
Wait, why do we vote in the first place?

Let's take a step back with reason and take actionable steps forward
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Everyone's glass of election anxiety full yet? Good. Mine? Well, it's trying to stop itself from tumbling—though drops are falling. Just hold on to yours and **try not to flood your social media feed with hate.**

Twitter (and Facebook; pick your poison) has been roaring on my notifications ever since the surprisingly speedy release of the partial, unofficial vote count. I say roar because unlike my usual Among Us memes, tweets I've been seeing are filled with derogatory statements coming from Filipinos. It pains me to see fellow change-seekers throw blocks of concrete at one another.

This needs to stop.

Easier said than done, I know—but let me ask you a question: do you think good governance or unity alone will automatically resolve long-term issues affecting every Filipino big or kind?

We must collectively be kind like volunteers, whether it be for clout, money, or for the actual good of the country.

Good governance = Good leadership encourages us to be kind

Don't respond to this now. Sleep on it. Let your mind, which, by nature, defends you from psychological discomfort, discover elements in this piece of thought objectively.

Whichever candidate may take the seat, there will always be exchanges done under the table. Corruption—blatant or discreet—will always coexist. Though like all diseases, sickness is better treated when detected early.

This is the part where you get disappointed due to the lack of a hard stance. Again, not vote who competent but hope and help country achieve greatness. Together, let's make Philippines better.

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