

Gov't bent on banning everything but corruption
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YOURSAY 'I would rather have a gay MP if he is clean and of good integrity and principles, than a straight PM who is corrupt.'

Gov't bans LGBT from state-owned TVs, radios

your sayNot Confused: My, my, my, the idiots in the government are threatened by just about everything, aren't they?

As if any gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexuals (LGBT) is a threat to anyone. Go ahead and ban their portrayal on government TV and radio - no one with any intellect watches or listens to these channels anyway.

Homosexuals have been around as long as mankind has walked the earth and no amount of banning will make an iota of difference.

I remember a comment from former PM Dr Mahathir Mohamad a few years ago, where in response to a journalist's question, he stated that there are no homosexuals in Malaysia as this is a Muslim country.

I've no idea what planet Mahathir is living on, but it's not the same one as me. It's like pretending that prostitution doesn't exist, then extracting 'kopi money' from the practitioners.

There are LGBT in government's positions in Malaysia, just like there are in every government on this planet - and you know who you are.

Borg Kinaulu: I won't be surprised that Malaysia will soon have concentration camps and labour camps for strayers from a certain religion, for homosexuals, for cross-dressers, for gypsies, for ballet dancers, for socialists, for liberals...

It's amazing how much religious extremists in this country have in common with Christians fascists and communist Chinese even though they seem to despise one another.

Doc: Is the Information Ministry trying to imply that they are only interested in programmes that feature Rambo-looking actors?

Sadirah: This is self-righteousness at its limit. LGBT are human beings and I am sure we can dialogue on issues of boundaries and expectations.

Yet, to ban them is to deny their sense of humanity. We are treating them as animals when a more humane response is called for in this instance.

How are they going to make a living? You are further driving them underground. Where is your sense of compassion?

This is a situation where understanding is needed and compassion can be exhibited by just trying to understand their challenges, while also addressing the fears of the majority.

You are treating them worse than the corrupt in our society, who can get away with anything. Shame on state-owned TV and radio stations.

Anonymous #72737246: The government calls for a ballet ban, and now a 'pondan' ban. But slander and

corruption is allowed.

Lucia: Bayan Baru MP Zahrain Mohamad Hashim can go fly kites. I would rather have a gay MP if he is clean and of good integrity and principles, than a straight PM who is corrupt, extremist and a running dog of Umno.

Simon Lee 3ed5: One clean and righteous gay, or one humble and God-fearing Jew, is a million times better than the entire bunch of corrupt politicians in a corrupt regime.

Malaysian Born: We live in a democracy, so the choice of who is appropriate to become an MP and qualify for PM is in the hands of the voters and not politicians and members of organisations and lobbies, religious or otherwise.

If this were allowed, you could also legislate that to qualify as an MP, you must have a degree in law and/or a related honours degree.

Perhaps next, you could be equally inappropriate and require that all MPs sport a beard and certify that they wear boxer shorts as well.

Perhaps you might then also require women to wear tudung and above the age of 50 before they can qualify as an MP, or requirements similarly ridiculous and unacceptable.

Forcing people to conform to what you think is appropriate is a very slippery slope. Politicians should be spending their time on their jobs related to the administration of the country, which is far more important.

Curtailing democracy and infringing on the human rights of citizens is not appropriate.

Headhunter: DPM Muhyiddin Yassin should look around him. He'll see that there are quite a few MPs who are 'soft'. Is being soft a bigger sin than being corrupt, a racist or a bigot?

Myop101: Why is the government picking on the LBGT? What have they done wrong to deserve this kind of treatment? Because they happen to hold the hands or kiss the lips of those of the same sex?

Can't this silly government accept and celebrate diversity for once? And as some commentators rightly put it, shouldn't the government busy itself with corruption and crime instead?

Moon: The LBGT community is small, hence the government doesn't give a damn about their votes. That's why they are doing this.

Plus, they are indirectly enforcing the message that Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim can never be PM as he has been alleged to be bisexual. Cheap stunts from Umno, but what do you expect?

Chill Strange: All of a sudden, they are making such a fuss over LBGTs. There must be something else going on here.

I personally feel that they are really not against LBGTs on the whole as such, since they profess tolerance to a certain degree and they have been putting up with it for umpteen years.

This could be one of their brain waves from perhaps Mahathir himself to target Anwar, going to the extent of jump starting a motion to bar LBGTs from becoming MPs and senators.

It looks like they are so petrified of losing to the opposition and are trying all measures to defame and kick Anwar out before the elections.

Besides, how are they going to propose to find out who the LBGTs are among the parliamentarians? Are they going to sneak into their bedrooms and spy into their private lives?

Or are they going to deduce by watching whoever wears some pink in their outfits? Surely the rest of the world must be laughing at our silly government.

Headhunter: So are we going to see well-chiselled tattooed newsreaders and actors in tight jeans and T-shirts from now on?

Another stupid move by the BN. Don't they have more important things to do, like managing the country, instead of running it to the ground?

Yellow Bird: While they're at it, why not ban programmes containing elements of greed and corruption too?

Bad Feng Shui: Muhyiddin said that the rise of LGBT cases in Malaysia can be curbed through effective counselling.

Too bad Muhyiddin's brand of idiocy can't be curbed through counselling; it can only be curbed through the general elections.

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