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一旦华裔选民也背弃希盟，往日马华和国大党面对的窘境，希盟未来可能会承受同样的待遇，届时将得不偿失。（档案照：透视大马）

近期，发生的种种事件都显示我国多项政策似乎都倾向更保守，向右翼靠拢，例如取消槟城甲抛峇底千禧礼堂举办的“马来西亚及印尼TikTok网红歌曲演唱会”，伊斯兰党主席哈迪阿旺支持在宗教学校落实圣训，以及首相安华在“与安华会面”会谈上，对提出有关废除固打制课题的印裔女学生态度不佳等等。

尽管，我已经多次谈及相关课题，但是这一次，我还是想继续讨论。

在政治上，事实往往是次要，反而感觉和看法才是主要，尽管这些感觉和看法未必是正确，却会影响投票倾向的关键点。



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我举例，早在2008年，行动党接管槟城时，他们提出无塑料袋运动，然后每一个塑料袋征收20仙。槟城人踊跃响应，也没有太多抱怨。原因很简单，不是因为政策本身的好坏，而是对州政府的信任，槟城人相信州政府的做法是正确的。换个角度，如果是国阵政府推行这项政策，肯定会招来谩骂和指责。

再举出另一个例子，今时今日行动党无论是在角色和立场，与马华有何不同？行动党的处境会比马华好很多吗？当然，我们必须以现在的行动党和以前的马华做比较，必须以苹果和苹果，橙和橙来做比较。显然这两个政党的差异是客观存在，还是你觉得，你认为两者的不同？对我来说，见仁见智，不可否认，目前华社认为行动党的表现比马华好。

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我想表达的是，不要指望华社理所当然的支持，不会改变主意。现实点，我常说尽管对希盟有不满，碍于华社没有其他选择，除了支持希盟，就没有其他选择。我喜欢引用香港的一句形容词，即华裔选民“含着泪投票”，一旦他们也背弃希盟，往日马华和国大党面对的窘境，希盟未来可能会承受同样的待遇，届时，希盟将得不偿失。

接着，我们来说说支持在宗教学校落实圣训，我们以两个角度来看，第一个是非政治观点，第二则是政治影响观点。

之前，伊党要落实355伊斯兰刑事法，尤其是伊党修订刑罚，提高至30年监禁，10万令吉的罚款，以及鞭笞100下，我是不反对的，因为不会影响到非穆斯林，所以我们不需要反对，除非是穆斯林。



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在这里的情况也一样，落实圣训只限于穆斯林学生，虽然我不赞同，但是也没有理由持反对意见，这是因为，我认为非穆斯林在道义上对此次没有发言权。

但是，从政治上来说，这会给非穆斯林带来不好的印象。最近，这些事件不约而同在凑合在一起，难免让人联想到政府倾向更加保守的方向。如上所述，不管政府是真的保守，还是无心插柳，已经让非穆斯林留下负面印象。

伤害已经造成，现在已经没有办法解决问题，无论是实行还是U转，政府都会惹怒任何一方，所以，错在于政府的公关灾难能力差。

结论

对于希盟领袖来说，他们应该记住一件事，虽然你们在某一种程度上可以将华裔的支持视为理所当然，你可以强迫他们“含泪投票”，但一旦事件到了爆发点，他们会投反对票，就像马华和民政党的遭遇，不要指望未来还有机会再赢回失去的支持，或者重回昔日巅峰。

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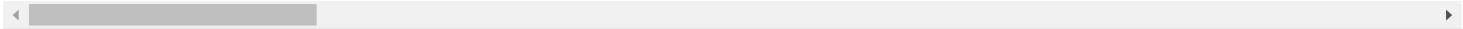
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[Liu Zhewei Column] Lost support is gone forever, PH should learn from it



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If the Chinese voters also abandon PH, PH may face the same dilemma as MCA and MIC in the past, and the loss will outweigh the gain. (File photo: Perspective Malaysia)

Recently, various events have shown that many of our country's policies seem to be leaning towards being more conservative and moving towards the right, such as the cancellation of the "Malaysian and Indonesian TikTok Internet Celebrity Songs Concert" held at the Millennium Hall in Kepala Batas, Penang, PAS Chairman Hadi Awang's support for the implementation of Hadith in religious schools, and Prime Minister Anwar's poor attitude towards an Indian female student who raised the issue of abolishing the quota system during the "Meeting with Anwar" talks.

Although I have talked about this topic many times, I would like to continue the discussion this time.

In politics, facts are often secondary, while feelings and opinions are primary. Although these feelings and opinions may not be correct, they will affect the key points of voting tendencies.



MCA and MIC have been trying for 15 years but still cannot win back the support of the Chinese and Indian communities. (File photo: Malaysian Perspective)

For example, back in 2008, when the DAP took over Penang, they proposed a no-plastic-bag campaign and then charged 20 cents for each plastic bag. Penangites responded enthusiastically and there were not many complaints. The reason is simple. It is not because of the good or bad policy itself, but because of the trust in the state government. Penangites believe that the state government's approach is correct. From another perspective, if the BN government implemented this policy, it would definitely attract abuse and accusations.

Let me give you another example. How is the DAP different from the MCA today in terms of role and position? Is the DAP in a much better position than the MCA? Of course, we must compare the DAP today with the MCA in the past. We must compare apples to apples, oranges to oranges. Obviously, the difference between the two parties is objective, or do you think that the difference is between them? For me, it is a matter of opinion. It is undeniable that the Chinese community currently believes that the DAP is performing better than the MCA.

MCA and MIC have tried hard for 15 years but still cannot win back the support of the Chinese and Indian communities.

What I want to say is that we should not expect the Chinese community to take their support for granted and not change their minds. To be realistic, I often say that although I am dissatisfied with the PH, the Chinese community has no other choice but to support the PH. I like to quote an adjective in Hong Kong, that is, Chinese voters "vote with tears". Once they also abandon the PH, the PH may suffer the same dilemma that the MCA and the MIC faced in the past. By then, the PH will lose more than it gains.

Next, let's talk about supporting the implementation of Hadith in religious schools. We look at it from two perspectives. The first is the non-political perspective, and the second is the political influence perspective.

Previously, PAS wanted to implement the 355 Islamic Criminal Code, especially PAS's revision of the penalties to increase them to 30 years' imprisonment, a fine of RM100,000, and 100 lashes. I did not object because it would not affect non-Muslims, so we do not need to object, unless they are Muslims.



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The situation here is the same. The implementation of the Sunnah is limited to Muslim students. Although I do not agree with it, I have no reason to oppose it. This is because I believe that non-Muslims have no moral say in this matter.

However, politically, this will give non-Muslims a bad impression. Recently, these incidents have coincided with each other, which inevitably makes people think that the government is leaning in a more conservative direction. As mentioned above, whether the government is truly conservative or unintentional, it has left a negative impression on non-Muslims.

The damage has been done and there is no way to solve the problem now. Whether the government implements the plan or makes a U-turn, it will anger everyone involved, so the fault lies with the government's poor disaster public relations capabilities.

Conclusion

For the PH leaders, they should remember one thing, although you can take the support of the Chinese for granted to a certain extent, you can force them to "vote with tears", but once the incident reaches the breaking point, they will vote against it, just like what happened to MCA and Gerakan, don't expect to have a chance to win back the lost support in the future, or return to the peak of the past.

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