



Takeaways

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A little bit about perspectives...

There's a different version of 'you' that exists in everyone else's minds. Isn't that crazy? There are as many versions of 'you' out there as there are people who know you—unique variations molded not by your intentions or actions, but by their perceptions.

Perception is understatedly powerful. It determines expectations, personal bias, and even representation, just as much as it is shaped by these. And this week, we've seen how the power of perception can be wielded as a weapon. Much like a small animal standing on its hind legs to appear bigger and more threatening, vocal minorities are capable of generating enough noise to look like a mob, enough to be perceived as “the greater good”.

But at the end of the day, what's a mob to a king? You know how the rest of the lyrics go.

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Who Speaks the Loudest



Lately, public backlash seems to be enough to decide what gets to stay and what has to go—except, just how big a population is necessary before it can wield the power of negotiation?

Turns out, not that much. The ones who make the most noise aren't always the biggest. They're just the most visible; and visibility is power.

The Science Centre Incident Is About More Than Science. It's About Discourse and Power

Braggadocious Swagger



Yet another rich Singaporean has wandered onto the international stage. For once, we're ok with this representation.

Sure, he's seemingly out-of-touch with society (as one-percenters tend to be), but his boyfailure and over-the-top flamboyance are the most authentic things about him. We'll take that over faux humble-bragging any day.

Super Rich in Korea's David Yong is a Nepo Baby. But He's Our Nepo Baby.

Over the Engines



Where do women stand in the army? In the cockpit of a Chinook.

**On Wings of Pride: An Airwoman
Finds Purpose in the Skies**

Never Enough



It's no secret that Singaporeans can be a xenophobic bunch, depending on who you speak with. For children of expatriates, what's it like growing up in a place

that you had no say in choosing?

**Between Two Worlds: The
Reality of Being an Expat Child in
Singapore**

More Equal Than Others

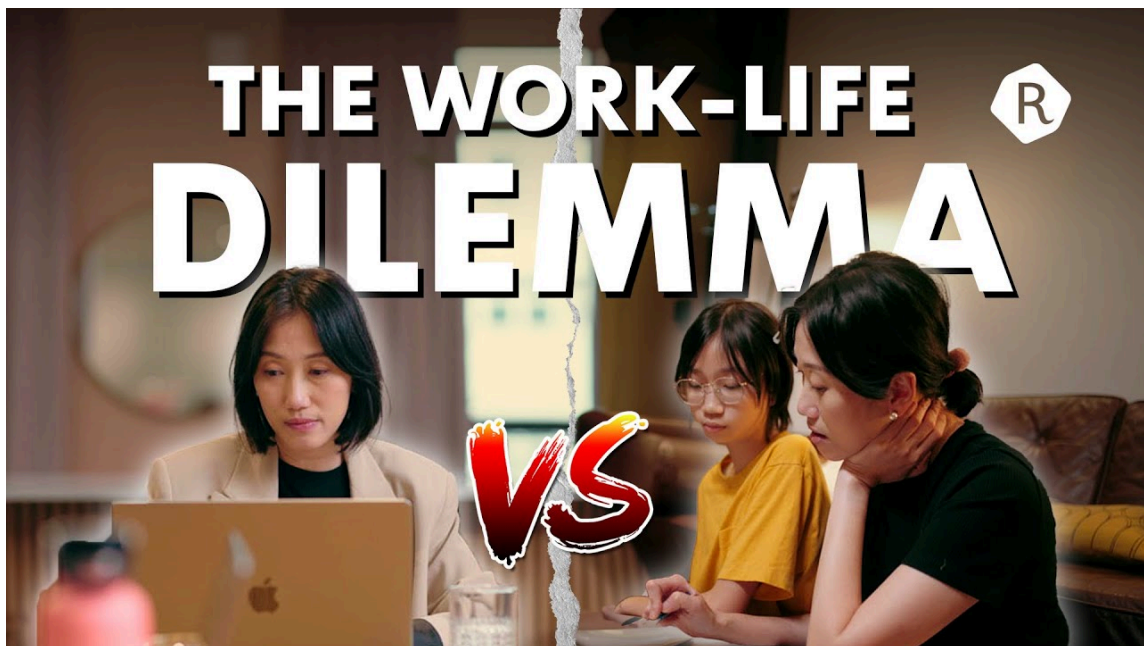


There's no denying that the presence of HDBs in a high SES neighbourhood can devalue it. For now, though, we hear what those in the area have to say.

**Bukit Timah Community Speaks
on HDB's Attempt to De-Atas the
Neighbourhood**

**Short Grains, or *piping-hot*
*topics by the spoonful.***

- Southeast Asian music lovers unite! Voice of Baceprot, an all-female hijabi heavy metal group, will be the first Indonesian band to play at Glastonbury in Somerset, England. (via *CNA*)
- Wishing you were a KPOP star? Your chance is here with SM Entertainment's new announcement that it will hold global auditions for a new girl group, starting June 1. (via *Straits Times*)
- The results are out—NUS has retained its eighth position in the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings, and NTU rose up 11 spots from last year to 15th position. (via *Straits Times*)
- The 35-degree Celsius heat melted her running shoes, but 52-year-old ultramarathoner Natalie Dau still managed to run 1,000 km from Thailand to Singapore in 12 days. (via *AsiaOne*)
- Recent campus protests at US elite universities have deterred some Singaporean students from enrolling, and convinced them to opt for UK or local schools instead. (via *Straits Times*)



Beneath the allure of ambition, a hidden shadow of overwhelming mental and emotional pressure often looms.

The Work-Life Dilemma

We like to go out! We also hate our weather.

But as much as our team is full of contradictions, we simply can't go by our weekend without checking out some things. If you're still deciding on where to go, let us highlight some unmissable events for you:

- [Pink Fest](#) is back! This celebration of love and inclusivity is open to the public. From movie screenings to workshops, there's something for everyone here.
- Taste the best of Penang at [PenangBTS](#), which will be held at Mandala Club this June! At this lifestyle festival, you can indulge in an array of iconic dishes from renowned hawkers.
- Party people! Turn up for [House Nation](#) on June 8, which features top DJs like Simi Automatic and Shaun Nocturnals.
- Celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival with your kids at [Wan Qing Dragon Boat Festival 2024](#), where you can learn to cook rice dumplings and make tea-infused mocktails.
- Don't miss the [Community Green Market x Sunday Social](#)! Explore over 20 local brands offering repurposed clothes, handmade trinkets, and organic food. Bring a picnic mat and chill out to live musical performances.
- Don't miss [Housewarming](#) at The Studio by JUICE this Saturday, where you can experience an intimate blend of art, culture and heartwarming anecdotes.

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