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I REFER to the report "Put a cap on it, MP advised" (*The Star*, Oct 19) relating to the criticism against PKR MP Zulkifli Noordin who has called for a ban on the sale of beer and condoms in convenience stores.

I think the proposal is ridiculous. Before the 2008 general election, the PKR promised not to play the racial card as they pledged equality for all ethnic groups.

However, banning the sales of beer and condoms in these convenience stores will in fact affect all ethnic groups.

As a Muslim, I believe it is a good thing for Pakatan Rakyat to come up with solutions for Muslims. But

what about non-Muslims?

I do agree with Wanita MCA chief Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun who argued that by banning the sale of these items, it will not be fair to other races.

She also said the use of condoms is more for family planning and safe sex – to prevent the spread of diseases like HIV/AIDS, whereas beer is for socialising and leisure.

I believe educating people is much more important to change social behaviour.

For example, the Health Ministry and other agencies have undertaken measures to reduce smoking habits, so why can't they come up with

campaigns on beer and condoms?

For this matter, we need to see the larger picture.

If there are any abuses and health-related problems, why are

there no counselling programmes or rehabilitation services like those targeted at drug addicts?

We are 1Malaysia and it must be reminded that this nation belongs to all races, regardless of their religion.

The proposed banning of beer and condoms in convenience stores doesn't solve anything. It doesn't make Malaysia a better country.

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