

Educate the young to reject what's bad online

IT IS only rational for the Government not to impose any censorship of the Internet as stated by the Prime Minister ("No censorship of the Internet", *The Star*, Aug 8).

Any form of censorship of the Internet in this ICT era will be most unpopular as it runs contrary to the need for transparency and free flow of information.

Although I go along with no censorship, I am however concerned

about the easy availability of smut, which is detrimental to young minds and can lead to social ills.

There is a basis for the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission to study the possibility of developing some form of filtering system to check the easy flow of pornographic material on the Internet.

What needs to be done is to help our young generation to be more discerning.

In line with this, we need to inculcate in our children greater discipline and moral values so that they will be able to decide what is good and bad, to accept the good and reject the bad.

This requires an intensive "values for the nation" programme, which should be taught in schools and homes. What is also fundamental is to strengthen the family institution as the core of a healthy and stable society in the fight against social and

moral decay.

Moral decay is caused by the erosion of moral and ethical values, which can only be overcome not by laws or regulations but by upgrading the quality of family life with emphasis on discipline and good moral behaviour.

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