

## Exercise for Plato's Ethics

1. Ethical Issue	Arguments For (Supports Delay)	Arguments Against (Opposes Delay)
Senate's inaction or apparent dilatory tactics of Senate President and other senators in convening the Senate as an impeachment court.	<p>1. "I respectfully move that in view of constitutional infirmities... the verified impeachment complaint... be dismissed." — <i>Bato Dela Rosa</i></p> <p>Argues that the complaint is constitutionally defective and should not be entertained.</p>	<p>1. "Time to move. Not a moment more to lose. Apat na buwan na pong hinihintay ng taong bayan ang aksyon namin." — <i>Risa Hontiveros</i></p> <p>Delaying action disrespects public expectation and urgency.</p>
	<p>2. "I agree it's too much to ask the senators to come back and do impeachment while they are campaigning." — <i>Cynthia Villar</i></p> <p>Defends inaction due to campaign season priorities.</p>	<p>2. "The Constitution says that [the impeachment trial] must be done immediately... Hindi na 'yan in the spirit of forthwith." — <i>Koko Pimentel</i></p> <p>Constitution demands immediate Senate action; delay violates the law.</p>

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	<p>3.“Matagal pa 'yan eh... panggulo lang yan eh.” — <i>Marcos</i></p> <p>Suggests impeachment is just political chaos and not serious.</p>	<p>3.“Magiging grotesque na subvert po yan ng kapangyarihan ng Senado... wholesale na pagtaksil sa tiwala ng taong bayan.” — <i>Hontiveros</i></p> <p>Further delays or refusal to act is a betrayal of the public trust.</p>
	<p>4.“The advancement of impeachment will not be beneficial... it leads to further division...” — <i>Robin Padilla</i></p> <p>Claims impeachment is divisive and hinders legislative work.</p>	<p>4.“The nine-day delay... wasted time, as Duterte could have already provided her answer.” — <i>Pimentel</i></p> <p>Opportunities for progress were ignored, causing inefficiency.</p>
	<p>5.“What will you do? Last day of session o aalis na kami... Bakit naman nila pinasa sa last day?” — <i>Villar</i></p> <p>Blames House for bad timing; impractical for Senate to respond.</p>	<p>5.“We owe it to the Filipino people to convene as an impeachment court and begin the proceedings...” — <i>Hontiveros</i></p> <p>Duty of the Senate to uphold transparency and accountability.</p>
	<p>6.“Ang gusto ko tutukan ang problema sa bansa. Di naman yan ang solusyon eh... Nakakahiya na tayo.” — <i>Marcos</i></p> <p>Views impeachment as a distraction from real national problems.</p>	<p>6.“Opening the trial does not presume guilt... just part of our mandate.” — <i>Grace Poe</i></p> <p>Impeachment trial is procedural justice, not conviction.</p>

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	<p>7. “The matter of the Articles of Impeachment... cannot be fully accomplished by the expiration of the Nineteenth Congress... thereby resulting in its termination.” — <i>Padilla</i></p> <p>Padilla filed a formal resolution (Senate Reso. No. 1371) to dismiss the impeachment outright due to time constraints, effectively ending the process before it could start.</p>	<p>7. “If the delay and ambiguity favor the impeached officer... the impeached officer was truly favored.” — <i>Pimentel</i></p> <p>Delay appears biased toward protecting the accused.</p>

2. Of the majority vs opposition senators, who acted based on the “opinions of the many?” Cite the following opinions.

- A. “Sobra-sobra na ang paghihintay ng mga Pilipino. Let us all hope this is the last delay.” — *Risa Hontiveros*. Expresses frustration shared by the public over repeated delays.
- B. “Apat na buwan na pong hinihintay ng taong bayan ang aksyon namin.” — *Risa Hontiveros*. Cites the long wait by the Filipino people, invoking collective impatience.
- C. “Anuman ang akusasyon... karapatan ng taumbayan na malaman at mahimay ang mga ito...” — *Risa Hontiveros*. Argues for public right to transparency and scrutiny.
- D. “Ang tagal nang hinihintay ng taumbayan... they deserve action, not avoidance.” — *Sherwin Gatchalian*. Cites the people’s long wait and expresses a sentiment that the public feels ignored.
- E. “Karapatan ng taumbayan na malaman at mahimay ang mga ito.” — *Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel*. Emphasizes the public’s right to transparency, invoking democratic expectations.