévisibles sur l'issue du vote dans certaines circonscriptions.

*** Pour assurer la pérennité de l'alliance PTr-MMM au pouvoir, en plus des éléments nécessaires tels que des objectifs communs, la confiance mutuelle, la flexibilité et un équilibre dans le partage du pouvoir, y a-t-il d'autres éléments à prendre en compte eu égard à la culture politique de chaque parti et les personnalités de leurs dirigeants?**

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*** Le prochain gouvernement sera confronté à un vaste chantier. Outre le rétablissement de l'ordre et de la paix, l'assurance d'une bonne gouvernance, la maîtrise des finances publiques, la réduction de la dette publique et la lutte contre la corruption et le trafic de drogue sont probablement des priorités évidentes. Quelles autres priorités considérez-vous comme essentielles?**

La priorité des priorités devrait être comment augmenter notre résilience face aux divers défis qui se profilent à l'horizon. Malheureusement dans nos analyses nous souffrons trop de nombrilisme, sans doute dû à notre insularité. Or, il y a des développements en cours au niveau mondial qui risquent d'avoir un impact considérable sur nous.

D'abord, les experts soulignent l'accélération des effets du changement climatique. Par exemple, mars 2024 a été le mois le plus chaud jamais enregistré dans le monde, s'inscrivant dans une série de dix records mensuels où la température a atteint des pics historiques.

Tous les experts s'accordent à dire que si la température ne baisse pas d'ici la fin de l'année, nous entrerons en territoire inconnu, signalant une nouvelle ère de changement climatique, déjouant ainsi tous les modèles de prévisions utilisés jusqu'ici. A cela, il faut ajouter les inondations sans précédent à Dubaï, au Guangdong en Chine, au Kenya, et même à Maurice où la région d'Albion a reçu plus de 300



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Mais il y a pire : le réchauffement en cours a un coût économique et un rapport d'experts - publié le mois dernier dans le journal *Nature* et repris par *The Guardian* et autres titres de presse sérieux -, révèle que l'accélération du changement climatique entraînera une récession de l'économie mondiale de 19% au cours de ces 26 prochaines années. Non seulement l'économie de tous les pays du sud va être bouleversée mais même des pays de la zone euro telle la France pourrait connaître une contraction de 10% à 20%. Or l'île Maurice, totalement intégrée dans l'économie mondiale, est extrêmement vulnérable à ce qui se passe ailleurs.

De même, tous les observateurs de la scène internationale concèdent que nous sommes rentrés de plein pied dans un ère de relations internationales où les risques de guerre entre les grandes puissances sont réels et où la mobilisation et le réarmement sont à l'agenda. Or qu'en est-il des projets d'autosuffisance alimentaire qu'on a brièvement agité pendant la pandémie de la Covid 19?

Comme le souligne à juste titre le parti Lalit, l'autosuffisance alimentaire devrait être la priorité des propriétés et non les projets IRS qui non seulement entraînent une nouvelle colonisation du pays à travers un processus de gentrification mondiale, mais diminue la superficie de terres cultivables sur une île, par définition un territoire exigu.

*** Par ailleurs, vous partagez probablement l'opinion selon laquelle il existe une hypocrisie manifeste concernant le projet de légiférer sur le financement des partis politiques. Pensez-vous que les partis politiques et les financiers du secteur privé ont vraiment intérêt à rendre transparent ce financement politique et à le placer sous le contrôle des autorités publiques?**

En ce qu'il s'agit du financement des partis politiques, ce qui se passe actuellement est tout simplement scandaleux. Tout le monde sait pertinemment bien que la politique est devenue au fil des années “a million-dollar business” et que d'énormes sommes d'argent circulent dans les partis politiques en toute opacité quant à la provenance et l'utilisation de ces fonds. Et paradoxalement, c'est cette même classe politique qui va parler sur les estrades de “good governance”, de lutte contre le blanchiment d'argent!

Il est grand temps d'assainir la situation. Pourtant les tentatives d'y mettre un terme n'ont jamais abouti. Il est vrai qu'il n'y a pas de solution idéale, mais il faut bien commencer quelque part. Bien sûr, il est légitime de se poser la question si la volonté d'y mettre fin à ce système mafieux existe réellement, eu égard aux spéculations et aux rumeurs quant à l'enrichissement inexplicable de certains dans la classe politique.

De l'autre, comme le souligne Tijo Salverda dans sa thèse sur les élites à Maurice, comment expliquer l'influence considérable d'une certaine élite qui exerçait une hégémonie à la fois politique, économique et sociale à l'époque coloniale-dans l'île Maurice post indépendance? Le financement des partis politiques serait-il le mécanisme qui lie le pouvoir économique au pouvoir politique? Es-ce que le contrôle, voire le financement, des partis par l'État serait à même de briser ce lien de dépendance?

*** Il n'y a donc pas lieu de commenter la récente démarche du gouvernement visant à introduire le “Political Financing Bill” et d'évaluer la justesse de ses propositions si ce n'est de s'interroger sur les calculs du gouvernement. Qu'en pensez-vous?**

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Pakistan to block mobile SIM cards of over 500,000 users for not filing tax returns

Authorities in Pakistan have decided to block the mobile phone SIM cards of over half a million users as part of the drive to take action against tax evaders, PTI reported on Wednesday, citing local media.



Federal Board of Revenue to block SIMs of non-filers, under-filers. Pic- Pakistan Today

In an order, the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) said the mobile SIMs of 506,671 individuals, who failed to file their tax returns for 2023, will stay blocked until restored by the body or the Commissioner Inland Revenue.

The federal law enforcement agency also directed the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) and all telecom providers to immediately implement the order to block the SIM card and file a compliance report by May 15.

An official told Dawn that the FBR identified 2.4 million potential taxpayers who did not exist on the tax rolls. Notices have been issued to these individuals.

Of the 2.4 million taxpayers, the FBR has selected over 0.5 million for SIM blockade based on one criterion: they must have declared taxable income in one of the past three years, and these individuals did not file their returns for tax year 2023.

According to the Active Taxpayers List (ATL), the FBR received 4.2 million taxpayers until March 1, 2024, as against 3.8 million returns received during the same period of last year.

This shows a marginal increase during the period under review. In tax year 2022, FBR received a total of 5.9 million income tax returns.

The FBR official quoted above also told Dawn that the SIM cards will be automatically restored for persons who file tax returns for 2023.

The newspaper added that the blockade of SIM cards is a new easy measure taken by the FBR to encourage low-income people to submit their tax returns to increase the number of return filers, which so far appears to be a good idea on paper.

Donald Trump opens up about his plans if he loses 2024 White House race

While 2024 US presidential elections will most likely witness a potential rematch between incumbent Joe Biden and GOP leader Donald Trump, the former President has revealed his plans in case he loses the White House race to the Democrat.

After addressing a rally in Waukesha, Wisconsin, amidst his ongoing hush money trial, Trump spoke to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel about concerns over the election's integrity.

Notably, the GOP leader campaigned in Wisconsin on a day off from his hush-money trial.

On being asked if Biden defeats him a second straight time in November, Trump said: "If everything's honest, I'll gladly accept the results. I don't change on that. If it's not, you have to fight for the right of the country."

Trump's remarks hinted that he will contest any outcome in which he is not the winner. His comments resembled his denial of the 2020 election claims, which he made in order to challenge Biden. On January 6, a crowd stormed the Capitol in protest of the election's certification, sparked by allegations of electoral fraud.

"If you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore," the ex-US president warned the crowd on January 6.



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Trump repeats a lie about winning Wisconsin in 2020

During his Wednesday interview, Trump reiterated a lie, claiming that he had actually won Wisconsin in 2020.

Trump said, "If you go back and look at all of the things that had been found out, it showed that I won the election in Wisconsin," adding that "It also showed I won the election in other locations."

In 2020, Biden defeated Trump in Wisconsin by a narrow margin, receiving 1,630,866 votes to his 1,610,184. However, Trump emerged victorious in the 2016 elections.

Earlier this week, Trump also appeared in an interview with Time

magazine and asserted that if he wins the presidential race, there won't be any political violence, but "if we don't win, you know, it depends."

A look at Trump rallies amid break from hush money trial

Trump blasted Biden, the presiding judges, and the criminal and civil cases against him during his rallies in Wisconsin and Michigan.

These were the former president's first campaign rallies since the start of the hush money trial in New York.

He is charged with 34 counts of fabricating business documents to conceal hush money payments made to porn star Stormy Daniels to stay quiet about Trump's extramarital affair with her.



Scotland's First Minister Humza Yousaf. Pic - Los Angeles Times

Scotland's leader resigns after conflicts over climate change, gender identity...

Scotland's leader, Humza Yousaf, resigned on Monday amidst conflicts over climate change and gender identity issues that weakened the government. Yousaf's departure triggers a leadership contest within the Scottish National Party (SNP) as it aims to mend internal divisions and bolster its position ahead of anticipated U.K.-wide parliamentary elections later this year.

Yousaf, whose pro-independence party has been embroiled in a campaign finance scandal and faced internal disagreements regarding transgender rights, faced criticism for removing the Green Party from his coalition due to differences in climate change objectives. Despite efforts to garner support for his minority government in Scotland's regional parliament, he failed to secure backing from other parties, reports AP.

Facing imminent defeat in scheduled confidence votes later in the week, Yousaf chose to resign voluntarily rather than be ousted. He will remain as first minister while the SNP endeavours to select a successor capable of commanding a parliamentary majority.

"I've concluded that repairing our relationship across the political divide can only be done with someone else at the helm," Yousaf stated to reporters in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital.

The political turmoil adds to the charged atmosphere in the United Kingdom, with concerns over immigration, healthcare, and government spending eroding support for the governing Conservative Party ahead of the upcoming parliamentary elections.

Both the Conservatives and the opposition Labour Party tabled separate no-confidence motions against Yousaf and his government in a bid to weaken the SNP's position before the general election. Labour stands to gain the most from the SNP's troubles due to their shared left-leaning policies.

While England and Wales will hold local elections on Thursday, all eyes are on Scotland's quest for a new leader who can restore the party's image and potentially collaborate with opposition parties in the regional parliament.

Despite the challenges, the Greens expressed willingness to work with the SNP in the absence of Yousaf.

As the SNP deliberates on a new leader, former deputy first minister John Swinney and Kate Forbes emerge as prominent candidates. However, Forbes' conservative religious views and opposition to gender identity reforms may hinder her acceptance by the Greens.

Whoever assumes leadership will confront the same delicate political balance that led to Yousaf's resignation, with the need to navigate complex party dynamics and electoral arithmetic.

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Spain's Prime Minister Sánchez says he'll continue in office after days of reflection

Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez announced on Monday that he would remain in office and govern with renewed determination, bringing an end to days of speculation regarding his resignation amidst allegations against his wife. Last Wednesday, Sánchez surprised Spain by declaring a five-day hiatus to contemplate his future following allegations against his wife, Begoña Gómez, of corruption. A platform affiliated with far-right causes accused Gómez of leveraging her position to influence business deals, though Spanish prosecutors deemed the claims baseless.

The prospect of Sánchez's resignation raised concerns about the leadership of one of Spain's prominent Socialist prime ministers, particularly amid growing influence from the centre-right in Europe and ahead of upcoming European elections in June. However, Sánchez, known for his resilience, affirmed his commit-



Spain's Prime Minister. Pic – New York Post

ment to continue leading the government.

In a televised address after informing King Felipe VI of his decision, Sánchez emphasized that his determination to continue would mark a new chapter, promising a steady approach without reverting to the status quo. He did not elaborate on specific actions but acknowledged criticism from the opposition, which deemed his conduct unfit

for a leader.

The episode captivated Spain, with Sánchez withdrawing from public view and issuing an emotional statement expressing his love for his wife and his refusal to stand idle while she faced attacks. The uncertainty surrounding his decision culminated in a highly anticipated announcement on Monday, during which Sánchez emphasized his resolve to withstand the campaign against him and his family.

Despite the challenges posed by ongoing attacks, Sánchez cited the unwavering support from his followers and the need to counteract smear tactics employed by his adversaries. His decision to persevere came amidst a delicate political landscape, with tensions over Catalonia and the looming European elections.

While Sánchez's opponents criticized his actions as a political manoeuvre, supporters viewed his pause as a necessary reflection period. Sánchez defended his break as essential for personal deliberation, highlighting the importance of introspection in navigating life's challenges.

Boeing scandal: Second whistleblower Joshua Dean dies



Joshua Dean passed away Tuesday after being admitted to the hospital complaining of shortness of breath. Pic - Facebook

Former quality auditor at Boeing supplier, Spirit AeroSystems, and famous whistleblower Joshua Dean has died after being infected with a sudden, intensified lung infection.

The 45-year-old lived in Wichita, Kan., where Spirit is headquartered.

His aunt, Carol Parsons, is the one who confirmed his death, after he spent two weeks in a critical condition, reports US News. Josh's mother earlier shared updates on Facebook, saying he was "fighting for his life" and had even suffered a stroke.

In 2019, it was Josh who had the ball rolling by claiming that the 737 MAX series had been ignored in the case of crucial manufacturing defects by the Spirit leadership.

He testified in a shareholder lawsuit that was initiated against Spirit and lodged a complaint with the FAA. The Spirit fired him in April 2023, which then initiated the Department of Labor to charge Boeing for

aviation safety concerns.

Parsons narrated that the whistleblower went through a downfall from hospitalization with breathing difficulties to ending up with an infectious lung condition and MRSA. However, the doctors had done all they could, including ECMO and dialysis, but his state was getting worse inevitably, and amputation was considered one of the options.

Parsons said, "It was brutal what he went through," and "heartbreaking."

Barnett had died from a 'self-inflicted gunshot wound'

Another Boeing whistleblower, John 'Mitch' Barnett, was found dead in March. Barnett's apparent suicide has spurred speculation.

Local police reported that he had "a self-inflicted gunshot wound."

Brian Knowles, Josh's lawyer, expressed, "Whistleblowers are needed. They bring to light wrongdoing and corruption in the interests of society. It takes a lot of courage to stand up."

The Wichita native was a mechanical engineer, who identified severe defects in MAX production, including issues with the aft pressure bulkhead and tail fin fittings. He flagged the issue to FAA investigations.

"After I was fired, Spirit AeroSystems [initially] did nothing to inform the FAA, and the public," he wrote in the FAA complaint.

FAA replied, "The investigation determined that your allegations were appropriately addressed under an FAA-approved safety program."

"However, due to the privacy provisions of those programs, specific details cannot be released."

Following his termination, Josh briefly worked at Boeing Wichita before moving to another company.

US Drug Enforcement Administration plans historic shift in marijuana classification



Public opinions on marijuana have shifted, with a majority of US adults now in favour of legalisation. Pic – Getty

In a landmark development, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is poised to reclassify marijuana as a less dangerous drug, marking a significant departure from decades of American drug policy. This move, once finalized, could have profound implications.

The proposal, disclosed to Associated Press by sources familiar with the matter, awaits review by the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB). If approved, it would acknowledge the medical benefits of cannabis while recognizing its lower potential for abuse compared to more dangerous substances. However, it stops short of legalizing marijuana for recreational use, reports AP News.

Following OMB approval, the DEA will solicit public feedback on the plan, which entails moving marijuana from its current Schedule I classification alongside heroin and LSD to Schedule III, placing it alongside substances like ketamine and certain anabolic steroids. Once the public comment period concludes and an administrative review is conducted, the agency will publish the final rule.

President Joe Biden's call for a review of federal marijuana law in October 2022, coupled with initiatives to pardon thousands of Americans convicted of simple possession, precedes this development. Biden's emphasis on rectifying the societal harms caused by marijuana convic-

tions underscores the political momentum behind the move.

While proponents view this shift as progress towards rational drug policy, critics voice concerns. Some argue that marijuana remains a potential "gateway drug," while others advocate for its regulation akin to alcohol.

Federal drug policy has lagged behind many US states, where marijuana legalization has gained traction. This has fuelled a burgeoning industry, estimated to be worth nearly \$30 billion, while also posing challenges such as high tax burdens and limited research opportunities due to restrictive regulations.

The immediate impact on the criminal justice system may be modest, as federal prosecutions for marijuana possession have waned. However, the broader repercussions of loosening restrictions remain uncertain.

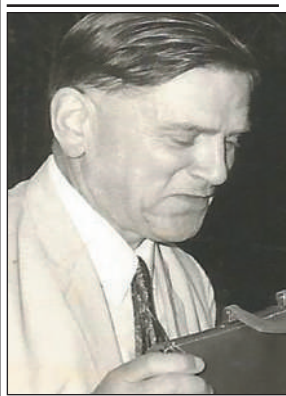
Critics highlight challenges such as DEA regulation of marijuana dispensaries and international treaty obligations mandating cannabis criminalization. Despite these hurdles, the DEA's impending decision heralds a pivotal moment in the evolution of American drug policy, with far-reaching implications for public health, criminal justice, and industry regulation.

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● *Interest blinds some people and enlightens others. — Francois de La Rochefoucauld*

Peter Ibbotson

The Pool Betting Bill

It is just not possible to legislate betting and all forms of gambling out of existence. Education is the answer here

By tradition, Wednesday is the day on which the big pools firms in the UK publish in their advertisements in the daily papers their "dividends" for matches played on the previous Saturday. Thus, on Wednesday, September 30, in the *News Chronicle* (as in the other daily papers) we could read — if we were interested — that Littlewoods had paid £250,668 for 2d on their Treble Chance pool; Vernons had paid 210 shillings for 1 shilling on the Three Draws; Cope's had paid 48 shillings for 1 shilling for Four Aways; and so on.

For two years, however, thanks to a back-bench Labour MP who successfully sponsored a private member's bill in the House of Commons and had the pleasure of seeing it become an Act of Parliament, the football pools promoters have had to include in their advertisements a statement of their expenses and commission. So, on September 30, as well as announcing their dividends for September 26, the promoters also had to announce their commission and expenses for September 12. It is interesting and instructive to compare these; the deductions are declared as a percentage of total money staked in that particular week. Littlewoods, Murphys, Vernons and Cope's, members of the Pool Promoters Association, announced expenses and commission as follows: Littlewoods, 23.3%; Murphys, 29.7%; Vernons, 25.3%; and Cope's, 27.5%. Other promoters declared deductions as follows: Shermans, 27.5%; Soccer Pools, 28.9%; Empire, 28.8%; and Zettors, 27.8%.

Add to these deductions for commission and expenses the Government's pools tax of 30% of total stakes, and you will see that only half (at most) of a person's stakes is available for prize money.

Control pool betting

It is a good thing that the Government of Mauritius is determined on legislation to control pool betting. The proposed new ordinance deserves widespread support. From my mail over the past few years, I know that there has been a great deal of public disquiet over many matters connected with pool betting; the ordinance proposes steps to deal with these. All bets must be made on a printed coupon and must be sent by post. This is a very sensible proposal; it will stop the evil of children being sent by parents to place bets on their behalf at the betting shop or agency. It will stop children making bets on their own behalf; and the proposal to make illegal any pool betting by persons under 21 merely brings local legislation in line with UK law.

In the UK, the football pool promoters' advertisement often, if not always, contain some such statement as "Send today for free win plans and coupons — IF OVER 21". (It is also a rule of all the reputable pools firms to refuse entries giving accommodation, school, or college addresses. A pools coupon giving an address such as

"P.O. Box 202" or some such number would not be accepted. It might be as well to include an amendment to the Pool Betting Bill to cover this point if it is not already covered by the rules of local pool partners).

The Government refers in its explanatory memorandum about the Bill to the serious social evil caused by betting by children and adolescents. Personally, I believe that betting by *anyone* constitutes a serious social evil; but it is just not possible to legislate betting and all forms of gambling out of existence. Education is the answer here.

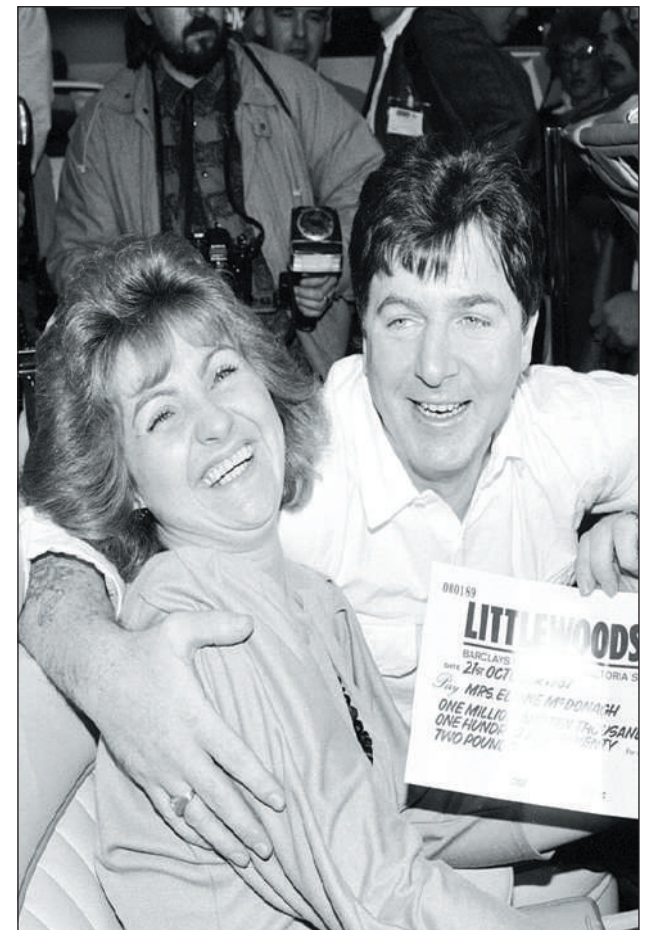
There is reference also to the malpractices which occur with regard to betting on local football matches — not only malpractices with regard to the pools, but malpractices such as interference with players. Uncontrolled betting can lead to 'fixing' of football matches just as it can lead to doping of horses; I wrote at length about this some weeks ago.

One secondary aim of the Bill is to provide, out of the receipts of pool betting taxes, money to be applied to the proper organisation and control of sporting events on which pool betting is authorised. This idea of Government subvention for sporting events is all to the good, provided that there is no vestige or suspicion of racial discrimination at this event. Thus, we would not expect the Government to provide financial support for a football match between a South African XI and a Mauritius XI if the South African authorities insisted that the Mauritius XI be an all-white team. Nor would we expect the Government to provide financial support for any form of race discrimination, or whose organisation in practice (even if there were no rule providing for such discrimination) led to discrimination.

And unfortunately, we know too only well that (as I have shown in previous articles) racing in Mauritius is riddled with such discrimination. (If M. Duval *should* win the Curepipe by-election, may we expect him to make his maiden speech on horse racing? I know it is one which is dear to his heart; though perhaps he feels that it would be flogging a dead horse to appeal for no race discrimination at the Turf and Jockey Clubs).

Overseas football pools

It is pleasing to see that the Government is awake to the fact that "large sums of money are leaving the country for investment in overseas football pools... to the disadvantage of the economy of the country as a whole", especially as the UK Government reaps a 30% tax on all money staked in Mauritius on English football pools. Therefore, so that the local pool promoter shall not be disadvantaged vis-a-vis his colleague who is an agent for a UK promoter, the Government proposes that when the local man is taxed at 20% of total stake money, the agent shall be taxed at Rs 500 per month. It was the *Mauritius Times* which drew attention to this fact (that UK pools promoters get money from Mauritius and pay tax thereon to the UK Government) in one of my articles over two



years ago; so that we of the *Mauritius Times* are doubly pleased at this particular provision in the Bill.

We wish the Pool Betting Bill every success in its passage into law. It is difficult to see on what grounds it can be opposed, either as a whole or in particular provisions. I would like to know, however, why, since the UK rate of tax on pools is 30% of the total stake money, the rate in Mauritius is to be 20% only.

Since the Government has taken steps to get revenue in a way (taxation of overseas pools) first suggested in the *Mauritius Times* so long ago, may we also hope that it will act on another revenue-raising suggestion of mine, put forward in these columns early this year? Namely, to cash in on the stamp-collecting industry (particularly the 'new issues' dealers) and issue separate stamps for Rodrigues — first an overprinted set of the ordinary Mauritius issue, followed at a decent interval by a definitive set for Rodrigues. There is really little reason why Rodrigues should not do as well out of postage stamps as Pitcairn Island or Tristan da Cunha...

We can expect, of course, the vested interests of the pools industry to oppose the Bill tooth and nail. But we shall be interested to see the identities of those who oppose the regulation of betting, and who are therefore content with the existing state of affairs; a state which is admittedly unsatisfactory, leads to all sorts of malpractices, and in which the pools promoters' clients have little protection. In short, we shall see who has the interests of the ordinary man at heart, and who is primarily concerned only with his own pocket and profit.



Kul Bhushan

Latest Netflix magnum opus Heeramandi dazzles

Film maestro Sanjay Leela Bansali has surpassed himself with the latest Netflix series "Heeramandi," released on May 1st. After watching the first two episodes, I was left breathless by the opulence of the sets, the costumes, jewellery, and above all, the acting. Manisha Koirala shines as the stunning Queen Bee of the courtesans, while Sonakshi Sinha, Aditi Rao, Richa Chadda, and others deliver impressive performances.

The ambiance of the high life in Lahore a century ago draws viewers into the serial. Having spent the first eight years of my life in Lahore before the Partition, subtle references to this ambiance come to mind. The primary shopping bazaar in Lahore in those days was named Anarkali, after the beloved courtesan of the Mughal prince Salim, who succeeded Akbar. And the red-light district was known as Heera Mandi.

Many notable films have been made about red-light districts, including classics like "Pakeezah" with Meena Kumari, Rekha in "Umrao Jaan," Shabana Azmi in "Mandi," Aishwarya Rai in "Devdas," Alia Bhatt in "Gangubai Kathiawadi," and many more. However, this series sets a new standard in its eight episodes.

Each episode lasts almost an hour yet seems so short, such is the magnetism of this visual feast. Watch it to savour the elegance and sophistication of a bygone era. Right in the first few minutes, a grand dance performance in the courtyard of the haveli or mansion of the courtesans

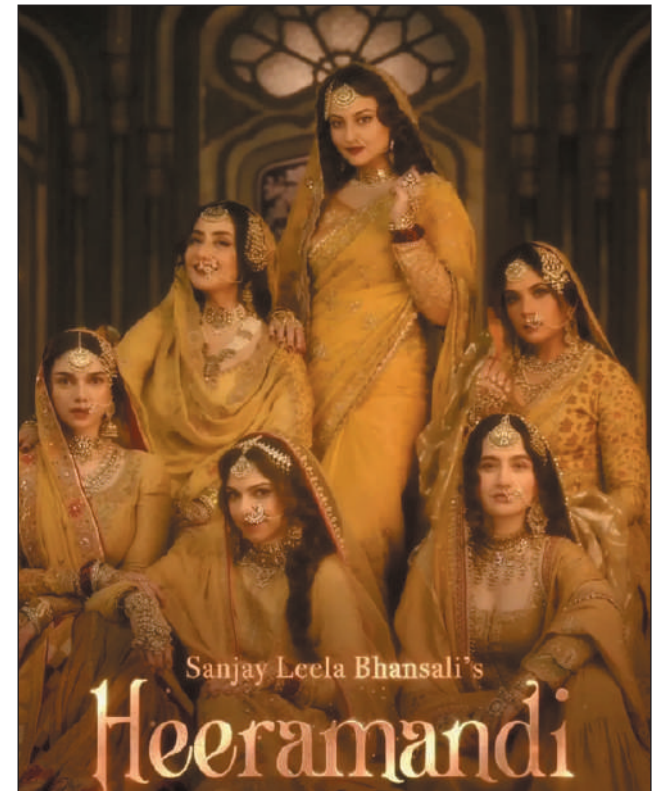
stuns the viewer with over a dozen gushing fountains spraying water, as the lead dancer performs on the path between the fountains and supporting dancers perform in lighted rooms on the ground and two floors. This opening remains a powerful indicator of what later unfolds.

Bansali's attention to detail for the sets, the fashion statement, and jewellery is commendable yet expected considering his past film productions such as "Padmavati," "Bajirao Mastani," "Ram Leela," and the iconic "Devdas."

Soon, the main themes emerge: the infatuation of a virgin courtesan with a nawab, the battle between two competing Queen Bees played by Monisha Koirala and Sonakshi Sinha, and the struggle for independence from British rule. These three themes are expertly woven into the narrative with spicy dialogue, sharp repartee, and superb acting. Here, one wonders if Rekha, with her career highlight in "Umrao Jaan," would have excelled in this role.

Right after its premiere, Heeramandi attracted warm accolades from viewers who were awed by its impact. Several celebrities, from Vicky Kaushal to Alia Bhatt, praised the series. Vicky said, "Loved every song, every visual, and it's not just the visuals." Influencer Kusha Kapila wrote, "The collective acting prowess of the cast and the women they represent hits home. The characters are deliciously flawed and fierce when they need to be. Every frame makes you gasp."

However, not all viewers are as ecstatic, as a top



socialite and social media regular wrote, "I found it hollow, vacuous, contrived, over the top... all sound and fury signifying nothing."

Despite this, according to overwhelming popular response, Heeramandi remains a magnum opus.

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Losing the Plot – Israel, America, Ukraine

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Ukraine reported that the majority – 14,313 – were caught attempting to walk or swim across the border, and the remaining 6,800 tried to use fraudulently obtained official paperwork stating exemptions.

More recently, even as Ukraine started to receive much needed military supplies from the US, what has become starkly clear is that it needs troops. Ukraine has lost tens of thousands of its soldiers as they have been killed or wounded over two years of war.

Last month, Ukraine lowered the conscription age from 27 to 25 to add more soldiers. Some Ukrainian politicians have criticized this move as one that will potentially lead to the loss of a generation of its citizens.

In addition, the Ukrainian government has moved to deny consular services to Ukrainians overseas. This means that men aged 18-60 can't renew their passports unless they return to Ukraine. Whether this will force them

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interest to aid Ukraine in its war with Russia.

Is this an existential threat to Europe? Who knows? The risk of languishing in inaction while trying to ascertain the answer is itself an existential one.

Europe may well have lost the plot.

There are other countries that have lost the plot in ways small and large. But I'll stop with the three major nightmare scenarios we face.

Cheerz...
Bwana

Vulture Capitalism: Grace Blakeley's new book is smart on what has gone wrong since the 1980s

● Cont. from page 2

Blakeley also points out that the International Monetary Fund and World Bank were set up and financed by Wall Street and therefore represent the interests of investors, not workers. And she criticises international trade agreements for being negotiated in secret, and for including anti-democratic provisions like investor state dispute settlement (ISDS).

These enable investors to take legal action against governments using their democratic prerogatives to tax, regulate and prosecute corporations. Chevron, for instance, used an ISDS in 2018 to overturn a US\$9.5 billion (£7.6 billion) fine imposed by Ecuador over oil pollution in the Amazon rainforest.

Blakeley convincingly argues that this all adds up to a major democratic deficit in which “elite” classes operate without any accountability. “Politicians, technocrats and financiers work together to decide everything from the interest rates we pay on our loans, to who gets what when a state files for bankruptcy,” she writes.

The way forward

Blakeley disagrees with those who think these problems can be solved by tinkering at the edges:

Businesses choosing profits over safety and governments bailing out bosses while letting people starve do not represent a perversion of capitalism. These things are capitalism.

Yet that's not to say that she's calling for a revolution. Her answer is for workers to come together, join unions and push collectively for change.

So far so good, but her exemplars amount to a fairly limited blueprint for success. Several reach all the way back to the 1970s: trade unionists' alternative plan to save ailing British firm Lucas Aerospace certainly demonstrated workers thinking strategically, but it was swatted aside by management. Similarly, the more widespread attempts at democratic planning in Chile under Salvador Allende were crushed by Richard Nixon.

A more recent example is Iceland, where voters rejected a proposed UK-Netherlands bailout after the 2008 financial crisis. This led to the establishment of a democratic platform called Better Reykjavik, where citizens can make suggestions about how their budget is spent. This has been fairly successful, though we're talking about a city of 123,000 people – that's not much more than half the size of Bournemouth.

One potentially useful example that Blakeley doesn't consider is the success of citizens' assemblies in Ireland. These have helped to break the deadlock on divisive issues such as abortion by bringing together randomly selected members of the public and a government-appointed chair. They invite submissions from expert advisory groups and other interested people, before making policy recommendations to the government.

As well as effectively recommending the legalisation of abortion, which was later ratified in a referendum, citizens' assemblies have addressed gender equality, loss of biodiversity and how to deal with an ageing population.

This model could be an important stepping stone towards overcoming the democratic deficit that Blakeley identifies. They could be run at a local authority level to help decide priorities on how council budgets are spent, for instance. And if that worked effectively, there's no reason why assemblies couldn't be incorporated into, say, the negotiations around trade treaties.

In summary, Vulture Capitalism feels like a timely account of the failure of neoliberalism to deliver on its promises. But not unlike Karl Marx's own writings, Blakeley's solutions feel underwhelming by comparison. In fairness, these are incredibly difficult challenges. Addressing the democratic deficit won't solve everything, but it would be an important step in the right direction.

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La guerre à Gaza : jusqu'à quand Israël peut-il tenir?

La question de savoir combien de temps Israël peut encore poursuivre sa guerre à Gaza est de plus en plus présente dans l'esprit de nombreuses personnes à travers le monde, sachant que ce pays fait face à une pression énorme tant à l'intérieur qu'à l'extérieur. Israël semble perdre le capital de sympathie qu'il avait gagné après l'attaque du Hamas contre des civils israéliens innocents il y a six mois, en raison de ses opérations militaires visant à "éradiquer" le Hamas. Ces opérations ont engendré une immense souffrance parmi les Palestiniens et ont entraîné la perte de milliers de vies, suscitant ainsi une vague de sympathie en leur faveur.

Le Premier ministre israélien Benjamin Netanyahu avait fixé un objectif élevé pour la victoire dès le début du conflit à Gaza: la destruction complète du Hamas et la liberté pour tous les 250 otages pris par le groupe lors de son raid en Israël le 7 octobre de l'année dernière. Il a réaffirmé ces objectifs à plusieurs reprises. Lors d'une conférence de presse en janvier, il a déclaré: "Certains prétendent que la victoire est impossible. Je rejette catégoriquement cela. Israël, sous ma direction, ne transigera pas sur moins que la victoire totale sur le Hamas."

Sur cette mesure, Israël est encore loin de la victoire six mois après le début de la guerre. Les Forces de défense israéliennes (FDI) n'ont eu aucun mal à détruire des bâtiments et d'autres infrastructures à Gaza, entraînant un nombre important de victimes civiles, mais leur emprise sur le territoire semble précaire.

L'autre objectif de libérer les otages israéliens semble également loin. On espérait plus de libérations après le bref cessez-le-feu en novembre négocié par le Qatar, l'Égypte et les États-Unis, ce qui avait conduit à l'échange de 105 otages contre 240 prisonniers palestiniens. Mais seuls trois otages israéliens ont été libérés jus-



"Certains prétendent que la victoire est impossible. Je rejette catégoriquement cela..."
- Benjamin Netanyahu. P - L'Opinion

qu'à présent par l'action militaire israélienne. Environ 100 otages sont censés être encore à Gaza, et en vie.

Malgré ces mauvais résultats, Netanyahu soutient que seule la pression militaire sur le Hamas conduira à plus de libérations d'otages. Netanyahu, qui dirige le gouvernement le plus à droite de l'histoire d'Israël, bénéficie du soutien de son cabinet dans cette conviction. Certains membres d'extrême droite du cabinet ont menacé de quitter le gouvernement s'il dévie de cet objectif. Et cela entraînerait l'effondrement de son gouvernement, nécessitant de nouvelles élections. Selon les sondages actuels, Netanyahu perdrait sûrement par une marge importante.

Cependant, l'accent mis par Netanyahu sur la défaite militaire du Hamas a soulevé des questions chez de nombreux Israéliens quant à savoir si l'accent mis sur la campagne militaire a dégradé les négociations sur les libérations d'otages. Selon Ian Parmeter, chercheur au Centre d'études arabes et islamiques de l'Université nationale australienne, un sondage d'opinion de l'Université hébraïque à la mi-janvier a

montré que près de la moitié des personnes interrogées estimaient que la priorité principale devait être les otages. Les grandes manifestations à Tel Aviv et à Jérusalem contre la gestion de la guerre par Netanyahu suggèrent que cette proportion pourrait désormais être plus élevée.

Contrairement au gouvernement Netanyahu, la direction du Hamas n'a pas fixé publiquement de norme par laquelle elle pourrait mesurer la victoire. Cependant, c'est évident: la guerre est un jeu à somme nulle. Si le Hamas survit, Israël perd. C'est un objectif beaucoup plus bas, et le Hamas semble croire qu'il a le vent en poupe. Depuis le cessez-le-feu temporaire en novembre, le Hamas a durci ses exigences pour un nouvel accord d'échange de prisonniers-otages afin d'inclure un retrait complet d'Israël de Gaza et un cessez-le-feu permanent.

Le Hamas est bien conscient qu'Israël a perdu un soutien international considérable au cours de la guerre - en particulier avec l'administration Biden aux États-Unis, mais aussi avec ses autres sympathisants traditionnels en Occident. La mort de sept

travailleurs humanitaires de l'ONG World Central Kitchen, causée par les FDI, n'a fait qu'amplifier cette colère internationale. À la suite des décès des travailleurs humanitaires, Biden a eu un appel téléphonique diplomatiquement "direct" avec Netanyahu, au cours duquel il a qualifié la situation humanitaire globale à Gaza de "inacceptable". Il a également demandé à Israël de mettre en œuvre des mesures spécifiques et concrètes pour répondre aux dommages causés aux civils et à la sécurité de tous les travailleurs humanitaires.

Netanyahu est habitué à défier les présidents américains au fil des années au pouvoir, mais le message de Biden lui est certainement parvenu. Il a convoqué en urgence une réunion du cabinet pour approuver l'ouverture de trois voies d'aide vers Gaza. Malgré l'ouverture de voies d'aide vers Gaza et les appels à des mesures concrètes pour atténuer les dommages causés aux civils, la situation demeure tendue. La question fondamentale reste: combien de temps Israël peut-il continuer à mener cette guerre à Gaza?

La pression internationale s'intensifie alors que les appels à un cessez-le-feu durable et à des négociations sérieuses pour résoudre le conflit se multiplient. Les pertes civiles continuent de s'accumuler, alimentant la colère et le désespoir parmi les Palestiniens, et suscitant des critiques de plus en plus fortes à l'encontre d'Israël.

Dans le même temps, les Israéliens subissent également les conséquences de ce conflit prolongé, avec une instabilité politique croissante et des divisions internes de plus en plus profondes quant à la manière de poursuivre la stratégie militaire.

L'issue de cette guerre semble incertaine, mais une chose est claire: chaque jour de conflit prolongé entraîne davantage de pertes de vie et de destruction, affaiblissant encore davantage les perspectives de paix et de stabilité dans la région.

A. Bartleby

YOUR STARS

SAGITTARIUS: NOV 22 - DEC 21

This week, prioritize self-reflection and personal growth. Take time to reassess your goals and values and make any necessary adjustments to align with your authentic self. Trust your intuition to guide you forward.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 33

CAPRICORN: DEC 22 - JAN 19

Social connections are emphasized this week. Spend time with friends and colleagues who inspire and uplift you. Your networking efforts could lead to exciting opportunities for collaboration and advancement.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 8, 16, 23, 28, 35

Aquarius: Jan 20 - Feb 18

Career advancement is on the horizon this week. Stay focused on your professional goals and be proactive in pursuing opportunities for growth. Trust in your abilities

and don't be afraid to assert yourself in the workplace.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 14, 20, 27, 33, 39

PISCES: FEB 19 - MAR 20

This week, focus on finding balance between work and play. Take time to indulge in activities that bring you joy and relaxation. Prioritize self-care to replenish your energy and creativity.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 12, 19, 26, 32, 37

ARIES: MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

This week, focus on your career goals. Opportunities for advancement may arise, but you'll need to stay adaptable and open to change. Keep communication clear with colleagues and superiors to avoid misunderstandings.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 14, 21, 25, 30, 38

TAURUS: APR 20 - MAY 20

Your finances take center stage this week. Look for ways to budget wisely and avoid unnecessary expenses. A new investment opportunity may present itself, but do your research before committing.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 11, 18, 22, 29, 35

GEMINI: MAY 21 - JUNE 20

It's time to prioritize self-care and well-being. Listen to your body and address any lingering health concerns. Taking time for relaxation and meditation will help restore balance and clarity.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 9, 15, 20, 26, 33

CANCER: JUNE 21 - JULY 22

Relationships are highlighted this week. Whether romantic or platonic, focus on nurturing connections with loved ones. Be open and honest in your communication to strengthen bonds and resolve any conflicts.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 8, 16, 23, 28, 36

LEO: JULY 23 - AUG 22

Creativity and self-expression are key themes for you this week. Embrace your artistic side and explore new hobbies or projects. Your unique perspective will captivate others and lead to exciting opportunities.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 12, 19, 24, 31, 37

VIRGO: AUG 23 - SEPT 22

Home and family take precedence this week. Spend quality time with loved ones and address any domestic matters that require attention. Creating a harmonious living environment will bring you peace of mind.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 13, 17, 21, 27, 34

LIBRA: SEPT 23 - OCT 22

Focus on communication and networking this week. Your ability to connect with others will be instrumental in achieving your goals. Stay open-minded and be willing to collaborate with diverse perspectives.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 9, 15, 22, 29, 38

SCORPION: 23 OCT - 21 NOV

Financial matters come into focus this week. Take stock of your resources and make any necessary adjustments to your budget. A new income opportunity may arise, but proceed with caution and avoid impulsive decisions.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 11, 18, 25, 30, 39

Talking politics with strangers isn't as awful as you'd expect

Initiating political discussions with strangers often evokes trepidation, as many fear the dialogue may descend into acrimony or discomfort. However, recent research suggests that engaging in these conversations is more rewarding than anticipated.

In a series of experiments involving hundreds of U.S. adults, a team of scientists discovered that individuals tend to underestimate the potential for social connection when conversing with strangers who hold opposing viewpoints. The findings, published in *Psychological Science*, a journal of the Association for Psychological Science, shed light on the dynamics of political discourse.

According to behavioral scientists Kristina A. Wald (University of Pennsylvania), Michael Kardas (Oklahoma State University), and Nicholas Epley (University of Chicago), these underestimated expectations may contribute to the perception of extreme views among those on the opposite end of the political spectrum. Fear of negative interactions, they argue, not only hampers interpersonal connections but also impedes opportunities



for mutual understanding and learning.

The researchers conducted experiments both online and in person, revealing a prevalent tendency among people to shy away from contentious topics, especially when engaging with dissenting opinions. Participants often advised friends and family to steer clear of such discussions as well.

Contrary to these apprehensions, Wald, Kardas, and Epley hypothesized that discussions about political differences would yield more positive outcomes than anticipated. They believed that individuals fail to recognize the enlightening nature of dialogue and its capacity to foster closeness.

To test their theory, the researchers paired nearly 200 participants to discuss divisive topics, such as abortion and climate change. Some participants were informed in advance of their partner's agreement or disagreement on the topic, while others entered the conversation unaware of their partner's stance. Despite initial expectations, participants consistently reported more positive experiences than predicted, even in cases of disagreement.

In a subsequent experiment, the researchers explored the impact of conversational format on participants' perceptions. They observed that engaging in dialogue, as opposed to passive monologues, significantly enhanced the positive outcomes of the interaction. The back-and-forth exchange of ideas, they noted, played a crucial role in fostering connection and understanding.

While the experiments focused on interactions with strangers, the researchers emphasized the broader implications for interpersonal communication. They underscored the importance of engaging in meaningful conversations, particularly in an era dominated by online debates and social media diatribes.

By challenging the notion that discussing differences inevitably leads to discord, the authors advocate for open dialogue as a means of promoting social cohesion and intellectual exchange. Ultimately, they suggest that our reluctance to engage in constructive discourse deprives us of valuable opportunities for connection and growth.



Why are some people faster than others? 2 exercise scientists explain the secrets of running speed

Your sprinting skills have a lot to do with genetics, but your brain also plays a big role.

Usain Bolt, the world's fastest person, ran a 100-meter sprint at a speed of 23.35 miles per hour (37.57 kilometers per hour).

That's mind-blowingly fast for a human. It's about the same speed as cruising in a car through your neighborhood or in a school zone. It might not seem that fast when you're in the car, but for a person? Few runners in the world can even come close.

There are several reasons why some people can run very fast while others tend to run more slowly. Genetics – the traits you inherit from your parents – play a role, but so do your choices and experiences.

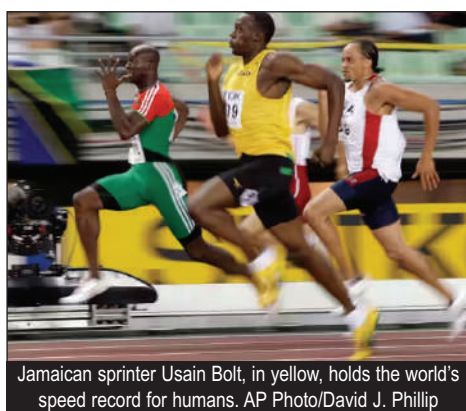
As pediatric exercise scientists, we create and evaluate programs that help children be healthy. The exciting news is that while you have no control over your genetics, you can train to improve your speed.

Fast twitch, slow twitch

One major factor that influences your ability to run fast is the structure of your body, including how your muscles work.

The human body has more than 600 muscles that work together, allowing you to move in different directions and at various speeds. These muscles are made up of groups of fibers. There are two main types: fast twitch and slow twitch.

Muscles have different mixes of these fiber types. For example, two muscles make up the calf: One is predominantly fast twitch – that's the gastrocnemius, used for sprinting and jumping. The other is mostly slow twitch – that's the soleus, used for walking and jogging.



Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, in yellow, holds the world's speed record for humans. AP Photo/David J. Phillip

Fast-twitch muscle fibers are larger and help your body move quickly and generate significant force. Sprinters tend to have an abundance of fast-twitch muscle fibers. However, this muscle fiber type also tires quickly, which limits how long you can run at top speed to relatively short distances.

Slow-twitch muscle fibers are smaller and help you run at slower speeds, but with greater endurance. Long-distance runners and competitive cyclists tend to have a lot of these muscles.

How much you have of each type of muscle fiber – fast twitch and slow twitch – is mostly determined by your genes, so you'll have to work with what you're born with when it comes to muscle types. But exercises can help train those muscles.

Your brain plays a big role

Physical ability isn't just about muscle. Your brain plays an important role, too.

Your skeletal muscles are controlled by your brain – you think about your actions and then execute the movements.

For example, you can control how long your stride is, how your arms move, how your feet hit the ground and even the techniques you use to breathe.

You can teach your body to use the best running techniques. That includes proper posture, so your body is standing tall, and an economical stride, so your feet land below you rather than too far out in front, where they can slow you down.

You can also improve your running form by using your whole body, with your arms pumping in opposition to the legs, running on your toes and maximizing the time spent in flight phase with both feet off the ground. Using proper running techniques helps the muscles create more force and work together, which helps you run faster.

The more you practice an activity, the better you will get. As your ability to run fast increases, challenge yourself to run even faster.

How to train to run faster – myth-busting!

You may have heard your friends chatting about ways to boost your speed or searched the internet for tips on getting faster. Time to bust some of those myths.

Myth 1: You have to run as fast as you can to train to be faster. That's false!

You don't have to run as fast as you can to get faster, and it actually helps to take short breaks to recover in between activities where you are sprinting.

Myth 2: You need to lift heavy weights to get faster. False!

Functional strength training involves

performing exercises that help you get better at specific movements. They involve using either medium weights or just the resistance of your own body weight. Doing planks, lunges, step-ups or jump squats are great examples. These activities focus on the muscles that are instrumental during running.

Myth 3: You need to specialize in running early in life to become a fast runner. False!

Picking one activity to focus on early in life may actually limit your ability to develop into a fast runner. Doing a variety of physical activities can help you develop new skills that improve your running. For example, the movements and endurance used in soccer may translate into the ability to run faster.

Myth 4: Training isn't fun. False!

Training programs can take many shapes and forms. You can play running games with your friends, work on fast footwork using an agility ladder or create obstacle courses. There's nothing like a little healthy competition to motivate your training.

What's important is having fun while training and participating in activities that promote running speed on a regular basis.

So, whether you want to be the next Usain Bolt or you just want to win a race against your friend, remember that with a little bit of genetic luck and hard work, it may just be possible.

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Final Exam Paper for Law Students

Q. A woman was driving a Maruti car.

She mistakenly hit a BMW car. The lady came out from her BMW, insulting the other lady for not being careful, asking her to repair her BMW.

The Maruti car woman called her husband, he replied - "I am very busy & please try to fix up the matter by yourself."

The BMW lady called her boyfriend and said, "Sweetheart someone just hit the birthday gift you gave me, I am so angry, please come over."

Few minutes later her boyfriend arrived. He is the husband to the lady with the Maruti car!

Discuss the possible legal consequences for all 3 parties. (20 Marks).

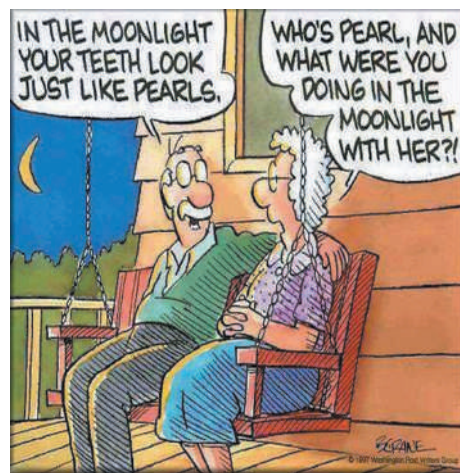
The good Samaritan

A good Samaritan was walking home late one night when he came across a drunk person lying on the sidewalk. Eager to assist, he asked the intoxicated individual, "Do you live around here?" "Yep," came the slurred response. "Would you like some help getting upstairs?" "Yep," the drunk affirmed.

Upon reaching the second floor, the Samaritan inquired, "Is this your floor?" "Yep," the drunk confirmed. However, the Samaritan began to worry about facing the possibly irate and tired wife of the drunk, fearing she might accuse him of contributing to the inebriation. So, he quickly opened the nearest door and ushered the drunk inside before hurrying downstairs.

To his dismay, upon returning outside,

he encountered another drunk person. "Do you also live here?" he asked. "Yep," the second drunk replied. "Would you like assistance getting upstairs?" the Samaritan offered. "Yep," the drunk nodded eagerly. Once again, the Samaritan helped the individual upstairs and directed them into the same door as the first drunk.



As he descended the stairs for the second time, he was startled to find yet another drunk person waiting outside. Preparing to offer his assistance once more, the Samaritan approached the third individual. However, before he could reach them, the drunk staggered over to a nearby policeman and exclaimed, "Please officer, protect me from this man! He's been doing nothing all night but taking me upstairs and throwing me down the elevator shaft!"

My favourite Dad

Dearest Dad,

I am coming home to get married soon, so get your cheque book out. I'm in love with a boy who is far away from me.

As you know, I am presently living in Australia... and he lives in Scotland.

We met on a dating website, became friends on Facebook, had long chats on WhatsApp.

He proposed to me on Skype, and now we've had two months of a relationship through Viber.

My beloved and favourite Dad, I need your blessing, good wishes, and a really big wedding.

Lots of love and thanks.

Your favourite daughter, Lilly

Dad's response:

My Dearest Lilly,

Like Wow! Really? Cool!

I suggest you two get married on Twitter, have a honeymoon on Tango, buy your kids on Amazon, and pay for it all through PayPal.

And when you get fed up with this new husband, sell him on eBay.

Love, Your Dad

"Greg you are so rude!" moaned my wife, "The whole time I was talking you

were yawning."

I replied, "I was not yawning. I was trying to say something."

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in his paintings on display at that time.

"I have good news and bad news," the owner replied. "The good news is that a gentleman enquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings."

"That's wonderful," the artist exclaimed. "What's the bad news?"

"The guy was your doctor!"

A double dose

A man went to the chemist to purchase a double dose of Viagra.

The chemist said, "I'm sorry, but I'm not allowed to sell a double dose because it's not safe," explained the chemist.

"But I need it very badly," said the man. "My mistress is coming to my home tomorrow, I'm seeing my latest girlfriend tonight, and my wife will be back on Monday. Can't you realize I need a double dose?"

Reluctantly, the chemist said, "Okay, I'll give it to you on one condition: you have to come back on Monday morning so that I can check you to see if there are any side effects."

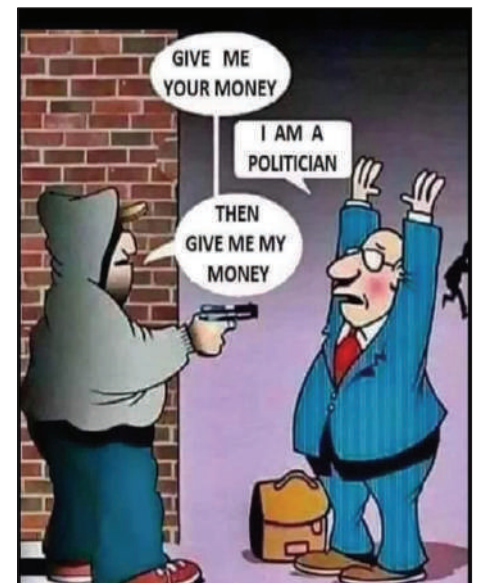
On Monday morning, the man dragged himself into the shop with his right arm in a sling. The chemist asked him, "What happened to you?"

The guy replied, "None of them showed up."

The guy from Pizza hut

A large bank hired a new chief executive to rid the bank of deadwood. On a tour of the bank, the CEO noticed a young man slouching against the counter with his hands in his pockets. The room was packed with staff members, and he wanted to let them know that he meant business.

He walked up to the young fellow, looked at him, and asked, "How much do



you earn per week?" The young man replied, "I make £300 per week."

A little surprised, the CEO looked at him and asked how it concerned him. The CEO then handed him £1200 in cash and said, "Here's a month's pay, now you can go home."

Feeling pretty good himself, the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone know what this fellow was doing here?" From across the room, an employee shouted, "He delivers pizza from Pizza Hut."



Loosen up, Grandma

A teenager comes downstairs to go on a date with a see-through blouse and no bra.

Her grandmother just pitched a fit, telling her not to dare go out like that!

The teenager tells her, 'Loosen up Grams. These are modern times. You gotta let your rose buds show!'

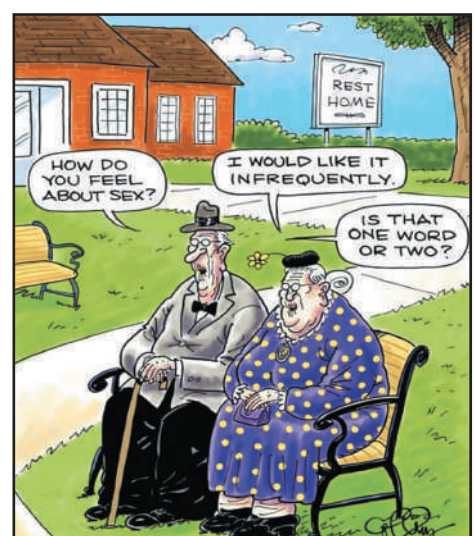
And out she goes.

The next day the teenager comes downstairs and the grandmother is sitting there with no top on.

The teenager wants to die!

She explains to her grandmother that she has friends coming over and that it is just not appropriate...

The grandmother says, 'Loosen up, sweetie. If you can show off your rose buds, then I can display my hanging baskets.'



My Realizations about Job & Business

Be guided by your dreams. You're never too poor to start a business

You aren't paid according to how hard you work; you're paid according to how hard you are to replace. Develop deep expertise in tasks critical to the organization. Be so proficient that people seek to work with you.

Don't chase, attract. Success draws people to you when you excel, when they need your skills, when you present well, and when it's fashionable to be associated with you. Instead of trying to fit into someone else's world, create your own. When your content is compelling, people will follow. If you cultivate your garden well, butterflies will come.

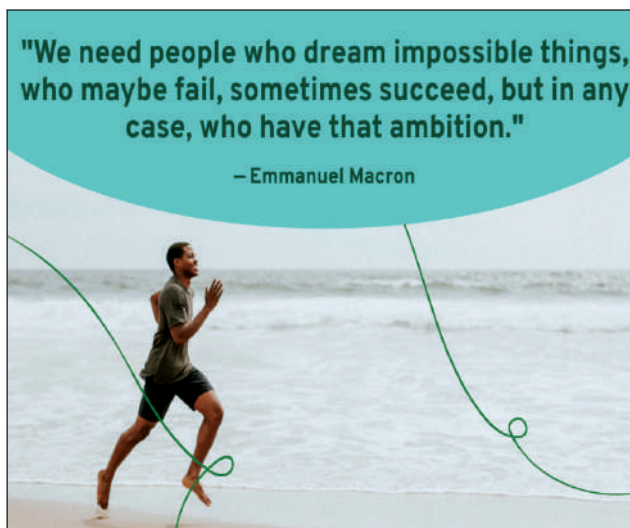
You're never too poor to start a business; you just need a problem-solving mindset. UPS was founded by two teens with a bicycle and \$100 borrowed from a friend.

It's not about being first; it's about being right. Facebook wasn't the first social network, and Tesla wasn't the pioneer of electric cars. You can have the best product, but without sales skills, it won't succeed.

Think bigger. Those who dare to believe they can change the world often do.

Successful companies are started by people of all ages. Mark Zuckerberg founded Facebook at 19, while Colonel Sanders started KFC at 65.

Don't be driven by your problems; be guided by your dreams. If there's no path, create your own. Some may fail to recognize your value initially, but success speaks for itself. A Business Professor once dismissed Fred Smith's idea, but it became FedEx. Walt Disney was once told he lacked imagination, yet he created a world of wonder. There are always opportunities for those who



seek them.

Don't wait for perfection to start. Begin your journey to greatness today. Your first attempt may not be perfect, but it's a crucial step toward success. If you don't start, you'll miss out on valuable lessons along the way.

Retirement isn't just a specific age; it's when your assets can sustain your lifestyle. Build multiple income streams to safeguard against financial setbacks.

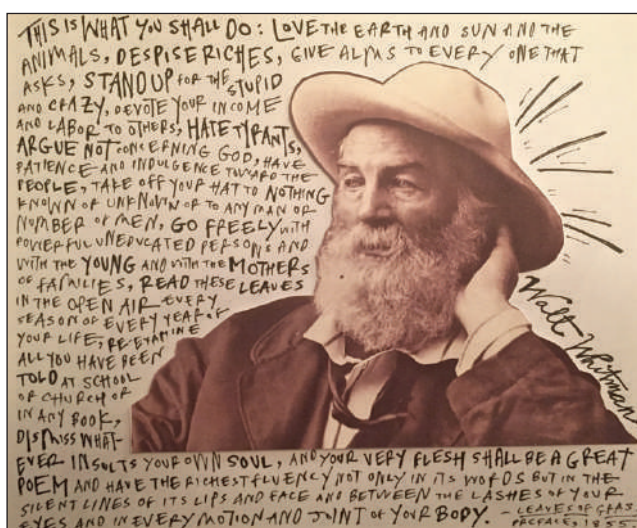
Keep learning and innovating. Embrace what you don't understand, as growth leads to increased earning potential.

Never give up. Bill Gates faced rejection from 900 out of 1200 people he presented his plan to. Yet, persistence led to success. When starting a business, your biggest supporters may be strangers.

Create your own opportunities. Your network is invaluable; nurture it before you need it. Support your friends' endeavors, as they may reciprocate in the future.

Embrace failure; it only takes one success to make a difference.

This Is What You Shall Do



By Walt Whitman

This is what you shall do;

love the earth and sun and the animals,
despise riches, give alms to everyone that asks,
stand up for the stupid and crazy,
devote your income and labour to others,
hate tyrants, argue not concerning God,
have patience and indulgence toward the people,

take off your hat to nothing known or unknown
or to any man or number of men,
go freely with powerful uneducated persons
and with the young and with the mothers of families,

read these leaves in the open air every
season of every year of your life,
re-examine all you have been told at school or church
or in any book,
dismiss whatever insults your own soul,

and your very flesh shall be a great poem
and have the richest fluency not only in its words but in
the silent lines of its lips and face and between the
lashes of your eyes and in every motion and joint
of your body.

From the preface of "Leaves of Grass"

A Short Moral Story

The Flower Boy

Once, there was a poor boy who sold flowers along the highway to support his family. One day, an elderly man stopped him and inquired, "Why do you sell flowers on such a busy and perilous road?"

The boy replied, "My family struggles financially, and I need to earn money for my schooling."

Concerned, the old man advised, "You're taking a significant risk by running through the main road. Your safety is paramount. Education is valuable, but not at the cost of your life."

The boy murmured softly, "I just want to go back to school."

The old man's tone grew stern. "Your life is more precious than education. Many successful individuals never attended formal schooling. Don't jeopardize your life for it."

Reflecting on the old man's words, the boy decided to cease selling flowers. Years passed, and he matured into a young man, still struggling financially. One day, he approached another elderly man and asked for some assistance.

The old man scoffed, "Why didn't you pursue education to better your circumstances?"

The young man explained, "My parents couldn't afford to send me to school."

The old man retorted, "Don't blame your parents. Many worked hard and overcame obstacles to educate themselves. It's your responsibility."

Feeling dejected, the young man realized the old man was the same person who had advised him years ago.

The story concludes with a reflection on the impact of discouragement from others and emphasizes the importance of self-belief and perseverance in the face of criticism. It encourages readers to disregard negative influences and stay focused on their goals.

Life's Lesson

A Cautionary Tale: The Bitter Truth of Life

Before King Ahmed of Ottoman went to war, he locked his wife (the beautiful Queen) in a private room and gave the key to his best friend Mousa and said: "If I'm not back in four days, open the room and she's yours ..."

He climbed on his horse and gallops off towards the battlefield. Half an hour later, the King noticed a cloud of dust behind him. He stopped and saw his friend galloping very fast towards him.

"What's wrong?" asked the King. Out of breath, his friend Mousa responded: "You gave me the wrong key."

Can you imagine! He didn't even wait for the said four days before trying the keys.

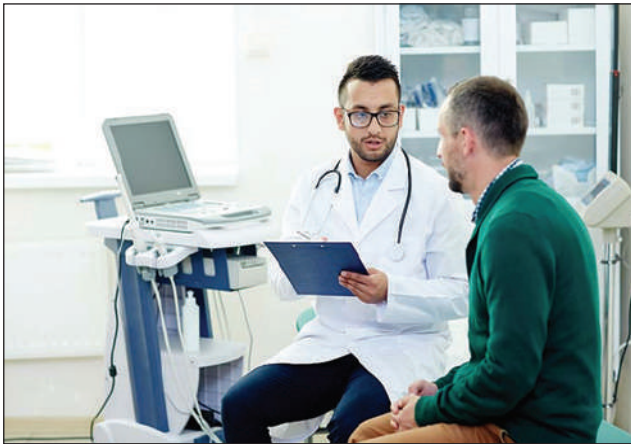
Be careful with the one you consider your best "friends" and whom you think you can entrust them with your hard-earned treasure - they could be wishing you dead soon and hopefully inherit your God-given fortune!

Author Unknown

Men's Health

Optimizing Men's Wellness: A Guide

Many men prioritize the maintenance of their cars over their own health. Use these tips to ensure your body stays in good condition for the long term



Some argue that men pay more attention to their cars than themselves. However, unlike a car, your body lacks an owner's manual reminding you when it's due for service.

While health maintenance may not be as straightforward as a tire rotation, focusing on a few key areas can significantly improve your well-being. Since you can't simply trade yourself in for a new model, it's worthwhile to explore WebMD's recommendations for men's health maintenance and check-ups.

Monitor your cholesterol levels

Cardiovascular disease, particularly heart attacks and strokes, remains the leading cause of death among men. High cholesterol significantly contributes to this risk. It's recommended by the American Heart Association to have your cholesterol checked every four to six years starting at age 20. Treatment for high cholesterol often involves lifestyle changes such as diet and exercise.

Check your blood pressure

High blood pressure often presents no symptoms but can lead to severe health issues if left untreated. Regular monitoring and maintaining a blood pressure below 120/80 are crucial for preventing heart attacks, strokes, and other complications.

Maintain a healthy diet

A diet rich in fruits and vegetables can help prevent various health conditions, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes. Aim to incorporate more plant-based foods into your meals while reducing saturated fat intake for improved overall health.

Manage your weight

Obesity is linked to numerous health problems,

including diabetes, heart disease, and certain cancers. Engage in regular physical activity and adopt a balanced diet to achieve and maintain a healthy weight over the long term.

Undergo colorectal cancer screening

Early detection of colorectal cancer through screening tests like colonoscopies can significantly increase the chances of successful treatment. Starting screening at age 45, or earlier if you have a family history of the disease, is recommended by the American Cancer Society.

Consider prostate cancer screening

The decision to undergo prostate cancer screening should be based on discussions with your doctor regarding the potential benefits and risks. Screening guidelines vary among medical organizations, so it's essential to understand the recommendations and make an informed choice.

Receive recommended immunizations

Annual flu shots and other immunizations, such as those for shingles and pneumonia, are crucial for preventing serious illnesses, especially in older adults or those with chronic medical conditions.

Establish a relationship with your doctor

Regular visits to your doctor, even if you're generally healthy, are essential for early detection of any health issues. Building a rapport with your healthcare provider can ensure proactive management of your well-being.

Prioritizing your health today can lead to a longer, healthier tomorrow. Take proactive steps to maintain your well-being and address any health concerns promptly.



Mustard Oil: A Winter Essential; Benefits and Best Ways to Use

Warm, pungent, and anti-inflammatory, mustard oil can be a wonderful addition to your daily routine, thanks to its amazing nutritional profile and benefits—written by Parmita Uniyal, *Hindustan Times*.

Mustard oil, or Sarso Ka Tel, is a much-trusted home remedy for relieving aches and pains in winter and has been in use since ancient times for culinary as well as medicinal purposes. Pungent and sharp, mustard oil is highly recommended in Ayurveda too and finds mention in ancient texts like Charak Samhita and Atharva Veda. Mustard oil is a storehouse of healthy fats, and those looking to lower cholesterol and manage weight can rely on this traditional oil for cutting calories. With its antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, mustard oil can help boost immunity and prevent seasonal infections. Mustard oil is derived by cold pressing mustard seeds in a wooden mill, ensuring the oil's natural nutrient mix and pungency are retained.

In Ayurveda, mustard seeds are used to balance kapha and vata doshas, however people with predominant pitta dosha should consume them in moderation. Mustard is trusted in Ayurveda for cleansing, stimulating, and revitalizing the body.

Benefits of Mustard Oil

- Rich in Healthy Fats:** Mustard oil is rich in healthy fats, essential for overall wellness.
- Packed with Antioxidants:** Mustard oil helps combat oxidative stress and activates the body's natural defense mechanisms.
- Anti-inflammatory Properties:** Mustard oil has anti-inflammatory properties, making it valuable for managing inflammation.
- Skin and Hair Nourishment:** Mustard oil is beneficial for skin and hair, with antibacterial and moisturizing properties.

Ways to Use Mustard Oil in Winter

- Hot Oil Massage:** Ayurveda recommends warm oil massage (Abhyanga) in winter for nourishing the skin and scalp.
- Cooking and Seasoning:** Mustard oil's high smoking point makes it suitable for cooking, frying, and seasoning.
- Nasal Congestion Relief:** Inhaling mustard oil vapors can provide relief from nasal congestion.

How Mustard was Consumed in Ancient Times

Mustard seeds were widely used in ancient times for culinary purposes and to boost digestion.

Who Shouldn't Have Mustard Oil?

- Allergies:** Individuals with mustard allergies should avoid mustard oil.
- Heart Conditions:** Those with existing heart conditions or advised to limit certain fats should consult a healthcare professional.
- Infants and Pregnant Women:** Mustard oil may not be suitable for infants and pregnant women, consulting a doctor is advisable.

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Parineeti Chopra says not attending Bollywood parties cost her jobs

'You have to be in cliques and camps to get roles'

Parineeti Chopra, who is being praised for her performance in the film *Amar Singh Chamkila*, in which she plays the slain singer Amarjot Kaur, waited for almost 10 years for an opportunity like it. In a recent interview, she opened up about the lack of opportunities and wrong career decisions which have kept her away from the right kind of projects and roles. "I don't go to dinners and lunches or attend parties where work opportunities are created in Bollywood or those roles are discussed. I want directors and producers to call me for my work because I am willing to work hard. I won a National Award for *Ishaqzaade* 10 years ago. I am still the same actor," she told *Bollywood Hungama*.

Following the release of Netflix's *Amar Singh Chamkila* and the appreciation she has been getting for her performance alongside *Diljit Dosanjh*, an overwhelmed Parineeti took to her Instagram handle to write, "Parineeti is back. These words are ringing loud. Hadn't thought of this. Yes, I am back, and not going anywhere! (sic)." Speaking about the system of lobbying in Bollywood and how actors who don't socialise with other stars and producers, miss out on significant films, she said, "Getting work in Bollywood doesn't only depend on merit or acting, you have to be in cliques and camps to get roles. I am not present at the right place at the right time." Parineeti, who is the cousin of Priyanka Chopra, admitted, "My PR game sucks."

The actor said that many talented artistes don't get the parts they deserve simply because they are socially awkward and aren't seen at glamorous events and get-



together. "I want to be the voice for actors who aren't parts of cliques and camps. I hope we break this system of lobbying in Bollywood," she said. Parineeti had to gain 15 kilos for her role in *Amar Singh Chamkila*. The actor revealed that she couldn't take up any other project during that time and didn't make enough public appearances or did brand shoots.

In her decade-long career, Parineeti has been seen in films such as *Ishaqzaade*, *Ladies vs Ricky Bahl*, *Shuddh Desi Romance*, *Hasee Toh Phasee*, *Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar*, *Golmaan Again*, *Mission Raniganj*, *The Girl on The Train* and *Meri Pyaari Bindu* among others.

However, Parineeti divulged that not many directors have recognised her talent. She credited her directors Dibakar Banerjee and Imtiaz Ali for parts like Amarjot (*Amar Singh Chamkila*) and Sandeep (*Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar*) which helped her prove her acting prowess.

"Dibakar Banerjee and Imtiaz sir are similar. They're not seen everywhere, every day. They cast me for my work and saw the actor in me. My last two films flopped, but they didn't look at my market value," said Parineeti.

Renowned Actress of the 80s

Poonam Dhillon: Debut at 16, Turbulent Romantic Journey, Controversial Relationships...

Through the decades, Bollywood has witnessed the rise of numerous enchanting actresses, each leaving an indelible imprint on the industry with their beauty or acting prowess. Among these luminaries stands Poonam Dhillon, a timeless icon of Indian cinema who has gracefully matured like fine wine, as highlighted by Monisha G Kumar of *Bollywood Shaadis*.

Hailing from Kanpur and raised in Chandigarh, Poonam's journey into acting was unexpected. Initially setting her sights on a medical career like her siblings, fate intervened when she captured hearts by winning the Miss Young India pageant in 1978. It was then that the legendary Yash Chopra, captivated by her allure in a magazine, offered her a role in the 1978 film "Trishul."

At the tender age of 16, Poonam made her dazzling Bollywood debut with "Trishul." Initially considering acting merely a fleeting diversion, she soon found herself inundated with offers, notably from Yash Chopra again, who cast her in the blockbuster "Noorie" (1979), catapulting her into stardom.

Poonam's illustrious career boasted a string of hits including "Sohni Mahiwal," "Teri Meherbaniyan," "Samundar," "Saveray Wali Gaadi," "Karma," "Naam," "Maalmaal," among others. However, amidst her professional triumphs, her personal life was fraught with turmoil and controversy. Let's delve into the heart-rending romantic odyssey of the enchanting Poonam Dhillon.

Poonam Dhillon's affair with filmmaker Ramesh Talwar

Filmmaker Ramesh Talwar, the creative force behind "Noorie," initially proposed Poonam Dhillon's name to Yash Chopra. Their collaboration forged a friendship between Poonam and Ramesh, yet while he harbored deep affection, she viewed him merely as a confidant.

By the early 1980s, media speculation swirled around their alleged affair, vehemently denied by both parties. However, whispers persisted, fueled by instances such as Rishi Kapoor's jest during the filming of "Yeh Vaada Raha," adding to the intrigue. Reports even hinted at a clandestine engagement and lavish gestures from Ramesh, but their bond eventually unraveled amidst rumors linking Poonam with Yash Chopra.

Tragic love with Raj Sippy: During the zenith of her career, Poonam crossed paths with filmmaker Raj Sippy, a married man. Igniting a passionate liaison, Poonam found herself ensnared in love, while Raj remained bound to his marital vows. The affair dissolved, leaving Poonam emotionally shattered, leading to speculations of her subsequent marriage to producer Ashok Thakeria as a rebound.

Marriage with producer Ashok Thakeria: Following the heartbreak with Raj Sippy and the loss of her father, Poonam encountered film producer Ashok Thakeria at a mutual friend's Holi celebration. Despite initial hesitations, Ashok's persistent courtship won her over, culminating in their marriage in 1988. Their union bore two children, Anmol and Paloma, yet simmering discontent and Ashok's infidelity eventually ruptured their bond, culminating in a bitter divorce in 1997, with Poonam retaining custody of their children.

Legacy and net worth: Beyond the silver screen, Poonam Dhillon has been an active advocate for social causes including drug awareness and organ donation. In 2014, she ventured into event management and film production, while also engaging in politics, notably joining the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2004. Her net worth, estimated around Rs 220 M, reflects her multifaceted contributions to society and the entertainment industry.

Despite her fairy-tale debut, Poonam Dhillon's journey was marred by heartaches and setbacks, yet like a phoenix, she emerged resilient, embodying the resilience demanded by the capricious realm of fame and fortune.

Zeenat Aman-Mumtaz, Taapsee Pannu-Kangana Ranaut, Kareena Kapoor-Ameesha Patel

Bollywood Catfights: Iconic Feuds That Sparked Headlines

Throughout Bollywood's storied history, the industry has been witness to dramatic clashes between leading ladies that have not only captivated audiences but also fueled tabloids and gossip columns. Yet, beyond the spectacle, many of these actresses have transcended their differences, showcasing that talent ultimately triumphs over feuds. Here's a glimpse at some of the most talked-about catfights, as reported by *Times of India*.

Zeenat Aman and Mumtaz

Recent headlines have spotlighted the feud between Zeenat Aman and Mumtaz, as they exchanged barbs over social media posts. Mumtaz's criticism of Zeenat's endorsement of live-in relationships drew a sharp response from Zeenat, underscoring their divergent views. However, Mumtaz clarified that she hadn't made personal remarks against Zeenat, expressing regret for any misunderstandings.

Jaya Bachchan and Moushmi Chatterjee

In a recent incident, Moushmi Chatterjee made waves with her can-



did remarks, asserting her superiority over Jaya Bachchan amidst comparisons. The controversy arose after Chatterjee's refusal to provide photographs to paparazzi, coupled with her vocal belief in surpassing Bachchan across various domains.

Kareena Kapoor and Ameesha Patel

The animosity between Kareena Kapoor and Ameesha Patel traces back to the early stages of their careers, notably surrounding the blockbuster 'Kaho Naa Pyaar Hai.' Initially earmarked for Kapoor,

disagreements led to her departure, paving the path for Patel's debut, which ignited an enduring rivalry.

Karisma Kapoor and Raveena Tandon

In a candid revelation, Raveena Tandon disclosed tensions with Karisma Kapoor during the filming of 'Andaz Apna Apna,' prompting director Rajkumar Santoshi to intervene for reconciliation. Despite past conflicts, the actresses have since buried the hatchet, with their daughters playing a pivotal role in fostering reconciliation.

Taapsee Pannu and Kangana Ranaut

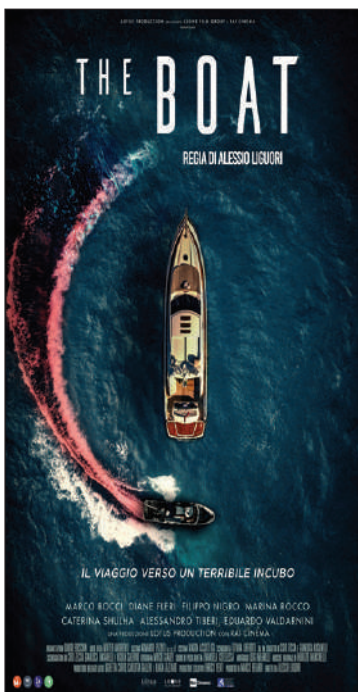
Kangana Ranaut's scathing criticism of Taapsee Pannu, branding her a cheap imitation and accusing her of style appropriation, ignited a firestorm of controversy. Ranaut's remarks underscored simmering tensions between the two actresses, shedding light on industry dynamics and rivalries.



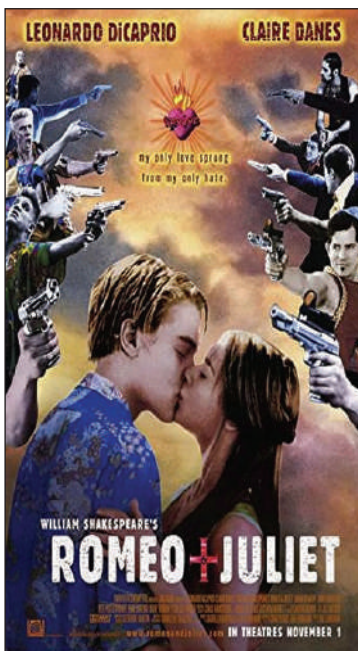
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- 18.31 Shiv Shakti
- 18.55 Swaran Ghar
- 20.30 Film: If I Had Wings

Avec : Richard Harmon, Jaren Brandt, Craig

MBC 2

- 06.00 Rodrig: Li Bon Ou Konnin
- 06.15 Les Grandes Lignes
- 07.41 Local: Rodrig: Sa Lavi-La
- 08.45 Local: Nou Later Nou Lamer
- 09.02 Local: Generations J
- 11.00 Local: Groov'in
- 12.14 Rodrig: Li Bon Ou Konnin
- 12.29 Local: Les Grandes Lignes
- 13.05 Local: Emotion EN Avant...
- 13.20 Local: Evasion
- 13.33 Rodrig: Sa Lavi-La
- 15.42 Local: Groov'in
- 16.55 Prod: MRIC
- 18.00 Tele: Amour Secret
- 18.30 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
- 19.44 Enn Semenn Dan Lafrik
- 20.30 Lir - Ekri Kreol Morisien
- 20.59 Local: Come On Let's Dance
- 22.00 Local: La Sosiete
- 23.20 Local: Voyage Au Feminin

MBC 3

- 05.00 Aastha TV
- 07.00 Serial: Tik Tak Tail
- 07.19 Lambu G Tingu G
- 07.30 Gadget Guru Ganesha
- 08.00 Local: Amrit Vaani
- 08.30 Local: Gyan Vigyan
- 09.27 Local: Hunarbaaz
- 10.00 Serial: Agniphera
- 11.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
- 12.00 Film: Piya Ka Ghar
- 15.00 Samachar
- 15.29 Serial: Senhur
- 16.00 Serial: Ishaaron Ishaaron...
- 16.44 Serial: Bhakharwadi
- 17.29 Serial: Radha Krishna
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Local: Mati Ke Mol
- 19.00 Local: Khel Khiladi
- 20.30 Serial: Vidrohi
- 21.03 Film: Doctor Babu
- 23.19 Serial: Mere Sai

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- 06.00 Mag: SADC
- 06.26 Mag: Shift
- 06.58 Mag: Border Crossing
- 07.24 Mag: Tomorrow Today
- 08.24 Doc: Spain - Water Scarcity..
- 09.50 Doc: Guinea-Bissau
- 10.32 Doc: New Boats
- 11.46 Mag: Shift
- 12.35 Mag: Tomorrow Today
- 15.02 D.Anime: Kids Songs
- 15.16 D.Anime: Patamuse
- 15.32 D.Anime: Romy & Boo
- 15.48 D.Anime: The Jungle Book
- 15.59 D.Anime: Riley Rocket
- 16.13 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs
- 16.47 Mag: Action Kidz
- 17.00 Mag: Animal DNA
- 18.00 Doc: The Battle Of The...
- 19.30 Mag: Vous et Nous
- 20.00 Tele: L'Amour A Mort
- 20.30 Live: News

Bollywood TV

- 14.25 Serial: Radha Mohan
- 15.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
- 15.25 Film: Bulundi
- With Anil Kapoor, Rekha, Raveena Tandon
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.33 Kundali Bhagya
- 19.00 Udaariyaan
- 19.36 Fanaa - Ishq Mein Marjawan
- 19.56 Sasural Simar Ka 2
- 20.25 Radha Krishna
- 21.00 Anupamaa
- 21.31 Mere Sai
- 22.01 Kismet Ki Lakiron Se
- 22.30 Swaran Ghar
- 23.03 Shaurya & Anokhi Ki Kahani
- 23.30 Film: Bulundi
- Starring Anil Kapoor, Rekha, Raveena Tandon

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- 04.48 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
- 06.30 Tele: Amour A Mort
- 07.00 Serial: Zoo
- 07.45 Serial: Rookie Blue
- 08.30 Serial: NCIS
- 09.15 Serial: Pearson
- 10.00 Serial: Airwolf
- 10.50 Serial: Chicago Med
- 11.30 Tele: Amour A Mort
- 12.25 Serial: Under Pressure
- 13.15 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
- 15.20 Film: If I Had Wings
- 16.51 Imperio De Mentiras
- 18.31 Dance India Dance Super...
- 19.23 Filler: Radha Krishna
- 20.15 Prod: MRIC
- 20.35 Film: The Boat
- Stars : Joe Zappardi, Anubis Mud
- 21.58 Serial: Being Human
- 22.40 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
- 23.30 Le Journal

- 06.00 Rodrig: 13 Minit Natir Rodrig
- 06.15 Local: Enn Semenn Dan...
- 07.32 Local: Voyage Au Feminin
- 07.50 Local: Lir-Ekri Kreol...
- 08.23 Local: Animalia Nos Amis...
- 09.34 Local: La Sosiete
- 10.26 Local: Arsiv: Toile De Fondd
- 11.47 MRIC - Inove Moris
- 12.16 Rodrig: 13 Minit Natir Rodrig
- 12.36 Local: Enn Semenn Dan...
- 13.06 Local: Voyage Au Feminin
- 13.31 Local: Animalia Nos Amis...
- 14.10 Rodrig: Ala Nou Vini
- 15.57 Local: Son Ladan Mem
- 17.41 Prod: MRIC - Inove Moris
- 18.00 Tele: Gout De L'Amour
- 19.20 Mag De L'emploi Et Des Metiers
- 20.00 Les Petits Genies
- 20.31 Local: International Jazz Day
- 21.31 Local: Glwar Dantan
- 22.02 Rodrig - Klip Seleksion

- 05.00 Aastha TV
- 07.00 Tik Tak Tail
- 07.12 Kisna
- 07.21 Serial: Lambu G Tingu G
- 07.33 Gadget Guru Ganesha
- 08.00 Hamar Fitness Challenge
- 08.52 Local: Khel Khiladi
- 10.12 Bade Acche Lagte Hai
- 12.01 Serial: Dikri Vahalno Dariyo
- 12.22 Local: Mati Ke Mol
- 12.50 Local: Khel Khiladi
- 14.08 Local: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
- 14.30 Mag: Discover Life
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.30 Film: Jamai Raja
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.31 Local: Puranya Pakwan
- 19.15 Virasat 19.30 Khoosurat
- 19.45 Local: Hunarbaaz
- 21.00 Film: Jail
- 23.20 Local: Puranya Pakwan
- 23.46 Duniya Mein Is Saptah

- 06.00 D.Anime - Voltron
- 06.44 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs
- 09.00 D.Anime: Idefix et Les...
- 09.47 Mag: Lab 360
- 10.15 Serial: Sept Nains Et Moi
- 11.33 Doc: La Resilience Face Aux
- 12.31 Doc: Diet For Your Body...
- 13.17 Doc: Albania's Last Trains
- 14.42 Mag: Shift
- 15.00 D.Anime: Kids Songs
- 16.14 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs
- 16.23 Voltron, Le Defenseur
- 16.50 Mag: Action Kidz
- 17.20 Serial: Intelligence
- 18.10 Mag: In Good Shape
- 18.40 Serial: Heartland
- 20.01 Tele: L'Amour A Mort
- 20.30 Live: News
- 20.50 Tele: La Reina Del Flow
- 21.40 Film: Viking, La Naissance D'une Nation

- 08.00 Swaran Ghar
- 10.02 Gadget Guru Ganesha
- 10.14 Sasural Simar Ka 2
- 12.11 Udaariyaan
- 14.00 Anupamaa
- 16.00 Fanaa - Ishq Mein Marjawan
- 18.00 Live: Samachar



- 18.31 Film: Mili
- Stars: Janhvi Kapoor, Manoj Pahwa, Sunny Kaushal
- 20.32 Gadget Guru Ganesha

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- 04.38 Tele - A Que No Me Dejas
- 06.00 A Que No Me Dejas
- 06.30 Tele: Amour A Mort
- 07.00 Film: The Boat
- 08.30 Serial: New Amsterdam
- 09.15 Film: If I Had Wings
- 10.45 Serial: Chicago Med
- 11.30 Amour A Mort/Amar A Muete
- 12.35 Film: The Doolins Of Oklahoma
- 14.15 Serial: Lincoln Rhyme
- 15.25 Film: Little (2019)
- 17.10 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 20.30 Film: Romeo & Juliette
- Avec Leonardo DiCaprio, Claire Danes, John Leguizamo
- 22.31 Serial: Being Human
- 23.35 Le Journal
- 00.44 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis

- 06.00 Rodrig: D'jam
- 07.09 Local: International Jazz Day
- 08.10 Local: Saver Kiltirel
- 08.55 Local: Les Petits Genies
- 09.21 Local: Zanfan Nou Zil
- 10.13 Rodrig - Klip Seleksion
- 11.01 Local: Nu Rasinn
- 12.31 Local: Les Petits Genies
- 14.03 Local: Elle
- 14.33 Local: Lavi Zoli An XXL
- 15.00 Local: Les Grands Noms Internationaux
- 17.07 Local: En Forme
- 17.30 Local: Glwar Dantan
- 18.00 Tele: Gout De L'Amour
- 20.00 Local: Tipa Tipa Nou Avanse
- 21.22 Local: Le Challenge
- 20.45 Local: Les Klips
- 21.37 Local: Sa Lavi-La
- 22.29 Local: Clin D'oeil

- 05.00 Aastha TV
- 07.00 Serial: Tik Tak Tail
- 08.00 Local: Hamar Fitness...
- 08.26 Local: Puranya Pakwan
- 09.00 Local: Virasat
- 09.31 Local: Khoosurat
- 09.35 Local: Hunarbaaz
- 12.00 Film: Swarag Sunder
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.24 Local: Puranya Pakwan
- 18.00 Samachar
- 18.30 Local: Planet Bollywood
- 19.00 Local: Tohar Rashi
- 19.30 Local: Tohar Farmaish
- 20.00 Yaadein
- 20.30 Porus
- 21.00 Serial: Crime Patrol
- 21.45 Serial: Naagin Season 4
- 22.24 Serial: Bahubali
- 23.07 Serial: Saaton Vachanwa Saath Nibhaib Sajna

- 06.00 D.Anime: Llama Llama
- 09.48 Mag: Lab 360
- 09.53 Serial: Sept Nains Et Moi
- 10.55 Mag: In Good Shape
- 11.21 Mag: Afrimaxx
- 11.47 Doc: Dogs & Us
- 12.26 Doc: Wild Isles
- 14.42 Mag: Planet A
- 15.00 D.Anime: Kids Songs
- 15.48 D.Anime: The Jungle Book
- 16.06 D.Anime: Riley Rocket
- 16.11 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs
- 16.54 Mag: Action Kidz
- 17.01 Mag: Animal DNA
- 17.20 Serial: Intelligence
- 18.40 Serial: Heartland
- 20.00 Tele: Amour A Mort
- 20.30 Live: News
- 20.50 Tele: La Reina Del Flow
- 21.40 Film: Whiteblood
- With J.R. Villarreal, Ruben Rabasa, Jeamest Corchado

- 00.00 Sasural Simar Ka 2
- 01.41 Udaariyaan
- 03.47 Anupamaa
- 05.49 Fanaa - Ishq Mein Marjawan
- 07.47 Tenali Rama
- 08.01 Patiala Babes
- 10.00 Kundali Bhagya
- 12.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
- 14.00 Kismet Ki Lakiron Se
- 16.00 Wagle Ki Duniya
- 18.39 Film: Tere Naam
- Stars: Salman Khan, Bhoomika Chawla, Mahima Chaudhry
- 20.42 Serial: Intelligence
- 20.51 Dance India Dance Little...
- 21.44 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
- 23.50 Serial: Patiala Babes
- 02.00 Serial: Kundali Bhagya

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- 04.09 The Gardener's Daughter
- 04.56 Amour Secret / Amor Secret
- 05.43 Pasion Y Poder/ Passion & Power
- 06.07 A Que No Me Dejas/Ne Me
- 06.32 Serial: Suits
- 07.15 Film: The Doolins Of Oklahoma
- 08.45 Serial: Heartland
- 09.30 Tele: Amour Secret
- 10.20 The Gardener's Daughter
- 10.45 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
- 11.15 Serial: La Reina Del Flow
- 12.25 Entre Justice Et Vengeance
- 13.15 Fierce Angel
- 13.45 Pasion Y Poder
- 14.10 Serial: Heartland
- 15.25 Film: Romeo & Juliette
- 17.30 The Gardener's Daughter
- 18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti
- 18.55 Serial: Swaran Ghar
- 20.30 Serial: Zoo
- 21.15 Serial: Rookie Blue

- 06.00 Nu Rasinn
- 07.37 Tipa Tipa Nou Avanse
- 09.32 Local: Elle
- 10.19 Mangeons Veg
- 12.03 Local: Nu Rasinn
- 13.00 Rodrig: Sa Lavi-La
- 13.52 Local: Clin D'Oeil
- 15.56 Local: Les Klips
- 17.03 Local: Le Challenge
- 17.18 Local: Radio Vision
- 18.00 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
- 18.30 Tele: Amour Secret
- 19.20 Magazine de L'emploi
- 19.30 Local: Konn Ou Drwa
- 20.00 Local: Notre Petite Histoire
- 20.32 Eclairage Economique
- 21.06 Local: Tous Egaux
- 21.47 Local: Radio Vision
- 22.14 Lir - Ekri Kreol Morisien
- 22.44 Local: Itinerer Moris
- 23.03 Journal Kreol
- 23.24 Le Rendez Vous...

- 05.00 Mag: Prog Aastha TV
- 07.08 Serial: Kisna
- 07.36 Gadget Guru Ganesha
- 10.19 Planet Bollywood
- 08.26 Tohar Rashi
- 09.18 Local: Yaadein
- 09.47 Serial: Bahubali
- 10.27 Saaton Vachanwa Saath...
- 11.30 Radha Krishna
- 12.00 Film: Ek Hasina Do Diwane
- 15.30 Serial: Senhur
- 16.01 Serial: Kundali Bhagya
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Local: Ved Ki Shikshayen
- 19.00 Local: Ayush
- 19.30 Excerpts From Shiv Abhishek
- 20.10 Local: Charcha
- 20.36 Film: Bawarchi (1972)
- 22.47 Serial: Mere Sai
- 23.35 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
- 00.11 Ved Ki Shikshaian

- 06.00 Magazine: Sadc - Ep 548
- 06.26 Doc: The One Coin Scam
- 07.18 Mag: Arts Unveiled
- 08.41 Doc: Deep Sea Greed
- 09.28 Doc: Europe Revealed
- 10.53 Doc: Japan Video Topics
- 11.03 Doc: That's Just Life
- 12.19 Mag: Arts Unveiled
- 13.42 Doc: Deep Sea Greed
- 14.30 Doc: A Passion For Helping
- 15.00 D.Anime: Kids Songs
- 15.15 D. Anime: Patamuse
- 16.54 Mag: Action Kidz
- 17.01 Mag: Animal DNA
- 18.00 Magazine: Eco India
- 19.00 Student Support Prog...
- 20.01 Tele: Amour A Mort
- 20.30 Live: News
- 21.40 Film: The Final Scream
- With Kate Lister, Marc Ozall

- 14.25 Serial: Radha Mohan
- 14.54 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
- 15.26 Film: Deep Sea Greed
- Starring: Disha Parmar, Nakuul Mehta
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.32 Serial: Kundali Bhagya
- 19.00 Serial: Udaariyaan
- 19.31 Fanaa Ishq Mein Marjawan
- 20.00 Sasural Simar Ka 2
- 20.30 Radha Krishna
- 21.00 Anupamaa
- 16.54 Mag: Action Kidz
- 17.01 Mag: Animal DNA
- 18.00 Magazine: Eco India
- 19.00 Student Support Prog...
- 20.01 Tele: Amour A Mort
- 20.30 Live: News
- 21.40 Film: The Final Scream
- With Kate Lister, Marc Ozall
- 22.59 Shaurya & Anokhi Ki Kahani
- 23.30 Film: Kya Dil Ne Kaha
- Starring: Tusshar Kapoor, Esha Deol, Raj Babbar, Nina Kulkarni, Rajesh Khanna, Smita Jaykar, Ashok Saraf



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Mercredi 8 mai - 21.23



Jeudi 9 mai - 21.40



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MBC 1

- 03.09 Entre Justice Et Vengeance
- 03.49 The Gardener's Daughter
- 04.21 Amour Secret / Amor Secret
- 05.08 Pasion Y Poder
- 05.32 A Que No Me Dejas
- 06.01 Serial: Airwolf
- 06.45 Hollywood On Set
- 07.15 Serial: Zoo 08.00 Rookie Blue
- 08.45 NCIS 10.20 The Gardener's...
- 10.45 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
- 11.10 Tele: La Reina Del Flow
- 12.25 Entre Justice Et Vengeance
- 13.15 Fierce Angel/La Loba
- 13.40 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
- 14.05 Gout De L'amour
- 15.25 Film: Ghost In The Family
- 17.30 The Gardener's Daughter
- 18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti
- 20.30 Film: A Beautiful Day In The Neighbourhood

Avec Tom Hanks, Matthew Rhys, Susan Kelechi Watson

MBC 2

- 06.00 Feminin Pluriel
- 06.12 Konn Ou Drwa
- 06.46 Local: En Forme
- 07.08 Local: Notre Petite Histoire
- 07.29 Eclairage Economique
- 08.38 Entrepreneuriat Au Feminin
- 08.51 Local: Itinerer Moris
- 09.32 Radio Vision
- 10.36 Local: Lir - Ekri Kreol
- 11.01 Le Rendez Vous... Born
- 12.23 Local: Konn Ou Drwa
- 12.50 Local: Notre Petite Histoire
- 13.27 Local: Metie
- 13.42 Local: Tous Egaux
- 14.23 Local: Itinerer Moris
- 18.06 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
- 18.25 Tele: Amour Secret
- 19.00 Journal Kreol
- 19.25 Le Magazine De L'Empli...
- 19.34 Son Ladan Mem
- 21.00 Paroles Agricoles

MBC 3

- 05.00 Mag: Prog From Aastha TV
- 07.00 Serial: Tik Tak Tail
- 07.20 Serial: Lambu G Tingu G
- 08.00 Ved Ki Shikshaein
- 08.54 Excerpts From Shiv Abhishek
- 12.00 Film: Aag Aur Daag
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.30 Badki Malkaain
- 16.00 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
- 17.30 Radha Krishna
- 18.00 Samachar
- 18.30 Tark Vitark
- 19.00 Chikitsa Aur Swasthya
- 19.30 Bhojpuri Dhamaka
- 20.00 Local Prod
- 20.35 Film: Shree 420
- 23.22 Serial: Mere Sai
- 23.29 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
- 23.52 Local: Tark Vitark
- 01.25 Bhojpuri Dhamaka

MBC 5

- 06.26 Magazine: The 77 Percent
- 07.00 Mag: Africa 54
- 09.04 Mag: Washington Forum
- 10.13 Doc: Moldova - A Nation In The Shadow Of The War
- 11.27 Mag: The 77 Percent
- 11.53 Mag: Africa 54
- 12.25 Mag: In Good Shape
- 13.33 Mag: Tomorrow Today
- 14.48 Doc: Japan Video Topics
- 15.00 D.Anime: Kids Songs
- 15.50 D.Anime: The Jungle Book
- 15.55 D.Anime: Riley Rocket
- 16.14 D.Anime: Les Schtroumps
- 16.26 D.Anime: Voltron, Le Defenseur
- 18.30 Mag: Healthy Living
- 19.00 Student Support Prog...
- 19.31 Mag: Global Us
- 20.02 Tele: L'Amour A Mort
- 20.50 Tele: La Reina Del Flow

Bollywood TV

- 14.25 Serial: Radha Mohan
- 15.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
- 15.21 Film: Patel Ki Punjabi Shaadi
- Starring: Rishi Kapoor, Paresh Rawal, Vir Das
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.32 Kundali Bhagya
- 19.00 Udaariyaan
- 19.29 Fanaa - Ishq Mein Marjawan
- 20.00 Sasural Simar Ka 2
- 20.29 Radha Krishna
- 21.00 Anupama
- 21.33 Mere Sai
- 22.03 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se
- 22.30 Swaran Ghar
- 23.02 Serial: Shaurya Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani
- 23.31 Film: Patel Ki Punjabi Shaadi

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- 04.13 Amour Secret / Amor Secret
- 05.00 Pasion Y Poder
- 05.24 Tele: A Que No Me Dejas
- 05.56 Serial: Airwolf
- 07.10 Film: Viceroy's House
- 08.57 Serial: Heartland
- 09.40 Amour A Mort
- 10.27 The Gardener's Daughter
- 10.50 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
- 11.15 Tele: La Reina Del Flow
- 12.25 Entre Justice Et Vengeance
- 13.15 Fierce Angel
- 13.45 Pasion Y Poder
- 14.15 Serial: Heartland
- 15.25 Film: Dr Strange Love
- 17.35 The Gardener's Daughter
- 18.00 Samachar
- 18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti
- 18.57 Serial: Swaran Ghar
- 21.23 Film: Viking, La Naissance D'une Nation

- 06.00 Rodrig: Plat Du Chef
- 06.16 Local: Son Ladan Mem
- 06.44 Local: Aktiv
- 07.10 Local: Priorite Sante
- 07.35 Local: Paroles Agricoles
- 09.00 Rodrig Prog: Rod'Art
- 11.00 Music Tour 2022
- 12.00 Rodrig Prog: Plat Du Chef
- 12.44 Local: Belle Et Mysterieuse
- 13.12 Priorite Sante
- 13.34 Paroles Agricoles
- 14.00 Local: Koze Zom
- 15.05 Nu Rasinn
- 15.31 Local: Glwar Dantan
- 16.48 Local: Aktiv
- 18.00 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
- 18.29 Tele: Amour Secret
- 19.00 Journal Kreol
- 19.25 Le Magazine De L'Empli...
- 19.30 Local: MRIC
- 20.32 Toc Toc Doc

- 07.00 Serial: Tik Tak Tail
- 07.08 Serial: Kisna
- 07.21 Serial: Lambu G Tingu G
- 08.00 Tark Vitark
- 08.52 Bhojpuri Dhamaka
- 10.00 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
- 12.00 Film: Chirag
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.30 Senhur - Bhojpuri Serial
- 16.00 Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana
- 17.30 Radha Krishna
- 18.00 Samachar 18.30 Yatra
- 19.00 Local: Kala
- 20.00 Virasat
- 20.15 Gyan Vigyan
- 21.00 Film: Payal
- 23.30 Serial: Mere Sai
- 00.25 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
- 00.16 Local: Yatra
- 00.38 Local: Kala
- 01.31 Local: Virasat
- 01.46 Local: Gyan Vigyan

- 06.00 Magazine: Rev
- 06.26 Mag: Healthy Living
- 07.27 Mag: Global US
- 07.53 Doc: The Happy Worker
- 08.45 Mag: Initiative Africa
- 10.25 Doc: The Golden Fiber
- 11.17 Mag: Rev
- 11.37 Mag: Healthy Living
- 14.00 Mag: Initiative Africa
- 15.00 D.Anime: Kids Songs
- 15.16 D.Anime: Patamuse
- 15.25 D.Anime: Messi Goes To...
- 16.30 D.Anime: Voltron...
- 17.01 Mag: Animal DNA
- 18.00 Mag: Motorweek
- 19.00 Student Support Prog...
- 19.30 Doc: Urban Forests
- 20.00 Tele: Amour A Mort
- 20.30 Live: News
- 21.40 Film: The Bost

Stars : Joe Azzopardi, Anubis Mud

- 14.25 Serial: Radha Mohan
- 15.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
- 15.30 Film - Lootere
- Starring: Sunny Deol, Juhi Chawla, Naseeruddin Shah, Pooja Bedi
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.32 Kundali Bhagya
- 19.00 Udaariyaan
- 19.30 Fanaa -Ishq Mein Marjawan
- 20.00 Sasural Simar Ka 2
- 20.38 Radha Krishna
- 21.01 Anupama
- 21.30 Mere Sai
- 22.02 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se
- 22.30 Swaran Ghar
- 23.02 Shaurya Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani
- 23.30 Film - Lootere
- Starring: Sunny Deol, Juhi Chawla, Naseeruddin Shah

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- 03.14 Film: Counting Bullets
- 04.25 Amour Secret / Amor Secret
- 05.12 Pasion Y Poder
- 05.36 A Que No Me Dejas
- 06.01 Serial: Airwolf
- 07.15 Serial: New Amsterdam
- 08.00 Serial: Alex Rider
- 08.45 Serial: Pearson
- 09.30 Amour A Mort
- 10.20 The Gardener's Daughter
- 10.45 Tele: L'Envers Du Paradis
- 11.15 Serial: Queens Of Mystery
- 12.25 Entre Justice Et Vengeance
- 13.15 Tele: Fierce Angel/La Loba
- 13.45 Pasion Y Poder
- 14.10 Gout De L'amour
- 15.25 Film: If I Had Wings
- 17.15 The Gardener's Daughter
- 18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti
- 20.30 Film: Operation Romeo

Cast : Sidhant Gupta, Vedika Pinto, Sharad Kelkar

- 06.00 Rodrig Spor
- 06.26 Local: Saver Kiltirel
- 07.12 Local: Toc Toc Doc
- 07.22 Local: Agir Ensemble
- 07.48 Rodrig Prog: Kot Nou
- 08.30 Local: En Forme
- 08.45 Pran Kont Ou La Sante
- 09.32 Come On Let's Dance
- 11.00 Les Klips
- 12.00 Mric - Inove Moris
- 12.59 Local: Toc Toc Doc
- 13.23 Local: En Forme
- 13.38 Local: Agir Ensemble
- 14.01 Rodrig - Klip Seleksion
- 15.30 Local: Rodrig: Komanter
- 15.46 Local: Come On Let's Dance
- 18.00 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
- 18.27 Tele: Amour Secret
- 19.20 Le Magazine De L'Empli...
- 20.00 Les Grandes Lignes
- 20.30 Local: Mots & Ecrits

- 05.00 Mag: Prog From Aastha TV
- 07.00 Serial: Kisna
- 07.20 Serial: Lambu G Tingu G
- 07.33 Gadget Guru Ganesha
- 08.00 Yatra
- 09.20 Virasat
- 10.00 Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana
- 12.00 Film: Chori Mera Kaam
- 15.30 Badki Malkaain
- 16.00 Agniphera
- 17.30 Radha Krishna
- 18.00 Samachar
- 18.30 Local: Amrit Vaani
- 19.00 Maharana Pratap Diwas
- 19.30 Local: Yaadein
- 20.00 Hunarbaaz 20.30 Shiv Shakti
- 21.00 Yashomati Maiyya Ke...
- 22.00 Serial: Mere Sai
- 23.02 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
- 23.16 Amrit Vaani
- 23.29 Local: Solah Sanskaar

- 06.00 Magazine: Motorweek
- 06.26 Doc: Unseen
- 06.41 Mag: Planet A
- 07.27 Doc: Planting Trees To...
- 09.32 Doc: Poison And Poverty
- 11.00 Magazine: Motorweek
- 11.46 Mag: Arts Unveiled
- 13.25 Mag: Close Up
- 14.15 Doc: Antarctica
- 15.04 D.Anime: Earth To Luna!
- 17.00 Mag: Animal DNA
- 18.00 Magazine: Eco India
- 18.30 Magazine: Shift
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- 19.30 Magazine: Tomorrow Today
- 20.01 Tele: Amour A Mort
- 20.50 Tele: La Reina Del Flow
- 21.40 Film: Mes Autres Vies De Chien

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- 14.25 Serial: Radha Mohan
- 15.00 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
- 15.30 Film: Jaanwar
- Starring: Akshay Kumar, Karisma Kapoor, Shilpa Shetty, Mohnish Bahl
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.32 Kundali Bhagya
- 19.00 Udaariyaan
- 19.30 Fanaa -Ishq Mein Marjawan
- 19.56 Sasural Simar Ka 2
- 20.38 Radha Krishna
- 21.01 Anupama
- 21.30 Mere Sai
- 22.05 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se
- 22.31 Swaran Ghar
- 22.52 Shaurya Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani
- 23.30 Film: Jaanwar
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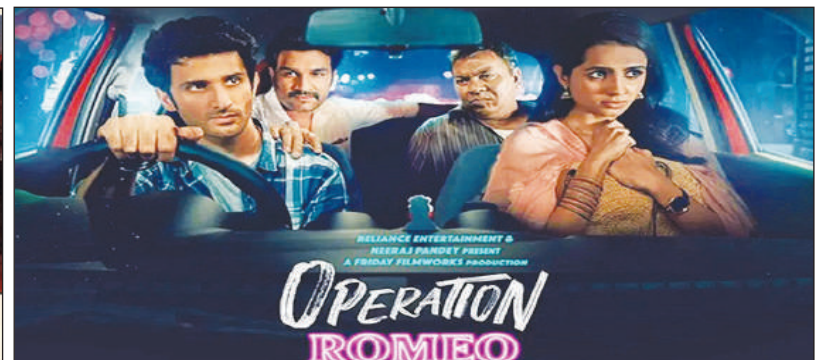
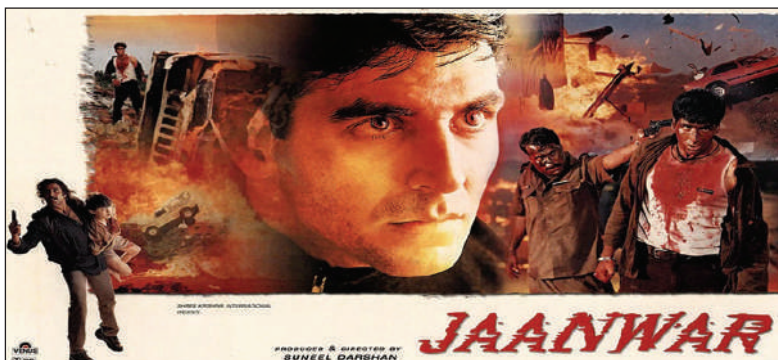
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Millions of new voters have entered the electorate – but will they cast their vote?

Youth electoral participation (or non-participation) is also defined by a country's electoral system

A record number of people will go to polls in 2024 to vote in national elections around the world. People who came of age during the last electoral cycle will have an opportunity to cast their votes for the first time.

In wealthier countries with rapidly ageing populations, such as the US and the UK, there will again be record inter-generational divisions in turnout and political preferences.

In recent elections, a high proportion of people aged 18–24 supported Democratic party candidates and the Labour party. In 2020, 61% voted for Joe Biden (compared to 37% for Donald Trump) in the US, and 62% voted Labour in the UK's 2019 general election (compared to 19% for the Conservatives).

Ahead of the UK's upcoming general election, which could take place as late as January 2025, successive polls have placed the Conservatives at 10% or less among young adults.

Disillusioned with mainstream electoral politics

Nevertheless, the new generation of young voters in the US and the UK are disillusioned with mainstream electoral politics and are unenthusiastic about casting their votes. In fact, turnout rates for young adults (aged 18–30) are around a third lower than for adults of all ages in these countries.

Overwhelming youth support for the Democrats and Labour masks a desire for a more radical form of politics that addresses young people's concerns. Opinion polls often do a poor job of explaining youth priorities across broad categories such as the economy and health. But my own research from 2022 with young Londoners reveals clusters of priorities relating to economic, social and environmental issues.

These issues include housing, personal wellbeing and safety, group rights for women or minorities and broader international questions around climate change and the ongoing situation in Gaza. Compared to older generations, young people are also much more comfortable with diversity in society and much less concerned about immigration.

In the US and the UK, these sentiments were effectively articulated by Bernie Sanders and Jeremy Corbyn in recent elections.

Sanders and Corbyn were both viewed by young adults as authentic and radical, believing in what they said, and offering meaningful solutions to pressing problems like low wages, unaffordable housing and university tuition fees. In the 2016 US primaries, Sanders received more votes from young Americans (aged 18–30) than Hillary Clinton and Trump (the two final candidates) put together.

Youth electoral participation (or non-participation) is also defined by a country's electoral system. In countries with proportional representation, the trend towards socially liberal values and greater state intervention has led to increased support for alternative political parties.

For example, the Green party in Germany became the largest political party among those aged 18–24 at the 2021 federal election. It secured the votes of just under a quarter of young adults – almost as much as the two main parties (Social Democrats and Christian Democrats)



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of educational attainment are much less likely to turn out in elections than graduates or young people in full-time education.

In the UK, around two-thirds of university students turned out in recent general elections compared to around one-third of young people from the lowest social group. Young people from low-income backgrounds, if they do turn out, are often drawn to populist right-wing causes, such as the candidacies of Trump in the US and Marine Le Pen in France – especially in the case of young, white men.

The latter point illustrates how race or ethnicity shape youth participation. This is particularly true in the US where an estimated 87% of black youth voted for Biden in 2020 against just 10% for Trump.

However, the support of young minoritised ethnic voters for progressive candidates and parties has proved frustrating, as existential economic and security issues have not been addressed. It was the Black Lives Matter movement and citizen-generated evidence, rather than politicians and parties, that shone a spotlight on police brutality and discrimination in the US and many other countries.

The forthcoming elections in the UK, the US and many other rich democracies are likely to be defined by inter-generational cleavages. However, it is far from certain if young people will be drawn to the polls.

There is a dilemma for progressive candidates and parties regarding how far they are willing to go to appeal to younger generations given the inter-generational divisions that exist. Yet this is fast becoming a risk worth taking.

Successive generations of young people are entering the electorate with socially liberal views and positive attitudes towards state intervention to address economic, social and environmental challenges: from poor mental health, to the cost of housing, to concerns about pollution and climate change.

combined.

Division among the young

Young people are, of course, not all the same. There are important divisions within this age group based on gender, socioeconomic status and ethnicity.

In the UK's 2017 general election, 73% of young women voted Labour compared to only 52% of young men. And in the 2022 US mid-terms, 71% of young women voted Democrat compared to 53% of young men – a difference that was driven by the 2022 Supreme Court ruling allowing individual states to ban abortion.

In response to the ruling, young women registered to vote in record numbers, casting their ballots against Republican candidates who supported the decision.

These differences are reflected in participation in social movements. For example, the 2019 climate strikes were overwhelmingly comprised of young women and girls. The protests of one girl, Greta Thunberg, in a town square in Sweden, quickly spread into a global movement of millions of young people.

Socioeconomic status plays an equally important role. Young people from poorer backgrounds or with low levels

yourself as someone who can be trusted. Though your honesty may not always endear you to others — there will always be those who fear the truth — you can nonetheless be certain that your integrity is never tarnished by deceit. Since frankness and sincerity form the basis of all life-enriching relationships, your word is one of your most precious and powerful possessions.

When we promise more than we can deliver, hide from the consequences of our actions through falsehoods, or deny our true selves to others, we hurt those who were counting on us. We also are hurt by the lies we tell and the promises we break. Integrity is the foundation of civilization. As you cultivate honesty within yourself, you will find that your honor and reliability put people at ease. Others will feel comfortable

seeking out your friendship and collaborating with you on projects of great importance, certain that their positive expectations will be met. If you do catch yourself in a lie, ask yourself what you wanted to hide and why you felt you couldn't be truthful. And if life's surprises prevent you from keeping your word, simply admit your error apologetically and make amends quickly.

Since the path of truth frequently represents the more difficult journey, embarking upon it builds character. You can harness the power of your word when you do your best to live a life of honesty. In keeping your agreements and embodying sincerity, you prove that you are worthy of trust and perceive values as something to be incorporated into your daily existence.



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Power in Honesty

Your honest word is one of your most precious and powerful possessions.

Promises are easily made. Keeping them often proves more difficult because when we are pressured to strive always for perfection, we find it simpler to agree to undertake impossible tasks than to say no. Likewise, there is an infinite array of circumstances that conspire to goad us into telling falsehoods, even when we hold a great reverence for truth. When you endeavor to consistently keep your word, however, you protect your reputation and promote