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A Defining Moment

As the general elections draw closer, the political landscape is becoming increasingly dynamic. Recent predictions from Pulse Analytics indicate a surprising shift in electoral prospects, projecting a slight advantage for the ruling Alliance Lepep with 33 seats compared to 27 for the opposition Alliance du Changement (PTr-MMM-ND-ReA). This marks a reversal from earlier forecasts which suggested a clear path to victory for the opposition. With a voter sample of 118,527, Pulse Analytics emphasizes the competitive nature of this election, highlighting that both alliances maintain strongholds in key constituencies.

However, Pulse Analytics' methodology based on AI and the tracking of the social media and internet patterns of users on various platforms is a novel application in Mauritius with apparently no track record of past predictive reliability. While the sample size is large, not even Pulse Analytics can certify what it truly measures about the population under the scanner. Its latest findings are therefore taken with a pinch of salt - the more so given that the prevailing sentiment and mood on the ground suggests that the Alliance du Changement could be poised for a significant victory.

Several factors could explain a potential wave of support for the opposition. First there is undoubtedly the "usure of power" by the MSM and its affiliates, who have hogged the national airwaves for more than seven years. Second is the growing frustration with an executive that has faced criticism for suppressing various opponents, contributing to a prevailing sense of desire for change in the atmosphere. Third, many believe the public has grown disillusioned with the current administration's handling of key issues like the economy and law enforcement. Concerns also arise about friends and allies taking on roles beyond their abilities, along with missteps in candidate selections, contributing to widespread dissatisfaction with the outgoing alliance.

However, it's essential to acknowledge the nuances in voter behaviour. The belief that elections are decided in the final weeks is more than just political folklore. Factors such as last-minute campaigning, shifts in public sentiment, and even the impact of emerging issues can dramatically alter the electoral landscape in those crucial days leading up to the vote. Whether the electorate prioritizes party platforms over individual leaders remains to be seen. Leadership charisma often plays a crucial role in influencing voter decisions, but a solid platform can serve as

the backbone of a successful campaign.

As the election campaign progresses, it's clear that Alliance Lepep leaders are mainly focusing on Navin Ramgoolam, the key rival to MSM leader Pravind Jugnauth, and the same is true in reverse. Unfortunately, as is often the case in electoral politics, the focus has shifted from substantive policy debates to personal attacks and character assassinations. Political gatherings and social media platforms have become battlegrounds for harsh rhetoric rather than forums for discussing real issues that affect Mauritians. This trend raises serious concerns about the quality of political discourse and its implications for informed decision-making among voters. In this environment, the electorate may find it challenging to discern which candidates genuinely align with their interests. As such, a concerted effort by all parties to engage in meaningful discussions about policies could enhance the democratic process and provide voters with the information they need to make informed choices.

One of the more unexpected developments in this election is the alignment of the Reform Party, led by Roshi Bhadain, with Lionion Moris to form Lionion Reform. This new coalition has the ambition to present a credible alternative to the traditional parties. However, the longevity of Lionion Reform's impact will largely depend on its ability to maintain momentum after the elections. The existing electoral framework, based on the "First Past the Post" system, tends to favour established parties. Yet, if candidates from the Reform alliance can secure seats, they could disrupt the status quo and pave the way for future political diversity. As the electorate prepares to cast their votes, the question remains: can Lionion Reform be considered a genuine "third force" in Mauritian politics? While the increasing dissatisfaction with traditional parties has created room for a new player in the political arena, the last minute concoction of diverse personalities has yet to prove its credibility at the polls.

Ultimately, the 2024 elections in Mauritius promise to be a defining moment, with the potential for both significant change and continuity. As the political landscape continues to evolve, voters need to cut through the noise and make informed choices that reflect their values and hopes for the nation's future. The coming three weeks will be crucial, and the decisions made will undoubtedly shape the trajectory of Mauritian politics for years to come.

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Previously holding political office is an obvious advantage for candidates seeking votes. SDI Productions/E+/Getty Images

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Do more politically experienced politicians have advantages in elections in a time when a candidate with expertise is dismissed as being part of an out-of-touch elite?

Ever since he was chosen as Donald Trump's running mate back in July, US Sen. JD Vance, a Republican from Ohio, has come under a level of scrutiny typical for a vice-presidential candidate, including for some of his eyebrow-raising public statements made in the past or during the campaign.

One line of critique has persisted through the news cycles: that his lack of political experience may make Vance less qualified than others, including his opponent, Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota, to be vice president.

Do more politically experienced politicians have advantages in elections? And if they enjoyed such advantages in the past, do they still in such a polarized political moment?

The answers are complicated, but political science offers some clues.

Why experience should matter

Previously holding political office, and for a longer period of time, is in some ways an obvious advantage for candidates making the case to potential voters. If you were applying for a job as an attorney, previous legal experience would be favorably looked upon by an employer. The same is true in elections: If you want to run for office, experience as an officeholder could help you perform better at the job you're asking for.

This approach has been taken by a number of high-profile politicians over the years. For example, in Hillary Clinton's first campaign for president in 2008, the U.S. senator from New York and future secretary of state made "strength and experience" the centerpiece of her argument to the voters.

Experience also might matter for the same reasons as incumbency - that is, when a candidate is currently holding the office they are seeking in an election. Incumbents typically have much higher name recognition than their challenger opponents, distinct fundraising advantages and, at least in theory, a record of policy achievement on which to base their campaigns. Even for nonincumbents, these advantages are more prevalent for previous officeholders rather than someone who is a newcomer to politics.

Inexperienced, or an 'outsider'?

But Hillary Clinton was, of course, unsuccessful in her first bid for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2008.

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Une troisième alternative est-elle viable à Maurice?

Sans une réforme électorale qui puisse mettre fin au système de FPTP en introduisant une dose de proportionnelle, une troisième alternative viable et crédible tardera à émerger sur la scène locale

Aditya Narayan

Un développement inattendu est survenu sur la scène politique la semaine dernière: la formation d'une nouvelle alliance politique nommée «Linion Reform», qui regroupe le Reform Party de Roshi Bhadain et Linion Moris du tandem Bodha-Valayden en vue de contester les élections générales du 10 novembre 2024. Cette nouvelle alliance se présente comme une troisième force entre les deux blocs traditionnels opposés, notamment l'Alliance du Changement (PTR-MMM-ND-ReA) et l'Alliance Lepep (MSM-PMSD-autres alliés), qui dominent l'échiquier politique.

Les deux partenaires de Linion Reform se partagent les tickets de façon égale (30-30) ainsi que le mandat de Premier ministre, dont la première moitié serait occupée par le leader de Linion Moris (Nando Bodha), suivie de l'autre moitié par le leader du Reform Party (Roshi Bhadain). Cette reconfiguration de l'échiquier politique à quelques jours de la date du dépôt des candidatures (le 22 octobre) entraîne deux questions:

1. Une troisième alternative dans un système politique historiquement bipolaire est-elle viable, compte tenu du système électoral majoritaire à un tour (First Past The Post - FPTP) qui favorise les grands partis?
2. Y a-t-il un appétit chez l'électorat pour une troisième voie entre deux blocs traditionnels puissants au moment où l'enjeu des élections est hautement stratégique (le changement versus le statu quo)?

Clarté politique

La création d'une troisième force a sans doute pour mérite d'apporter plus de clarté sur la scène politique, qui était marquée jusque-là par une multitude de partis à gauche, à droite et au centre de l'échiquier. La variété des manifestes électoraux de tous ces partis avait donné lieu à un imbroglio politique dans lequel l'électeur lambda perdait son latin. En effet, depuis quelque temps, de petits partis avaient lancé le slogan "Ni Pravind ni Navin" (renvoyant dos à dos le Premier ministre et son challenger direct) sans pouvoir dégager une plateforme commune entre eux. Linion Moris avait graduellement élargi ses rangs en s'adjoignant d'autres groupuscules et elle était partie pour être le principal parti d'opposition extra parlementaire (bien que son



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chef désigné Nando Bodha était un député). De son côté, le Reform Party se posait comme un parti farouchement indépendant et sans aucune volonté de compromettre sa liberté d'action. Ces deux partis se sont finalement rendu compte que faire cavalier seul ne leur donnait aucune chance aux élections dans notre système électoral.

La nouvelle alliance n'aura pas la partie facile face aux deux blocs aguerris qui ont chacun un électorat fidèle. A moins d'un miracle politique, Linion Reform n'est pas en mesure de gagner le pouvoir seul. Dans la meilleure hypothèse, elle pourrait faire élire certains candidats dans les villes en surfant sur le désir de changement de l'électorat. Dans la pire hypothèse, elle diviserait les voix de l'opposition, ce qui ferait le jeu de l'alliance gouvernementale. Théoriquement, il n'est pas impossible qu'une troisième force rafle la mise, comme on l'a vu en France lorsque le parti centriste d'Emmanuel Macron avait gagné les élections législatives en se frayant une voie vers la victoire entre la droite et la gauche.

Mais cette expérience française est unique dans le monde dit libéral car aucun autre pays n'a pu faire élire un troi-

sième parti au pouvoir entre la gauche et la droite. Dans les pays anglo-saxons (Etats-Unis, Royaume Uni, Canada, etc.), la bataille électorale demeure bipolaire entre Conservateurs (ou Républicains) et Libéraux (ou Démocrates). Un troisième parti, par exemple les Verts, n'arrive pas à s'imposer sur la scène. Aux Etats-Unis, par exemple, la bataille est rude entre le candidat républicain (Trump) et la candidate démocrate (Harris) en vue de l'élection présidentielle du 5 novembre alors que le candidat du parti des Verts (Stein) a un soutien électoral marginal.

Brève expérience

A Maurice, notre expérience avec une troisième force a été très brève. La seule fois où les élections ont été disputées entre trois forces politiques, c'était le scrutin de 2019. Le PTR-PMSD, le MSM et le MMM étaient en compétition séparément. Le MMM voulait être la troisième force face aux deux autres camps, mais il n'avait pu s'imposer sur le plan national. Le MSM, à lui seul, avait obtenu la majorité des sièges avec 37% des suffrages contre 63% pour les autres partis. Depuis, le MMM a abandonné toute idée de faire cavalier seul et il s'est rallié au PTR dans une

nouvelle alliance, et ce, après avoir tenté en vain d'autres formules telle que l'Entente (MMM, PMSD, Reform Party et le parti de Bodha) dans un scénario électoral triangulaire.

Dans la présente campagne, l'alliance gouvernementale défend son bilan et propose la continuité avec tout ce que cela comporte de souvenirs de mauvaise gouvernance dans bien des domaines. Elle peut sans doute s'enorgueillir de certains projets d'infrastructure réalisés et compter sur la portée électoraliste de ses promesses (la pension de vieillesse de Rs 20 000 en 2029, le prêt hypothécaire sans intérêt pour les jeunes de 18-25 ans, etc.).

A l'opposé, l'Alliance du Changement prône la rupture avec le statu quo grâce à un manifeste qui propose des lignes de réforme structurelle, en sus de ses promesses monétaires plus ou moins semblables à celles de son adversaire. Ses propositions de réforme concernant la révocabilité d'un député entre deux élections, l'introduction de la proportionnelle dans le système électoral, la reconnaissance des droits de la nature dans la Constitution, la création d'une Cour constitutionnelle, l'amélioration des droits des travailleurs et la garantie des élections municipales sont particulièrement positives pour une démocratie participative et inclusive.

Virginité politique

Pour attirer l'électorat et montrer une différence fondamentale vis-à-vis des blocs traditionnels, Linion Reform devrait proposer un programme audacieux de réformes qui soient raisonnables et faisables. Elle aura beau critiquer ses adversaires dits traditionnels, elle ne peut revendiquer une virginité politique absolue. Faut-il rappeler que ses deux leaders viennent du sérail politique du MSM, l'un avec 35 ans d'association en sa capacité de secrétaire général du parti et de ministre avec divers portefeuilles, et l'autre avec cinq ans d'association comme député et ministre. Les deux ont été associés à des dérives anti-démocratiques dans le passé telles que le projet de mettre le DPP sous tutelle avec une commission de poursuite parallèle et le démantèlement du conglomerat BAI. Cela n'empêche pas que la nouvelle alliance puisse jeter les bases d'une troisième force durable dans le long terme.

Si le désir de changement de l'électorat est fort au point de vouloir mettre fin au statu quo à tout prix, on peut s'attendre à un vote utile en faveur de l'Alliance du Changement qui, seule, peut déloger l'alliance gouvernementale du pouvoir. A cette fin, l'électorat voterait de façon stratégique afin de ne pas gaspiller des voix sur les candidats d'une troisième force qui auraient peu de chances de se faire élire. Sans une réforme électorale qui puisse mettre fin au système de FPTP en introduisant une dose de proportionnelle, une troisième alternative viable et crédible tardera à émerger sur la scène locale pour sonner le glas de la bipolarité du système politique.



Anil Madan

The Geopolitical Ecosystem in Turmoil - Autocrats and Wackos

There must be something in the ether. It is too far a stretch to suggest that the autocrats of the world have suddenly decided to let loose their wacky impulses. Kim Jong Nuke of North Korea may be the wackiest of them all. His forces have detonated parts of the Gyeongui and Donghae roads north of the military demarcation line. Those are roads in his own country.

Kim Jong Nuke has declared South Korea as the "main enemy." Following that declaration, his forces have fortified the border with South Korea, laid more mines and positioned nuclear capable missiles. After South Korea and the US conducted joint military exercises, Pyongyang announced that it would block all roads and railways connecting the two countries.

North Korea is reportedly sending troops to fight in Ukraine alongside fellow autocrat Putin's troops. US Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell said that the US and its allies are alarmed by Kim Jong Un's ongoing nuclear threats and by North Korea's shipments of artillery and missiles, to Russia.

Putin's craziness continues apace as Russia launched one of its largest drone salvos of more than 135 drones at Ukraine in recent months. Meanwhile, the Biden administration announced a \$425 million package of aid to Ukraine to assist with its defense against Russian attacks. This aid package involves mostly defensive systems.

Meanwhile, President Zelenskiy is set to present his "victory plan" to the European Union and NATO, seeking eventual membership in NATO and significantly increased military support for his country's battle to repel Russia's invasion. Zelenskiy continues to press for permission to use weapons supplied by Western countries to strike deep inside Russia. So far, long-range use of such weapons has not been authorized by the US and EU countries. The reception to this so-called victory plan is decidedly muted. As I wrote when Russia's war against Ukraine started, support from the US, and European countries was restrained, as they appeared to lend credence to Russia's nuclear threats if they went too far in aiding Ukraine. Support continues muted as the US and European allies seem unwilling to allow Ukraine to strike deep into Russia and make Putin pay a price for his aggression.

So, Russia's war against Ukraine continues unabated. Putin and his acolytes continually threaten Ukraine and the world with the use of nuclear options, whether it is tactical nuclear weapons or hypersonic missiles that threaten to reach the US mainland.

Then there is Xi Jinping of China. On the one hand, he claims that Taiwan is an integral part of China. On the other hand, he



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regularly conducts military exercises designed to threaten and intimidate Taiwan.

Just this week China conducted large-scale military drills around Taiwan in what it said was a warning to "independence forces" in Taiwan, and also characterized them as "punishment" drills against President Lai Ching-te whom it characterized as a separatist and troublemaker.

And what was Lai's crime? Why, he said that China had no right to represent the self-ruling democracy and its 23 million people. He offered to work with China to address global challenges such as climate change.

But autocrats have little interest in solving problems that afflict the world. They specialize in exacerbating divisions and creating more problems.

Speaking of creating more problems, the autocrats of Iran weighed in once again by launching another missile and drone attack on Israel. The Israeli military estimated that at least 180 missiles were fired by Iran at targets in Israeli territory. Most were intercepted and rendered harmless by Israel's defense forces.

Israel has, of course, vowed to retaliate against Iran. And Iran is undeterred in making more threats. Major General Mohammad Bagheri, Iran's military chief projected ostensible restraint when he described Iran's missile attack on Israel as limited to military targets. He issued a counter warning of broader strikes if Israel should respond.

Boasting that: "We had the capability to attack the regime's economic infrastructure, but we only targeted military bases," he added a warning: "If the Zionist regime is not controlled and takes action against Iran, we will target all of its infrastructure."

Reports abound that President Biden has urged Israel not to strike Iran's nuclear

facilities or its oil refineries. It is unlikely that Israel can afflict enough damage on Iran's nuclear facilities given that aircraft carrying bombs do not have the range to fly from Israel to Iran, drop a payload, and return to base without refuelling. It is highly unlikely, absent some clandestine arrangement, that any of Iran's Arab neighbours will sanction Israel's overflights, let alone provide refuelling support. Destruction of Iran's oil facilities risk destabilizing the world's oil markets and fuelling inflation which finally seems to be abating. Israeli attacks on Iran's arms, drone, and missile production facilities seems a useful exercise if they can be carried out successfully.

The autocrats of this quartet have faltering economies in common. China, to be sure, is still growing, but at a significantly slower pace than in recent years. Sanctions have affected North Korea, Iran, and Russia, although it is clear that each has managed to work around sanctions with the aid of the other three and some other countries.

It is not just the autocrats who create confusion and turmoil. Seemingly sensible democracies also do.

In 2023, a diplomatic brouhaha erupted between Canada and India when Prime Minister Trudeau accused India of involvement in the assassination of a Canadian citizen Hardeep Singh Nijjar who had advocated for a separatist Sikh state carved out of India. In what has been described as a spectacular escalation, the Canadian federal police announced that it had credible and irrefutable evidence of the involvement of agents of the Government of India in serious criminal activities in Canada, as well as of clandestine intelligence gathering and interfering in Canada's democratic processes.

India dismissed the charges. Canadian

Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly, had asked India to waive the diplomatic immunity of six Indian officials, including the ambassador, so that they could be questioned about violent incidents in which members of the Sikh community were targeted. India refused to waive immunity and Canada sent an expulsion notice. India claimed that the officials have been recalled. Now, each country has expelled the other's diplomats.

India has denied interfering in Canada's democratic elections. So, are Canada's charges valid, or is India correct in rejecting them? The US State Department has weighed in on Canada's side. "We have made clear that the Canadian allegations are extremely serious, and they need to be taken seriously, and we wanted to see the Government of India cooperate with Canada and its investigation. But India has chosen an alternate path..." US Department of State Spokesperson Matthew Miller said.

And finally, the US, presidential election remains too close to call as signs of Trump's dementia and wackiness abound as his unhinged behaviour dominates each appearance. Earlier this week, he abruptly ended a question-and-answer period during a campaign event, called for the playing of Luciano Pavarotti singing Ave Maria, and followed that with requests for other tunes, while he swayed for 39 minutes before the crowd.

He has threatened to use the US National Guard and if necessary, the military, against his perceived enemies. His Vice-Presidential running mate and other supporters seem oblivious to his falsehoods and unhinged comments. Recently, Governor Glenn Youngkin denied that Trump had threatened to use the military against American citizens, even as Trump's words were read to him.

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Asked if he knew when Trump was lying and when truthful, Sondland said: "I don't believe he's lying. I believe he loves hyperbole. He's a New York real estate developer. That's in the DNA."

There is something in the ether and it has seeped into the DNA around the world.

Cheerz...
Bwana

L'affaire Kistnen : Quatre ans de silence et quête de vérité

Par A. Bartleby

L'affaire du meurtre de feu Soopramanien Kistnen, dont le corps calciné a été découvert dans un champ de cannes à sucre le 18 octobre 2020, reste non résolue à ce jour, malgré une enquête judiciaire menée par l'ancien Directeur des Poursuites publiques. Cette enquête très médiatisée, dirigée par la magistrate Vidya Mungroo-Jugurnath, a rejeté la théorie du suicide défendue par la police et, en octobre 2022, a conclu à un homicide criminel, incitant les forces de l'ordre à renouveler leurs investigations. Malheureusement, peu de progrès ont été réalisés depuis, et le cas s'est progressivement refroidi, malgré les appels pressants de la veuve et d'autres proches.

En août dernier, un tournant significatif a eu lieu avec une déclaration sous serment de Vishal Shibchurn, un agent des Fire and Rescue Services actuellement sous interdiction. Dans son affidavit, Shibchurn a affirmé avoir eu un "réveil tardif" guidé par sa conscience, désireux d'exposer les méfaits des autorités et des personnes sans scrupules. Toutefois, ses motivations au-delà du remords demeurent floues, et il nie toute "implication directe dans le meurtre".

Dans son affidavit, Shibchurn a nommé plusieurs individus liés au meurtre de Kistnen, bien que tous ne soient pas directement impliqués. En raison de la gravité des allégations et des complications juridiques auxquelles il fait face, les détails où des noms mentionnés dans l'affidavit n'ont pas été largement diffusés par la presse, afin d'éviter des répercussions potentielles



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et d'en assurer l'exactitude. Cependant, les éléments fournis vont au-delà de ce qui avait été révélé dans le rapport de l'enquête judiciaire, dont des extraits avaient été divulgués. L'affidavit de Shibchurn suggère une motivation politique et financière significative derrière le meurtre et les événements qui ont suivi.

La mort tragique de feu Kistnen a laissé sa famille en quête de réponses et de justice. Malgré les efforts de Me Rama Valayden et du groupe "Avengers" pour empêcher que l'affaire ne soit classée comme un "suicide" et pour maintenir l'attention du public, les avancées ont été lentes. Les révélations issues de l'enquête judiciaire ont mis en lumière une inquiétante négligence policière, comme l'a soulignée la magistrate. Des lacunes importantes dans l'enquête, comme l'incapacité à sécuriser le site, l'absence de vidéos de surveillance entre Quatre-Bornes et Moka, et la mau-

vaise gestion des preuves, ont suscité des inquiétudes concernant l'intégrité des autorités policières. Une préoccupation majeure est la réticence apparente des autorités à agir, malgré la pression exercée par la magistrate et le Bureau du DPP.

Il convient de rappeler que feu Kistnen était un agent de circonscription du MSM dans la circonscription no. 8, où des disputes avaient éclaté concernant le remboursement de ses services lors des élections générales de 2019. De plus, des irrégularités alléguées dans les dépenses électorales soulignent la nécessité d'une enquête approfondie et transparente. Les "Kistnen Papers" suggèrent un réseau plus complexe d'intrigues politiques et de malversations potentielles dans le cadre des marchés publics d'urgence durant la pandémie de la Covid-19. Si ce réseau s'étend à d'autres fonctionnaires décédés dans des circonstances troublantes, cela

reste à déterminer, mais les coïncidences sont préoccupantes.

Ne pas traiter adéquatement des affaires comme celle de feu Kistnen ne nie pas seulement la justice aux victimes, mais érode également la confiance du public dans le système. Le rôle de la police dans la protection des citoyens et le maintien de l'État de droit est crucial. Toute perception de politisation ou d'ingérence doit être vigoureusement contrée. Le peuple mauricien compte sur les enquêteurs pour faire leur travail équitablement et sur la justice pour protéger ses droits, surtout lorsque les victimes sont des individus modestes, tandis que ceux proches des sphères de pouvoir restent souvent à l'abri des poursuites. Si le système échoue à rendre la justice, cela érodera les fondements mêmes de la société.

Ken Fong, ancien membre du Muvman Liberator, a déclaré cette semaine à «l'express»: «Nous voulons connaître la vérité sur la mort de Soopramanien Kistnen, mon beau-frère.» Ken Fong a soumis sa lettre de démission le 15 octobre, affirmant qu'il n'a pas cessé de travailler pour le parti. «Toute la famille et moi sommes affectés par son décès brutal. Pendant tout ce temps, je n'ai rien dit. Je faisais confiance au Premier ministre sortant, Pravind Jugnauth, et à la police. J'ai gardé espoir jusqu'au bout, croyant que la police allait arrêter les criminels. Je n'accuse personne, mais depuis sa mort, il n'y a eu aucune arrestation. Comment puis-je défendre ce gouvernement alors que Soopramanien Kistnen, un membre actif du MSM, reste sans justice?» Il ajoute: «La famille Kistnen s'attend à connaître la vérité après qu'une enquête judiciaire a confirmé qu'il s'agissait d'un meurtre. La magistrate a rendu son rapport il y a trois ans, mais aucun développement n'a été signalé depuis. D'autres affaires ont été résolues, mais pas celle de Kistnen. La famille veut connaître la vérité.»

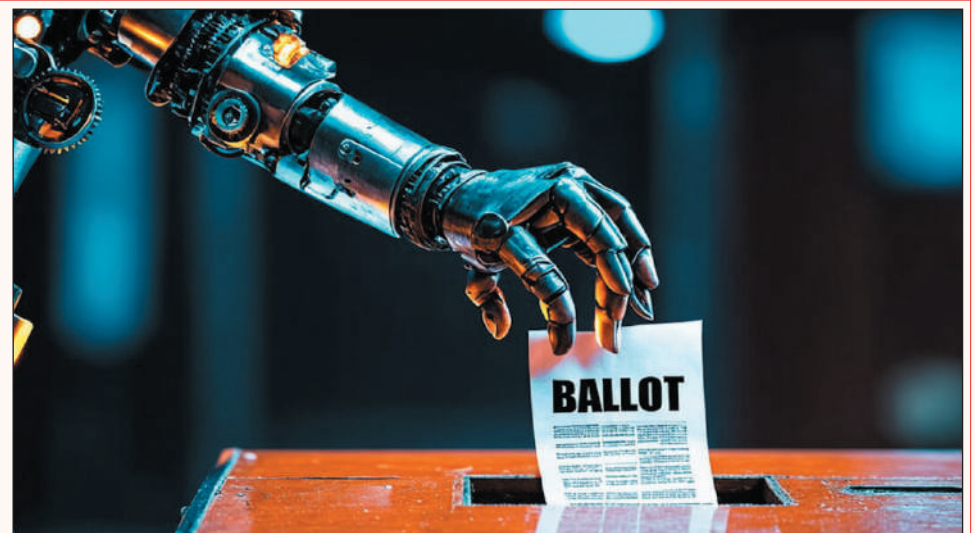
Les faces cachées de l'IA: Impact sur les élections américaines de 2024

Quatre façons dont l'IA peut être utilisée et abusée lors des élections de 2024: des deepfakes à l'ingérence étrangère

Un sondage de septembre 2024 réalisé par le Pew Research Center révèle que plus de la moitié des Américains craignent que l'intelligence artificielle (IA) ne soit utilisée pour générer et diffuser des informations fausses et trompeuses pendant la cam-

pagne.

Une recherche académique sur l'IA, menée par Barbara A. Trish, professeur de science politique au Grinnell College, peut contribuer à apaiser certaines de ces préoccupations. Bien que cette technologie innovante ait le potentiel de manipuler



Alors que l'IA peut offrir des avantages, son utilisation durant les élections de 2024 soulève des questions cruciales sur l'intégrité et la transparence du processus électoral. P - Nondoc

les électeurs ou de répandre des mensonges à grande échelle, la plupart des usages de l'IA dans le cycle électoral

actuel ne sont pas particulièrement nouveaux.

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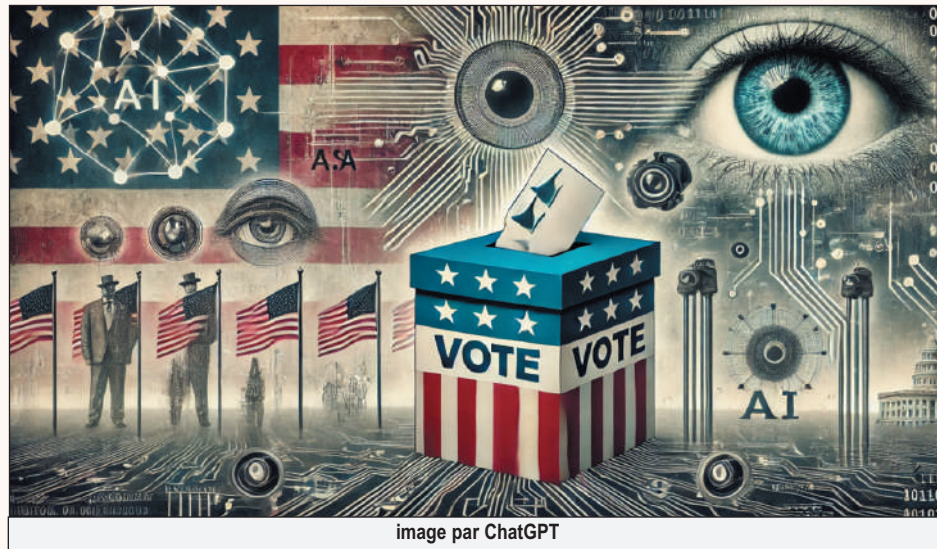
La professeure définit quatre rôles que l'IA joue ou pourrait jouer pendant la campagne de 2024, tous représentant des versions mises à jour d'activités électorales familières.

1. Information des électeurs

Le lancement de ChatGPT en 2022 a mis en lumière les promesses et les dangers de l'IA générative. Cette technologie, qui produit des réponses textuelles à des requêtes des utilisateurs, peut fournir des informations sur les élections de 2024. Au lieu de rechercher sur Google, les gens peuvent poser des questions à l'IA. Cependant, l'IA peut aussi produire de la désinformation. Des cas extrêmes montrent que des outils comme ChatGPT peuvent donner des réponses incorrectes sur la façon de voter.

2. Deepfakes

Les deepfakes, qui sont des images audio et vidéos fabriquées par l'IA pour imiter la réalité, posent un risque pour les électeurs. Un exemple marquant est un robotcall généré par l'IA qui imitait Joe Biden, incitant les électeurs à conserver leurs



votes pour novembre. Bien que ces médias synthétiques puissent être utilisés pour la désinformation, ils font aussi partie de la boîte à outils créative des annonceurs politiques.

3. Distraction stratégique

Il existe des inquiétudes concernant l'utilisation de l'IA par des négationnistes électoraux pour distraire les administra-

teurs électoraux avec des demandes de documents publics futiles. Par exemple, le groupe «True the Vote» a déjà déposé des centaines de milliers de défis électoraux. Armé de l'IA, ce type d'organisation pourrait considérablement accroître son efficacité, détournant les administrateurs d'autres tâches critiques.

4. Ingérence électorale étrangère

L'ingérence confirmée de la Russie lors des élections de 2016 souligne la menace persistante de l'ingérence étrangère, que ce soit de la part de la Russie ou d'autres pays cherchant à discréditer la démocratie occidentale. Des preuves montrent que la Chine utilise l'IA pour diffuser de fausses informations sur les États-Unis. Ces technologies pourraient faciliter des efforts d'ingérence, mais l'ingérence en elle-même n'est pas nouvelle.

Peut-on contrôler l'IA?

Bien que l'IA puisse être exploitée par des acteurs malveillants pour perturber le processus électoral, des efforts fédéraux pour réglementer son utilisation font face à de nombreux obstacles. Certains États prennent des mesures en interdisant ou en restreignant les deepfakes dans les campagnes politiques.

Cependant, la préoccupation publique concernant l'IA pourrait avoir des effets bénéfiques en créant une sorte de garde-fou. D'un autre côté, cette inquiétude, décrite par Nate Persily de l'université de Stanford comme une «panique de l'IA», pourrait éroder la confiance dans les élections.

Ainsi, alors que l'IA peut offrir des avantages, son utilisation durant les élections de 2024 soulève des questions cruciales sur l'intégrité et la transparence du processus électoral.

Les sociétés libres sont plus susceptibles de prospérer, selon trois lauréats du Prix Nobel d'économie

Le Prix Nobel d'économie a été décerné lundi à trois économistes qui ont étudié pourquoi certains pays sont riches et d'autres pauvres, et ils ont documenté que les sociétés libres et ouvertes ont plus de chances de prospérer.

Leurs travaux, menés par Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson et James A. Robinson, «ont démontré l'importance des institutions sociales pour la prospérité d'un pays», a déclaré le comité Nobel de l'Académie royale des sciences de Suède lors de l'annonce à Stockholm.

Acemoglu et Johnson sont affiliés au Massachusetts Institute of Technology, tandis que Robinson effectue ses recherches à l'Université de Chicago.

Jakob Svensson, président du Comité du Prix en Sciences économiques, a affirmé que leur analyse a fourni «une compréhension beaucoup plus profonde des causes fondamentales des échecs et succès des pays».

Interrogé par l'académie à Athènes, en Grèce, où il devait intervenir lors d'une conférence, Acemoglu, d'origine turque, a exprimé sa surprise face à cette distinction: «On ne s'attend jamais à quelque chose comme ça.» Il a souligné que la recherche honorée par le prix met en avant la valeur des institutions démocratiques. «Je pense qu'en termes généraux, notre travail favorise la démocratie», a-t-il déclaré lors d'un appel téléphonique avec le comité Nobel et des journalistes à Stockholm. Cependant, il a ajouté: «La démocratie n'est pas une panacée. Introduire la démocratie est très difficile. Lorsque vous introduisez des élections, cela peut parfois créer des conflits.»

Dans une interview avec «l'Associated Press», Robinson a exprimé ses doutes quant à la capacité de la Chine à maintenir sa prospérité économique tant qu'elle conservera un système politique répressif. «Il existe de nombreux exemples dans l'histoire du monde de sociétés qui prospèrent pendant 40 ou 50 ans», a-t-il déclaré. «Ce que vous constatez, c'est que ce n'est jamais durable. ... L'Union soviétique a bien fonctionné pendant 50 ou 60 ans.»

Robinson a également souligné que de nombreuses sociétés ont réussi la transition vers ce qu'ils appellent une «société inclusive». «Regardez les États-Unis», a-t-il dit. «Ce pays était celui de l'esclavage, du privilège, où les femmes n'étaient pas autorisées à participer à l'économie ou à voter. Chaque pays actuellement relativement inclusif et ouvert a effectué cette transition.»

Acemoglu et Robinson sont les auteurs du best-seller de 2012, «Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty», qui soutient que les problèmes d'origine humaine sont responsables du maintien de la pauvreté dans certains pays.



L'importance des institutions démocratiques et inclusives pour la prospérité nationale, considérées comme des conditions essentielles par les économistes. P - TDS Images

Dans leurs travaux, les lauréats ont examiné la ville de Nogales, qui se trouve à la frontière entre les États-Unis et le Mexique. Malgré des conditions géographiques et culturelles similaires, la vie y est très différente de part et d'autre de la frontière. À Nogales, en Arizona, les habitants sont relativement bien lotis et vivent longtemps; la plupart des enfants obtiennent leur diplôme d'études secondaires.

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Will the expectations of the people be met?

As the campaigning for the forthcoming general election gets underway, the question that arises is which party or combination of parties will deliver solutions that people are in expectation of?

It is an issue which has always been at the centre of the political process in countries that have accepted the democratic system of governing, that is, the people voting for representatives whom they trust will meet their expectations, who they can replace at the next round if they don't. That is what is meant by the elected ruling with the consent of the governed.

However, just as the strength of a chain depends on the weakest link in it, so too does the strength of a system or institution depend on the weaknesses of the men and women who conceive, set up and run them. There isn't an ideal system ever – we have to fine-tune and consolidate as we evolve, that is the reality.

Of late, though, democracies have been under strain, showing up weaknesses and constraints. But again, the bottom-line remains that whatever happens in a democracy – or, for that matter, in any other set-up – boils down to the human beings who are involved in overseeing its proper functioning or being frontline actors in this process.

This concern about democratic functioning is widespread and has been present for quite some time, and several years ago was the subject of comment by Joergen Oerstroem Moeller, a visiting senior research fellow with the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore.

He noted that 'there is uneasiness creeping into the soul while watching what is unfolding in the world — an apparent difficulty for democracy to score where it may matter as much as fundamental rights of freedom does: *The ability to deliver solutions.*' (italics added). This 'schism between the ability to deliver and freedom' may result in the 'possibility of people being disillusioned with democracy.'

He went on to say that 'the first politi-



“The newer generations are moved by common needs and aspirations which go beyond any ethnicity, and that is a sign of hope – but it is a hope whose fulfillment rests upon the political dispensation which takes the reins of the country. Their expectations are non-negotiable and relate to jobs, security, leisure, a better future, fair deal from all institutions both private and public, from the police, the judiciary, the PSC; and access to finance, land, a civil service that delivers. They want to progress on the basis of their merit, not on the strength of political patronage, hanging to the trousers or hovering in the entourage of X or Y politician, minister or whoever in that *bassecour*...”

cal philosopher revealing this danger was Baruch Spinoza, writing in 1675 that democracy is the most reasonable form of government but suffers from the defect of promoting mediocrity,' adding that 'Spinoza observed that the majority of people are steered by emotions and feelings, not reason. But without reason, logic and rationality, governing well becomes elusive.' And this could lead to two scenarios:

1. Demagogues and populists win elections because they flatter and humour the multitude of people not able or willing to see through the maze. But the danger is, they could be ineffective leaders as they pander to the populace - or worse, are closet dictators who eventually subvert the democratic system for their own interests.
2. Wise people cannot accept being governed by those they regard as inferior; they flee the political arena, thus making it easier for less qualified people to get elected into office. This leads to an inevitable decline in the quality of governance, causing people to

doubt whether a democracy can produce good leaders.

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Given these realities, and the fact that both candidates and parties have in the past shared political beds as well as split among themselves, mutually praising and patting when they are allied and pouring calumny within moments of parting ways with a string of falsehoods and petty excuses, whatever they say in the coming days before the elections is going to sound terribly hollow. Already, we are seeing more of a clash of words than a clash of ideas, with trading of insults, innuendos and allegations as friends-turned-foes sentiments surge – not the best example to the future generations

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the basis of their merit, not on the strength of political patronage, hanging to the trousers or hovering in the entourage of X or Y politician, minister or whoever in that *bassecour*. They want a sound polity that would allow them to match aspirations commensurate with their enlarged vista in an age of the connected world.

But above all, they want politicians who will live up to their promises. A tall order...

Jocelyn Chan Low

'Rien n'est joué pour l'instant'

“Les anciens activistes *koltar* du MMM ont souvent vu leurs espoirs de victoire s'envoler face au vote 'régimiste' qui submerge le 'protest vote'”

A l'approche des élections générales à Maurice, le paysage politique se redessine, suscitant des questionnements sur les dynamiques en jeu. Les premières analyses indiquent que l'Alliance du Changement, regroupant le PTr, le MMM, le ND et le ReA, pourrait bien se positionner en faveur d'une victoire significative. Cependant, ce constat précoce soulève des interrogations sur la capacité de cette alliance à maintenir son élan face aux défis qui l'attendent. Dans cet entretien, Jocelyn Chan Low examine les forces et les faiblesses des différentes coalitions, tout en analysant l'émergence potentielle de nouvelles formations comme Linion Reform, qui pourrait représenter une “troisième force” dans un contexte politique de plus en plus volatile.

Mauritius Times: Il est peut-être un peu prématuré de se faire une idée précise du véritable rapport de forces sur l'échiquier en vue des prochaines élections générales. Cependant, selon plusieurs observateurs, un sentiment général semble indiquer que l'Alliance du Changement (PTr-MMM-ND-ReA) pourrait se diriger vers une victoire significative. Partagez-vous ce sentiment?

Jocelyn Chan Low: Il est encore trop tôt pour l'affirmer d'une manière catégorique. Il est vrai que l'Alliance du Changement a bien démarré sa campagne électorale. Les difficultés qui paraissaient insurmontables pour la concrétisation de l'alliance avec ReA ont été aplanies, il y a eu peu de contestations par rapport au choix des candidats, elle semble avoir remporté la première manche de la bataille médiatique, à la fois dans les titres de presse traditionnels et sur les réseaux sociaux. Bref, elle semble disposer d'une organisation plus rodée que celle de son adversaire direct.

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Par contre, l'Alliance Lepep a complètement raté son départ, et cela d'une manière inexplicable. Il est difficile d'expliquer le choix et la présentation de certains candidats potentiels dans certaines circonscriptions menant à des contestations et tergiversations, donnant l'image d'une alliance tâtonnante, peu sûre d'elle-même, - ce qui est néfaste pour galvaniser ses partisans. Pourtant il semblerait qu'il y ait eu un comité qui a étudié chaque dossier d'une manière minutieuse. Comment expliquer alors la grosse bourde au numéro 18 et dans d'autres circonscriptions ?

En outre, alors qu'en 2014, l'Alliance Lepep dominait à travers ses clips sur les réseaux, en 2024, ce n'est plus le cas. Il y a évidemment un manque de créativité et d'innovation quelque part dans leur équipe responsable de la communication. De même elle semble avoir perdu la

bataille en termes de couverture par la presse traditionnelle.

Cela dit, rien n'est encore joué.

Tous les observateurs et analystes savent qu'il y a plusieurs temps dans une campagne électorale. Souvent c'est l'opposition qui a le vent en poupe au début avec des partisans chauffés à bloc à un moment où traditionnellement les remontrances contre le gouvernement du jour remontent à la surface.

Mais dans un deuxième temps, passé le temps des remontrances, on arrive au moment du bilan et des projections pour l'avenir, et ce, au moment de la contre-réaction des partisans du gouvernement en place. Les anciens activistes *koltar* du MMM en connaissent beaucoup sur la question, ayant trop souvent vu leurs espoirs de victoire s'envoler lorsque le vote 'régimiste' submerge le 'protest vote'.

Il faut donc se méfier de tout excès de confiance pouvant amener à un relâchement dans les efforts. Rien n'est joué pour l'instant.

En outre, comme le rappelle le grand stratège Sun Tzu: 'De même que l'eau n'a pas de forme stable, il n'existe pas dans la guerre, de conditions permanentes.' On a eu un aperçu avec l'émergence surprenante de Linion Reform...

*** Mais, si nous sommes effectivement confrontés à une vague de soutien en faveur de l'opposition, qu'est-ce qui, selon vous, pourrait l'expliquer?**

Il y a plusieurs raisons à cela. D'abord il ne faut pas oublier que le MSM et ses alliés n'avaient récolté que 37 % des votes aux dernières élections générales. Et le régime a été fragilisé par de nombreux scandales ou allégations de scandales.

En outre, il y a eu une dépréciation constante de la roupie avec un impact significatif sur les prix. Certes, le bilan social du gouvernement est plus que remarquable, mais ceux qui en ont bénéficié sont principalement les personnes âgées et les plus vulnérables. Or, ces derniers sont les moins aptes à se manifester bruyamment sur les réseaux sociaux, etc.

Par contre, le déclassement de la classe moyenne, qui a débuté il y a plus de vingt ans et qui a contribué à la défaite de l'alliance PTr-MMM en 2014, n'a pas été stoppé. Il se pourrait même qu'il ait été accéléré par les effets de la pandémie de Covid et de l'inflation galopante.

En outre, le MSM est au pouvoir depuis plus d'une dizaine d'années. Il y a un dicton coréen qui dit qu'aucun pouvoir ne dure plus d'une dizaine d'années. L'usure du pou-



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voir est effectivement un facteur à prendre en ligne de compte dans toute analyse politique.

*** On dit aussi souvent que tout se joue durant les deux dernières semaines, voire à la veille des élections. Est-ce vraiment possible, et quels facteurs pourraient changer la donne?**

Il faut souligner d'abord qu'avec le déclin des noyaux durs et des dépôts fixes des partis traditionnels, le nombre des indécis a considérablement augmenté dépassant largement les 50%. C'est un électorat volatile, sans grande loyauté politique et qui décide souvent à la dernière minute. En outre, les sondages révèlent que dans le fond plus de 60% de l'électorat ne croient plus vraiment dans les partis et les leaders traditionnels et ils ne se reconnaissent pas en eux. Il est certain qu'une partie de cet électorat se décidera à la toute dernière minute. De même, il ne faudrait pas non plus sous-estimer le vote 'régimiste', conservateur, qui souvent s'affirme à l'heure du choix.

Bien sûr, il y a aussi une possibilité d'une vague en faveur du changement qui emporterait tout sur son passage. Il est trop tôt pour affirmer que c'est le cas actuellement. Attendons que les tendances se précisent, notamment aux alentours de la fête de Diwali.

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'Qui voudrait que les masques tombent...

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*** Vous avez sans doute remarqué que la principale cible des dirigeants de l'Alliance Lepep, y compris celle du leader lui-même, est Ramgoolam et ses coffres-forts, et nous ne sommes qu'au début de la campagne électorale. De plus, on insiste également sur la fiabilité de l'Alliance du Changement et sur les difficultés de collaboration avec Paul Bérenger. Cette stratégie pourrait-elle avoir un impact significatif sur l'opinion publique au fur et à mesure que la campagne avance?**

Certainement pas sur les partisans fidélisés ou sur le "hardcore" ou le noyau dur des différents partis qui se sont unis au sein de l'alliance. Mais, si l'on croit les sondages, ils sont largement minoritaires dans le pays.

Par contre, cette stratégie pourrait certainement avoir un impact sur les indécis ou sur ceux qui ne croient plus dans les partis traditionnels ou ceux qui réfléchissent pour le long terme. Il faut souligner que les indécis - c'est-à-dire ceux qui décideront de l'issue des prochaines élections - sont loin d'être un bloc homogène.

*** Nous sommes témoins ces temps-ci d'attaques, lors des rassemblements politiques et sur les réseaux sociaux, ciblant les personnalités, tant des leaders que de leurs proches. Cette situation soulève des questions sur la manière dont les enjeux réels sont traités durant la campagne et sur l'impact que cela pourrait avoir sur les décisions des électeurs. Qu'en pensez-vous?**

Si l'on se fie uniquement à la propagande sur TikTok et sur Facebook, on finira par être désespéré du niveau abyssal de la culture politique à Maurice. Le niveau des débats des années 70, voire des années 80, est malheureusement loin derrière nous.

Il faut se dire - comme Paul Bérenger l'avait affirmé avec beaucoup d'acuité vers 2010 - que ces plateformes ne sont pas propices aux grands débats politiques ne serait-ce parce que les algorithmes qui les régissent ainsi que les abonnés préfèrent des textes très courts et des clips à très courte durée. C'est ainsi que les slogans creux et des attaques personnelles sont privilégiés. Quant aux débats de fond, ils ne peuvent se faire que dans la presse traditionnelle. Mais un nombre incroyable de Mauriciens ne lisent que les grands titres.

Ensuite, il y a les débats sur les radios privées mais surtout à la télévision nationale. Dans toute démocratie qui se respecte, un grand débat entre les protagonistes en liste devrait être le grand soir, le summum d'une campagne électorale.

Peut-on imaginer un débat civilisé entre Navin Ramgoolam et Pravind Jugnauth sur les grands enjeux du pays à une heure de grande écoute ? Et un autre débat avec les partis extra-parlementaires?

“Il serait malhonnête de réduire l'action de Linion Reform à une simple question de division de vote en faveur de X ou Y. Il représente tout simplement une tendance dans l'électorat qui rejette les partis traditionnels. L'offre politique satisfait donc une demande de l'électorat et il n'y a rien de plus démocratique. Bien sûr, la nouvelle alliance va grignoter une partie des "protest votes" contre l'actuel gouvernement. Mais il ne faut pas oublier qu'elle incarne aussi un "protest vote" contre l'opposition traditionnelle...”

Malheureusement, ce n'est même pas imaginable dans les circonstances actuelles.

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Il faut se poser une autre question : pourquoi depuis des décennies, les programmes électoraux ne sortent qu'à la toute dernière minute quand la majorité des électeurs ont déjà fait leur choix?

*** Il faut toutefois reconnaître que Roshi Bhadain a présenté le programme électoral du Reform Party, qui a récemment rejoint Linion Moris. Bien que son programme ait semblé crédible, son adhésion à Linion Moris pour former Linion Reform vous paraît-elle surprenante?**

Malgré ses défauts, Roshi Bhadain apparaît comme un politicien moderne, plus en phase avec les pratiques et les principes qui devraient guider une campagne électorale d'une île Maurice moderne, que ce soit en termes de l'utilisation de l'internet pour ses meetings, de la non utilisation des oriflammes au profit des drapeaux des partis ou encore d'un programme élaboré en plusieurs points bien travaillé et réfléchi, publié des mois avant les élections et ouvert au public pour commentaires, suggestions ou discussions.

Nous sommes très loin des pratiques archaïques du siècle dernier, toujours en vigueur dans les partis traditionnels, et il semblerait qu'ils peinent à se renouveler.

À première vue, son alliance avec l'Alliance Moris peut effectivement paraître surprenante, tout d'abord en raison de sa forte personnalité et du fait qu'il avait affirmé il y a moins d'une semaine qu'il ne devrait y avoir qu'un seul capitaine sur un bateau. Voilà qu'il est maintenant question d'un partage du poste de Premier ministre avec Nando Bodha.

Mais, à voir de plus près, cette démarche est tout à fait logique. Elle prend en ligne de compte à la fois les réalités mauriciennes et la nécessité de ne pas disperser les votes en faveur d'une troisième force. Dans une lutte à trois, le moindre vote est important. En outre, il y a la question des moyens logistiques et du financement de la campagne où les partis extra parlementaires, malgré leur détermination et le fait qu'ils sont d'arrache pied sur le terrain depuis des mois, risquent de se faire écraser.

*** Pensez-vous qu'une formation comme Linion Reform pourrait avoir un impact sur la politique à Maurice, à condition qu'elle ne s'effondre pas après les élections?**

Si l'on analyse de près les divers sondages, les électeurs qui, au fond, sont insatisfaits des partis et des leaders traditionnels représentent une large majorité dans le pays. Ce nombre n'a cessé de croître au fil des années, surtout en raison du manque de renouvellement en termes de leadership et de changements de pratiques au sein de ces partis. Il ne faut surtout pas oublier les jeunes électeurs, qui perçoivent le monde et la vie politique d'une manière différente de celle de leurs aînés.

Ainsi il y a un espace pour l'émergence d'une troisième force.

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Cela dit, Linion Moris est moins implanté dans les régions rurales que dans les régions urbaines. Cela est aussi dû au fait que les principaux dirigeants sont ou ont été candidats dans des circonscriptions urbaines. Est-ce aussi parce qu'une partie de l'électorat urbain est en errance car déçue des partis traditionnels auxquels elle était auparavant attachée ?

Si tel est le cas, la création de Linion Moris pourrait avoir un impact considérable sur l'issues des prochaines élections, notamment dans les circonscriptions urbaines où il y a possibilité d'un vote panaché. Il pourrait favoriser le "Vot Koupé" au détriment du "vote bloc".

*** Peut-on déjà parler de Linion Reform en tant que probable "troisième voie" ou "troisième force"? Et à qui profitera la division des voix qui interviendra sans doute avec la participation de cette formation politique, renforcée par l'entrée de Roshi Bhadain?**

Les conditions n'ont jamais été aussi propices pour l'émergence d'une troisième force à Maurice, compte tenu des sondages et aussi du fait que certains leaders des partis traditionnels ont fait leur temps mais s'accrochent au pouvoir - ce qui rend difficile le renouvellement de leurs partis.

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'Le déclassement de la classe moyenne, qui a débuté il y a plus de vingt ans et qui a contribué à la défaite de l'alliance PTr-MMM en 2014, n'a pas été stoppé'

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En outre, il y a une nouvelle génération d'électeurs qui ne connaissent pas l'itinéraire historique de ces partis traditionnels. Et Lionin Reform semble bien placé pour incarner cette troisième force, d'autant plus que ceux qui songeaient à un moment à fonder un nouveau parti pour présenter une alternative crédible aux Mauriciens ayant choisi d'intégrer des partis traditionnels.

En ce qu'il s'agit de son impact sur l'issue des élections, il serait malhonnête de réduire l'action de Lionin Reform à une

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simple question de division de vote en faveur de X ou Y. Il représente tout simplement une tendance dans l'électorat qui rejette les partis traditionnels. L'offre politique satisfait donc une demande de l'électorat et il n'y a rien de plus démocratique. Bien sûr, la nouvelle alliance va grignoter une partie des “protest votes” contre l'actuel gouvernement. Mais il ne faut pas oublier qu'elle incarne aussi un “protest vote” contre l'opposition traditionnelle.



ciations.

C'est pour cela d'ailleurs que depuis 1982, la diplomatie mauricienne a dissocié avec raison la présence d'une base militaire américaine sur Diego Garcia de la question de souveraineté de Maurice sur les Chagos. Le contraire nous aurait menés nulle part compte tenu de l'importance de la base de Diego dans la défense des intérêts non seulement des Etats-Unis mais aussi du ‘conceptual West’ - c'est-à-dire la Grande Bretagne, les pays de l'Union européenne, le Japon, la Corée du Sud, le Canada et l'Australie.

Mais comment réconcilier la présence d'une base militaire de la nécessité de neutralité en temps de conflit? L'intérêt d'un bail avec cession des “sovereign rights” voudrait dire que la juridiction mauricienne ne s'appliquerait plus sur le territoire et, de ce fait,

de Keith Starmer et le PM mauricien, Boris Johnson exprimait son opposition car, selon lui, l'accord fragilise cette “special relationship”, Diego Garcia étant ce que la Grande Bretagne amenait à la table de cette relation spéciale. Comment la diplomatie mauricienne aurait-elle pu ignorer cet élément clé dans les négociations avec la Grande Bretagne?

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* Quelle analyse faites-vous du “deal” fait par le gouvernement mauricien avec les Britanniques concernant l'Archipel des Chagos et la base militaire de Diego Garcia?

C'est une très grande victoire pour la diplomatie mauricienne et une leçon pour le reste du monde que même un petit pays peut atteindre ses objectifs à travers la diplomatie si elle est soutenue par le droit international. C'est vrai qu'il y a des voix qui s'élèvent pour critiquer ce qu'elles considèrent comme un “sell out”, et non une victoire totale.

Il faut souligner que la question de Diego Garcia est une question qui ne saurait être vue à travers des lunettes de politique partisane. Une victoire totale ne s'obtient que sur un champ de bataille et rarement à travers des négociations diplomatiques. La diplomatie, c'est essentiellement la recherche d'une solution acceptable à tous les protagonistes à travers des négocia-

Maurice ne serait plus responsable internationalement des activités et des opérations de la base militaire.

* Toutefois, on pourrait se demander pourquoi le deal et, éventuellement, le bail a été fait avec l'Angleterre et non directement avec les Etats Unis...

C'est oublier que l'axe principal, le “corner stone” de la politique britannique depuis 1945, c'est le “special relationship” avec les Etats-Unis qu'il faut maintenir à tout prix. C'est cela d'ailleurs qui est au cœur de l'affaire Diego comme le révèlent les documents du Foreign Office et du Ministry of Defence britannique de l'époque qu'on peut consulter au Public Records Office de Londres.

L'excision des Chagos de l'île Maurice et la transformation de Diego Garcia en base militaire américaine étaient perçues comme le moyen idéal pour consolider la “special relationship”. D'ailleurs, au lendemain de la publication du “Joint Statement”

par nos gouvernements successifs depuis des décennies, malgré la bataille géopolitique entre les grandes puissances de l'Occident et de l'Asie dans cette région du monde. Quelle est votre opinion à ce sujet ?

La victoire diplomatique de Maurice est le résultat d'une très longue lutte avec le soutien des pays amis, à l'instar de l'Union Africaine, de l'Inde, des pays de la zone indianocéanique, de l'Amérique latine et d'autres pays du Sud Global qu'il faudrait remercier.

Cela dit, Maurice a brillamment su exploiter la nouvelle donne géopolitique globale. C'est un fait qu'aujourd'hui le monde est entré dans une nouvelle guerre froide entre les Etats-Unis, le leader du “conceptual West” d'un côté, et la Russie, la Chine et leurs alliés de l'autre côté, alors que les BRICS résonnent comme un rappel de l'importance du Sud Global.

Les stratèges avancent que le 21e

* Quel impact ce “deal” et l'“assistance” qui l'accompagnera auront-ils sur les prochaines élections ?

Difficile à dire pour l'instant car on ne connaît pas les détails sur la somme qui sera payée annuellement ni si les Britanniques accepteront qu'elle soit révélée avant les élections.

Reste cependant quelques détails intrigants autour du “timing” de l'officialisation de l'accord à la veille de la dissolution de l'Assemblée nationale. En général, la diplomatie britannique, américaine et indienne évitent toute action qui pourrait être interprétée comme une ingérence dans le processus électoral d'un pays indépendant. Aussi intrigante est cette référence constante, par ceux qui s'opposent en Grande-Bretagne — tant des députés conservateurs que des titres de presse — à l'accord selon lequel Maurice pourrait louer une partie des Chagos à la Chine.

The Lasting Scars of War

How conflict shapes children's lives long after the fighting ends

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The world is witnessing some of the highest levels of conflict in decades, with more than 110 armed conflicts occurring across Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America and Europe.

The impact of these wars on children is vast and multifaceted. The trauma inflicted is enduring and will shape the rest of their lives — and by extension, the societies in which they, and we live.

As researchers who study how public policies can intervene to reduce adverse outcomes for children, we contend that wars are not bound by geography. Airstrikes terrorize children in conflict zones, while those living in the nations involved in these conflicts also experience trauma in the form of poverty, neglect, and discrimination.

Children as collateral — and targets

In the first decade of the 21st century, civilians accounted for 90 per cent of deaths in armed conflicts. Of these casualties, a significant number were children.

Modern conflicts are markedly lop-sided where often only one combatant has fighter jets, tanks, and explosives. Entire cities become war zones where children are not just caught in the crossfire but are deliberately targeted.



Palestinians inspect the rubble of a school destroyed in an Israeli airstrike on Deir al-Balah, central Gaza Strip, July 27, 2024. Pic - AP

War is the ultimate abuse of children's rights. According to the United Nations there were a record 32,990 grave violations against 22,557 children in 26 conflict zones, in 2023. "The highest numbers of grave violations occurred in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Somalia and Sudan."

The United Nations Children's Fund and other global humanitarian organizations have raised the alarm, saying women and children "are disproportionately bearing the burden" of the violence.

Beyond direct violence, children are subjected to the toxic stress of war. Suspended supply chains and agricultural production leave besieged populations vulnerable to acute and chronic malnutrition, with devastating

consequences for children's growth, immune and metabolic systems, and cognitive development. The destruction of schools, hospitals, and homes compounds the trauma, while attacks on humanitarian assistance eliminate any respite.

The disruption of vaccination programs allows preventable diseases to proliferate. Polio, once on the verge of global eradication, is spreading in Gaza. The direct targeting of sanitation and water treatment facilities creates conditions ripe for cholera outbreaks. Mpox, a deadly virus that causes painful blistering rashes, kills children at a far higher rate than adults and is prevalent in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The situation is particularly dire for infant and maternal health. Pregnancy in war zones is associated with fewer live births, increased preterm delivery, and low birth weight. War-generated pollution has been linked to birth defects. The fallout reaches beyond the war zone. A study found greater incidents of pregnancy complications and birth defects in the children of US war veterans.

The psychological toll of war

Witnessing constant violence, death and destruction can permanently change how a child's brain develops. Research has shown that trauma in early childhood particularly affects the areas of the brain responsible for stress responses. This means that children who experience war are more likely to suffer from anxiety, depression, and stress disorders.

As they grow into adulthood, these mental health issues can manifest in more profound ways, increasing the likelihood of depression and even neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's.

Extreme stress also affects parenting, putting children at risk for maltreatment and neglect. Even when the fighting stops or families leave combat zones, parental substance abuse or deteriorating mental health can leave children vulnerable. Studies have documented increased physical and emotional mistreatment among the children of returning US military personnel.

The experiences of trauma are cumulative and far-reaching, not only affecting children's immediate mental health, but also their ability to form relationships, learn, and thrive later in life.

Impact on education

Armed conflicts devastate the critical infrastructure needed to support healthy child development. Children can spend months fleeing war zones or sheltering against bombardment disrupting their education. Schools are often destroyed or repurposed. Teachers are displaced or killed. For many, attending school is simply too dangerous, leaving millions of children without basic education, significantly reducing their future oppor-

tunities.

Girls are more likely to be kept out of school to fill in for absent or deceased adults. Those separated from their family are at increased risk for gender violence, exploitation, and teen pregnancy, further entrenching cycles of poverty and inequality that are difficult to break even after the conflict ends.

A BBC news report about a school in Yemen destroyed during the war.

Children in other countries also suffer, as public revenues are diverted from schools, health care, and other poverty-reduction measures to finance the machinery of war.



Children play chess at 'The Soga Chess Club' of the internally displaced persons camp in Kanyaruchinya, Democratic Republic of Congo. P - AP

The long-term societal impact is profound. Education is one of the strongest tools for reducing violence and rebuilding societies. Yet tragically, less than three per cent of humanitarian aid funding goes towards education in war zones.

Breaking the cycle of violence

Despite the enormous challenges, there are pathways to reduce the harm inflicted on children. Humanitarian organizations work to provide safe spaces for children to play, learn, and heal.

These interventions, while often simple, are crucial for giving children a sense of normalcy during chaos. Supporting caregivers is another essential element, as the mental health of parents and guardians directly affects their children's well-being.

While invaluable, these efforts are only band-aid solutions. The international community must increase funding for child protection and education in humanitarian responses and undertake serious action to eliminate the causes of war.

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Republicans preparing to contest Nov. 5 election with 130 lawsuits

Republicans and their allies are gearing up to contest the Nov. 5 U.S. presidential election, filing lawsuits across various states to challenge potential losses and pushing Democrats into a defensive stance amid fears of post-election chaos.

"The 2020 election was free, fair, and secure, and Democrats are committed to ensuring that 2024 is the same," stated the campaign of Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris on Tuesday.

Currently, Republicans are involved in 130 lawsuits, claiming their goal is to ensure proper vote counting and prevent illegal voting. This follows former President Donald Trump's unfounded claims in 2020 that his defeat to President Joe Biden was tainted by fraud, according to Reuters.

Vice President Harris and Trump are engaged in a tight race, particularly in the seven swing states that control 94 of the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win.

Democrats and their allies contend that the Republican lawsuits are designed to undermine the legitimacy of the election, especially after around 60 lawsuits filed by Trump and his associates failed to overturn his 2020 loss.

Rather than mounting a similarly aggressive legal counter-offensive, Democrats are primarily relying on established systems to safeguard the election and counter perceived threats to voting access and certification procedures.

Their confidence stems partly from election officials in battleground states -- governors, attorneys general, and



Kamala Harris and Donald Trump. Pic - AFP

secretaries of state from both parties -- who have dismissed Trump's false fraud claims.

Unlike Republicans, Democrats maintain that election administration was fair in 2020 and expect it to be so again. They have also benefited from expanded mail-in and early voting options in critical states.

"Democrats and their allied groups are mostly on the defensive right now," noted Justin Levitt, a former Biden administration adviser on voting access and a law professor at Loyola Marymount University.

This defensive strategy was evident on Monday when a Georgia state judge ruled that local officials have a duty to certify elections, a setback for a Republican county election administrator who claimed she had discretion over the process due to concerns.

The Democratic National Committee intervened in the case, arguing that it aimed to turn routine certification into a search for election irregularities.

"We have protected our elections from far-right Republicans attempting to disrupt them," the Harris campaign stated regarding the Georgia ruling.

In another case in Georgia, a judge on Tuesday temporarily halted a new rule by the state's conservative election board requiring poll workers to hand-count ballots. Democrats contended that the change would create chaos and delay results.

Additionally, in Arizona, a judge on Oct. 11 rejected a conservative group's attempt to force the state's largest county to conduct more extensive checks to ensure non-citizens were not on voter rolls. Democrats called the lawsuit "little more than political theater," noting that non-citizens are already barred from voting in the U.S.

Since the 2020 election, over 30 local officials have either refused to certify valid election results or threatened to do so, according to the Brennan Center for Justice, a left-leaning public policy institute. However, these efforts have been thwarted by state officials and courts.

For instance, in the 2022 midterm elections, an Arizona state judge ruled that the conservative Cochise County board of supervisors did not have the authority to block certification, after Republican members expressed concerns about voting machines, a position disputed by the state.

In battleground states, judges can compel reluctant local officials to certify election results, and those who refuse may face civil or criminal penalties, as outlined by the Brennan Center.

Melania Trump 'wanted to humiliate' Donald Trump over Stormy Daniels fiasco

A very new report has highlighted growing tensions within the Trump family, particularly between former President Donald Trump and his wife, Melania Trump, following allegations of an affair with pornstar Stormy Daniels.

According to the New York Times reporter Katie Rogers American Woman: The Transformation of the Modern First Lady, from Hillary Clinton to Jill Biden, Melania was reportedly furious with her husband over the affair and sought to make him face some form of public "humiliation".

Barron Trump's mother expressed her discontent by cancelling an overseas trip in the wake of the controversy. Former White House communications director Stephanie Grisham suggested that this decision was Melania's way of expressing her displeasure, reports HT.

"Grisham, who travelled with her on that jaunt, said that the first lady had wanted to communicate her anger to the president," Roger wrote.

Grisham told Rogers that Melania wanted to directly com-



Melania Trump backed out of a trip after learning Donald Trump allegedly paid off Stormy Daniels. Pic - Mega

municate her frustration to the president and "was pissed at Trump and wanted him to be a little humiliated that she took off."

The book also touches on Melania's early days in the White House, including her disagreements with Trump over furnishing their residence. While Melania selected furniture in line with her tastes, Trump opted to replace some pieces with flashier options that better suited his preferences.

The book notes Melania's media habits, pointing out that she preferred watching CNN, while Trump favoured Fox News.

The affair came to public attention when Daniels claimed she was paid \$130,000 in hush money before the 2016 U.S.

presidential election to keep quiet about the extramarital relationship. Trump's former attorney, Michael Cohen, later pleaded guilty to violating campaign finance laws in connection with the payment.

Daniels alleged that the affair took place just a year after Trump and Melania were married, while Melania was pregnant with their son, Barron. The scandal escalated when Melania's former close friend and advisor, Stephanie Winston Wolkoff, released recordings of Melania referring to Daniels as a "porn hooker" and mocking her upcoming photo shoot with famed photographer Annie Leibovitz.

Arrest warrant against exiled ex-Bangladeshi PM Sheikh Hasina

Sheikh Hasina's last official whereabouts were at a military airbase near India's capital New Delhi

A Bangladeshi court on Thursday issued an arrest warrant against former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who was removed from power in August after a nationwide student protest in Bangladesh.

"The court has ordered the arrest of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and for her to appear in court on November 18," stated Mohammad Tajul Islam, chief prosecutor of Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal, reports HT.

The former PM fled to India and has not been publicly seen since fleeing Bangladesh. Her last official whereabouts were at a military airbase near India's capital New Delhi.

According to the news agency, an arrest warrant was issued against Hasina for charges of crimes against humanity. During Hasina's 15-year rule, there were reports of widespread human rights abuses, including the mass detention and extrajudicial killings of her political opponents.

"Sheikh Hasina was at the helm of those who committed massacres, killings, and crimes against humanity from July to August", Islam added.

Prosecutor B.M. Sultan Mahmud said the Dhaka-based International Crimes Tribunal under Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, the country's interim leader, issued the arrest warrants in response to two petitions submitted by the prosecution.

The court also issued an arrest warrant for ObaidulQuader, the fugitive former general secretary of Hasina's Awami League party, as well as 44 others, who were not named.

Dozens of Hasina's allies were taken into custody after her regime collapsed, accused of culpability in a police crackdown that killed more than 700 people during the unrest that deposed her.

Former cabinet ministers and other senior members of her Awami League party have been arrested, and her government's appointees were purged from courts and the central bank.

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'Not hard evidence, just intelligence...': Justin Trudeau's big admission on Hardeep Singh Nijjar murder

Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Wednesday admitted that his government hadn't provided India "hard evidence" to prove Indian agents' alleged involvement in the murder of Khalistani extremist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

Appearing before Canada's foreign interference probe panel, Trudeau admitted that when his government communicated the allegations to the Indian side, the Canadian authorities only had intelligence, not hard evidence.

"Over the course of summer, I was apprised by intelligence services that the (Indian) government was involved in the killing of Nijjar. There was not an obvious immediate international nexus. In August, intelligence from Canada and The Five Eyes made it clear that India was involved...agents from India were involved (in the alleged crime) on Canadian soil... We told them we have real concerns that

Trudeau admits Canada had 'intel, not hard proof' against India in Nijjar killing



your security agencies are involved. India's response to our investigation was to double down on attacks against our government," he told the inquiry.

"We told India it is not hard evidence, but it is just intelligence at that point...India

undermined our government and governance...These were clear indications that India had violated our sovereignty," he added, reported ANI.

Canada said this week that several senior Indian diplomats were "persons of interest" in the Nijjar murder probe.

Reacting to the allegation, India recalled its senior diplomats from Canada and expelled six Canadian diplomats from New Delhi.

"Canadians who are opponents of the Modi government, their information was passed to the Indian government at the highest level and then the information was directed through criminal organisations like the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, resulting in violence against Canadians. We wanted to question Indian diplomats but they did not waive their diplomatic immunity which is why we had to ask them to leave," he claimed.

Canada has accused Indian officials of being involved in the murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar in 2023. India has categorically rejected the claim and has asked for evidence substantiating the grave allegations.

New Delhi maintains that Canada hasn't provided any evidence proving India's involvement.

On Monday, New Delhi accused Trudeau of being hostile to India.

"Prime Minister Trudeau's hostility to India has long been in evidence. In 2018, his visit to India, which was aimed at currying favour with a vote bank, rebounded to his discomfort. His Cabinet has included individuals who have openly associated with an extremist and separatist agenda regarding India," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement.

Widespread protests erupt across Pakistan over rape of college student

Protests erupted across Pakistan after the alleged rape of a college student in the country. The agitation, organized to demand justice for the victim, turned violent in Lahore and Rawalpindi.

Reports of vandalism and arson in public and private institutions in various cities across Pakistan also started doing rounds.

Videos of thousands of students engaging in an impromptu protest in Rawalpindi against the rape of a female student in PGC Lahore went viral, reports HT.

Over 200 students have been arrested so far in connection with the alleged violence.

In Lahore, students gathered at Punjab College's Campus 11, igniting fires in the parking area, breaking windows, and causing extensive damage. Some

protesters wielded iron rods and clubs as they stormed the campus, as reported by Dawn News.

Protests also occurred on Burki Road in Lahore, where students blocked traffic, demanding accountability from the college administration for allegedly hiding the incident.

Organizations like Islami Jamiat Talaba (IJT), Red Workers Front, and Progressive Students Collective, also stood with the protesters.

In the Gujrat district of Punjab, a secu-



Vandalism and arson have been reported in public and private institutions. Pic - Geo.TV

rity guard lost his life while several protesters were left injured after

violence escalated during confrontations at the PGC boys' campus.

Media reports also suggested that a group of protesters, comprising both local and outside students, launched a protest rally and initially attacked the girls' campus on Rehman Shaheed Road, causing

significant damage.

Violent protests also erupted in other towns in the Gujrat district, including Lalamusa, Kharian, and Jalalpur Jattan, where protesters damaged PGC campuses and stole valuables.

Police cases have been registered against over 250 individuals, out of which 45 suspects have been identified, for vandalizing PGC properties and looting valuables estimated at around Rs15 million.

Similarly, Kharian Saddar police booked 200

individuals, including 46 identified suspects, for attacking the Kharian campus, as reported by the college principal.

78-year-old Donald Trump says 'only stupid people put old' people on the Supreme Court

During an interview with Bloomberg in Chicago, former US President Donald Trump stated that "only stupid people put old" individuals on the Supreme Court. Ironically, this comment seemed to overlook the fact that Trump himself is 78 years old and is running for the highest position in the executive branch of the US government.

Trump, who appointed three justices during his single term as president, reflected on his Supreme Court appointments, noting, "It's amazing, because I got three in four years. Most people get none. Because, you know, you put them in, they're young. You tend to put them in young." His choices -- Neil Gorsuch (49 at the time), Brett Kavanaugh (53), and Amy Coney Barrett (48) -- were relatively young compared to past appointees, reports HT.

Trump continued, "Only stupid people

put old. You know, you don't put old in, because they're there for two years or three years, right?" His argument reflects a common strategy among presidents to appoint younger justices, ensuring that their influence, shaped by the president's ideological preferences, lasts for decades due to the lifetime tenure of Supreme Court justices.

However, when the interviewer pointed out Trump's own age -- 78 -- he seemed to sidestep the issue, choosing instead to focus on his track record of appointments. "So, I got three," Trump replied. "A lot of presidents get none, I got three. And, uh, I think they've been three great choices too, by the way."

Age has become a point of debate on both sides of the political spectrum

Trump, if elected in November, would be 82 years old by the time his term ends in 2029. His age has drawn comparisons



Donald Trump. Pic - AP

to President Joe Biden, who is also frequently scrutinized for his mental sharpness.

Experts, like clinical psychologist Dr

Ben Michaelis, told *The Independent* Trump is "really not in a strong cognitive place."

Michaelis cited the term "sundowning," a symptom associated with dementia that makes it difficult to maintain focus, especially as the day progresses. "It's very difficult for them to maintain focus on a topic. The idea of being able to maintain that level of focus for that amount of time, that late in the day...you wouldn't think

twice about it if that was your grandfather. It's just he happens to be running for president," he stated.

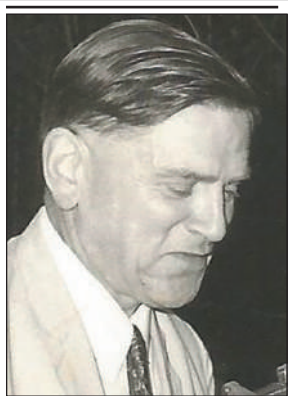
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• Religion is as necessary to reason as reason to religion. — George Washington



Peter Ibbotson

The Heresy

At the time of the general election last year, I stated that I foresaw a Labour majority in the Legislative Council for many years to come. I also mentioned that I expected to see only a couple of Parti Mauricien MLCs in the new Council; the two I had in

mind were MM Koenig and Duval. In the event, only Mr Koenig (of these two) was elected; but now Mr Gaëtan Duval has won the Curepipe by-election. It is hardly surprising that he has done so; actually, in such a constituency whose boundaries seem (if we judge by the Electoral Commission's Report) to have been drawn to provide a safe Parti Mauricien seat, his majority should have been much larger than it was.

The Labour defeat, which may ultimately turn out to be a salutary blessing in disguise (just as, for the Tories, the loss of some by-election seats was a blessing in the two years before the 1959 general election), can be attributed to three factors apart from the natural swing away from the majority party, which psephologists have remarked upon as a phenomenon worthy of further study. These three factors are:

1. The communalism of the Parti Mauricien.
2. The confusion caused by the activities and speeches of certain trade unionists (once Labour supporters).
3. The behaviour of the IFB candidate and supporters.

All these three factors reflect little credit on the anti-Labour elements in Mauritius. Lacking a coherent positive policy, the Parti Mauricien (PM) stooped (as is its usual parrot-like wont) to communalist propaganda of the basest, most ignoble kind. About the only word they forgot was *khoonist*. PM supporters had clearly learned their racial lessons well; their master's voice repeated the arrant rubbish that used to deck the pages of *Le Réveil* before a section of the sugar industry grew tired of the antics of the Parti Mauricien and withdrew its subsidy from both party funds and *Le Réveil*.

The second and third factors displayed all the *arrivisme* that is the very devil in the political situation in any territory emerging toward full internal self-government. We had the unenlightening spectacle of the IFB's supporters canvassing for votes on behalf of the PM candidate! The IFB's role at Curepipe was to produce a smoke-screen, intended to make gullible people think that the IFB and PM were in fact opposed to each other; whereas, of course, each is opposed to the Labour Party and both are really working hand-in-glove against the Labour Party-Moslem Action Committee (CAM) alliance.

Playing on people's gullibility is one of the stock-in-trade items of both reactionary parties. The communalism of the Parti Mauricien and the *arrivisme* of the IFB reveal all too clearly those parties' joint roles as the destroyers of the future Mauritian society. Each pays lip service to the idea and ideal of *L'Entité Mauricienne*;

each, by its actions at the by-election, worked against that lip service.

Even worse, however, is the confusion caused by the defecting Labour supporters, mainly trade unionists, whose actions in the past few months have been to seek to destroy the traditional link between the political Labour movement and the industrial labour movement, between the Party and the Unions.

Last year, on June 5, a letter appeared in the *Mauritius Times*, one of its signatories being Mr Boyjonauth. In this letter, which dealt with a campaign to organise the sugar labourers' unions, political speeches in support of or against any political party were abjured. Mr Boyjonauth was one of the prime movers last year in making the trade union movement non-political. Yet now we see this non-political gentleman standing as a candidate in a by-election and accepting the support of a political party, the IFB. Where does Mr Boyjonauth now stand? Is he still preaching the desirability of being non-political?

Lest any trade unionists think that Mr Boyjonauth is making sense in advocating that trade unions should eschew political action, let me remind him and them that many trade unions in the UK have rules positively committing them to political action. For example:

Union	Political Action desired by Union Rules
Railwaymen	Supercession of the capitalist system by a socialist order.
Plumbers	Ultimate control of the industry.
Clerical Workers	Democratic control of their industry.
Engineers	Control of industry in the interest of the community.
Vehicle Builders	Transfer of the means of production to the People.
Boilermakers	Co-operative system of ownership and workers' control.
Miners	Complete abolition of capitalism.
Shop Assistants	Control of those industries in which members are employed.
Tailors	A socialist co-operative commonwealth.
Transport	Control of industries where members are employed.
Electrical trades	Workers' control of industry.

In the rules of all these eleven important unions, therefore, we read that the rules provide for positive political action to get rid of capitalism, establish socialism, and have workers' control of various industries. One union, the Mineworkers, did have a rule that the union should work for the public ownership and control of mining; and in fact, this aim was achieved over 10 years ago when the mines were nationalised.

Mr Boyjonauth is barking up the wrong tree in seeking to make trade unions non-political. He described himself last year as assistant secretary of the Mauritius TUC; perhaps he would be interested to learn what the British TUC has to say on this question of unions being



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political or non-political. The rules of the British TUC provide for the aims of the TUC to include:

- Public ownership and control of natural resources.*
- Nationalisation of the land, mines, railways, and minerals.*
- Workers' participation in control of industry.*
- Extension of state enterprise.*

What are all these but political aims, which can be achieved only by political action?

The lesson of the Curepipe by-election is clear. The anti-Labour forces will stoop to any form of chicanery to discredit their opponents and gain support for themselves. In this, they are aided and abetted by people who call themselves friends of the workers and who are active in the trade union movement. The Labour Party must therefore close its ranks and ensure that the people know who their true friends are — the Labour Party and those unions that support the Labour Party.

In the Civil Service Appointments

The following appointments to the Public Service for the week ended 11th February 1960, are released to the Press for general information:

Mr J.R. Thomas appointed Clerical Officer with effect from 1st November 1959.

Mr N. M. Duportail appointed Gate-keeper, Health Department, with effect from the 15th January, 1960.

Miss N. Man Yang Ng Wong appointed Temporary Typist with effect from 20th January 1960.

Mr V. Persad appointed Temporary Messenger with effect from 12th January 1960.

Messrs V. Rughooputh and A. Dusmohamed appointed Temporary Messengers with effect from 1st February 1960

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Candidate experience matters in elections, but not the way you think

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She was beaten by a relatively inexperienced candidate named Barack Obama; like Vance, Obama had served less than a full term in the Senate before running for higher office.

Obama's 2008 win shows that a lack of political experience can be leveraged as a benefit.

One of the few things Obama and Donald Trump have in common is that both benefited from an appeal to voters as a political "outsider" in elections in which Americans were frustrated with the political status quo. As outsiders, they appeared uniquely positioned to fix what voters believed was wrong with politics.

Does experience equal 'quality'?

The "outsider" label isn't always a ticket to victory.

In 2020, for example, voters were frustrated with the chaos of having a political outsider in the White House and turned to Joe Biden – possibly the most experienced presidential candidate in modern history at that point, with eight years as vice president and several decades in the Senate under his belt. Voters were hungry for political normalcy in the White House and made that choice for Biden.

Political science has other important lessons about when experience matters and when it doesn't. In Congress, electoral challengers – those running against incumbents – enjoy more of a boost from prior experience in places such as the state legislature. In fact, the typical indicator for challenger "quality" used in political science research is a simple marker of whether the challenger has prior political experience.

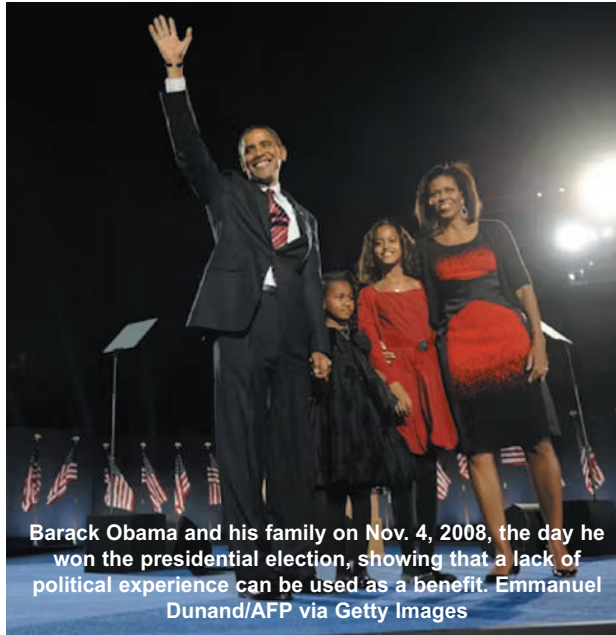
But even this finding is more complicated than it seems: Political scientists such as Jeffrey Lazarus have found that high-quality – that is, politically experienced – challengers do better in part because they are more strategic in waiting for better opportunities to run in winnable races.

Experience matters only sometimes – and maybe less than ever

The usefulness of a lengthy political resume also depends on which stage of the election candidates are in.

Research has found, for example, that a candidate's experience matters much more in settings such as party primaries, where differences between the candidates on policy issues are typically much narrower. That leaves nonpolicy differences such as experience to play a bigger role.

In the general election, voters supportive of one party are unlikely to factor candi-



Barack Obama and his family on Nov. 4, 2008, the day he won the presidential election, showing that a lack of political experience can be used as a benefit. Emmanuel Dunand/AFP via Getty Images

date experience in that heavily, even, or especially, when the candidate they support lacks it.

The political science phenomenon known as negative partisanship means that, more and more, voters are motivated not by positive attributes of their own party's candidates but rather by the fear of losing to the other side. This has only been exacerbated as the two parties have polarized further.

Voters are therefore more willing than ever to lower the standards they might have for their favored candidates' resumes if it means beating the other side. Even if a Democrat is clearly more qualified than a Republican in terms of political experience, that advantage is unlikely to sway many Republican voters, and vice versa.

What about 2024?

In 2024, the experience factor is complicated. Trump, of course, has been president before – the ultimate prior experience for someone running for exactly that office.

But he has continued to run as an outsider from the political establishment, casting Kamala Harris – who, as vice president, has little actual institutional power – as an incumbent who is responsible for the current state of the country. Since polls show consistently that a majority of Americans believe the country is not headed in the right direction, we can see why Trump might try to frame the race in this way.

Whether Trump's strategy ends up working will be more apparent after the election is over. For now, Trump and Harris can rest assured that most of their supporters don't appear to care how much – or how little – experience they have.

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Tree of Knowledge

Becoming Our Own Role Models

Women can support each other and bring back the sacred sisterhood we yearn for at our core

As women embrace the fullness of who they are as individuals, they may find themselves supporting other women, helping others to reach the level of inner comfort and outer freedom that they themselves have found. Among those who are less sure of themselves and their place in the world, it may be more common to criticize other women than to seek their help. But there are things that a woman can only learn from another woman, as there are things about being a man that can only be learned from other men. We all recognize that we have much to learn from each other regardless of gender, but sometimes we could use a supportive role model to give us a more precise example of what and who we can become.

There was a time when women stood

together in a bond of sisterhood, women supporting women. It is only natural that the pendulum swings out of balance for a while so that we may have the experience of what we do not want. It is up to women to bring the pendulum back into balance and bring back the sacred sisterhood we yearn for at our core.

If we envision a world where women support each other and help each other find their place in an ever-changing world, then we can become the change we want to see. Jealousy, envy, criticism, and judgment are refuges for the insecure. As we help others become self-assured, we create a world in which all people help each other, regardless of gender. Only women can make the change in how women are seen and understood, not just by other women but by the world at large. The way we speak about each other to other women and to the men in our lives informs everyone to treat us with the respect that all women and all people deserve.

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Les sociétés libres sont plus susceptibles de prospérer, selon trois lauréats du Prix Nobel d'économie

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Au sud, dans le Nogales de Sonora, au Mexique, les habitants sont beaucoup plus pauvres, et la criminalité organisée et la corruption sont omniprésentes.

Les économistes ont découvert que la différence réside dans un système américain qui protège les droits de propriété et permet aux citoyens de s'exprimer dans leur gouvernement.

Acemoglu a exprimé ses inquiétudes

lundi quant à la baisse de soutien aux institutions démocratiques aux États-Unis et en Europe. « Le soutien à la démocratie est à un niveau historiquement bas, en particulier aux États-Unis, mais aussi en Grèce, au Royaume-Uni et en France », a-t-il déclaré.

Robinson a acquiescé : « Clairement, il y a eu une attaque contre les institutions inclusives dans ce pays. Vous avez eu un candidat présidentiel qui a nié avoir perdu la dernière élection. Donc, le président

Trump a rejeté la règle démocratique des citoyens. ... Bien sûr, je suis inquiet. Je suis un citoyen préoccupé. »

Johnson a ajouté que les pressions économiques aliènent de nombreux Américains. « Beaucoup de gens qui étaient auparavant de la classe moyenne ont été très durement touchés par la combinaison de la mondialisation, de l'automatisation, du déclin des syndicats, et d'un changement plus large dans la philosophie d'entreprise », a-t-il expliqué.

Les travaux de ces économistes soulignent l'importance cruciale des institutions démocratiques et inclusives pour la prospérité d'une nation. Alors que nous faisons face à des défis politiques et économiques croissants, il est essentiel de réfléchir à la manière dont nous pouvons renforcer ces institutions pour favoriser un développement durable. La montée des inégalités et la désillusion envers les démocraties modernes nécessitent une réponse proactive pour revitaliser l'engagement civique et améliorer le bien-être de tous les citoyens. Dans un monde où la technologie, comme l'IA, façonne notre avenir, il est impératif que nous l'utilisions pour renforcer, et non affaiblir, nos sociétés.

Tensions aux Îles Falkland : Les Argentins dénoncent l'«agression anglaise»

Les tensions entre l'Argentine et le Royaume-Uni autour des Îles Falkland, archipel contrôlé par les Britanniques, sont à nouveau à l'ordre du jour. Buenos Aires a accusé Londres d'agir de manière «illégal» et «agressive», alimentant ainsi les inquiétudes concernant la souveraineté des territoires.

Les préoccupations ont été ravivées après que le gouvernement britannique a annoncé sa décision de céder la souveraineté sur les Îles Chagos à Maurice. La semaine dernière, la ministre argentine des Affaires étrangères, Diana Mondino, a promis des « actions concrètes » pour garantir que les Falkland, appelées Malouines par l'Argentine, soient remises à son pays.

Cependant, le Premier ministre britannique, Sir Keir Starmer, a déclaré que la souveraineté britannique sur les Îles Falkland n'était pas sujette à négociation. Il a déclaré cette semaine : « Mon oncle a failli perdre la vie lorsque son navire a été torpillé en défendant les Falkland. Elles sont britanniques et resteront britanniques. J'ai été très clair à ce sujet, cela me tient à cœur. »

Sir Keir a évoqué son oncle Roger, qui a servi dans les Falkland à bord du HMS Antelope. Dans un discours en juin de cette année, il a rappelé : « Je me souviens de l'attente terrible lorsque son navire a été bombardé. La peur de ma mère alors qu'elle était assise près de la radio chaque jour, écoutant les nouvelles, et puis le soulagement, une semaine plus tard, quand nous avons su qu'il avait survécu. »

Les Îles Falkland se situent dans l'océan Atlantique



La situation aux Îles Falkland met en lumière des enjeux de souveraineté, d'identité nationale et d'histoire coloniale encore très présents aujourd'hui. P - TopWar

Sud, au large de la côte argentine. L'archipel compte 778 îles, avec pour capitale Stanley, située sur l'île Est, où vivent environ 3000 personnes. L'Argentine continue de revendiquer les îles, qu'elle a envahies en 1982, ce qui a conduit à une guerre de deux mois au cours de laquelle plus de 900 personnes ont perdu la vie, dont 649 Argentins et 255 militaires britanniques.

Les résidents des Îles Falkland ont massivement voté pour maintenir l'archipel en tant que territoire britannique lors d'un référendum tenu en 2013. Le secrétaire d'État britannique aux Affaires étrangères, David Lammy, et Mme

Mondino ont convenu de reprendre les vols vers les îles, de relancer les négociations sur un projet humanitaire et d'organiser un voyage pour les proches des soldats tombés au combat afin de visiter les tombes militaires.

La direction de la Confédération générale du travail (CGT) d'Argentine a condamné le Royaume-Uni pour son comportement « illégal et impérialiste ». Ils ont également affirmé que des précédents historiques et juridiques confirmaient sans aucun doute la souveraineté de l'Argentine et ils ont souligné que « l'usurpation illicite par l'Empire britannique en 1833 ne justifie pas son attitude impérialiste persistante. »

La situation aux Îles Falkland met en lumière des enjeux de souveraineté, d'identité nationale et d'histoire coloniale encore très présents aujourd'hui. Le référendum de 2013, où les habitants ont clairement exprimé leur désir de rester britanniques, souligne l'importance de l'autodétermination dans ce débat. Cependant, la position de l'Argentine reste inébranlable, rappelant les blessures historiques non cicatrisées de la guerre de 1982.

Dans ce contexte, les propos du Premier ministre britannique ajoutent une dimension personnelle au débat, mais il est essentiel de trouver un terrain d'entente qui respecte à la fois les aspirations des habitants des Falkland et les revendications légitimes de l'Argentine. La diplomatie et le dialogue doivent primer sur l'escalade des tensions pour éviter de raviver des conflits historiques qui pourraient nuire aux relations bilatérales et à la stabilité de la région.

A. Bartleby

YOUR STARS

SAGITTARIUS: NOV 22 - DEC 21

Adventure calls! This week, you'll crave freedom and new experiences. At work, innovative ideas will be well-received. Relationships might feel a bit strained; honesty will smooth things out. Take a break from routine for mental clarity.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 7, 12, 16, 24, 29

CAPRICORN: DEC 22 - JAN 19

Hard work pays off. Your discipline will impress others, and you'll make significant strides in your career.

Financial stability is within reach but avoid taking unnecessary risks. Relationships might need patience and understanding.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 6, 15, 20, 23, 30

AQUARIUS: JAN 20 - FEB 18

Ideas will flow freely, making this a productive week for brainstorming and creative work. Relationships will benefit from honest conversations. Financially, stay cautious—delaying big purchases might be wise.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 8, 13, 18, 21, 38

PISCES: FEB 19 - MAR 20

Emotions run high, but staying grounded will help. Your creative energy will peak, making it a good time for artistic pursuits. Relationships may require emotional honesty. Health-wise, focus on mental well-being.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 9, 11, 16, 28, 35

ARIES: MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Energy will be high, but focus is essential. Avoid distractions and commit to long-term goals. In relationships, compromise will bring harmony. Financial opportunities may arise—be cautious with investments.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36

TAURUS: APR 20 - MAY 20

This week brings a desire for stability. Focus on personal finances and home life. A relationship could deepen but avoid being overly possessive.

Health-wise, relaxation and rest are key to avoid burnout.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 6, 14, 19, 22, 35

GEMINI: MAY 21 - JUNE 20

Communication will be crucial this week. You'll excel at expressing ideas, but miscommunication may create friction. Adaptability will help in work matters. A short trip or change of scenery will refresh your mind.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 8, 11, 16, 23, 37

CANCER: JUNE 21 - JULY 22

Emotional balance is needed. Spend time with family or close friends to recharge. Career matters may feel demanding—prioritize tasks to avoid stress.

Financially, a small windfall or repayment may be on the way.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 7, 10, 15, 20, 32

LEO: JULY 23 - AUG 22

Confidence surges, and you'll shine in social and professional spheres. Take leadership where needed but avoid arrogance. Romance will be passionate—use this energy to strengthen bonds. Take care of

your heart health.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 13, 17, 21, 27, 39

VIRGO: AUG 23 - SEPT 22

Details will be your strength. This week is ideal for tackling projects that require precision. Relationships might need extra attention, listening more than speaking. Financial decisions should be practical—no room for risks.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 6, 12, 18, 26, 31

LIBRA: SEPT 23 - OCT 22

Balance is your theme. You'll feel a strong pull to harmonize relationships but avoid overcompensating. Financially, the week is stable. Focus on personal growth through self-care and reflection.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 9, 11, 17, 22, 34

SCORPION: 23 OCT - 21 NOV

Intuition will guide you. Trust your instincts in both professional and personal matters. A deep conversation could change the course of a relationship. Avoid power struggles—collaboration will yield better results.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 8, 14, 19, 25, 33

A Method of 'Look Twice, Forgive Once' Can Sustain Social Cooperation

The theory of indirect reciprocity suggests that individuals with good reputations for helping others are more likely to be rewarded by third parties. However, effective cooperation relies on a shared understanding of reputations, which are often oversimplified in theoretical models as either good or bad based on limited information. In today's information-rich environment, especially with the influence of social media, this approach is inadequate.

A team led by biology professors Joshua B. Plotkin from the University of Pennsylvania and Corina Tarnita from Princeton University has been exploring theoretical frameworks for cooperation. Sebastián Michel-Mata, a doctoral student in Tarnita's lab, proposed a method to evaluate behaviour using multiple actions rather than relying on singular judgments.

Michel-Mata explained, "Current theories suggest that reputations can only function effectively in societies with complex norms and enforcement mechanisms. However, many societies lack these features." He emphasized the importance of assessing multiple actions to form a more nuanced view of a person's reputation.

The researchers demonstrated through mathematical modelling that examining multiple actions and forgiving some negative ones—what they termed "look twice, forgive once"—can effectively support cooperation. Their findings are published in *Nature*.

Plotkin noted that this approach allows cooperation to



flourish even when individuals subscribe to varying judgment norms. "Look twice, forgive once" fosters consensus without the need for gossip or formal institutions, aligning with Michel-Mata's hypothesis that reputation-based cooperation does not rely on public enforcement.

In their game-theoretical model, the researchers analyzed a one-shot donation game, akin to a simplified prisoner's dilemma. Players could choose to cooperate or defect based on their observations of each other's inter-

actions. They updated their reputations based on these interactions, focusing on whether their partners cooperated or defected.

Kessinger, a postdoctoral researcher, highlighted the indirect reciprocity concept: "It's not about being nice to someone because they were nice to you, but because they were nice to someone you trust." In this study, if an observer sees at least one positive interaction from a player over two observations, they choose to cooperate.

Interestingly, the researchers found that this strategy could not be outperformed by others, such as always cooperating or defecting. Tarnita noted that looking beyond two interactions did not provide additional benefits, suggesting that even when information is plentiful, people do not necessarily use all available data.

Michel-Mata indicated that the robustness of their findings suggests this behavioural strategy may be deeply rooted in human social structures. The team anticipates that anthropologists and behavioural scientists can build upon their research.



When and why do girls start forming cliques?

Belonging to a group can make you feel safe and supported. But there can be downsides, too.

The Plastics. Will, Mike, Dustin, Lucas, Max and Eleven, also known as The Party. The Pink Ladies. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. These groups come from different decades, universes, shows and movies, but they all have one thing in common: They're cliques.

Ever wondered why people form these tight-knit groups? Scientists have, and they've done research to try to answer this question.

I'm a psychology professor who studies how kids and teens interact with their peers. I research both the good and bad parts of teen relationships, including friendships and bullying. Cliques can be a natural part of those relationships.

What are cliques?

Simply put, cliques are groups of people who spend a lot of time together. Although you might think cliques are just for girls, anyone can be part of a clique, no matter their gender. They can also range in size, with some including just a few kids and others with up to nine or 10 members.

Typically, people in a clique have things in common, such as what clothes they wear, where they like to hang out, the sport they play or what music they listen to. Some kids also belong to multiple cliques that reflect their different interests and activities. For example, you might hang out with a group of kids from drama club at school and another group of kids from your travel soccer team on weekends.



Your feelings about a clique may depend on whether you're in it or on the outside. Digital Vision/Photodisc via Getty Images

When and why do cliques form?

It's human nature for people to want to be a part of a group. For thousands of years, being part of a group has been a way for people to stay safe from predators and get better access to important resources, such as food and shelter. Belonging to a group can also make you feel safe and supported.

Believe it or not, cliques can start forming as early as preschool. Kids of all ages like to be connected with peers who share their interests and make them feel included.

Cliques become more common and influential, however, during late childhood and adolescence. Compared with younger kids, teens spend more time with their peers in and outside of school. Plus, their brains go through changes that make them want to be around friends and fit in more.

How do cliques affect members and outsiders?

Cliques can have both good and bad effects. If you're in a clique with nice and fun kids, you might feel less anxious and more confident. But if you're in a clique with kids who are mean or break the rules,

you might also start to act in negative ways and have problems with friends or romantic relationships in the future.

Cliques can sometimes make others feel left out. Even though everyone wants to feel safe and supported, some kids get really focused on being popular – in the process, they might exclude others. Kids who aren't in a clique or who are at the bottom of the clique hierarchy might feel more lonely and sad.

The power of friendship

Although cliques can be tough to navigate, you don't need to be in a big group to feel happy and supported. Even having a couple of good friends can make a big difference.

Friendships are special because they're all about mutual respect and caring, not just trying to fit in. If you're struggling with cliques at school, keep in mind that having one or two close friends who know you really well and are always there for you can be just as meaningful and fun as being in any clique.

Making friends can be hard, but remember, everyone is trying to find their own niche in the world. Hang out with people who make you feel good and who have your back. It's not about having the biggest or coolest group – it's about finding the right people who support you.

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The priest was running a class of nine-year-olds in a grammar school.

He related to his class:

"There were two brothers, and one of them chose the path of evil. The brother was corrupt, swindled many people, and ended up a convicted criminal in a tiny, dark cell. The other brother studied hard and became a famous, rich, and knowledgeable barrister."

"Can someone tell me the difference between these two brothers, born from the same parents?"

Little Tom raised his hand and said, "Easy. One of them got caught."

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A librarian was caught stealing books. The cops booked him.

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When just one prisoner on a chain gang in the countryside attempted to escape, there was a chain reaction.

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An old lady was standing at the railing of a cruise ship, holding her hat tightly so that the wind wouldn't blow it away.

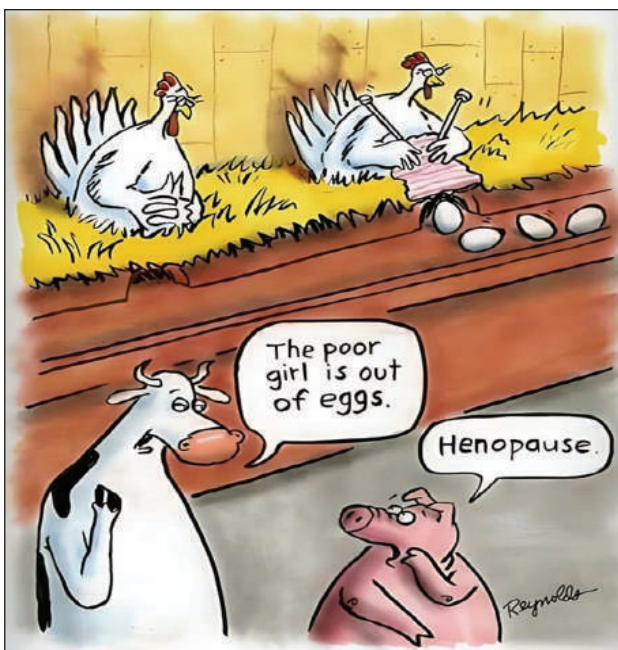
"Pardon me, ma'am, I don't intend to be impolite, but did you know that your dress is blowing up in the high wind?" said a concerned gentleman.

"Yes, I'm aware," the lady replied. "However, I need to hold this hat with both hands."

"But madam," the man continued, "you must know that your privates are being exposed."

The lady looked down, then back at the man, and replied: "Sir, anything you see down there is eighty years old. I just bought this expensive hat yesterday."

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While getting married, most of the guys say to the girl's parents,

"I will keep your daughter happy for the rest of her life."

Have you ever heard a girl say something like this to the boy's parents?

Like, "I will keep your son happy for the rest of his life?"

Nooo... because women don't tell lies!

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A small argument between a couple turns violent.

Husband: Don't let the animal in me come out!

Wife: Who's afraid of a mouse?

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If a wife wants her husband's attention, she just has to look sad and uncomfortable.

If a husband wants his wife's attention, he just has to look comfortable and happy.

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A philosopher husband said:

Every wife is a 'Mistress' of her husband...

"Miss" for the first year & "Stress" for the rest of his life...



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Do you remember the tingling feeling when you took the decision to get married?

That was common sense leaving your body.

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Son: Dad, I got selected for a role in a play for the annual day!

Dad: What role are you playing?

Son: A husband!

Dad: Stupid, ask for a role with dialogues!

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Man outside phone booth: "Excuse me, you've been holding the phone for 29 minutes and haven't spoken a word."

Man inside: "I'm talking to my wife!"

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A very intelligent girl was asked the meaning of marriage.

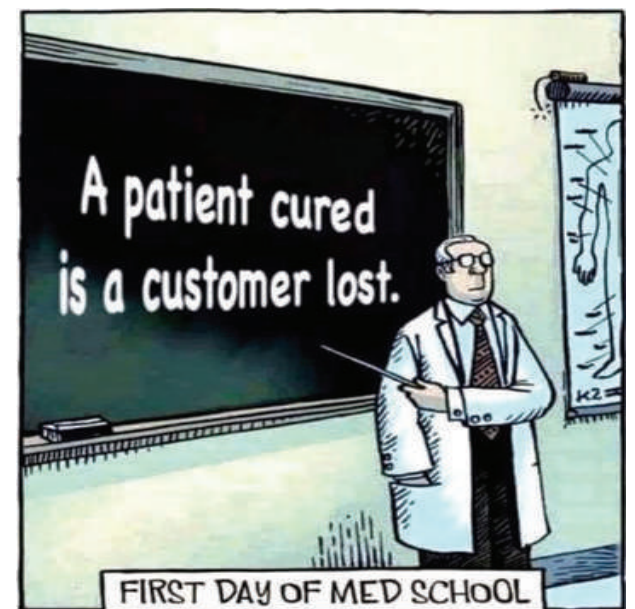
She said: "Sacrificing the admiration of a hundred guys, to face the criticism of one idiot."

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The position of a husband is just like a split AC. No matter how loud he is outdoors, he is designed to remain silent indoors!

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Husband to wife: You should learn to embrace your mistakes...



She hugged him immediately.

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Joey's Confession

"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl."

The priest asks, "Is that you, little Joey Pagano?"

"Yes, Father, it is."

"And who was the girl you were with?"

"I can't tell you, Father, I don't want to ruin her reputation."

"Well, Joey, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later, so you may as well tell me now.

Was it Tina Minetti?"

"I cannot say."

"Was it Teresa Mazzarelli?"

"I'll never tell."

"Was it Nina Capelli?"

"I'm sorry, but I cannot name her."

"Was it Cathy Piriano?"

"My lips are sealed, Father."

"Well then, was it Rosa DiAngelo?"

"Please, Father, I cannot tell you."

The priest sighs in frustration. "You're very tight-lipped, and I admire that. But you've sinned and have to atone. You cannot be an altar boy now for four months. Now go and behave yourself."

Joey walks back to his pew, and his friend Franco slides over and whispers, "What'd you get?"

"Four months' vacation and five excellent leads."

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The Phone Check

The wife checked her husband's phone and found these names:

- "The tender one"
- "The amazing one"
- "Lady of my dreams"

She got angry and called the first number to find out it was his mother.

Then she called the second number, and his sister replied.

When she dialed the third number, her own phone rang.

She cried until her eyes got swollen because she had doubted her innocent husband. In a moment of guilt, she gave him her whole month's salary to make up for it.

The husband took the money and bought a gift for his girlfriend, whose name was saved as "Uncle Mick the mechanic."

Lead by action

Once there lived a young boy who enjoyed eating sweets. He would have sweets for breakfast, lunch and dinner. All he ate was sweet. This habit was not healthy for him, and his parents knew about his bad habit and wanted him to stop it. His mother often told him that overeating sugar is harmful to his health. However, the young boy did not listen to his mother and continued binge-eating sweets since he was hooked on them.

Since the young boy did not follow his mother's instructions, his mother decided to seek assistance from a knowledgeable and respected sage who resided in the next village. Society greatly respected him, and the boy appreciated and idealised him. So, she took his son to the location where the Saint was staying, hoping the boy would follow his advice.

The trek to see the Saint was long since they had to walk miles in the scorching heat.

A long line of people was eager to greet the Saint when they arrived. Finally, after several hours of waiting, the mother and boy met the Saint.

The mother asked the wise Saint to advise and warn her son about the hazards of overeating sweets.

"I can't tell him that just now," the Saint said. "But



please bring him back in a month, and then I will talk to him!"

Hearing this, the mother was confused and upset that Saint did not give any solution right away. But he was the wise Saint, and if he told us to wait, she reasoned and

convinced herself, he must have something special up his sleeve to keep her kid from eating too many sweets. Both returned home.

They returned to see the Saint after a month.

"Young guy, you should quit consuming too many sweets since it is bad for your health," Saint remarked this time. Listen to and obey your mother."

The boy agreed.

The mother was a little annoyed and asked the Saint, "Why didn't you say that to him last time when I got him here?"

"Mother, last time you visited, I had the habit of consuming a lot of sweets myself," the Saint grinned. I couldn't advise him what to do because I hadn't done it myself. However, I've been eating fewer sweets for the past month and have felt considerably better. So now I can tell him to do what I was able to put into action and follow."

Moral: Practice what you preach. People are more likely to follow and listen to you when your words and action align. Leaders much

lead by example. When someone possesses integrity, they command respect and gain influence. People will have more faith in you if you lead the way.

Personal Development

Define Your Priorities for a More Fulfilling Day

Eat That Frog



- Your frog = the worst thing you have to do everyday
- You're most likely to procrastinate on this
- Always do this thing first!

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Identify your top activities: What three things occupy the majority of your time?

Assess alignment: Do your priorities match where you're spending your time?

Clarify what matters most: Think about how you want to spend your life and what truly matters to you.

Create your daily schedule

Set a schedule that reflects your priorities. Allocate time for the things that are most important to you.

Tackle procrastination

If you find yourself procrastinating on a particular task that feels overwhelming, identify it as your "frog." This task can create mental clutter and distract you from other responsibilities.

Eat the Frog

Mark Twain famously said, "Eat a live frog first thing every morning, and nothing worse will happen to you the rest of the day." By tackling your most daunting task first, you free yourself to focus on other things without the nagging thought of what you've been putting off.

Take action

Start your day by "eating your frog." By addressing your biggest challenge right away, you can enhance your productivity and ease your mind for the rest of the day.

By consciously aligning your actions with your priorities, you'll find greater satisfaction and purpose in each day.

Life's Lesson

"I have no patience for anyone who does not deserve my patience"



By Meryl Streep

"I no longer have patience for certain things, not because I've become arrogant, but simply because I reached a point in my life where I do not want to waste more time with what displeases me or hurts me.

"I have no patience for cynicism, excessive criticism, and demands of any nature. I lost the will to please those who do not like me, to love those who do not love me, and to smile at those who do not want to smile at me. I no longer spend a single minute on those who lie or want to manipulate.

"I decided not to coexist anymore with pretense, hypocrisy, dishonesty, and cheap praise. I do not tolerate selective erudition nor academic arrogance. I do not adjust either to popular gossiping.

"I hate conflict and compromises. I believe in a world of opposites, and that's why I avoid people with rigid and inflexible personalities. In friendship, I dislike the lack of loyalty and betrayal.

"I do not get along with those who do not know how to give a compliment or a word of encouragement. Exaggerations bore me, and I have difficulty accepting those who do not like animals.

"And on top of everything, I have no patience for anyone who does not deserve my patience."

The Elephant and a pig

An elephant bathed in a river and was travelling along its route.

As it approached a bridge, it noticed a pig completely drenched in dirty mud from opposite directions.

The elephant calmly moved to one side, allowing the filthy pig to pass, and then proceeded on its way.

"See how large I am; even the elephant was terrified of me and stepped to one side to allow me to pass," the dirty pig later boasted to its buddies.



When they heard this, several elephants questioned their friend's actions. "Was it due to fear that you moved to the side?"

"I could have easily crushed

the pig beneath my leg," the elephant said, "but I was clean, and the pig was quite dirty." Moreover, crushing it would have made my leg muddy, something I wanted to avoid. As a result, I stepped away."

Moral: A wise person will avoid contact with negativity not out of fear but out of a wish to avoid impurity, even if they

are powerful enough to eliminate it. We do not need to react to every opposing viewpoint, every word, or every scenario.

Relationships

5 phrases that indicate a strong relationship

Building a strong relationship requires effective communication, especially during conflicts. According to psychologists, successful couples regularly express devotion, understanding, and contrition. Here are five phrases that indicate a strong connection, as highlighted by experts.

1. "Thank you"

John and Julie Gottman, renowned psychologists who have studied over 40,000 couples, emphasize that one of the most crucial phrases in a thriving relationship is "thank you." They explain, "A thriving relationship requires a culture of appreciation, where we notice what our partners are doing right as much as what they may be doing wrong."

This appreciation is particularly important for small, everyday acts. For example, you might say, "Thank you for making the coffee every morning. I love waking up to the smell of it and the sounds of you in the kitchen. It sets a positive tone for my day."

2. "Help me understand this"



Harvard psychologist Cortney Warren points out that successful couples don't shy away from conflict; instead, they navigate it more effectively. Often, we assume we understand our partner's words, but they may be expressing something more complex.

Saying, "Help me understand this," invites deeper conversation and can foster better communication, allowing couples to bond at a deeper level.

3. "I can forgive you. Can you forgive me?"

During heated arguments, expressing forgiveness can be challenging, but it's essential. Warren notes that studies show couples who practise forgiveness tend to have longer, more satisfying relationships. By saying, "I can forgive you. Can you forgive me?" both partners open the door to reconciliation.

4. "I am committed to you"

Warren stresses that being in a relationship is a conscious choice. Reassuring your partner with phrases like "I am committed to you" creates a sense of safety and stability. This affirmation helps both partners feel validated and reinforces their dedication to overcoming challenges together.

5. "I like you"

Warren also highlights the importance of not just loving each other but also liking one another. "Loving someone is an intense feeling of affection, but liking is about appreciating them for who they are," she explains. Remind your partner that you like them, even when things are going smoothly.

Using these phrases can strengthen your relationship and deepen your connection. Keep the lines of communication open and express appreciation regularly to foster a lasting bond.

Your Health

Heart Attack Triggers You May Not Expect

Most people know that high blood pressure can increase the risk of a heart attack, but there are several other unexpected triggers to consider, including smog, sports, and even just getting out of bed. Here's is what to know, as explained by James Beckerman, MD.

1. Lack of Sleep

Not getting enough sleep can leave you feeling grumpy and tired, but it also significantly raises your heart attack risk. A study found that individuals who typically sleep less than 6 hours a night are twice as likely to experience a heart attack compared to those who sleep 6 to 8 hours. Sleep deprivation can elevate blood pressure and lead to inflammation — both harmful to your heart.

2. Migraine Headaches

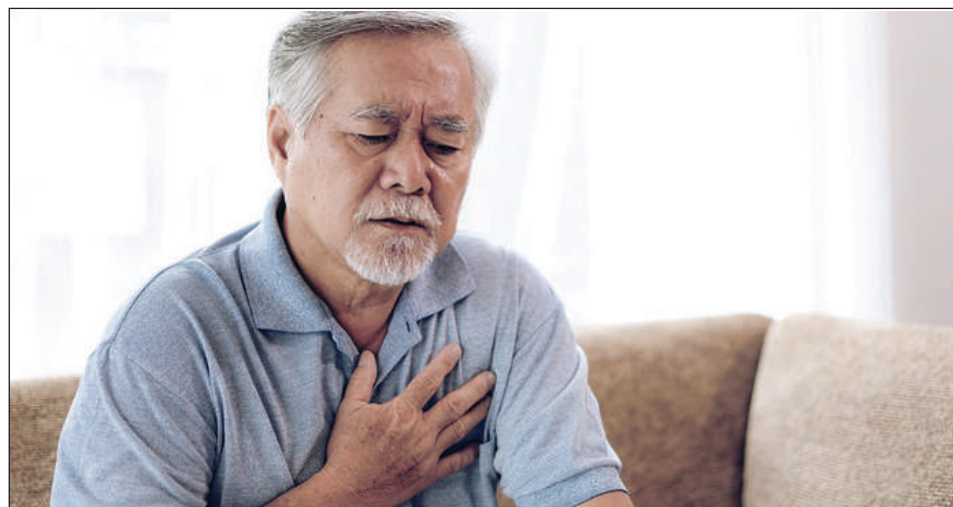
People who suffer from migraines, especially those with aura (visual disturbances or sensory changes), may have an increased risk of heart attacks later in life.

3. Cold Weather

Cold temperatures can cause arteries to narrow, making it harder for blood to reach the heart. Additionally, your heart works harder to maintain body temperature. It's wise to limit strenuous activities, such as shoveling snow, in cold weather.

4. Air Pollution and Car Exhaust

Higher rates of heart attacks are associated with elevated air pollution levels. Regular exposure to dirty air can lead to clogged arteries and heart disease. Sitting in traffic, which combines car fumes with stress, can be particularly hazardous.



5. A Big, Heavy Meal

Overindulging can raise levels of the stress hormone norepinephrine, increasing blood pressure and heart rate, which may trigger heart attacks. Fatty meals can also lead to a sudden spike in blood fats, potentially damaging blood vessels temporarily.

6. Strong Emotions, Negative or Positive

While negative emotions like anger and stress are known triggers, positive emotions can also pose a risk. Joyful events — like surprise parties or weddings — can trigger heart attacks due to heightened emotional responses.

7. Sudden or Intense Exertion

Though regular exercise is beneficial for heart health, sudden intense physical activity can be risky. Approximately 6% of heart attacks occur due to extreme exertion, especially during emotional

stress.

8. A Cold or the Flu

Fighting off an infection can cause inflammation, potentially damaging the heart and arteries. Studies show that people with respiratory infections are twice as likely to suffer a heart attack, though this risk normalizes weeks after recovery.

9. Asthma

Individuals with asthma face about a 70% increased risk of heart attack. Even with controlled asthma, the risk remains higher, and asthma symptoms may mask early signs of a heart attack.

10. Getting Out of Bed in the Morning

Heart attacks are more common in the morning due to a surge of hormones that put stress on the heart. Dehydration after a night's sleep can further increase the

heart's workload.

11. Disasters

Heart attack rates can spike after major disasters, such as earthquakes or terrorist attacks, sometimes lingering for years. Managing stress through adequate rest and exercise is crucial in the aftermath of such events.

12. Sex

While sexual activity can increase heart attack risk similar to exercise, it poses a minimal threat for those in good health. Consult your doctor if you have concerns.

13. Spectator Sports

Watching sports can also trigger heart attacks. For instance, heart attack rates spiked in Germany during the 2006 World Cup games. Emotional investment in games can elevate stress levels significantly.

14. Alcohol

Moderate alcohol consumption may offer heart benefits, but excessive drinking can raise blood pressure, increase bad cholesterol, and lead to weight gain. Binge drinking can spike heart attack risk in the following week.

15. Coffee

Caffeine can temporarily raise blood pressure, potentially triggering a heart attack, especially for those with other risk factors. However, consuming one to two cups of coffee daily generally does not pose a significant risk.

By being aware of these unexpected triggers, you can take steps to protect your heart health more effectively.



Love' Renee Sen

Sushmita Sen, who captured the world's attention as Miss Universe in 1994, became a single mother at 24 when she adopted her elder daughter, Renee Sen, in 2000. On September 4, Renee celebrated her 25th birthday, and Sushmita marked the occasion with a touching tribute on Instagram.

In her post, Sushmita shared a video compilation featuring both throwback and recent photos of Renee, herself, and her younger daughter, Alisah Sen. The video includes a heartwarming snapshot of baby Renee nestled in Sushmita's arms on a magazine cover, a joyful image of baby Renee receiving a hug from her mother, and a charming photo of Alisah and Renee in matching white outfits. The montage also showcases several candid moments of Renee striking poses for the camera, reports Hindustan Times.

Sushmita's heartfelt note and Renee's reaction

Accompanying the video, Sushmita wrote a heartfelt message: "#Beautiful. Happyyyyy Birthday my first love @reeneesen47. My love at first sight!!! This song will forever play in my heart... carrying you... humming along... waiting ever so impatiently, for you to call me 'Maa'. I thank God for gifting me you!!! beyond precious you remain!!!"

about sushmita and Her Daughters

Sushmita's journey as a mother began when she adopted Renee at the age of 24, and she later adopted her second daughter, Alisah, in 2010. Renee made her acting debut with a short film in 2021. Reflecting on her decision to adopt, Sushmita once shared at a FICCI Hyderabad event, "The wisest decision I made at the age of 24 was to become a mother. It stabilized my life. People think it was a great act of charity and a wonderful action, but it was self-preservation. It was me protecting myself."

Sushmita's Current Project

Sushmita Sen recently gained acclaim for her role in the thriller drama *Aarya*, which renewed admiration from her fans. In the series, she plays a formidable woman who goes to great lengths to protect her family from the criminal underworld. The first season received a nomination for Best Drama Series at the International Emmy Awards, and the first half of Season 3 premiered in 2023, with the second half airing on February 9, 2024.

Ranbir Kapoor opens up about handling success and failure: 'I can't say no to anybody'

Ranbir Kapoor, who debuted in 2007 with Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Saawariya*, reflects candidly on his journey through the highs and lows of Bollywood. Despite a less-than-stellar start, Kapoor credits his family for teaching him resilience and maintaining a balanced perspective on success and failure.

At 25, Kapoor faced an initial setback when *Saawariya* flopped at the box office. However, coming from a family deeply rooted in Bollywood — his parents Rishi Kapoor and Neetu Kapoor, and his grandfather Raj Kapoor — he learned to navigate the industry's unpredictable nature. "In hindsight, I'm glad it didn't do well because that really prepared me for the life ahead," Kapoor told Nikhil Kamath on his podcast show *People WTF*.

Now 41, Kapoor describes himself as emotionally detached from the outcomes of his films. "It is the greatest feeling in the world. You receive a lot of love from people you don't know. They look at you, smile, and their eyes light up, which is amazing. But I can't get attached to it," he explained. Growing up amidst success and failure in his family, Kapoor has developed a mature



approach to the industry's flux. "I have realized this very early on because I have grown up in a film family and I have seen so many successful people. But at the same time, I have seen so many failures too," he added.

Ranbir's father, Rishi Kapoor, was known for his bluntness, often refusing fan requests for pictures or autographs. Ranbir, who witnessed

the resulting disappointment, vowed to handle such interactions differently. "I would see the fan's face and them looking at my father with so much disdain and disappointment," Ranbir recalled. He emphasized, "If somebody wants a picture with me or an autograph, I'm more than happy to oblige."

Despite having proven his acting skills in critically acclaimed films like *Barfi!*, *Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani*, and *Sanju*, Ranbir has also encountered several flops, including *Shamsher*, *Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar*, and *Besharam*. Nevertheless, his recent film *Animal* was a major box office success, even amidst significant criticism. Kapoor remains grounded, saying, "I don't take my job for granted. I don't get affected by success or failure. I don't feel extreme highs or lows, so if it's a success, I think, 'Phew! We made it!' until the next one, and if it's a failure, I say, 'Let's try harder next time!'"

Currently, Ranbir is busy shooting for *Ramayana* and preparing for the sequel to *Animal*, titled *Animal Park*. His ability to stay balanced and keep a positive attitude towards his career and fan interactions underscores his resilience and commitment to his craft.

Kareena Kapoor Khan makes a shocking revelation about sister Karisma Kapoor

The trailer of the upcoming episode of the comedy sketch streaming show *'The Great Indian Kapil Show'* dropped on Wednesday, and it promises a healthy dose of humour and revelations from the Bollywood sibling pair Karisma Kapoor and Kareena Kapoor Khan.

The trailer shows Kareena making a huge revelation about her sister when she was asked about Karisma's first Bollywood crush.

Kareena swiftly replied, "I think, Salman Khan" which left her sister stunned and gasping.

Karisma and Salman have worked together in many films in the 1990s like *'Judwaa'*, *'Andaz Apna Apna'*, *'Biwi No.1'* and *'Hum Saath Saath Hain'*. In fact, it was on the sets of *'Hum Saath Saath Hain'* the black buck controversy surrounding Salman Khan erupted when it was alleged that the Bollywood superstar hunted a black buck.

The ghosts from the black buck incident continued to haunt Salman to this day as gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, of the Bishnoi community that considers black buck to be sacred, has issued threats to the actor.

Elsewhere in the episode, Kareena also revealed that she was the one to confess her love for husband Saif Ali Khan first, and even pushed him to get a tattoo of her name on his forearm.

Karisma also shared that there have been many instances when she asked her sister to watch movies as a strong recommendation only for the latter to get disappointed on watching those films as they were down-



right unbearable to watch.

At one point in the show, actor-comedian Krushna Abhishek came dressed up as his uncle, Govinda, who recently suffered a bullet injury to his leg.

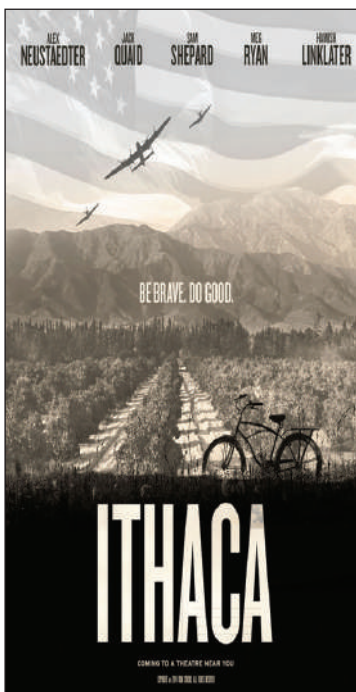
While interacting with Krushna Abhishek, Karisma shared that she used to shoot for songs with Govinda in one day to make the hot cost effective.



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MBC 1

- 07.21 Serial: Madam Secretary
- 08.39 Les Riches Pleurent Aussi
- 09.25 Film: The Far Country
- 11.30 Your Love Is My Fortune
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.35 Tele: Terre Nostra
- 13.30 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
- 14.00 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.30 Film: Monolith
- 17.10 Mag: Close Up
- 17.30 Your Love Is My Fortune
- 18.30 Serial: Shiv Shakti
- 19.00 Serial: Doree
- 19.30 Le Journal
- 20.30 Film: The Secrets Of Bella Vista
- 21.57 Tele: Terra Nostra
- 22.55 Your Love Is My Fortune
- 23.30 Le Journal
- 00.15 Serial: Billions

MBC 2

- 06.14 Les Grandes Lignes
- 08.26 Local: Metie
- 08.39 Local: Nou Later Nou Lamer
- 10.29 Rodrig: J'ai Faim
- 12.00 Rodrig: Decouvertes
- 13.21 Rodrig: Sa Lavi La
- 14.34 Local: J'ai Faim
- 15.36 Rodrig: Klip Seleksion
- 16.46 La Journee Sous Le Regard
- 18.00 Seiral: Passion And Power
- 18.30 Les Riches Pleurent
- 19.20 Le Magazine De L'emploi...
- 19.45 Enn Semenn Dan Lafrik
- 20.05 Local: Animalia Nos Amis...
- 20.26 Local: Lir - Ekrire Kreol
- 22.00 Local: La Sosiete
- 23.20 Local: Meshiagare...
- 23.33 Rodrig Otantik
- 23.58 Rodrig: Itinerer Rodrig
- 00.21 Rodrig: Zenn Aktif
- 00.46 Local: Retrovizor

MBC 3

- 07.00 Mag: Zarkash
- 08.01 Local: Amrit Vani
- 10.00 Serial: Agniphera
- 11.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
- 12.00 Film: Adat Se Majboor
- Starring: Mithun, Ranjeeta
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.30 Serial: Jai Jai Shiv Shankar
- 16.00 Serial: Ishaaron Ishaaron
- 16.20 Serial: Bhakharwadi
- 17.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
- 18.30 Local: Mati Ke Mol
- 19.00 Local: Dhvani Sitar Recital
- 19.38 Local: Virasat Eureka House
- 20.00 Local: Khel Khiladi
- 21.00 Film: Shaadi Karke Phas
- Gaya Yaar
- Starring: Ajay Kumar Jha
- 23.01 Serial: Mere Sai
- 23.49 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
- 00.11 Serial: Jai Jai Shiv Shankar

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- 06.25 Mag: Shift
- 06.38 Mag: Carnet De Sante
- 07.26 Mag: Tomorrow Today
- 07.52 Doc: Treasures In The Sand
- 08.33 Doc: Riding The Rails...
- 09.16 Doc: Rejected
- 10.45 Mag: Healthy Living
- 11.00 Mag: Eye On SADC
- 11.26 Mag: Shift
- 11.39 Carnet De Sante
- 12.07 Mag: Border Crossing
- 12.26 Mag: Tomorrow Today
- 13.34 Doc: Riding The Rails...
- 15.00 Les Nouvelles Aventures...
- 15.05 D.Anime: Croco Doc
- 15.12 D.Anime: Robin Des Bois
- 15.36 D.Anime: Patamuse
- 15.41 D.Anime: Yo Yo
- 15.56 D.Anime: Anna Et Ses Amis
- 16.10 D.Anime: Sonic Boom
- 16.21 D.Anime: Hunter & Hunter

Bollywood TV

- 14.25 Serial: Radha Mohan
- 14.55 Serial: Doree
- 15.17 Film: Uunchai
- Starring Amitabh Bachchan, Anupam Kher, Boman Irani
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.31 Kundali Bhagya
- 19.01 Udaariyaan
- 19.32 Dharam Patni
- 20.01 Mithai
- 20.31 Serial: Yashomati Maiyya
- Ke Nandlala
- 21.01 Anupamaa
- 21.31 Mere Sai
- 22.01 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se
- 22.27 Swaran Ghar
- 22.59 Serial: Rajaa Betaa
- 23.30 Film: Uunchai
- Starring Amitabh Bachchan, Anupam Kher, Boman Irani
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- 03.06 Serial: Madam Secretary
- 05.03 The Gardener's Daughter
- 06.30 Tele: Le Temps D'aimer
- 07.00 Serial: Heartland
- 08.30 Serial: Ultimate Countdown
- 09.15 Serial: Madam Secretary
- 10.00 Serial: Treadstone
- 10.49 Serial: NCIS: New Orleans
- 11.30 Tele: Le Temps D'aimer
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.25 Serial: Hooten & The Lady
- 13.25 Tele: Barbarita...
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.25 Film: The Secrets Of Bella Vista
- 18.31 Enter: Dance India Dance...
- 19.30 Le Journal
- 20.20 Film: Ithaca
- Cast: Alex Neustaedter, Meg Ryan, Sam Shepard
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- 22.23 Le Journal

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- 07.38 Local: Lir - Ekrire Kreol
- 09.01 Rodrig: Zenn Aktif
- 10.27 Rodrig Otantik
- 11.05 Local: Come On Let's Dance
- 13.00 La Journee Sous Le Regard...
- 13.28 Local: Couleur Marine
- 15.03 Live: La Sosiete
- 15.53 Local: Son Ladan Mem
- 16.42 La Journee Sous Le Regard
- 17.02 Local: Come On Let's Dance
- 18.05 Tele: Gout De L'Amour
- 19.00 Zournal Kreol
- 19.40 Rodrig: Kot Nou
- 20.06 Local: Les Petits Genies
- 20.32 Local: Groov'in: Mama Jazz...
- 21.29 Local: Glwar Dantan
- 22.00 Rodrig: Klip Seleksion
- 23.20 Local: Lavi Zoli An XXL
- 23.46 Local: Saver Kiltirel
- 00.12 Rodrig: Promnad

- 07.48 Serial: Hamar Fitness
- 08.30 Local: Abhyas Yog
- 10.32 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2
- 11.47 Dikri Vahalno Dariyo
- 12.10 Local: Mati Ke Mol
- 13.15 Local: Virasat Eureka House
- 14.05 Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
- 14.25 Mag: Talaash
- 15.00 Live: Samachar
- 15.30 Film: Ek Hi Raasta
- Starring Ajay Devgn, Raveena Tandon, Saeed Jaffrey
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Local: Puranya Pakwan
- 19.00 Duniya Mein Iss Saptah
- 20.00 Local: Bollywood Express
- 21.00 Film: Love Alive
- 22.15 Local: Puranya Pakwan
- 22.41 Duniya Mein Iss Saptah
- 22.56 Finals National Sketch Competition 2024
- 23.14 Yaadein Philosophical

- 06.00 D.Anime: Miraculous...
- 07.18 D.Anime: Sissi
- 09.19 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs
- 09.43 Les Nouvelles Aventures...
- 09.51 Serial: Lost & Found Music
- 10.57 Mag: Recipes For Kids
- 11.36 The Power Of The Super Rich
- 14.30 Doc: From Gray To Green
- 15.00 Les Nouvelles Aventures...
- 15.04 D.Anime: Croco Doc
- 15.12 D.Anime: Robin Des Bois
- 15.40 D.Anime: Yo Yo
- 15.55 D.Anime: Anna Et Ses Amis
- 16.09 D.Anime: Sonic Boom
- 16.21 D.Anime: Hunter & Hunter
- 16.43 D.Anime: The Treasure...
- 17.09 D.Anime: Malory Towers
- 18.05 Mag: In Good Shape
- 20.01 Tele: Le Temps D'aimer
- 20.50 Doc: Smart Insects
- 21.40 Film: Contre-Jour
- 23.46 Doc: The Secret Of The Stone

- 08.00 Swaran Ghar
- 09.58 Mithai
- 11.42 Udaariyaan
- 13.54 Anupamaa
- 16.00 Fanaa
- 18.30 Film: Always Kabhi Kabhi
- Cast: Shah Rukh Khan, Gauri Khan
- 20.28 Gadget Guru Ganesha
- 21.03 Keh Doon Tumhein
- 21.30 Porus
- 21.49 Swaran Ghar



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- 04.31 The Gardener's Daughter
- 06.00 Tele: Le Temps D'aimer
- 06.26 Film: Ithaca
- 07.56 Serial: Wanted
- 08.40 Film: 90 Feet From Home
- 10.50 Serial: NCIS: New Orleans
- 11.30 Tele: Le Temps D'aimer
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.35 Film: The Far Country
- 14.15 Serial: Zoo
- 14.20 Serial: Radhi Krishna
- 15.25 Film: Les Dents De La Mer
- 17.05 Tele: L'Empire Du Mensonge
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Sayings Radha Krishna
- 19.30 Le Journal
- 20.30 Film: Ordinary Love
- 22.23 Serial: Wanted
- 22.44 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
- 23.36 Le Journal
- 00.21 Tele: Sublime Mensonge

- 07.34 Local: Glwar Dantan
- 08.57 Local: Les Petits Genies
- 09.23 Rodrig Prog: Promnad
- 09.49 Local: Lavi Zoli An XXL
- 10.15 Rodrig Prog: Klip Seleksion
- 14.22 Local: Lavi Zoli An XXL
- 15.00 Les Grands Noms Interna...
- 15.26 Les Grandes Lignes
- 17.07 Local: Saaver Kiltirel
- 17.35 Local: Glwar Dantan
- 18.03 Serial: Heartland
- 19.00 Zournal Kreol
- 19.20 Local: MBC Production
- 20.31 Local: Tiba Tiba Nou Avanse
- 21.00 Local: Les Klips
- 21.52 Rodrig Prog: Sa Lavi La
- 23.00 Local: Zournal
- 23.20 Local: Clin D'Oeil
- 23.35 Local: Fer Roule
- 00.27 Rodrig Prog: Komanter
- 00.42 Local: Nu Rasinn

- 07.00 Koshish Se Kamyabi Tak
- 08.00 Local: Hamar Fitness
- 12.00 Film: Guddu
- Cast: Sharukh Khan, Deepti Naval, Mukesh Khanna, Manisha Koirala
- 15.00 Samachar
- 17.00 Local: Ekta
- 18.00 Live: Samachar
- 18.30 Local: Planet Bollywood
- 19.30 Local: Tohar Farmaish
- 19.38 Local: Yaadein
- 20.30 Serial: Porus
- 21.00 Serial: Keh Doon Tumhein
- 21.25 Serial: Naagin
- 22.06 Serial: Bahubali
- 22.46 Serial: Saaton Vachanwa
- Saath Nibhaib Sajna
- 23.48 Local: Planet Bollywood
- 00.14 Local: Tohar Rashi
- 00.29 Local: Tohar Farmaish

- 06.35 D.Anime: Les Aventures Du...
- 06.47 D.Anime: The Jungle Book
- 08.09 D.Anime: Earth To Luna
- 09.34 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs
- 09.58 Les Nouvelles Aevtures De...
- 10.06 Serial: The Wish
- 10.53 Mag: Recipes For Kids
- 12.29 Doc: Japan Video Topics
- 13.42 Doc: Japan Video Topics
- 15.00 Les Nouvelles Aventures De...
- 15.05 D.Anime: Croco Doc
- 15.36 D.Anime: Patamuse
- 15.56 D.Anime: Anna Et Ses Amis
- 16.44 D.Anime: The Treasure Island
- 17.10 D.Anime: Malory Towers
- 17.40 Mag: In Good Shape
- 19.30 Mag: Arts Unveiled
- 20.00 Tele: Le Temps D'aimer
- 20.30 Live: News
- 20.50 Doc: By Train Through
- 21.35 Film: Hangman

- 00.00 Mithai
- 01.45 Udaariyaan
- 03.45 Anupamaa
- 05.41 Fanaa
- 07.34 Tenali Rama
- 08.24 Patiala Babes
- 10.00 Kundali Bhagya
- 11.49 Rajaa Betaa
- 14.00 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se
- 16.00 Wagle Ki Duniya
- 18.38 Film: Milenge Milenge
- Starring: Shahid Kapoor And Kareena Kapoor
- 20.31 Tenali Rama
- 20.38 Mahabharat
- 21.23 Dance India Dance Super Moms
- 22.15 Rajaa Betaa
- 00.15 Patiala Babes



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- 05.04 The Gardener's Daughter
- 06.01 Serial: The Queen Of Flow
- 07.30 Serial: The Equalizer
- 08.38 Tele: Amour Secret
- 09.35 Film: Perfect Wedding
- 11.30 Your Love Is My Fortune
- 12.00 Le Journal
- 12.25 Tele: Terra Nostra
- 13.18 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
- 13.45 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
- 14.13 Serial: The Equalizer
- 15.25 Film: 90 Feet From Home
- 17.30 Tele: Your Love Is My Fortune
- 18.00 Samachar
- 18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti
- 18.55 Serial: Doree
- 19.30 Le Journal
- 20.30 Film: Revolt
- Cast: Lee Pace, Bérénice Marlohe
- 21.43 Tele: Heartland
- 22.32 Tele: Terra Nostra

- 07.34 Local: Sa Lavi-La
- 09.46 Rodrig: Komanter
- 10.32 Local: Le Challenge
- 11.45 Local: Nu Rasinn
- 13.45 Local: Clin D'oeil
- 13.50 Local: Elle
- 14.25 Local: Arsvi MBC
- 15.08 Tiba Tiba Nou Avanse
- 15.50 Local: Les Klips
- 16.42 Local: Le Challenge
- 17.09 Morisien Konn Ou La Sante
- 18.00 Tele: Pasion Y Poder
- 18.30 Tele: Les Riches Pleurent...
- 19.20 Le Magazine De L'emploi
- 19.30 Rodrig: Feminin Pluriel
- 20.00 Local: Voyage Au Feminin
- 20.30 Eclairage Economique
- 21.00 Local: Konn Ou Drwa
- 21.30 Morisien Konn Ou La Sante
- 22.22 Lire - Ekrire Kreol
- 22.54 La Journee Sous Le Regard

- 07.00 Mag: The Amazing Northeast
- 08.07 Tohar Rashi
- 09.13 Bahubali
- 10.00 Saaton Vachanwa Saath...
- 11.42 Radha Krishna
- 12.00 Film: AB Dilli Dur Nahin
- 15.30 Jai Jai Shiv Shankar
- 15.56 Kundali Bhagya
- 17.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
- 18.30 Local: Ved Ki Shikshaein
- 19.30 Local: Excerpts from Shiv Abhishek
- 20.40 Serial: Ramayan
- 21.03 Film: Mome Ki Gudiya
- With: Ratan Chopra, Tanuja Samarth, Premnath Malhotra
- 22.59 Serial: Mere Sai
- 23.51 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya
- 00.14 Local: Ved Ki Shikshaein
- 00.40 Local: The Five Days Of Divali

- 06.25 Doc: Secret Underworlds...
- 07.08 Mag: Arts Unveiled
- 07.34 Doc: By Train Through...
- 09.45 Doc: The Chinese Letter
- 11.07 Doc: Preserving Peatlands
- 11.33 Doc: Secret Underworlds...
- 12.16 Mag: Arts Unveiled
- 13.28 Europe Revealed Digital...
- 15.01 Les Nouvelles Aventures...
- 15.12 D.Anime: Robin Des Bois
- 15.36 D.Anime: Patamuse
- 15.41 D.Anime: Les Schtroumpfs
- 15.52 D.Anime: Anna Et Ses Amis
- 16.06 D.Anime: Sonic Boom
- 16.18 D.Anime: Hunter & Hunter
- 16.40 D.Anime: The Treasure Island
- 17.02 Serial: The Wish
- 17.35 Mag: Healthy Living
- 18.30 Mag: The 77 Percent
- 19.30 Mag: In Good Shape
- 20.01 Tele: Le Temps D'aimer
- 21.00 Film: The Secret Of Bella...

- 14.25 Radha Mohan
- 14.51 Doree
- 15.25 Film: Fight Club
- Starring: Sunil Shetty, Ritesh Deshmukh
- 18.00 Samachar
- 18.31 Kundali Bhagya
- 19.00 Udaariyaan
- 19.30 Dharam Patni
- 20.05 Mithai
- 20.33 Yashomati Maiyya Ke
- 21.09 Anupamaa
- 21.32 Mere Sai
- 22.00 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se



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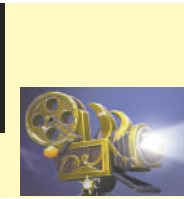
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Programme TV



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mardi 22 octobre	05.07 The Gardener's Daughter 06.01 Serial: The Queen Of Flow 08.39 Tele: Amour Secret 09.31 Mag: Close Up 10.00 General Elections 2024: Nomination Day 12.00 Le Journal 12.25 General Elections 2024: Nomination Day 15.30 Film: Revolt 17.00 Mag: Close Up 17.30 Tele: Your Love Is My Fortune 18.00 Samachar 18.31 Serial: Shiv Shakti 18.55 Serial: Doree 19.30 Le Journal 20.30 Film: Romeo + Juliet 22.20 Tele: Terra Nostra 23.13 Tele: Your Love Is My Fortune 23.40 Le Journal 00.25 Serial: Treadstone	07.45 Local: Konn Ou Drwa 09.30 Morisien Konn Ou La Sante 10.40 Local: Lir - Ekri Kreol 11.15 Local: Rodrig Mo Pei 12.03 Rodrig: Feminin Pluriel 13.07 La Journee Sous Le Regard 14.00 Local: Tous Egaux 15.39 Local: Saver Lokal 16.01 Rodrig Mo Pei 17.02 Local: Extrait Concert 18.00 Tele: Pasion Y Poder 18.30 Tele: Les Riches Pleurent... 19.20 Le Magazine De L'Emploi 19.47 Local: Son Ladan Mem 20.00 Local: Bricolo Ecolo 20.30 Local: Priorite Sante 21.31 Local: Extrait Concert 22.23 Local: Mots Et Ecrits 23.00 Local: Zournal Rediffusion 23.19 Local: Music Tour 00.15 Local: Profil	07.48 Aaj Aur Kal Bollywood 08.00 Local: Ved Ki Shikshahein 08.26 The Five Days Of Divali 09.40 Local: Charcha 10.00 Serial: Kundali Bhagya 11.40 Serial: Radha Krishna 12.01 Film: Shubh Kamna 15.21 Other Serial: Radha Krishna 15.30 Serial: Sajanwa Aur Anokhi Ki Kahani 17.30 Serial: Radha Krishna 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.31 Local: Tark Vitark 19.01 Local: Samarpan 20.08 Chikitsa Aur Swasthey 20.36 Serial: Ramayan 21.00 Film: Saaya Cast: Shatrughan Sinha, Poonam Dhillon, Danny Denzongpa 23.06 Serial: Mere Sai 23.58 Serial: Wagle Ki Duniya	07.00 Mag: Africa 54 08.03 Mag: Tomorrow Today 08.29 Mag: Washington Forum 11.06 Doc: Kee-Keeping 11.52 Doc: Beneath The Waves 12.20 Tele: Terra Nostra 13.15 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin 14.00 Tele: Gout De L'Amour 15.00 Les Nouvelles Aventures De... 15.05 D.Anime: Croco Doc 15.12 D.Anime: Robin Des Bois 15.53 D.Anime: Anna Et Ses Amis 16.07 D.Anime: Sonic Boom 16.15 D.Anime: Hunter & Hunter 16.38 D.Anime: The Treasure Island 17.03 Serial: The Wish 18.00 Mag: REV 18.45 Mag: Red Carpet 19.00 Student Support Programme 20.01 Tele: Le Temps D'Aimer 21.05 Film: Ithaca	14.25 Radha Mohan 14.55 Doree 15.25 Film: Dil Ne Jise Apna Kaha Starring: Salman Khan, Bhoomika Chawla 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.30 Kundali Bhagya 19.03 Udaariyaan 19.33 Dharam Patni 20.06 Mithai 20.29 Yashomati Maiyya Ke Nandlala 21.07 Anupama 21.29 Mere Sai 22.04 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se 22.34 Serial: Swaran Ghar 23.04 Serial: Rajaa Betaa 23.30 Film: Dil Ne Jise Apna Kaha 01.52 Kundali Bhagya
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Stars: Jackie Shroff, Karishma Kapoor, Rahul Roy



Jeudi 24 octobre - 20.30

Stars: Ajay Devgan, Emraan Hashmi, Om Vaidya, Tisca Chopra, Ritupurna Sengupta



Kamala Harris illustrates the complexity of defining identity

Identities inform one another; no one is simply Black, or a woman, or a lesbian, but these social identities compound, forming a unique experience

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People sometimes feel pressured to choose one identity over another. Kamala Harris, who is multiracial – her mother is from India and her father is a Black immigrant from Jamaica – illustrates the complexity of defining identity.

Harris is often asked questions about her Black identity. She has responded by saying how it relates to her sense of self. “I’m really clear about who I am, and if anybody else is not, they need to go through their own therapy.”

At the National Association of Black Journalists conference, in July 2024, former president and Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump questioned her Black identity by saying, “Is she Indian or is she Black?”

The question reflected a narrow, either/or approach. As a scholar who draws from the ideas of Black thinkers to explore how society works, I know that identity is not the result of a single decision, but rather the confluence of several factors, such as someone’s environment and socialization.

‘The Truths We Hold’

Harris’ parents, Donald Harris and Shyamala Gopalan, met at the University of California, Berkeley, in the 1960s. They connected through the radical politics of the Black intellectual tradition, finding both community and shared values. As part of a study group and, later, the Afro-American Association, they developed a language to confront civil rights struggles and systemic oppression.

Harris often refers to herself as both African American and Asian American. During the Democratic National Convention, she paid tribute to her multiracial background and upbringing.

But in her autobiography, “The Truths We Hold,” Harris explains how her mother was cognizant that some people would see her and her younger sister, Maya, as Black, and was “determined to make sure we would grow into confident, proud Black women.”

Harris chose to attend Howard University, a historically Black University, and joined a Black sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. In her autobiography, she highlighted how the values of hard work and social justice were instilled in her by her parents.

Identities are fluid and expanding

Individuals can hold multiple dimensions of identity based on their race, sexual orientation, culture and social class, among others. It is impossible to separate one from another. For example, someone can be Black, a lesbian and a woman at the same time.

Instead, identities inform one another; no one is simply Black, or a woman, or a lesbian, but these social identities compound, forming a unique experience. Furthermore, identity is fluid and expanding. Your beliefs and values can shift, and so too can the ways in which people define themselves.

In these ways, identity is the work of context and choice.

Defining your identity is about deciding not just who you want to be but how you choose to live and show up in the world. It is a complex process of making choices and navigating challenges along the way. For example, somebody navigating the intersection of race and gender might choose to embrace both identities fully, despite external pressures to conform to societal expectations.

Harris’ embrace of her multiracial identity, thus, is the result of things she learned from her parents and the various contexts and communities she inhabited.

Claims to an identity

Historically, there has been a disregard for complex identities that don’t fit into clear categories, driven by fears about preserving white racial purity and protecting associated privileges. So, when Trump questioned Kamala Harris’ racial identity, it was a reminder of the long-standing notion of pressuring someone to choose one identity over another.



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An example of this is the “one-drop rule” in the United States, where even a small amount of nonwhite ancestry classified a person as nonwhite, reinforcing strict racial boundaries. Dating back to a 1662 Virginia law, the one-drop rule ensured that a single drop of Black blood assigned minority status to mixed-race individuals.

The idea that identity can be simplified to just one thing, such as race, is based on the wrong assumption that these identities never change. It’s worth repeating that Harris is of South Asian and Black descent, and it is her choice to define her racial identity. I believe that any effort to question her on the topic is disingenuous and not grounded in a willingness to engage with the complexity of her identity or anyone else’s either.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Gayanath Mandir will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday **4th November 2024** at **18.30 pm** at the seat of Gayanath Mandir Royal Road Bon Accueil.

AGENDA:

1. Reading & approval of minutes of last AGM.
2. Treasurer’s Report.
3. Matters arising.
4. President’s Report.

Tanuja Koolomuth Ramful

Secretary

18 October 2024

Obituary

Dr Mohunlall Soowamber



We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of our beloved father, Dr Mohunlall Soowamber. His departure leaves a profound void in our hearts. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our mother, Binta, for her unwavering care and support during his challenging times.

Dr Soowamber was a devoted grandfather, and he cherished every moment spent with his grandchildren, Logan and Mila. A man of deep spirituality, he followed the teachings of Swami Venkatesananda and was closely connected to the Sivananda Ashram in Mauritius, embodying a life of faith and devotion.

Family was at the core of Dr Soowamber’s life. He appreciated the love, support, and prayers from each member of our family during his journey. He is survived by his daughter, Sachita, and son-in-law, Charles, as well as his son, Roshan, and daughter-in-law, Lavleen.

Dr Soowamber lived a life rich in academic achievements and spiritual fulfilment. He earned his Bachelor’s degree in Biochemistry from McGill University and completed his medical training at the Université de Besançon in France. He served as the Head of General Medicine at Hôpital Ste Jeanne d’Arc and was a prominent figure in clinical research, contributing to advancements in various fields, including asthma, COPD, diabetes, dyslipidemia, hypertension, osteoporosis, and renal function.

Between 1993 and 2009, he dedicated his time as Executive Secretary and Vice President for the Foundation Against Poverty, working tirelessly to improve the health and education of children from economically challenged families in India. Dr Soowamber was also an esteemed member of the Fédération des Médecins Omnipraticiens du Québec (FMOQ), where he played a vital role in overseeing continuous medical education programs in the province since 1984.

Dr Mohunlall Soowamber’s legacy of compassion, dedication, and love will forever be cherished. As we move through this challenging time, we hold onto his words: “Life will always be full of faith and hope, but love will always prevail.”

With love from Sachita and Roshan