Corruption is very rampant and we would always like to get rid of this problem, but whenever we do issue this problem, we may face dangerous situations.

It’s sad to say that our country was once one of the top countries in Asia that has economic power, and look at us now. Corruption is one of the major problems in our country. It’s evident that even if government tells us that they are not corrupt, we can still feel it and that we can even see it happening in our everyday lives and it drags our country down. Low-quality roads, schools, hospitals, and other public facilities, and even wealthy government officials.

Corruption is not just tied to governments stealing the people’s money for their own personal wealth, it can also be abuse of power and authority bestowed upon them. The civil code of the Philippines Principle of Abuse or Rights Article 19 even states that “Every person must, in the exercise of his rights and in the performance of his duties, act with justice, give everyone his due and observe honesty and good faith.” This means that we are all subjected to practice this principle, both us, the people, and the politicians seated in the government. Our time can also be corrupted by the government. Time is precious and as many of us would say, “Time is money.” Projects that was planned by the government, especially buildings and roads and their specifications such as the time it should be finished are sometimes not given to us. Implementing this projects sometimes takes a very long time that should’ve been finished for just a short period of time and this can cause lots of money. Tax is also one cause of corruption in our country and sometimes government evades this. Our tax is supposedly for the public, meaning everyone in the country is included. Tax is supposedly good for the country, since it’s our ways and means of making our country better, but since there are people who are tax evaders, government misusing our tax, until this day, how can we even make our very own country better? Sometimes tax can even be too high for the average person, which can lead to poverty.

Corruption is a very hard topic to talk about, but when I put myself into the shoes of those having a difficult time dealing with this problem, it really saddens me to see that our country is not excelling with this kinds of situation. We should not be afraid to put the big cases to the court. We should always remember that if we do want to make our country a better place, it is us who has the voice. We need to devise our systems and use our laws fairer. We need to fill the gap between the people and the government. Although we have a long way to probably achieve this goal, but it is never too late to make a change and make a difference.