

DAP's Selective Preferences On Newly Registered Voters
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Once again, the federal opposition is kicking up a storm over the increase of new voters in their constituencies. This time, Serdang Member of Parliament Teo Nie Ching had brought up her suspicions regarding a 23.2% increase in the Hulu Selangor constituency.

Has it not occurred to DAP that since the political tsunami in the last General Elections in 2008 that there has been a steady increase of political awareness among the masses, some due in part to the vigorous campaigning of various political parties and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), as well as the Election Commission (EC), and even through the rise of the new media?

While DAP has been listed as the political party which has registered the highest number of new voters, they are not the only ones to conduct voter registration. Hence, Teo Nie Ching's claim that the number of new voters in Hulu Langat and Hulu Selangor are higher than the new votes which they have registered is a display of selective preference. It is unfair to think of all new voters who had chosen to register elsewhere, such as through BN parties or NGOs, as illegitimate voters.

Even EC chairman Abdul Aziz Yusof has said that it is normal for Malaysians to sign up as voters when elections draw near. Therefore DAP should stop being paranoid and learn to embrace the fact that democracy involves everyone, and not just those who support them.

Crying foul over these increase of new voters shows that they are being selective over who they want to be registered.

Teo Nie Ching herself is guilty of this as her tweet during the Sarawak state elections calls for more Chinese voters to come and vote as the Iban voter turnout was increasing. This displays proof that DAP is not a multiracial party and that they still cater specifically to the Chinese.

DAP should learn to embrace all the new voters, regardless of ethnicity and political affiliations, and not selectively pick out their own supporters to be registered. This is what true democracy is all about.

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