ASSESSING THE P-NOY ADMINISTRATION: A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

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Three Major Issues on Governance



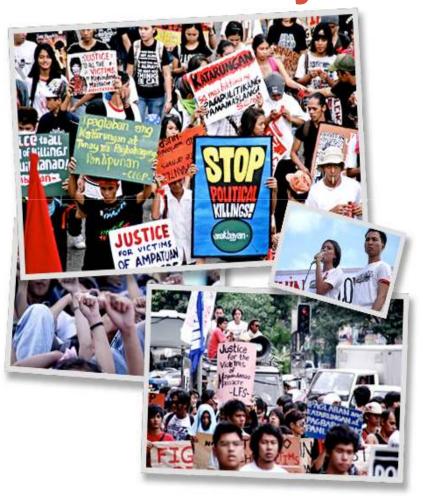
- Access to Power: is the access to power democratic?
- Exercise of Power: are those who exercise power sufficiently accountable to the people and legitimate agencies?
- Policy Outcomes: do policies yield results that significantly improve the quality of life of the people?

Undemocratic Access to Power

- Elections that are not "free, fair, and competitive".
- Control of electoral exercises by political families.
- Concrete Policy Issues:
- 1) Election Automation.
 - 2) Reform of the COMELEC.
 - 3) Electoral reforms to curb domination by political families.



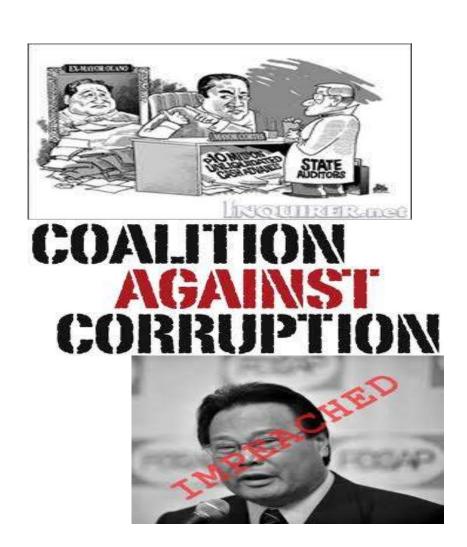
Exercise of Power with Poor Accountability



- Vertical Accountability through credible elections.
- Horizontal accountability through inter-agency checks and balances.
- Social accountability
 through intervention of peoples' movements and civil society.

Policy Issues on Improving Accountability.

- Checks and balances among key government agencies: executive-legislative-judicial relations and the role of constitutional bodies.
- The "anti-corruption campaign" of P-Noy. Necessary but not sufficient.
- Ending the tradition of impunity by public officials.
- Ensuring transparency and access to information: the Freedom of Information Act.



Key Policy Outcomes



- Ensuring sustainable and inclusive economic growth to substantially reduce poverty and income inequality.
- Negotiating political settlements to the armed conflict.
- Ending the culture of impunity as seen in continuing HR violations.