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The Whale of Difference between Aquino and Villar

NEW YORK, NY May 3 (PinoyGlobal) -Read my lips, it's just days away before people render final judgment on who deserves to lead the country in the next six years. Sad to say, still dirty politics grips the hotly contested Philippine elections. Nacionalista Party leaders are spearheading the abominable black propaganda campaign against the Liberal Party standard bearer Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III. In logic we call this argumentum ad hominem, the method of personal attacks to derail the issue/s from being galvanized for the benefit of the audience.

This smokescreen is a defense mechanism: when reason flies out of the window and valid arguments are lost in the tsunami of verbal calisthenics, the protagonists resort to this gambit. Candidates try to destroy a strong adversary with this plot. Manny Villar et al are adept at this as gleaned from his vicious vilification of Noynoy whom he tailgates very far behind. In a decent and civilized society this argument is deemed utterly repulsive.

The enemy is in a desperate swing. The camp of Villar is high with hate because in the latest survey their candidate has slammed into the abyss, while Noynoy gallops at breakneck speed toward the finish line. Verily, the young Aquino could be said to be the top of the line presidential aspirant.

Our people have unequivocally manifested distrust on Villar to architect the destiny of the nation, which is not a trifling matter. To GMA's secret presidential candidate, Villar, this is unacceptable. Not after splurging billions to buy the presidency or at least he thought he could buy the highest

office of the land. If he is out of power, his hands will be pinioned to pursue his land grabbing anomalies. Remember that he suffers from an acute case of moral paralysis.

Even at this late hour, Villar's camp incessantly lampoons Senator Aquino with all sorts of fabricated lies including a bogus psych report about the state of his mind notwithstanding the cogent denials from the suppose source. Ateneo University father Jaime Bulatao vigorously denied authoring the black propaganda; nonetheless Villaroyo's propagandists brazenly pursue the dirty game plan in a desperate attempt to reverse the tide of negative reports cascading on their standard bearer.

This is where the difference of both candidates is accentuated because despite all those below the belt attacks, true to his deep-rooted moral fabric and innate decency, Noynoy has maintained his composure against the litmus test to his tolerance. He never vacillated from his program of government, particularly on the welfare of the poor and the plight of starving teachers among other programs he advocates. He has shown that negative approach is divisive, more than that it does not cook rice for our poor masses. Mang Juan is tired of politicians badmouthing each other while the problems besetting the nation march on unabated.

In other words, Filipinos are so oriented with the issues that all they want is for leaders to be focused on solutions and not claim to have unfettered access to leadership and morality; unless of course, they are drinking tablets for congenital liars. Presidential aspirants should respect their feelings and woo

the electorate through valid and comprehensive platforms to deserve their precious vote.

It should be noted that even saints can only take so much falsehood imputed on them, and Noynoy is but human. When pressed to answer the massive character assassination waged against him by Villaroyo's handlers, that he was once found to be a depressed teenager by a doctor in Boston where the Aquinos took refuge at the height of martial law, Noynoy asked back: "Why should I be made to prove the false to be false?" Touché, amigo!

Indeed, the burden of proof rests on his maligners. But again the issue is good governance and integrity on which perspective Villar is pathologically anemic. Consequently, it is but natural that he has not dignified our people's desire for candidates to win on merit and not through the politics of personal attacks.

Let me for a moment meander on the realm of possible truth regarding Noynoy's alleged "depression and megalomania." His detractors arrogantly announced that they will not let him escape the issue as if Noynoy is really mentally imbalanced. They brandish this fabrication in the hope of undermining the phenomenal lead of Cory's son over all his rivals for the top office, which is already irreversible because of time constraint: the days are numbered to election time.

In the first place, megalomania could not be imputed on Noynoy whose demeanor and mild character negates the accusation squarely. In fact, he is too modest and humble that you do not notice him because he keeps his silence. If that is megalomania (excessive ego) then they reinvented the meaning of the word.

Be that as it may, let me ask the citizenry these questions. If you were the son whose father was imprisoned for eight years during martial law for his principles and empathy for the suffering hungry masses, would you not be depressed? And would you not think of alleviating the searing pain of the family by avenging your father against his cruel jailers and the mastermind?

If you were the son of a father who was cold bloodedly assassinated by soldiers at the airport upon his arrival to be with his family and people he loved so dearly that he hazarded life and limbs to be with them again, would you not think of revenge?

If you were the son who saw your mother in dire agony on seeing the bloodied remains of her murdered husband who was shot in the back of his head, would you not think of revenge?

If you were the son of a widowed mother who had to drastically abandon her serene, domestic life to do battle against a tyrant dictator whom no one dared to challenge in the snap elections of 1986 to restore democracy in our country, would you not want to revenge on her tormentors?

Even that could just be a fantasy of a hurting son like Noynoy who is incapable of killing a fly. Must he be crucified for the impossible crime of revenge and "megalomania" in his mind, assuming without admitting, he had those afflictions? By the way, a crime that is committed only in the mind is an impossible crime because it has not been consummated.

His public life is an open book. Noynoy sustained the principles and moral values inculcated to him by his devoted mother whom he loves dearly, the late Cory Aquino. And isn't it commendable that he has set the example that one can be in the dirty game of politics and still be untarnished? He has not caved in to the imponderables and vagaries of politics to this day. What more can I say?

His detractors should listen to the wisdom of Plato: "The best stomachs are not those that reject all food. This was in reference to consummate hypocrites who endlessly criticize adversaries as if they have unfettered access to morality. Voltaire described critics as the happiest people on earth because they feel superior to everybody. The garbage they fabricate against Noynoy should be thrown in the bowels of Smoky Mountains, if it has not yet been leveled by Money Villaroyo for his condominiums.

Because of the likes of Villaroyo and his cronies it behooves the electorate to vote Aquino for president in the elections a few days from now having in mind the whale of difference between Villaroyo and Noynoy. For once treat yourselves with the good feeling that you did the right thing in spite of the tempting money Villar so contemptuously dangle before your noses.

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