



Razor's Edge

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Return of the Jedi: Losing Politicians Want to Save Face

NEW YORK, NY May 21 (PinoyGlobal) - In my last column, “Hocus PCOS is in the Eye of the Beholder”, I expressed my unsettling annoyance, regarding the hysteria created by losers that the machines of the Precinct Count Optical Scan, acronym PCOS, printed only the desired results without reading the actual outcome of the elections. The uproar echoed the frustration of egomaniacs that ran to project their jaded political careers in the hope of making a comeback ala return of the Jedi – a fictional galactic movie about freaks and nuts.

There is simply no rhyme or reason in accepting this contentious accusation at face value in light of the conspicuous absence of evidence supporting their outlandish charge. Nevertheless, the clamor to investigate the results of the May 10 elections created a cause celebre: thousands are now shouting for the blood of Commission on Elections officials and Smartmatic executives. With that in mind, I sardonically quipped that if this is our invite to foreign investors then show me the formula to scare them away.

It is different when the accusation is supported with incorruptible proofs because it precludes mendacious allegations. Up to now everything is hot air and a lot of loud cries of gullible people and losers.

The sour grapping numbskull losers did not wait for the counting of ballots to be completed. Readily, they condemned the whole process as being marred by “bawas-dagdag” or padding and shaving of votes. If their intention is to ignite disapproval of the elections, they certainly hit the nail in the head because our people have that itch to accept

the negative as gospel truth as evidenced by the wild clamor to investigate the Comelec and Smartmatic executives.

Curiously, even the automated machines took a day or two to come up with the election returns. And besides, who would believe massive irregularities were prevalent in the elections when the story tellers are mostly the losers?

The foreign observers admit that the anomalies were the usual vote buying, coaching voters in the precincts by candidates or their watchers, the incidence of violence were isolated - happening only in some areas of the country, and that the team sent to repair malfunctioning PCOs machines were inefficient and so forth. But they never condemned the Comelec or Smartmatic for deliberately tampering poll results. All these wild talk of fraudulent elections are just “palusut” of losers.

It is for this reason I whipped back at Estrada, Tatad and PMP manager Maceda et al, for sowing dissension in the midst of our euphoria over the relatively peaceful elections we just experienced. The trouble is that now it is no longer a trio but every conceivable loser believes he has been robbed of victory.

But it does not sink into the thick skulls of cynics and skeptics, that our voters today are no longer docile lambs voting for useless barnacles to office. Sad but true, what the rabble rousing poll rejects started is catching fire. Many are now chanting “fraud, cheating, vote padding and shaving,” etcetera.

Really, it takes all kinds to make the world to spin. A columnist presented a video of a mask man in a press conference claiming he shaved votes from presidential candidates Estrada, Teodoro and Villanueva for the benefit of Noynoy. Outlandish as the claim is columnist Buddy Cunanan believed this palpable canard.

The sour enchilada shows the absurdity and paranoia of losers. Needless to say they contrived this confusion so that failed elections could be declared in the hope that another electoral process is scheduled. How the scheme is expected to work for their benefit boggles the mind when the verdict of the people is firm, irrevocable and absolute, i.e. they are disavowed to hold the elective positions they sought in the elections. Capis?

Sad to say, the nation has apparently joined the percolating demand to investigate Commission on Elections officials and arrest the Smartmatic executives. The latter's predicament stems from the fact that they brought automated election into the country. The contemplated harsh move on the foreign entrepreneurs depicts Filipinos as ungrateful people to those whose only crime is bringing us to the advance electronics era. The antiquated manual count we had for years is obsolete and they were fraught with possible machinations apart from being susceptible to frauds.

Critics have rashly condemned the PCOS machines for their woes and repudiation in the polls. This hostile attitude does sit well with prudence. For the first time we had fast, peaceful and to a certain extent honest elections. Clearly the machines are made scapegoat of losing candidates to save face, if general plastic surgery is still possible on those mugs. But may I ask if we to believe the May 10 elections are incredible because they are too good to be real? Wouldn't that be ironic and mean?

Really, people believe what they want to believe even when the odds are as dark as the conscience of Money Villaroyo or Madam Arroyo, for that matter. Columnist Cunanan is obviously delirious about this John Doe in a mask, who I understand looks like a freak or a Koala bear. Bold behind a mask, the "whistleblower" categorically said that what he did benefited president-elect Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III. The innuendo was clear that behind the wicked plot designed to thwart the will of the voting public, points to the young Aquino. Could not Buddy have been more imaginative without insulting our intelligence given that the man, his masked protégé accuses is Noynoy – whose integrity is his trademark?

Holy camotes, how could a veteran columnist make the foul-mouthed koala look-a-like bum who wants publicity in anonymity, his idol for veracity?

The nagging questions are: who plotted the obscenity of using a mentally sick-masked man to wreck the credibility of the last elections? Did he do it alone and at what speed did he accomplish the millions of votes he shaved off from the other presidential aspirants? Did he have cohorts for the nation wide demolition job? How was he able to do all that without being detected? And would Aquino or any Liberal Party stalwart buy his idea of corrupting the election results?

In the welter of this surrealistic scenario has it not occurred to Cunanan that the sordid scheme deliberately besmirches Noynoy, and at worse possibly nullifies the just concluded elections so that in the run off the real mastermind could have a better chance of winning via full scale cheating?

Noynoy, as people know, is incapable of doing shady things; much less to become president of the Philippines by methods that smack of fraud, which he abhors to the core. If he is in politics today it is because he wants to instill integrity and promote clean elections in our political life. He will be the last man to contemplate demeaning the process for his personal gain, no sir. This is not the moral fabric of Noynoy!

In the weeks and months ahead there will be more mudslinging and violent words thrown left and right to create a climate of hostility engulfing the country, but don't be fools to join the enemies of good government and national progress. Only the desperate whose sole purpose is to be in power for reasons that are less than honest and noble, would engage in this adventurism. Let our citizens be stoic amid the seething situation: it could be the most prudent move they may ever make.

The republic must be as formidable as a rock that cannot be shaken by the sinister intentions of rejected politicians. Not naiveté nor gullibility but sobriety is our nation's survival.