



Razor's Edge

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There Are No Tyrants Where There Are No Slaves

NEW YORK, NY Mar. 11 (PinoyGlobal) - The title above sounds the alarm for all to be on guard against becoming victims of exploiters and harbingers of catastrophic consequences befalling the nation. This probability can happen if our countrymen drop their guard and succumb to the outlandish propaganda of lies drumbeat by a desperate presidential candidate's minions as the election date rushes to the finish line.

Someone said there are no tyrants where there are no slaves. This aphorism eloquently speaks of what is happening in the heat of the campaign. Though this cogent rhetoric has been echoed a thousand times before by well meaning compatriots back home still it seems our impoverished voters have not caught up with the message. And to think that the warning is to protect them against the wave of deceiving propaganda and slogans that target on the simple and poor people whose plight makes them easy victims of the hype endorsing Villar for president. Predictably, these insidious devices are meant to build up hopes in which the electorate is misled by empty promises.

With the use of his unlimited logistics, Villar aspires to gain grounds in this obviously lopsided race that shows the young Aquino leading all the presidential aspirants. Apparently Villar has conspired to manipulate the survey results because lately he is said to be the most likely front runner in the next few days. Separating truth from fiction however, he is desperately tailgating very much behind Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III even with the padded ratings tailor made for him. Needless to reiterate here is that despite his

camp paying for the survey results to hypnotize the people of Villar's formidability as a candidate, the fact remains that he has not matched Noynoy's edge least of all dislodged the latter from the awesome winner status in the all the surveys.

After the incursion of Villar in the business of predicting results, daily surveys are becoming bolder that Noynoy's rating is consistently dropping while conveniently those of the culprit behind the C-5 scandal keeps climbing up. How much of these surveys are true only the companies being paid handsomely, can tell. But the balm to all these schemes that hoodwink the people is in their hands and that is the power to avert the election of Manny Villar. Juan de la Cruz must not forget that the governed has the right to make or unmake leaders of the nation. Election Day is that occasion to demonstrate how wisely our people use their God given right to architect their own destiny and that of posterity.

It can foil the beguiling and insidious propaganda hammered daily on television, radio, computers, billboards and other medium of communication. All that has been made possible by the use of unlimited funds to the detriment of democracy with the nation falling in the hands of an unscrupulous president: a president who has no qualms to exploit his power unimpeded by law and public morals.

But assuming that flooding them with money as Villar has been doing lately the majority of the electorate will support him, should they be blamed? yes and no. No if we go to the nitty-gritty of how they are being manipulated by wheeler

dealers and propagandists who paint scam artists as saints having in mind the electorates' chronic financial shortcomings.

Blaming the poor, naïve and gullible for falling victims to a candidate who does not hesitate to shake hands with the devil just to become president, is adding insult to injury. From day one our people were already victims of traps and crooked politicians whose antics of taking advantage of the pervasive misery plaguing them - is cruel and vicious. We know the erring politicians would stop at nothing short of intimidation and extorting for votes through methods disavowed by law. The sad part is that the public's wretched plight has created a volatile situation that could explode on the slightest provocation to the detriment of our wobbling democracy. That regrettable episode can be averted by the proper use of the right of suffrage... a very effective defense mechanism against scheming politicians.

We blame the insidious approach of the candidate or candidates that undermine the principles of our hapless countrymen through money. To the hungry and the needed, regardless if the largess is merely palliative and not the elusive panacea that will solve the urgency of their needs is what matters. Now is paramount to them not tomorrow.

That is just the crux of the issue because it is in that area where the Nacionalista Party excels, which is underwriting the so-called surveys wherein Villar soars high in the rating. Money is no object so long as he succeeds in his quest for the presidency, irregardless if he has to mangle the morals of constituents, which is exactly what he is doing blatantly. Anyway, once in power he can recover the billions he squandered in the campaign with compounded interest on top.

Here is the litany of things where he is in the middle of the controversies. He was found guilty by the Senate on the Public Works road extension anomaly. Sen. Jamby Madrigal exposed his swindle of the Paradise Park that he sold when it is a sequestered property of the PCGG. Then he got the huge loan of P1.5 billion from the Central Bank by using the titles of five hundred hectares of land in Norzagaray,

Bulacan, which is public domain, and many more strikes on his character that should make him the most unpalatable presidential aspirant. For instance he is in league with the communists, according to a military report. All along, the incidences or instances of corruption expose his dubious modus operandi, which include land grabbing that in no uncertain terms has built up his so-called real estate empire. Manny did not stop enlisting celebrities in politics, religious "leaders", comedians, boxers and movie icons alone, but he also embraced the deadly New People's Army (communist armed men) as I mentioned above. Not content in doing that he also went as far as coughing up so much money supposedly to have the freedom to roam the enclaves of the communists to get votes some of which are NPA votes. His monetary support for the communist cause has made them ecstatic for now they are raking in billions from Villar and other politicians paying tong to the NPAs.

In a manner of speaking he could very well be financing the leftist cause of terrorism and worse their ultimate objective of toppling down the government one day. That's how desperate he is to be president, he has virtually aligned himself with the devil (NPAs) who mercilessly kill innocent victims to intimidate the non believers to cooperate and join their organization of murderers.

Will the people take a chance with such a man who does not know when to stop wooing supporters regardless of the cost and or consequences upon the nation?

But then again, the choice is on our people for they can opt to vote with their conscience. The power is in their hands. Bearing in mind the adage that there are no tyrants where there are no slaves, they should know if they prefer to be under a president whose corrupt tendencies is already of judicial notice, or choose the safety device provided by the Constitution – the ballot. With it they can stop any undesirable character from sitting in the high chair of president.

Palliative solutions (largess) are non negotiable when the stakes are so high. Your vote can make the big difference between our democracy's destruction, and or making the nation great again. Now is the time to be concerned: people - frustrate a presidential candidate who shamelessly tries to buy the high office within the people's gift because that man cannot have noble intentions.