

In Search of A Middle Ground Solution: The Importance of Ideas of Citizenship and Democratic Reforms in Indonesia / Suzie Sudarman

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Abstrak

This article aims to explore and problematize the extent of attempts to reproduce discursively intersubjective understandings of socially significant boundaries that integrate disparate and comingling elements that otherwise would tear apart the polity. This is an attempt to explore an example of how over the long run government can try to shape national identity. However, ultimately the people interpret what it means to be a citizen. As technology improves, government needs to keep up with citizens' rising expectations. The better connected the

nation is, the better informed the citizens will be about the world. Suppressing information and ideas is possible but requires continuous effort. The better connected the nation is, the better informed the citizens will be about the world, when shared and when this generated

interactions, the process could enable the creation of meanings within a trust community.

Trust communities develop when there are plenty of opportunities to interact. Technology enabled trust communities can trade in information and ideas. The aspect of trust communities that is relevant to Indonesia is trust that enables cooperation. Trust community is essentially a network and a community and some institutions may actually be trust communities, especially if they are communication technology enabled.