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Dear Tanbira,

I have no problem with the criticism of my write-up because that's telling me you have invested your valuable time to read it. But as a courtesy may I demand that instead of picking up lines here and there from my article, your future rebuttal should contain a decent link of my article? My article on sex-positive feminism was not approved by Satrong and therefore, a criticism of that article in Satrong must be having a link or else I presume this as more of a game of vendetta than establishing truth.

My article on sex-positive feminism
(<http://www.vinnomot.com/test/editorial/biplab/sexpositivefeminism.pdf>)

contains all the answers to all the questions raised by you because I was merely following arguments forwarded by both the sides. However, I would reply again on some of the critical points because it seems you have misinterpreted my article and misconstrued my previously published articles on feminism.

Before that I must answer to your funny attack on internet research. I have always mentioned in my write-up, I do not have any intension to be a writer because I don't think it is possible for me due to lack of access to good Bengali library and one can not write very authentic article relying just on internet (http://www.vinnomot.com/test/editorial/biplab/bangali_paradhin.pdf). I have always admitted -I use Wikipedia extensively for my research and even then sometimes I find, my basic knowledge is not adequate enough to comprehend many of the topics covered by Wikipedia. However it is necessary to do internet research because I do not want to reinvent the wheel-it is always good to see what others thought about the same topic. Is that anything wrong? For example, before writing against sex positive feminism, if you would have done just a five minute search, you would have realized questions you are asking today, have been raised by anti-porno feminists in 70's and have been subsequently answered by sex positive feminists in 80's.

First critical issue: is nudism reversing civilization?

Before that ask yourself this question. Why do we have religion today? Civilization didn't have religion when people were naked in the jungle and caves. Polytheism and then monotheism evolved as an integral part of self-organization of the society. Society needed to reduce the level of chaos of indiscriminate sexual behavior for integration of the society – an evolutionary need for more productivity and military power. The reason we are opposed to nudism has the same root for opposing atheism. You must have seen times and again theists are crying foul against atheists that these people will destroy the world by sex, drugs and what not! They claim atheism is reversing the trend of civilization because without religion there is no moral fabric of the society and atheism is pulling back the human race to the days of jungle! You are speaking the same language of theists and religious bigots because you didn't understand nudism and atheism have very close parallel in human evolution. Religion and strict rules against nudism served same

purpose of social evolution-organization and order.

So far there is no way to prove scientifically what is morally good or bad in the act of sex. All we can say- such sexual activities are productive in terms of social and cultural output and such are not.

Tanbira's attack is pretty similar to religious people-advocacy for more sexual freedom would lead to drug, violence, HIVs etc-didn't we hear this from Mullahs so many times?

How many times Mullahs and Hinduists are voicing such nonsense against the atheists?

Is there any thing called sexual morality? Absolutely free capitalism?

Did any atheist or I ever advocate for drugs or sex that is counter-productive for the society and the state? Read my article on live-together where I have advocated empiricism, method of research and more research for concluding on sexual issues. I have voiced against divorce on several occasion because social research is extremely clear about its negative impact on the society. I talk in favor of empiricism or stuffs that can be supported by experimental results under error controlled method and not in favor of capitalism. There is nothing called absolute capitalism-every company produces medicines, food etc. under heavy regulation so that capitalism or the system of free-market has full responsibility towards the well-being of the society. Even porno market is highly regulated against violent and child porn. More people get prosecuted in USA for violating this regulation on porn than rest of the world where it may be illegal but because there is no regulation (because it is not recognized as industry), in real sense they get a free hand. Your thoughts on capitalism is completely nonsense.

On Dutch Immigration and Pornography:

If I have to believe in what you wrote just because you live there, BBC, CNN, FOX news and their reporters are publishing nonsense on Dutch issues because probably they do not live there as you do!

The news that Netherland wants the prospective immigrants be liberal to porn was everywhere in BBC, CNN, Yahoo. I am giving a cut n paste from AP news:

From [AP](#),

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands - The camera focuses on two gay men kissing in a park. Later, a topless woman emerges from the sea and walks onto a crowded beach. For would-be immigrants to the Netherlands, this film is a test of their readiness to participate in the liberal Dutch culture.

If they can't stomach it, no need to apply.

Despite whether they find the film offensive, applicants must buy a copy and watch it if they hope to pass the Netherlands ' new entrance examination.

The test — the first of its kind in the world — became compulsory Wednesday,

and was made available at 138 Dutch embassies.

Taking the exam costs \$420. The price for a preparation package that includes the film, a CD ROM and a picture album of famous Dutch people is \$75”.

So it is clear Ms Tanbira missed the most publicized news from Netherland this year even when she is living here. What does it prove? Her body might be in Holland but her mind is in Bangladesh which is typical among most of the immigrants. How many blogs, news do I need to cite to prove significant of Dutch population hates Muslims? Yes, I was there in 2001, shortly after 9/11 to attend European conference on optical communication but I was escorted by a Dutch colleague who was born and brought up there. What I saw? Veiled Muslim women with dozens of kids were getting in and out from the tram and every time such incident was happening there was a mild roar among the white passengers. My friend told me those are popular slang against African Muslims.

I wrote what I saw and it conforms to news from BBC/CNN.

Bombing terror camps in Bangladesh:

My suggestion to bomb terrorist camps has been highly criticized in Bangladeshi forums by both Bangladeshi so called liberals and hard-liners. This is despite the fact that on several occasions, I have told even India harbors cross-border terrorists and Bangladesh has equal right to dilute them with military.

May I ask this question to Tanbira?

Despite she writes several progressive articles and her ‘progressive friends’ voiced for secularism, truth is –secularists are losing ground in Bangladesh fast. India may not be a perfectly secular country, but in some sense we are more secular than even Americans.

Clearly growing Islamism in Bangladesh can not be stopped just by writing or by idle intellectuals. It needs sincere effort of secular minded Bangladeshis who are living in Bangladesh and taking the issues to the street. Islamists are being funded by Arabs, Pakistanis where as it is clear to me Bangladeshi secularists have no support from other countries. Even America does not want to recognize Jamat as B team of the terrorists. This is the reason I have told, advocated and I will advocate that Indian Government must support secularists in Bangladesh in all aspects because their rivals are being funded by the Arabs and Pakisthanis. If the secularists fail to do so, they will soon be executed or will be forced to leave Bangladesh. They need international support from all the corners. Instead of doing that Farid and Tanbira are joining the bandwagon of anti-Indianism helping the Islamists directly.

When my fellow Indians are dying and being threatened by the Muslim terrorists trained by our ‘friendly neighbor’ [<http://www.anandabazar.com/archive/1060825/25desh3.htm>] what I am supposed to do as a writer? Shed my crocodile tears for the victims and bring the issues of humanism when real actions will be taken against them?

If Bangladeshis have feeling for their countrymen, I have my own feeling for the Indians. I will

not be sold to earn cheap popularity as humanist at the expense of my suffering countrymen. If Bangladeshis are concerned that bombing the terror camps would bring death of civilian population, I have also concern if we do not respond to the cross-border terrorism militarily, hundreds of Indians civilians will die in coming years from terrorist attacks. Because it is clear secularists in Muslim countries are losing their ground fast and we can not wait to see that our neighbor will slip in to the hands of the fanatics completely.

Conclusion:

I speak from my mind. Not to be politically correct, not to be popular but because I look for truth. And I want to fight against religious fanatics.

Time is the greatest test for the truth. Time will tell me whether I was right or wrong. To me idealist words like humanism, sexism, atheism, theism, nudism, socialism, and capitalism do not mean anything because in reality we live in a wonderful world of all faiths and conflicting ideals. However truth is only revealed through empiricism or by method of science and not by following any ideal even if that idealism is called humanism.

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