

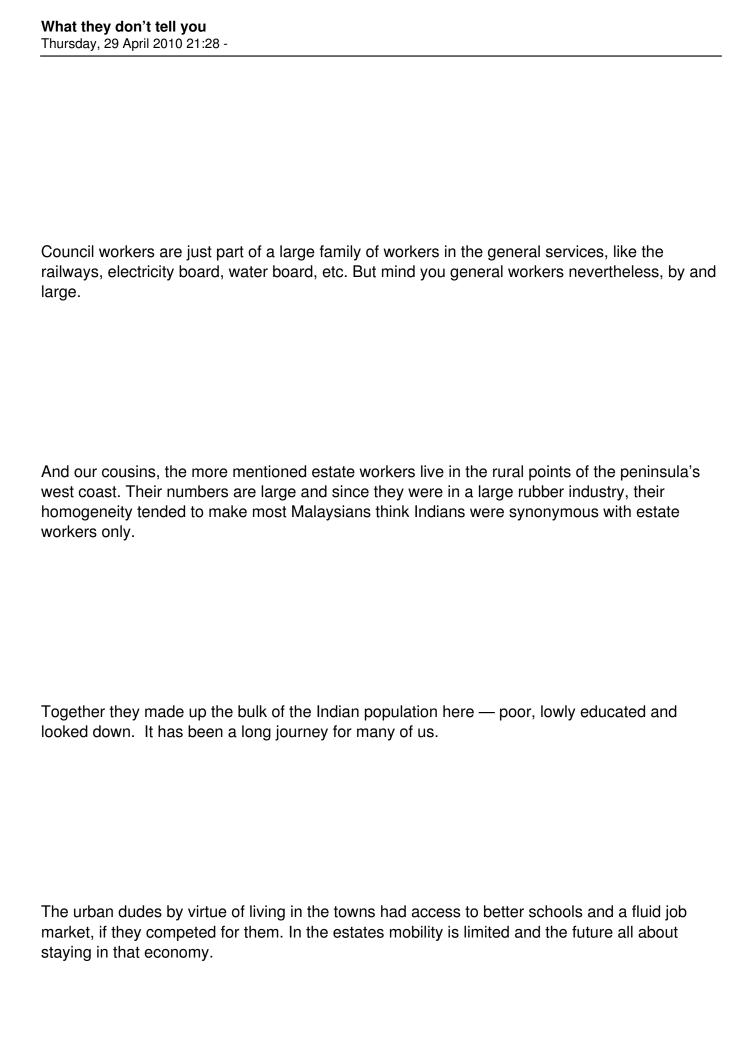
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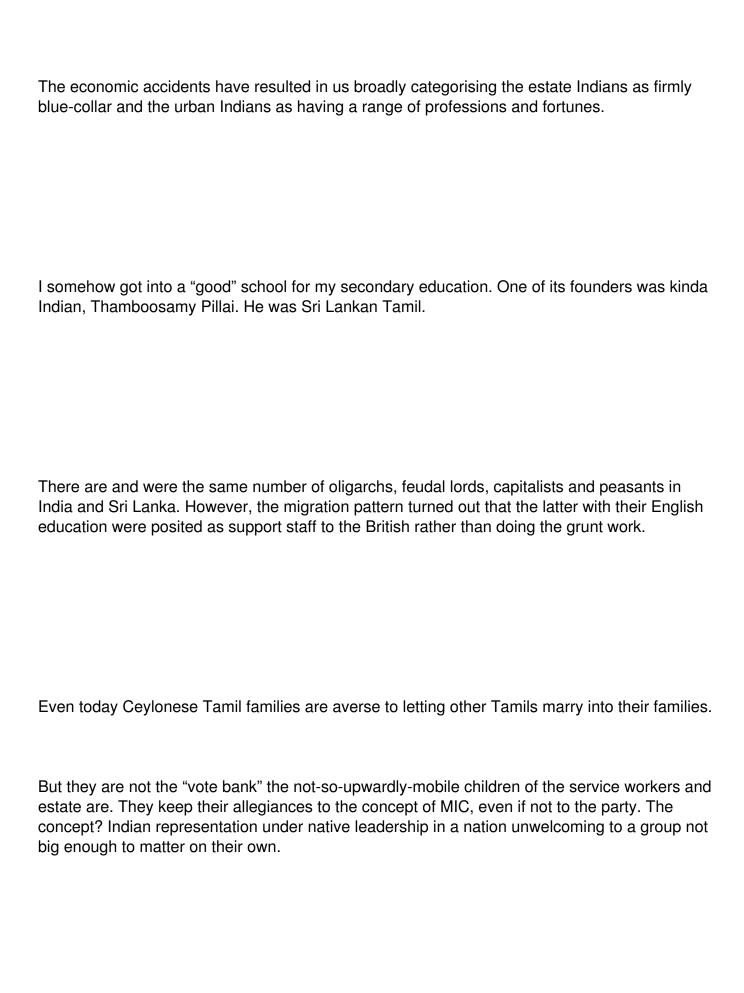
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APRIL 29 — My father would be 67 if he were alive today. He'd probably still vote Barisan Nasional (BN).

My mom's much younger but she tells me that we have to speak carefully about the government — you might get into trouble if you are not careful.

So, let's take on this often said thing. That the ethnic Indian vote is a BN vote bank because no matter what you do to the Indian, he will somehow limp to PWTC and give his undying, or in this case his dying support.





This leads to the question of political consciousness within this people.
Have they ever been able to afford it?
They've spent lives — most times inherited and passed on — of economic turbulence. Every day is filled with anxiety, let alone months and years. The rain in a rubber estate means the loss of income, and now the systematic withdrawal of plantations from the peninsula mean half week jobs.
You've heard it all before, so I'll spare you the repeat.
This people have less expectation. They expect a bit of respect and the right to live with dignity. They really don't expect more, or expect others to care more than that.



So actually the question is wrong. It is not why the Indians in the more depressed economic zones of the country support BN, but it is to ask, does BN command most of the poor's vote when the political climate is too convoluted?	
Poor meaning poor, not any variation of it. All colours and shades of them.	
If the numbers are gathered properly then you will notice that the BN got most of the poor vo A combination of putting cash in your hand and confusing the political spectrum.	ote.
What do you do, if you are trying to break in?	
You can wait for the next Hindraf, or Baling or any other peasant uprising. Or you can move other part.	the