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## Morton's Fork: the choiceless choice



While courting the votes of all, both main contenders for the Sri Lankan Presidency also ensure they observe the Sinhala Buddhist rituals that have become essential for any serious political contender in increasingly ethnocratic Sri Lanka, by presenting their manifestos to the Buddhist monks for their blessings. *Photos AFP/Getty Images*