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## Seksualiti Merdeka and the social cost of sidelining moral vanguards

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There have been several opinion pieces on the 'Seksualiti Merdeka' programme. One of them presents a passionate defence of the homosexual movement in Malaysia. The writer proclaims his homosexuality, and in the same breath tells us that he respects PAS Murshidul Am Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat, "believes in Muhammad and Allah, and also supports the existence of anti-terrorism law."



Another one on the same topic heaps scorn on PAS Youth over its opposition to homosexual singer Elton John's concert. In summary, the writer attacks the sorts of people who deem that the society needs them to preserve its predominant values.

The twists and turns in this discourse on morality have become more perplexing. These writers have only motivated me to contemplate deeper on the possible underlying forces that were at work behind their writings.

Does our society need vanguards for our moral stance? The only response to that pivotal issue is 'yes'. Allow me to give a justification that has an economic bent to prove my case.

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