

Ideals worth defending

IF ANYONE were to defend something with his life, it should be the ideals and principles that allow him to attain his fullest potential.

Examples such as Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Tibet prove that it is all too common for those in power to institutionalise discrimination, snatching the fruits of labour out of the hands of those who earned and deserved it.

Singapore, on the other hand, has always heeded the sweet call of egalitarianism. Everything that I have gained in life is a fair reward for my efforts, and possible because of pragmatic meritocracy.

We reject the notion that anyone is superior because of race or privilege.

No country is perfect, but Singapore gets it right more than many others and that is worth defending.

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