New forms of tribalism can take root, define politics: Wong

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The era of tribalism is here, and it is here to stay. In the last few years, we have seen the rise of new forms of tribalism that threaten to divide us, and that we must be vigilant about.

The most obvious example is the rise of social media, which has given rise to a new form of tribalism that is based on identity. This form of tribalism is characterized by a focus on identity, and it is often fueled by the desire for power and control.

We must be careful not to let this divide us, but rather to use it as an opportunity to bring us together. Tribalism is not inherently a bad thing, but it can become so if it is not managed properly.

The key to managing tribalism is to focus on the common good, rather than the interests of a particular group. This means that we must be willing to listen to and learn from each other, and to respect our differences.

We must also be willing to take action when necessary, and to stand up for what is right, even if it means challenging those in power. Tribalism is not a force to be feared, but a force to be respected, and we must use it to build a stronger, more united society.
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Need for groups to listen, compromise as they engage with one another

Taking an aggressive or confrontational approach will erode trust, says minister

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It is entirely legitimate that different groups within different nations will organise themselves to promote their own interests, as the Minister for Defence and Bollywood actor Vivek Oberoi, who launched a new party, Pragati, yesterday, said.

Mr Oberoi, who was speaking at a conference on national security, noted that members of parliament (MPs) and politicians would have to acknowledge that differences exist.

“These differences reflect the diversity of the people they represent,” he said.

The need to address these differences and work towards bridging them is important, he added.

The conference was titled “The Need for Effective Dialogue and Cooperation in Times of National Security”.

Mr Oberoi said that in a world where the Internet has made it possible for people to communicate and exchange ideas across borders, it is important to foster a culture of dialogue and cooperation.

He noted that the need for dialogue and cooperation is even more pressing in times of national security, where conflicts and tensions can easily escalate.

“Dialogue and cooperation are essential for maintaining peace and stability,” he said.

The conference was attended by representatives from various sectors, including politicians, academics, and civil society activists.

Attendees discussed the importance of dialogue and cooperation in times of national security, and how these efforts can contribute to building trust and reducing tensions.

The conference concluded with a call for greater efforts to promote dialogue and cooperation in times of national security.”

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Key to create safe spaces to discuss identity issues and their impact: Forum

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Digital platforms provide ready-made, organic opportunities for such discussions to occur, though thoughtful moderation is also needed to avoid advancing repressive rather than liberating discourses.

As the key points made during the forum and engagement, organised yesterday by the Academy of Policy Studies and the Disarmament School of International Studies.

For one thing, people can start engaging on the complex topic of identity by recognizing the “handicapped”, “disabled”, “minorities”, and “different” peoples as beings who have gone through entrenched racism and self-hatred of their own kind or culture.

This is a step towards finding a way to foster relationships that are inter-personal, and when you are expecting emotions on a day to day basis, it can really make your life otherwise.

EXPRESSION ANGER IS IMPORTANT

Mr Ng Yi Sheng Writer

Mr Ng, a gay Singaporean writer, said that expressing anger is important because the multiplicity of identity, having got upset from being angry and when it is expressed in anger, can make it easier for others to identify with you.

Mr Ng said that anger is a natural emotion that should be acknowledged rather than suppressed.

“After all, what is the harm of expressing your anger if it is a healthy outlet for you?” he asked.

Mr Ng said that when expressing anger, it is important to be clear about your emotions and not to generalise.

“You have the right to feel angry and there are no rules that say you should be silent,” he said.

The digital space can be a positive environment for expressing anger, especially in times of conflict or oppression.

“However, it is important to use this space responsibly and to ensure that our words do not harm others,” he said.

“Instead, we should use this space to amplify voices of those who are often silenced and to promote understanding and empathy,” he added.

The panel discussion was moderated by Assistant Professor Daniel Khor, who is also the director of the Academy of Policy Studies.

The event was attended by representatives from various sectors, including civil society activists, academics, and policymakers.

Attendees discussed the importance of safe spaces in promoting dialogue and understanding, and the role of digital platforms in facilitating these discussions.

The event concluded with a call for greater efforts to create safe spaces for meaningful conversations on identity issues and their impact.”