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Dear Sirs,

People are already commenting that this could stifle free speech even though some of those speeches made could be less informed ones. Already S'poreans are a passive lot, some would say even politically apathetic. The younger Singaporeans should be taught to speak up for the truth, even inconvenient ones. They should speak also what they feel is idealistic. These comments can be naive, but these can be corrected with some realistic commentary.

People should be allowed to build up their critical thinking skills. It will help Singapore in the long run. We must believe in this if we love our country beyond partisan party politics. This country is already renowned worldwide. Let's us also be known for our broad-minded stand in these matters and be a beacon for others too in this regard.

Yes, we have seen what has happened in the USA where people make decisions on less critical basis, just swayed by speculation & exaggeration. However, here in Singapore we have strict libel laws, and a main stream that disseminates accurate news and deals with misleading ones straightaway.

There's already sedition laws that deal with disparaging racial / religious comments.

Let's go back to the lighter touch as promised by our PM when he was newly inaugurated, in dealing with foolish / deprecating commentaries in the internet as they offer a safety vault in relieving tensions in this already stressed society where mental issues are on the increase. We need to laugh at ourselves too and shouldn't mind being an object of jokes too.

That will shore up our character as a nation with the self-belief in our worth that's not affected by a few sleazy remarks that is not worthy of being made a fuss of. We must believe that the majority of S'poreans are a rational lot who would not take less informed, jocular commentaries on politics especially to heart. Instead they would be happy that our Governing party has become more mature & less sensitive to critical remarks on them.

Trust that will bring more dividends at the ballot box ! :)

Thanks.