



## *Razor's Edge*

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# *Psychological Test for Presidential Aspirants Is a Redundancy*

**NEW YORK, NY April 14 (PinoyGlobal)** -Manny Villar suggested that presidential aspirants should undergo psychological, which could very well be mental test. Paradoxically, I believe it isn't implausible considering how many want to be president even though they have no following or campaign funds, much less a well oiled political party. Months before the campaign period, the Commission on Elections disqualified almost all of the 96 people seeking for the high office without credentials or logistics to support their grandiose ambition.

However, the concept would gain merit if he leads the lunatic group of aspirants because it is he who has been suffering from mental imbalance for sometime now. Land grabbing for over twenty years does not speak of level-headedness or of his honesty. A former lawyer of Villar's group of companies, Restituto Mendoza, says Money VillAroyo (his moniker) built his real estate empire by falsifying land titles in connivance with the Imus, Cavite, Register of Deeds. Consequently, VillAroyo's suggestion falls prone on its face. It could even be a ploy to derail focus on his monumental machinations.

I support his idea only if it is not confined to presidential candidates but to include anybody seeking for public office because myriads of local and national candidates should be confined to mental asylums. His brainstorm doesn't make sense midstream of the campaign when presidential wannabes have been wooing voters all around the country for months. If they had the malignant virus of insanity many could have gotten it already by osmosis.

The suggestion is uncalled for when people could have made up their minds already after watching candidates exhibit their mental problem and wrinkled morality. I would even say that the test is a redundancy. Their vicious mudslinging debunks whatever noble claim they have for the high office.

To begin with there should only be two political parties and two vying for president and not a galaxy of coyotes promising the stars to the gullible electorate. Most of those aspiring to run the country should be disqualified for mental imbalance and propensity for corruption.

First, why should they run now when vote buying has become a tradition rather than a no-no in the rules of engagement? Second, running at a time when corruption is an institution in public office reveals one's sordid intention to amass ill-gotten wealth or be accused of unexplained poverty if you do not follow the rule of the thumb of getting rich quick in a government office and see the world on taxpayers' money. Thus candidates nowadays run the risk of being stigmatized because it depicts an acute moral and mental disorder.

Third, to win an election for president you have to get the endorsement of clowns, boxers, pseudo evangelists, brazen philanderers and the children of a disgraced dictator, which means your promises no longer mesmerize Juan de la Cruz. Dancing in the political arena with scalawags denotes something is egregiously wrong with you.

Fourth, you have to swim in a sea of personal insults and scandals involving you that a decent man or woman shivers even to contemplate being in that line of fire. Fifth, publicly embracing notorious womanizers, who are pillars in the hall of shame, is part of the ritual you have to perform. They can be unscrupulous grafters or prostitutes, yet because they have big families you inhale their breath without being squeamish about it.

With the things you have to swallow being a presidential candidate a sanity test is completely absurd. Sen. Aquino is right in asking Villar to lead the way by submitting himself first; after all he suggested the psychological test because he personifies the obvious reason.

Indeed, why is he a candidate when he does nothing but throw billions? Is the ego of being a presidential aspirant more important than his hard earned fortune that could not be recovered with the salary and emoluments attached to the office? Is the expense and hassle worthy the game?

He deserves sympathy for no day passes without a new scandal of land grabbing is unearthed involving him. At this rate, only a fellow con-artist will empathize with him and possibly even vote for him, nobody else.

But if VillAroyo becomes president expect him to land grab the entire country because he would only be consistent with his nature. Judging from all the negative revelations on how he acquired his widespread real estate properties all over the Philippines what is to stop him from elbowing out land owners from their ancestral lands? Or annexing public domain with impunity to his group of real estate properties that are marred with unsavory charges of land grabbing?

If Marcos was guilty of ill-gotten wealth and was described in the Book of Guinness as the greatest thief of the century, Villar might go down in history as the greatest land grabbing artist of the past century by the same Book of Guinness. Is he the president Filipinos want? Please, give Juan de la Cruz a break!