

My reflection

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I participated in the consultation activity, which concerned the Administrative Report, on 27th September, 2008. In front of the chief-executive Mr. Donald Tsang, we presented our opinions as to “citizens’ livelihood” through a 6-minute drama. Being just a cub, I didn’t expect our opinions to have any influences on the content of the Report. I enjoyed the performance quite much and, to me, the applause from the chief executive after the show was already a bonus.

Not contributing much, though, I have acquired a lot. In the pass, I tended to neglect the politics of Hong Kong. After the consultation activities, nevertheless, I have unconsciously paid much more attention on, and had some reflections concerning, the political atmosphere of my home city.

It emerged to me that we, Hong Kong citizens, are emphasizing too much on criticism towards the government. I found this true on the mass-media, the committees of Legislative Council, citizens, even on my peers --- the new generation. Opinions, instead of constructive, tend to be destructive in discussions. Mass-media are not playing a neutral and calm role but are adding fuels to the flames. Councilors lambaste each other instead of ameliorate. I acknowledged these not only from the ‘quite aggressive question’ raised by one of the students on the activity, but also from the reports on newspaper, the phone-interview of radio station afterward, and from the action a Legislative committee chose to express his opinions on the day when Mr. Tsang announced the Administrative Report (I was among the audiences).

I have to ask, what is the point of castigating? How effective can that be, and can it be more constructive than a calm conversation? Does Hong Kong not allow calm and rational discussion on political issues? Why must Legislative committees attack, even personally sometimes, on each others? I do not think arguments fraught with anger are more effective on dealing with problems than rational discussions.

All these beset me. I took this vexation with an identity of a member of future Hong Kong.

Besides all these, I have also found that the chief executive, who has been criticized by almost everyone, is in fact a great person. How can a man stand for the fact that however hard he might try to sever the public, he is still going to be censured by the public? What kind of burden is that? What kind of pressure is that?

Getting his job done, now, to me, seems much tougher than I have imagined.

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本人於9月27日參加了特首《施政報告》的諮詢活動，並在特首面前以街頭對話的形式表達了我們一組4位同學2位老師於‘民生’此一議題上的理解與提議。作為一個涉世未深的中學生，自然不敢奢望我們小小的提議能夠左右《施政報告》的內容，在本人而言，事後能夠得到特首的讚賞已經非常榮幸了。

雖然個人的付出並不多，但卻學到不少以前所沒有注意過的。以前本人對於政治大多是‘不聞不問’或者‘聞而不深究之’，但這次諮詢活動與之後有關的幾項事件卻讓我對香港的政治多了一點點的反思。

我認為香港人對政府的態度非常偏重於質疑與責難。傳媒如是、議員如是、市民如是，就連我們這些年少無知的年輕一代也漸漸養成了這樣的習慣。議員之間互相攻擊而不是互補不足、傳媒對於政治事件不是冷靜中立而是推波助瀾、討論之中也是破壞（destructive）遠多於建設（constructive）。這不單從諮詢活動上某同學對特首‘頗具針對性’的提問上看得出，從記者現場採訪的重點上也看得出，從第二天報紙的報導也看得出，從後來電台的電話訪問過程中也看得出，更從特首發表《施政報告》當天議員的行為上看得出來（本人當時在現場）。

我不得不問，互相的指責有多大的建設性呢？有多大的必要呢？難道香港不容許理性的討論嗎？不容許對議題冷靜的深入探討嗎？難道非去到責難揶揄的地步不可嗎？難道非辱罵（甚至投物攻擊）對方不可嗎？這就是言論自由嗎？這就叫為人民發聲嗎？這樣的自由又會為香港帶來什麼好處？這樣對問題的解決又有什麼幫助？

這樣的政治氛圍確實讓我這個香港未來的一分子不得不感到失望和著急。

我也發現那位一直被傳媒、議員、市民批評的行政長官原來是個多麼不簡單的人物。他盡力地服務大眾，卻反被大眾嚴厲地指責，受盡千夫所指，每天打開報紙就是對自己的責備與負面報導。那是怎麼龐大的壓力、怎樣沉重的擔子。要做好特首這份工，比我想像中的艱巨多了。