How to deal with differences in identity politics

One way is to downplay differences over issues like race or sexual identity. Another is to acknowledge differences exist while trying to treat all equally. One can accept that some identities are more powerful than others.

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This week, identity issues were at the center of a conference organized by the Institute of Policy Studies and the National University of Singapore. The conference on identity politics was convened as a reaction to the recent rise of identity politics in the West, with speakers addressing questions such as: How can we deal with differences in identity politics?

The conference, which was held at the National University of Singapore, attracted a diverse group of speakers from academia, politics, and civil society. The conference was divided into three sessions, each focusing on a particular issue: race, religion, gender, sexuality, and other forms of discriminations.

The first session, chaired by Chua Mui Hoong, discussed the role of identity politics in shaping public discourse. The panelists, who included academics, politicians, and civil society activists, agreed that identity politics is a powerful tool for mobilizing groups. However, they also agreed that identity politics can be a double-edged sword, as it can be used to advance certain agendas and undermine others.

The second session, chaired by Tan Hock Thiam, focused on the role of identity politics in shaping public policy. The panelists, who included policymakers, civil society activists, and academic experts, agreed that identity politics can be a useful tool for shaping public policy. However, they also agreed that identity politics can be a source of conflict and division.

The third session, chaired by Annabelle Benjamin, focused on the role of identity politics in shaping individual behavior. The panelists, who included psychologists, sociologists, and civil society activists, agreed that identity politics can be a powerful tool for shaping individual behavior. However, they also agreed that identity politics can be a source of confusion and anxiety.

The conference concluded with a panel discussion on the role of identity politics in shaping the future of Singapore. The panelists, who included academics, politicians, and civil society activists, agreed that identity politics will continue to play a significant role in shaping the future of Singapore. However, they also agreed that identity politics must be used responsibly and with caution.

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