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EMERGING TRENDS OF SOCIAL DISTANCE – THE TOOLS FOR BUILDING BRIDGES

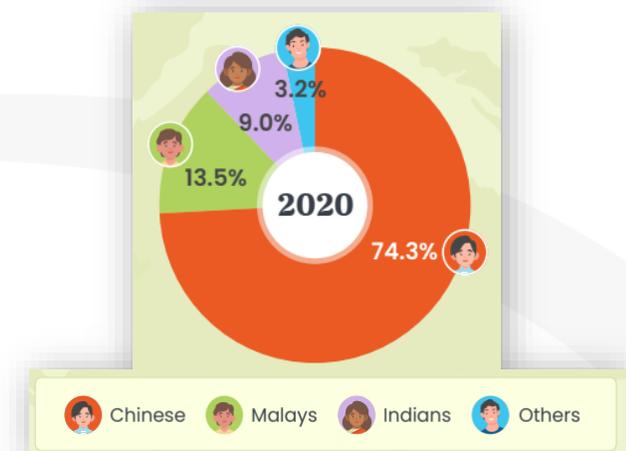
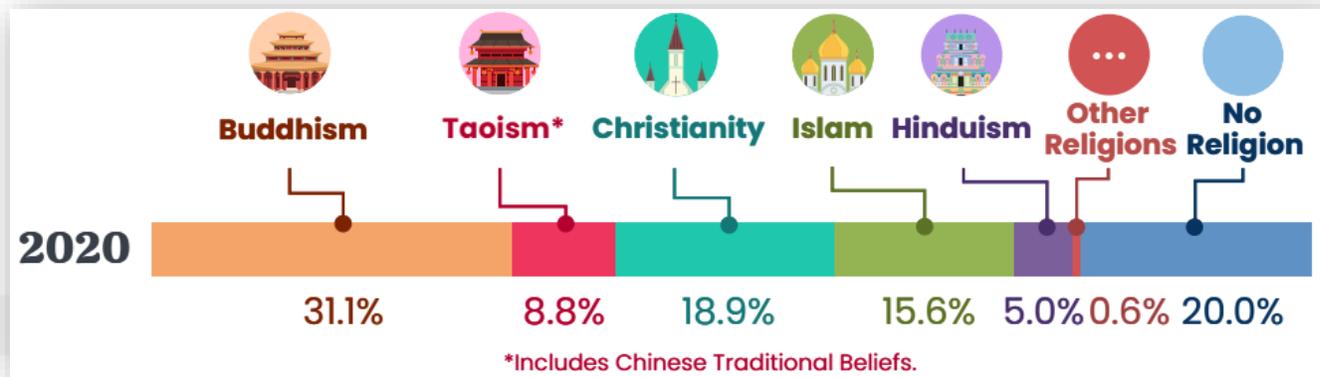
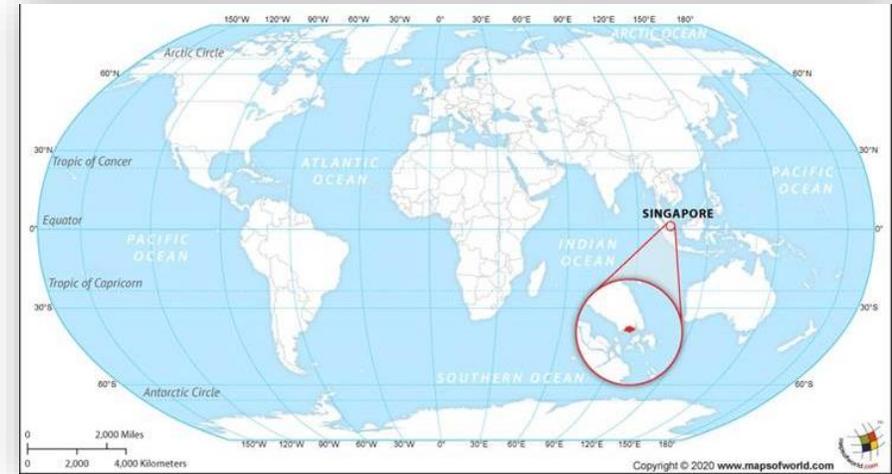


The
Singapore
Case

Singapore: an Introduction

Singapore is a city-state located on southern tip of Malay Peninsula, Southeast Asia

Multi-racial, multi-religious society



July 1964

During the celebration of Muhammad's birthday, a clash between a Chinese policeman and a group of Malay participants, turned into full-blown **race riots** over the next few days and months.





Building National Identity



Safeguarding Interests of Minority Groups



Developing Common Space

Presidential Council of Minority Rights (PCMR)

Ensure **no racial** or **religious group** is **disadvantaged** by any law passed in Parliament

Ensures **fairness**

Group Representation Constituency (GRC)

Ensure the **minority racial groups** are **represented** in Parliament, so as to voice out the concerns and needs of the minority groups

Common living space provided by public housing

Ethnic Integration Policy (1989)

Quota set for the proportion of races in every housing estate



Chinese Development Assistance Council (CDAC)



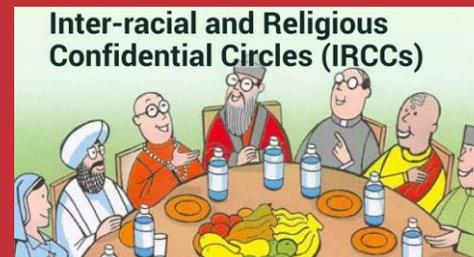
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Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA)



Eurasian Association



Singapore's current Societal Views

View of religions as being compatible with society

% who say ___ is/are compatible with their country's culture and values, by country

	Buddhism	Islam	Christianity	Hinduism	Chinese traditional religions	Local beliefs/ Indigenous religions
Cambodia	-	43%	44%	29%	64%	78%
Indonesia	58%	-	60%	60%	48%	56%
Malaysia	67%	-	65%	65%	67%	67%
Singapore	-	88%	89%	87%	89%	85%
Thailand	-	67%	73%	58%	70%	84%

Note: Darker shades represent higher values

Singapore's current Societal Views

What attributes are important to truly sharing national identity?

% in each country who say ___ is very important to being truly part of the nation (e.g., truly Cambodian)

	Being polite and welcoming	Respecting the country's institutions and laws	Being willing to support the country when others criticise it	Being able to speak the national language*	Having been born in the country	Being part of the majority ethnic group	Being Buddhist/Muslim
Cambodia	86%	81%	72%	84%	85%	78%	77%
Indonesia	94%	90%	91%	89%	79%	75%	81%
Malaysia	88%	90%	79%	83%	75%	69%	67%
Singapore	74%	78%	58%	27%	39%	19%	13%
Thailand	82%	83%	60%	79%	74%	80%	73%

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*The "national language" of Singapore, as used by Pew in the survey, refers to "Mandarin Chinese". Under the country's Constitution, the national language of Singapore is Malay.

Total Defence (TD)

TD is our whole-of-society response. Every Singaporean has a part to play, both as individuals and as a collective.



1984 – 1990s

Support for national
conscription

Everyone has a part to play



Post 9-11

Framework to deal with
non-conventional threats
/ crises such as Terrorism,
SARS and Haze



Today

**What individuals and
communities can do for the
collective defence of
Singapore**

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**MILITARY
DEFENCE**

A strong and credible defence force of committed Regulars and national servicemen, and supported by the entire nation.



**CIVIL
DEFENCE**

A vigilant and prepared society, with a crisis-ready mindset.



**ECONOMIC
DEFENCE**

A robust, resilient and globally competitive economy.



**SOCIAL
DEFENCE**

A cohesive and caring society, with strong bonds uniting diverse groups who live in harmony with one another.



**PSYCHOLOGICAL
DEFENCE**

The collective will to act, the resolve to defend our way of life and national interests, and the fighting spirit to overcome challenges together.



**DIGITAL
DEFENCE**

A digitally-prepared population that is discerning and responsible online.

National Education

National Education is important too. It helps Singaporeans understand our realities, reinforces our hope in the future as well as strengthen our sense of belonging and the will to defend Singapore.



“ We cannot offer our next generation any fixed formula for success ... but we must equip them with the basic attitudes, values and instincts which make them Singaporeans.”

- Then-DPM Lee Hsien Loong, 1997

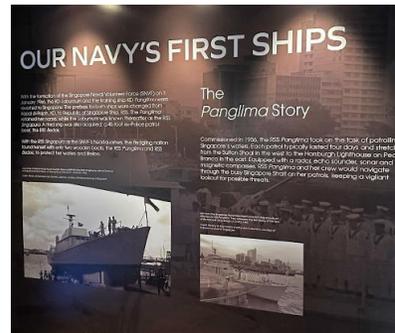
Leveraging Our Defence Museums

A platform for ground-up ideas

NS Gallery



Navy Museum



Singapore Discovery Centre



Total Defence Sandbox

Re-imagining our museums as strategic levers of engagement

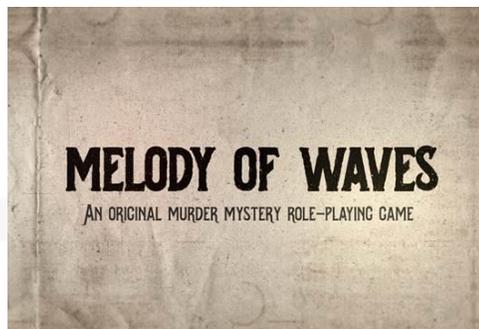
TD Sandbox

4 Projects Implemented



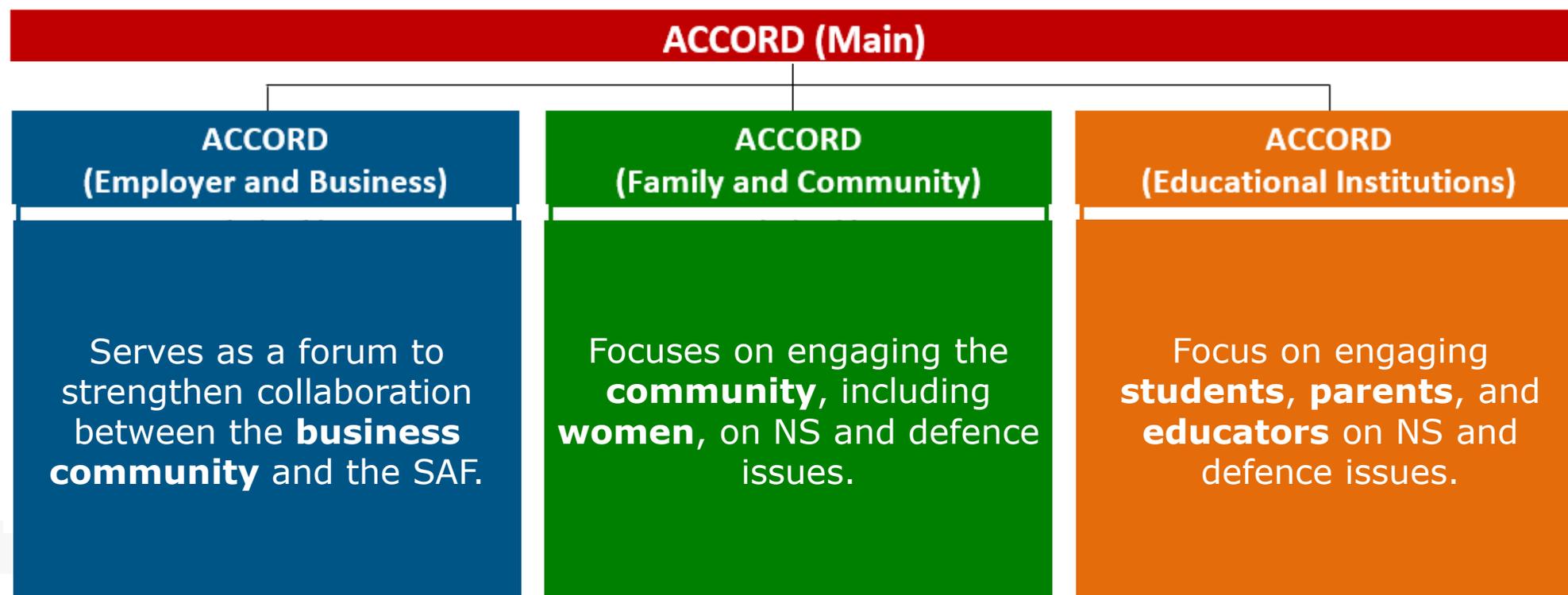
Launched in 2022 to encourage ground-up initiatives by youths.

Close to 80 proposals received



ACCORD

The Advisory Council on Community Relations in Defence (ACCORD) is a channel for the community to provide feedback and lead initiatives on issues concerning Singapore's defence.



ACCORD

Key Initiatives

Recognising Employers



Recognising employers for
their support for National
Service

Women's Boot Camp



Providing women
with a glimpse of
National Service

Engaging Undergraduates



Working with local
universities to weave
National Education
into the syllabus



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS



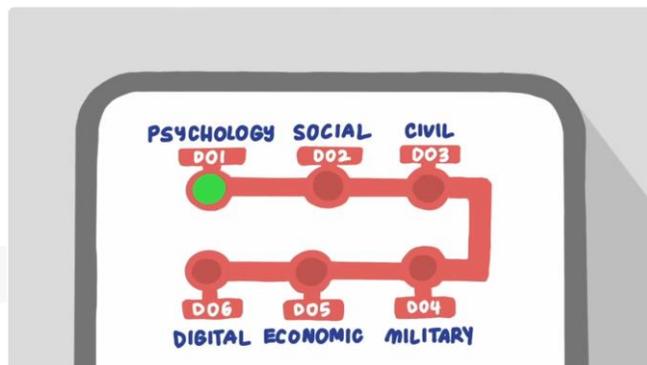
N.E.mation

Annual digital animation and storyboard competition for students and youth.

MakciksStay
Informed



We're Still
Standing



Everyone
Plays a Part

ciNE65

Encouraging Singaporeans to express and embrace our Singaporean identity through film.

It Might Be Us Soon



Rai, a migrant worker during the COVID pandemic struggles to put up a front for his family back in India.

Kejar



Zul, a delivery rider during the COVID pandemic trying to earn money for his sick mother.

When the Power Goes Out



A woman in her mid-twenties is forced to take care of her grandfather during a power outage.

Kindness Express



A taxi driver goes through his shift as he meets passengers from all walks of life.

Guardians of the City Card Game

A Total Defence card game to help youths develop a deeper understanding of Total Defence

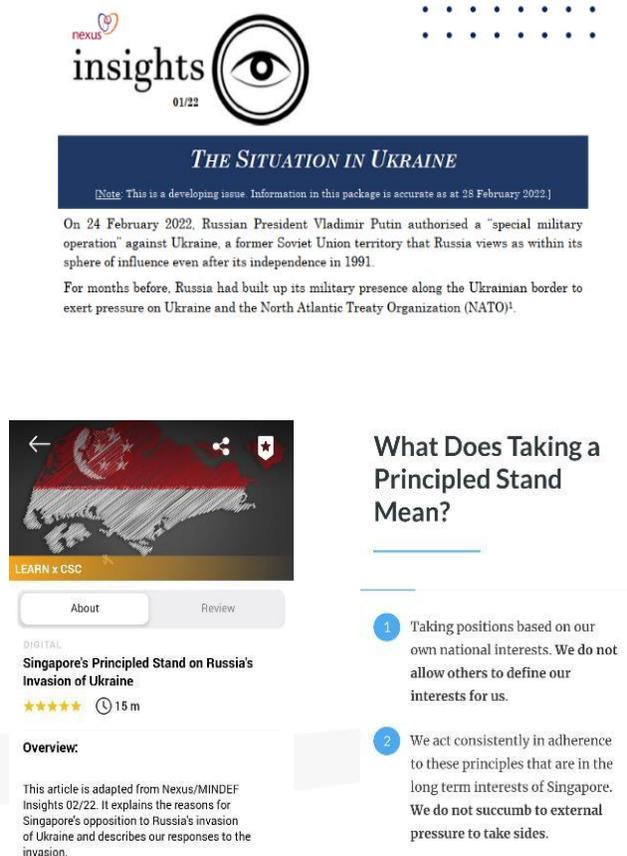


Learning Objectives

- Develop a deeper appreciation of TD and its relevance in today's context
- Understand the complexity of threats faced by Singapore and the need for trade-offs
- How to put TD into through simple but concrete steps

Putting Out Effective Messaging

Tapping on contemporaneous issues to highlight the relevance of Total Defence



insights 01/22

THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE

[Note: This is a developing issue. Information in this package is accurate as at 28 February 2022.]

On 24 February 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin authorised a "special military operation" against Ukraine, a former Soviet Union territory that Russia views as within its sphere of influence even after its independence in 1991.

For months before, Russia had built up its military presence along the Ukrainian border to exert pressure on Ukraine and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)¹.

What Does Taking a Principled Stand Mean?

- 1 Taking positions based on our own national interests. We do not allow others to define our interests for us.
- 2 We act consistently in adherence to these principles that are in the long term interests of Singapore. We do not succumb to external pressure to take sides.

Singapore's Principled Stand on Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

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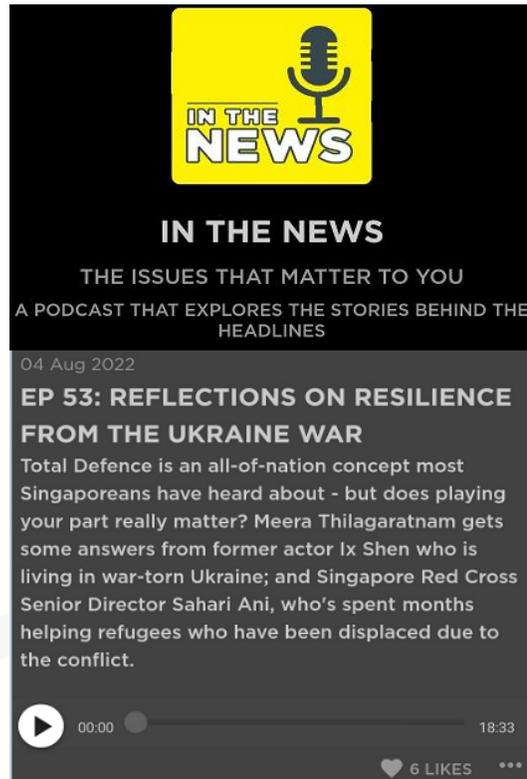
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Overview:

This article is adapted from Nexus/MINDEF Insights 02/22. It explains the reasons for Singapore's opposition to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and describes our responses to the invasion.



IN THE NEWS

THE ISSUES THAT MATTER TO YOU

A PODCAST THAT EXPLORES THE STORIES BEHIND THE HEADLINES

04 Aug 2022

EP 53: REFLECTIONS ON RESILIENCE FROM THE UKRAINE WAR

Total Defence is an all-of-nation concept most Singaporeans have heard about - but does playing your part really matter? Meera Thilagaratnam gets some answers from former actor Ix Shen who is living in war-torn Ukraine; and Singapore Red Cross Senior Director Sahari Ani, who's spent months helping refugees who have been displaced due to the conflict.

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Last week, we looked at how every nation must make their own choices to determine their destiny.

This week we look at how these choices play out on the world stage: maybe they align, conflict or even seek to influence.

We ask Bilahari Kausikan what happens when larger nations seek to change what we want for ourselves.

The Bully Playbook EP5: Influence Campaigns

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