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I have been fighting against government censorship for nearly 20 years now, but it is the self censorship, mainly by the media, that is becoming more and more concerning.

Tabloid editors now consider themselves the moral arbitors of our society.

This week the Herald Sun refused to run this ad in their sport section and sister publication MX

has also now refused to run it.



The initial reason the Herald Sun editor gave was that "there have been too many rapes lately." WTF??!!

who needs govt censorship when the media is so good at it?

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And if that wasn't stupid enough he went on to offer to run the ad in the classifieds section. Obviously rapists don't read the classifieds.

The day they refused the ad the most read story was "sex, pies investigation widens". I think I can be pretty certain that if the Collingwood club wanted to run an ad there would be no questions.

After numerous phone calls the advertising manager came back to say that they were conscious of their readers sensibilities and could not run the ad because of it.

What are they talking about?

You would see far more flesh in a David Jones ad run on page three or a gossip story on the local WAGs.

As I see it they feel that because this woman's occupation involves having sex then the mere image of her will offend Mrs Grundy's sensitivities. This is outrageous discrimination but who are you going to protest to? The media?