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Topic: Common Ground and Shared Vision

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Speaker's Background and Political Views

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common ground

Common ground is about exploring what we already have as people, nations, countries, etc.

As Eritreans, what is our Common Ground?



Common grounds

Common History

Common Suffrage

Common Struggle for
Liberation and Independence

Common grounds

Common Country we All Call
Eritrea with Different Accents

Common Flag? And Common
National Anthem

Common Respect for Unity-in-
Diversity

Common grounds

Common Composite Yet Inclusive
National Identity (ሐባራዊ ሃገራዊ መንነት)

Common Language(s)

Common National Holidays, Including
Martyrs' and Independence Day

Shared Vision

Definition: A shared vision is particularly a wide focus on a goal or set of future goals.

Vision is about the future. What is our Shared Vision? What kind of Eritrea do we ALL need?



Shared vision

Shared vision

A country ruled by Constitution, Rule of Law, and Constitutional Institutions with clear Separation of Powers/Authority Between the Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary (*add any image here*)



Common Respect for Eritrean People's Struggle, Sacrifices, and Martyrdom

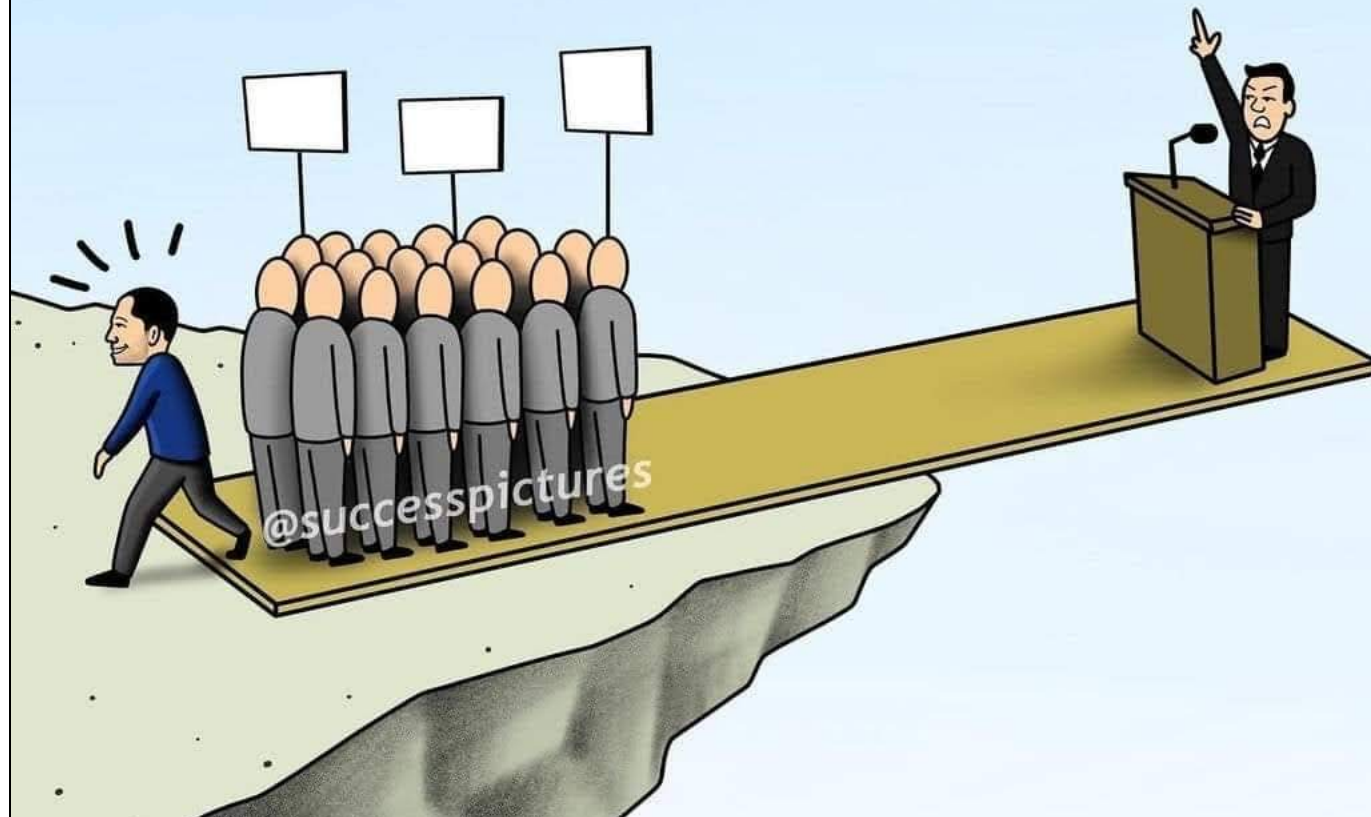


Common Respect for Eritrean Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity



THE PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THEIR TRUE POWER

@successpictures



Shared vision

Common Principled Adherence to Non-Violence Struggle for Political Ends



Common Principled Believe in Eritrean Solutions for Eritrean Political Challenges



Common Vision for Peaceful Regional Neighborhood



Shared vision

Common Respect for Unity-in-Diversity

Such as:

- Language Diversity,
- Regional Diversity,
- Diversity in Mode of Production,
- Religious Diversity, etc.

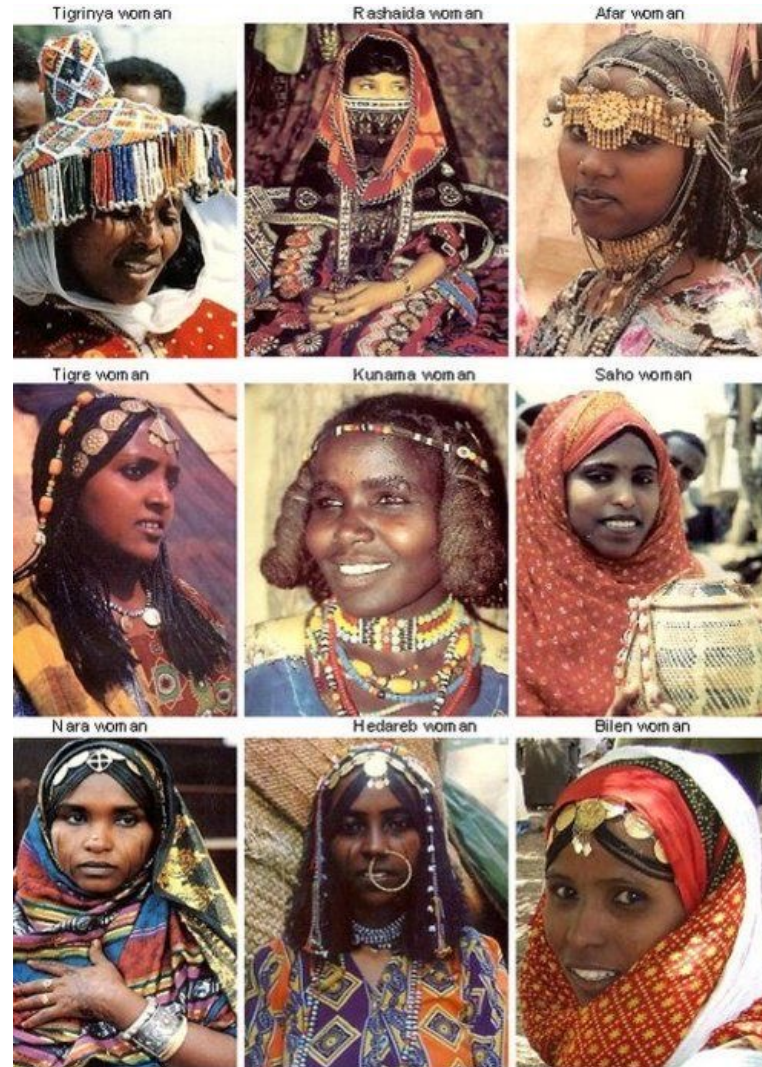
Shared vision

Common Vision for Foreign Policy based on
Common Interests and Peaceful Coexistence.

Food for Thought on Language Diversity

A.S Bohashem's Refined Proposal:

- ❖ Eritrean constitutions of 1952 and 1997 on Languages?
- ❖ All Eritrean Languages have equal constitutional status as national languages
- ❖ All Eritreans have Equal Rights to Use any Eritrean language at local and national levels, in public and private spheres
- ❖ Formally recognise English as the Working Language in Eritrea since 1941





Thank you!