

**Pakatan Supporters' Behaviour Disturbing And Shameful**  
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I am appalled at the behaviour of Pakatan rakyat supporters during a women's forum organized by Kwong Wah Jit Poh in Penang on 15 March 2012, where they apparently had hurled verbal abuse besides heckling the MCA panelist, Tan Cheng Liang (Wanita MCA Penang chairman) who was invited to participate in the event. Among the jibes uttered was to label Cheng Liang as an "old hen."

Considering that this debate was held just days after celebrating International Women's Day, for Pakatan supporters to descend into jeering the Wanita MCA Penang chief is not only downright shameful, it shows that they have not reached the stage of maturity and will seek to use violence to ensure their point and goal are pushed across.

MCA members respected Lim Guan Eng during debate with Dr Chua,

During the much anticipated debate between MCA President Dr Chua Soi Lek and DAP Secretary General Lim Guan Eng held at the conclusion of the Malaysian Chinese at the Political Crossroads forum, MCA members never once interrupted when Guan Eng spoke. Even during the other sessions when DAP leaders presented, the MCA audience also respected their turn and right to deliver their positions. Unfortunately, the same decorum was not accorded to Cheng Liang.

Forums meant to encourage civilized discussions

These public seminars are meant to enable politicians from both sides to convey their party positions to which the public can draw their comparisons. It is one way to engage with the public, allow discourse in a professional and mature manner.

Pakatan may have claimed to uphold democracy and freedom of speech, but this incident is a shining example of how freedom of expression has been abused by Pakatan to instill fear, of which democracy has been literally drowned by hoarse voices. The Opposition supporters have every right to disagree with Cheng Liang, but they totally made a mockery of democracy.

Perhaps indirectly, Pakatan supporters are already giving hints as to how harsh daily life will be like for women if PAS-dominated Pakatan ever takes power and establishes its dream draconian state governed by PAS hudud law. We have seen how women are emotionally and physically subjugated under the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and other Islamic states or tribal communities observing hardline hudud law. The scenario of shouting down, intimidating women by using fear tactics looks set to be replicated in Malaysia, should Pakatan ever wrestle Putrajaya

Poor leadership by example emulated by followers

Perhaps the Pakatan audience were merely aping the pathetic example displayed by Kedah PKR excos Tan Chow Kang and Lim Soo Nee who demonstrated horrible decorum when they created a ruckus by rudely interrupting MCA Deputy National Organising Secretary Senator Heng Seai Kie's speech which outlined Kedah's policy failures under a PAS-led government at a public dinner in the northern state organized by the Moral Uplifting Society.

If PKR leaders do not know how to respect women speakers, and behave in an uncouth manner, what better examples may their backers emulate?

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