



# All of Us

A New Singapore Narrative?



# Question:

Can a country be economically competitive AND generous in helping the poor and disadvantaged?

## The Old Narrative

Singapore is vulnerable: All have to work hard, no passengers.

Tough love!



# Many schemes to help the poor

# OPINION

## The Straits Times says Cover gives freelancers peace of mind

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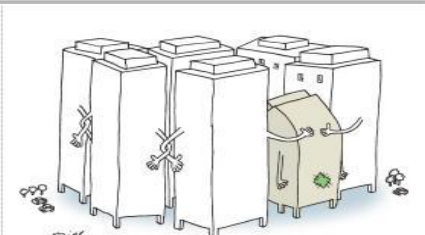
## This is what helping families looks like

In the ongoing debate on inequality and poverty, this writer argues that Singapore's 'welfare system' of helping the poor, which emphasises self-reliance, is working well

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For The Straits Times

When it comes to helping the poor, Singapore has a reputation for being a 'welfare state'. It is a common perception that Singapore is a 'welfare state' where the government provides a safety net for its citizens. However, this is not necessarily the case. Singapore's welfare system is based on self-reliance and mutual aid. The government provides a safety net for its citizens, but it is not a 'welfare state' in the traditional sense. Singapore's welfare system is based on self-reliance and mutual aid. The government provides a safety net for its citizens, but it is not a 'welfare state' in the traditional sense.

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## 1 Timothy 6: 18-19

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

## The New Narrative

Every Singaporean matters: Discover the unique talent and quality in every person.

## Singaporean of the Year





## 2 Corinthians 8: 9, 13- 14

Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty.

This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present needs, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need.

## 2 Corinthians 8: 15

As Scripture says: The man who gathers much had none too much, the man who gathers little did not go short.