

DIVERSITY IN DEMOCRACY

LIKE THIS ALABASTER BOX WHOSE ART IS FRAIL AS A CASSIA-FLOWER, IS MY HEART CARVEN WITH DELICATE DREAMS & WROUGHT WITH MANY A SUBTLE & EXQUISITE THOUGHT THEREIN I TREASURE THE SPICE & SCENT OF RICH & PASSIONATE MEMORIES BLENT LIKE ODORS OF CINNAMON, SANDAL & CLOVE OF SONG & SORROW & LIFE & LOVE
- SAROJINI NAIDU

IF WE AS MINORITY COMMUNITIES ARE NOT AT THE TABLE WE ARE ONLY ON THE MENU



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1 DIVERSITY & DEMOCRACY ARE EXTREMELY COMPLEX TERMS

LIKE A BOWL OF SPAGHETTI IF YOU PULL ONE STRAND THE OTHERS UNRAVEL

HOW DO WE BIND THE ME WITH THE WE

NEED FOR DECISION MAKING INFORMED BY DIVERSITY

AS WE GRAPPLE WITH THE CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS OF NZ

A REAL THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

INTERNATIONALLY & LOCALLY

ATTACKS ON PM'S OFFICE IN AUCKLAND

ATTACK ON HUSBAND OF US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKER

RECENT THREATS

GOING OFF OF NZ ELECTION STUDY DATA - ACKNOWLEDGE THAT RESPONSE RATES TO SURVEYS HAVE DECLINED

ELECTIONS 2017 & 2020

MOST VOLATILE ELECTION

2020 THE BIGGEST SHIFT IN HOW PEOPLE VOTED

HIGHER TURNOUT

ALSO SAW

MAJORITARIANISM

DO WE STILL HOLD THIS MINDSET?

RUNNING FOR MAYOR

ANALYST FEEDBACK

MAIN CHALLENGE ESTIMATED COST TO VOTES

COLOUR OF YOUR SKIN

THIS IS WHAT DIVERSITY & DEMOCRACY LOOK LIKE IN AOTEAROA TODAY

BECAUSE I AM BROWN

OUR CURRENT SYSTEM DELIBERATELY MARGINALIZES CERTAIN COMMUNITIES

2 DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT

WE MUST VOTE

MANY PEOPLE DID NOT VOTE IN THE RECENT LOCAL ELECTIONS

DEMOCRACY MEANS POLITICAL ACCESS

RESPECT

WE DO NOT HAVE TO AGREE ON EVERYTHING BUT WE MUST AGREE ON SOME THINGS

→ CAN LIVE WITH RADICAL DEMOCRATS = NOT VIOLENT EXTREMISTS

DEMOCRACY

DIES IN THE DARKNESS → IT SHOULD BE TALKED ABOUT! A CORE VALUE THAT WE ARE LOUD & PROUD IN NAMING.

COUNCIL IS WORKING TO CREATE & MAINTAIN SAFE SPACES

SAFE PLACES IN THE COMMUNITY

PLACES FOR MEETING FACE TO FACE

POVERTY MATTERS TO DEMOCRACY

COST OF VOTING IS STILL HIGH - TIME - KNOWLEDGE - ALSO

LACK OF ENGAGEMENT DUE TO A LACK OF TRUST IN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM

CRISIS/ISSUES → PEOPLE ARE MORE LIKELY TO VOTE

SMALL PARTIES DO NOT DO WELL IN NZ'S PARTY REPRESENTATION DUE TO MMP SYSTEM

MAJOR PARTY DOMINANCE

CAN WE LOWER THE THRESHOLD?

CRISIS/ISSUES

PEOPLE ARE MORE LIKELY TO VOTE

KEY NEED: HUMILITY THE ABILITY TO BE QUIET AND LISTEN

IT'S UP TO ALL OF US TO ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO ENGAGE IN DEMOCRACY

DEATH THREATS AT MY HOUSE

BOMB SQUAD

MINORITY GROUPS MIGHT BE AT THE TABLE BUT ARE THEY ABLE TO SPEAK?

CREATE CONDITIONS WHERE PEOPLE CAN SPEAK

TO INCREASE DIVERSITY IN DEMOCRACY SOME PEOPLE WILL NEED TO MAKE SPACE & SUPPORT OTHERS

IS ENTA TWEET REGARDING POLICE 10/2 RACIALISING CRIMINALS

RESULT

LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING OFF THE BALL

CHAT ROOMS

FACEBOOK

KEYBOARD RAM RAIDERS

MAKE SPACE AT THE TABLE

TAKE MY SEAT

HONEST CONVERSATION

SPACE FOR ENGAGEMENT & CONNECTION

3 WE MUST AVOID THE MINORITIZATION OF PEOPLE

NZ MUST MOVE AWAY FROM MONO-DIMENSIONAL CONCEPTS

UNITY DIVERSITY

NOT OPPOSITES

DIVERSITY IS NOT SOLELY CARRIED BY MIGRANTS

FOR A REALLY DIVERSE DEMOCRACY TO WORK WE NEED TO

LISTEN TO THE UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS

LEARN FROM THEM!

YES WE CAN DO BETTER!

HOW DO WE CREATE SAFE SPACES TO FACILITATE A DIVERSITY OF VIEWS, TENSIONS & CONFLICT? KNOWING:

1 WHEN TO ACT

SOME PEOPLE REQUIRE MORE TIME TO RESPOND

CO-DESIGN PHYSICAL SPACES WITH WHY FOR!

2 WHEN TO LISTEN

ALLOWING TIME FOR DIFFERENT CULTURES

3 WHEN TO WITHDRAW

CALL FOR A CHANGE IN PHYSICAL SPACE IN PARLIAMENT

CONVERSATIONS NOT ALWAYS IN ENGLISH

CONFIDENT PAREHA INSECURITY

CONVERSATION NOT ALWAYS FOR/ABOUT THEM

CURRENT SET UP PROMOTES ADVERSARIAL POLITICS

DEMOCRACY IS THE TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY

FOR MANY YEARS COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN OPPRESSED BY "DEMOCRACY"

TIKA & PONO

WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO TALK OUR TRUTHS

OFFICIALS MUST BE ABLE TO HAVE HONEST CONVERSATIONS & NOT FEEL PERSONALLY ATTACKED BY THE TOPIC OF DIVERSITY

DIVERSITY BEING A TICK BOX

REAL CHANGE

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF AS A "TOKEN" AT THE TABLE, MAKE YOUR PRESENCE COUNT!

BEING THERE GIVES YOU OPPORTUNITIES

UNDERSTAND → HOW WE FEEL → WHO YOU ARE TALKING TO

PEOPLE HAVE MULTIPLE DIMENSIONS THEREFORE EVERYONE IS DIVERSE

DISCUSS COMMONALITIES & DIFFERENCES, VALUES, INTERESTS, BELIEFS, ETC.

FATHER RACE ROLE

MAKING COCONUT OIL

ALL DIVERSE IN WHAT WE BRING → CREATE A SPACE FOR DELIBERATION

LISTEN TO LEARN & UNDERSTAND

A DEMOCRACY IS ONLY AS VALUABLE AS ITS PARTICIPANTS

INCREASE MEANING/QUALITY OF LIFE OF ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS

WE HAVE SO MUCH TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER

VALUES NEED TO BE MODELLED BY THOSE IN POSITIONS OF POWER

LESS ADVERSARIAL QUESTIONING

INCREASE THE STRENGTH OF THE DEMOCRACY

IN DEMOCRACY WE HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY → WE USE THIS ACCOUNTABILITY TO LIVE BETTER LIVES FOR OURSELVES & OTHERS

WE NEED TO MANAGE POLARITIES

FIND PEOPLE WHO CAN BE IN THE UNCOMFORTABLE SPACES

IT'S OK TO SIT & LISTEN.

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