



The following is the first of a number of unpublished letters that were sent to the Express, Guardian and perhaps other local dailes but were never published. It is important that we acknowledge that the reason these letters were not published was not necessarily due to discrimination, bias, malice or any kind of ill-will on the part of the editors nor are we suggesting that. This is merely another outlet through which concerns and valid points can be made.

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It is with great regret and sadness I put pen to paper(well fingers to keyboard is more like it) to express once again, a less-than-pleasant sentiment concerning our country, which from my amateur assessment, seems to be spiralling downwards into an abyss called 'double standards'. Quite frankly, these days I read the newspapers, namely the more reputable ones, and on some pages I think I'm reading (or looking at) the Sunday Punch(which I don't read by the way). I ask, why is there a pressing need to showcase and highlight what should, in reality, be scorned in a moral society? But I digress, as what is dubbed the 'Greatest Show on Earth' draws near.



The spectacular show in which all decency and modesty (what is that anyway?) is lost and forgotten. The great dance in which parents will strip down to their underwear to prance and flail their limbs about, without an ounce of shame, even in the presence of their children. The very children whom they have taught and will continue to teach, if they have any good sense, basic morals, values and ethics. The morals and values that they readily contradict when comes the grand, monumental parade!

We, as citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, need to be more introspective when we become role models. What example are we setting and what legacy are we leaving for our children? Our children are the future of the country as no one can deny, but there's not a bright future for them if they imitate us, especially around this time, where it is not days that are counted down til the 'big event', but fetes. As a great man once said: **"If you have no shame, do as you wish"** Shame on us!

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