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FACT CHECK *coalitional* **POLITICS**

TEAM PNOY
Though team PNOY claims to select their candidates based on their capability to support the President's reform agenda, there are still some laws on which some of the candidates' platforms were not consistent with on views and stands. The RH bill, Sin Tax Law, and the Corona Impeachment are some examples.

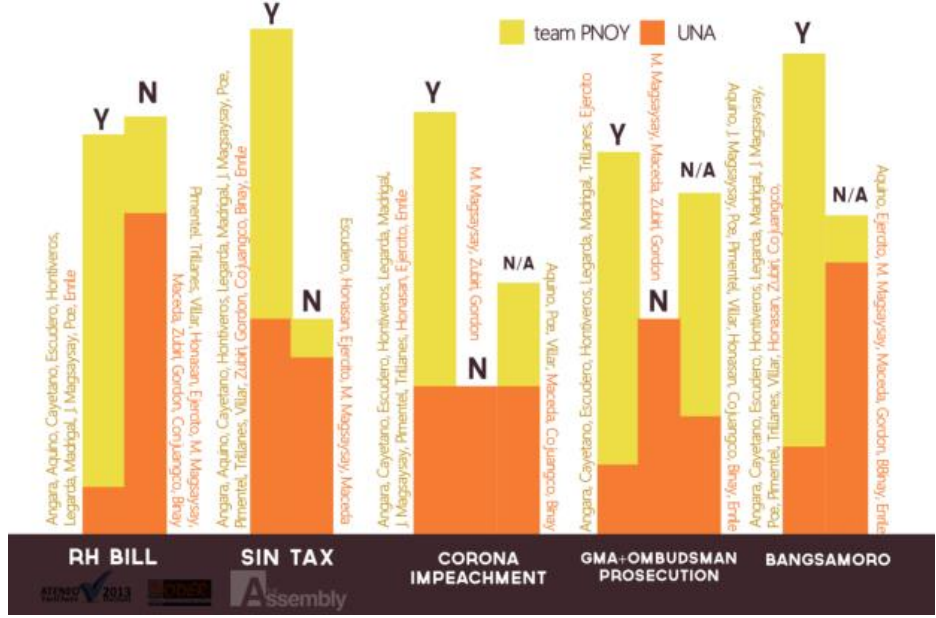
UNITED NATIONALIST ALLIANCE UNA
It is quite true that UNA is not a true opposition to the administration of President Aquino, as they indeed claim, yet a number of the Senatoriales in their ticket have platforms which are inconsistent with the Administration's reform agenda.



Some notable pronouncements were anti-RH claims of Sen. Koko Pimentel II, Sen. Sonny Trillanes IV, and Ms. Cynthia Villar; Sen. Francis Escudero's concern over the Sin Tax Law; and the unclear positions of Mr. Bam Aquino, Ms. Grace Poe, and Ms. Cynthia Villar on the Corona Impeachment Case.

Notable ticket members would be Rep. Mitos Magsaysay, former Sen. Migz Zubiri, and former Sen. Richard Gordon on the opposition; and Sen. Gringo Honasan II, Sen. JV Ejercito, and Sen. Jackie Ponce Enrile Jr. in support.

issue and coalitional politics matrix





Freedom of Information Matrix

All are in favor of the FOI, "but only the following have track record to prove their stand."

Escudero Pimentel	Voted for its passage in the Senate.	
Trillanes	Principal author of the Senate version.	
Honasan	Co-sponsor in the Senate.	
Cayetano	Co-authored the Senate version.	
Hontiveros	Co-author of the House version during her time as a Representative.	
Ejercito	Co-authored the House version.	
Zubiri Gordon	Co-authored their own versions during their time as Senators.	
Angara	One of the principal authors of the House version.	
Legarda	Co-authored and co-sponsored the Senate version.	
Enrile Magsaysay, M.	Among the 117 Representatives who signed the signature campaign for the Bill's passage.	
		Binay Villar Aquino Poe Magsaysay, R. Maceda Cojuangco
		No information found to support the claim.
		Madrigal
		No categorical answer for her support or objection of the bill.





FACT CHECK

POLITICAL PARTY development

CLAIM

Candidates who are not members of political dynasties are supportive of the party development bill.

While political parties are allowed in the country, there has been no single Political Party Development Law that has been passed. The closest would be the Party-list Act of 1998 which sought to promote the multiparty system in the country.

FACT

There are currently 13 candidates out of the top 20 candidates who come from known political dynasties. Of the 13, seven candidates are supportive of a political party reform or development bill, namely: Alan Peter Cayetano, Chiz Escudero, Jun Magsaysay, Dick Gordon, Bam Aquino, Sonny Angara and Jack Enrle.

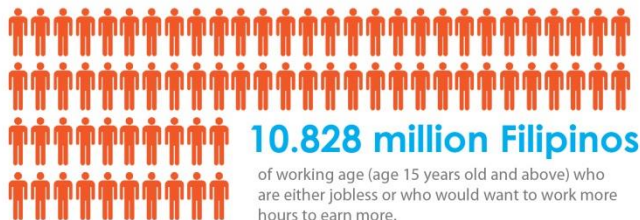
political party and candidate matrix

Loren Legarda	NON-DYNASTY SUPPORTER WITH LEGISLATIVE RECORD	Sonny Angara
Jamby Madrigal		Loren Legarda
Risa Hontiveros		Risa Hontiveros
Koko Pimentel		
Antonio Trillanes		
Gringo Honasan		
Grace Poe		NO CLEAR STAND JV Ejercito, Nancy Binay, Cynthia Villar, Juan Miguel Zubiri, Ernesto Maceda and Tingting Cojuangco.



Fact Check: Jobs and Employment

Despite trumpeted economic gains, and getting good investment grade status from international credit rating agencies, the Philippines' unemployment and underemployment remains to be high.



National Statistics Office's (NSO) Labor Force Survey (LFS)



The figures reveal that economic growth did not translate to more jobs and employment. Job creation is an important issue because "several social problems have been a direct or indirect aftermath of prolonged employment and unemployment of most Filipinos."



Claim: Only a few senatorial candidates have a comprehensive platform that addresses lack of jobs and unemployment.

Among the top 20 senatorial candidates in the Social Weather Station (SWS) senatorial survey released last April – Team PNoy's Alan Peter Cayetano and Cythia Villar, and UNA's JV Ejercito and Migs Zubiri, have job generation and addressing employment issues as amongst if not the central focus of their platforms. Common sentiments are to increase infrastructure spending, empower Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (SMEs), strengthen the support to the agricultural sector, and make education responsive to market demands.

Except for Nancy Binay, the rest have either a platform or a track record that indicates their commitment to job creation.

UNA's candidates JV Ejercito, Nancy Binay, Gregorio Honasan, Ernesto Maceda, and Mito Magsaysay criticized the administration for "touting the fast economic growth our country has been experiencing but while failing to address that the benefits do not trickle down to the poor."

Team PNoy's Alan Peter Cayetano and Risa Hontiveros answered these criticisms by saying that "trickle-down effect takes time, and that growth now gives us the momentum to solve poverty crisis."



Ateneo Fact Check : 2013 Result on Political Dynasty

SCREENING 1 (Dynasty vs Non-Dynasty)

Out of the top 20 senatorial candidates, 13 are from dynasties, namely:

- Sonny Angara
- Bam Aquino
- Nancy Binay
- Alan Cayetano
- Tingting Cojuangco
- JV Ejercito
- Jack Enrile
- Chiz Escudero
- Dick Gordon
- Ernesto Maceda
- Jun Magsaysay
- Cynthia Villar
- Mig Zubiri

The rest are not members of political dynasties, namely:

- Gringo Honasan
- Risa Hontiveros
- Loren Legarda
- Jamby Madrigal
- Koko Pimentel
- Grace Poe
- Antonio Trillanes.

SCREENING 2 (Position on the Issue)

Out of the seven who are not from dynasties, only three have strong categorical stand for anti-political dynasty law: Madrigal, Pimentel and Hontiveros.

SCREENING 3 (Track Record on Issue)

Out of the three who will actively push for an anti-political dynasty bill, **Pimentel** and **Hontiveros** have clear and reliable track record in pushing for an anti-political dynasty bill.





Fact Check COMELEC

Claim: So far, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) has responded to needed reforms in the conduct of the elections that were identified right after the 2010 elections on the following fronts: ensuring the integrity of the PCOS machines, monitoring campaign finance, and tightening the accreditation in the Party-List System

Key issues raised surrounding the PCOS machines



(1) source code; (2) Compact Flash (CF) card configuration issue; (3) voter-verified audit trail ; (4) deactivation of the ultraviolet ink-based ballot authenticity verification feature; (5) erroneous time stamps; (6) absence of digital signature; (7) rejection of fake ballots; (8) transmission; (9) Smartmatic-Dominion legal battle; and (10) procurement process of CF cards.

For most of the issues, Comelec has either taken action or response, albeit to the full satisfaction of all stakeholders. However, there are three highly critical issues related to PCOS machines that could be a source of tension and criticisms after the elections if not resolved: making the source code available, the voter-verified audit trail, and the absence of digital signatures.

Campaign finance

Comelec has noticeably improved in monitoring the candidates' campaign finance. In fact, a special unit – the Campaign Finance Unit – was created specifically to “monitor fund-raising and spending of candidates and parties.”

Comelec issued a resolution that reduced airtime from per network to an aggregate total of 120 minutes for television and 180 minutes for radio.

The Comelec constantly informs the public who among the candidates have accumulated the longest television and radio airtime, who committed the most poster violations, and the political parties' spending in rally and public meetings. Comelec also filed cases against parties that have not acted to their notices of campaign violations.

Purging party-list candidates

There were 289 organizations that applied for accreditation as party-list candidates this year but only 136 (or only about 50%) of these were accredited. This is a significant reduction compared the 256 organizations that applied as party-list candidates in 2010, for which 187 (73%) were accredited. The absence, though, of changes in the formal guidelines is a hindrance for other groups to check and validate how Comelec has conducted its accreditation— perhaps room for further improvement in the process.

In order to level the playing field, the Comelec for the first time conducted a raffle to determined the party-list candidates' order in the ballot. This is an effort to let go of the alphabetical placements in the ballot, which the party-list group had abused thus the proliferation of party-list groups that begin with 1 or A.



FACT CHECK

women EMPOWERMENT

Although there is an ongoing claim that among the female senatorial bets*, only a few have a track record, platform, and agenda for women empowerment; facts say that (1) There is a varied perspective on what counts as women empowerment among the lady candidates, and (2) It is Risa Hontiveros who could be considered the closest and most consistent candidate in the advocacy for Women Empowerment in terms of the three aforementioned criteria. Other notables include Legarda, Villar, & Madrigal.

*FactCheck 2013 presents the stands of the Top 20 senatorial candidates based on the SWS Survey on April 23, 2013.

women empowerment matrix

Track Record: RA 9262, An Act Defining Violence Against Women and their Children (2004); Senate Bill 1434 Women Empowerment Act
Commitments: Cause of Women's rights (Healthcare, Education, Security, Jobs)
Stand: Yes to RH Law, No to Divorce, Yes to Same-Sex Marriage

LEGARDA

Track Record: RA 8208, Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2013; RA 9262, Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act; RA 9710 Magna Carta of Women
Commitments: Personally advocates for the empowerment of women in all sectors
Stand: No to RH Law, No to Divorce, No to Same-Sex Marriage

VILLAR

Track Record: No information found
Commitments: No information found
Stand: No to RH Law, No to Divorce, No to Same-Sex Marriage

BINAY

Track Record: None
Commitments: "Women should realize that the best avenue to ensure protection of their rights is to put more women in the legislature
Stand: Yes to RH Law, Yes to Divorce, No to Same-sex Marriage

POE

Track Record: Author, expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2007; Magna Carta of Women
Commitments: Priority is Anti-Discrimination
Stand: Yes to RH Law, No to Divorce, Yes to Same-Sex Marriage

MADRIGAL

Track Record: Anti-Prostitution Bill, Gender Balance Bill, RH Bill
Commitments: She wears her advocacies on her alampay; green for the environment and indigo for women empowerment.
Stand: Yes to RH Law, Yes to Divorce, Yes to Same-Sex Marriage

HONTIVEROS





FACT CHECK ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Positions & Records of Candidates on Issues of the Environment



MINING REFORM

These candidates want to repeal the 1995 Mining Act.

Madrigal
Hontiveros (Akbayan)
Casino



These candidates are Pro responsible mining.

Cayetano	Poe	Maceda
Escudero	Angara	Cojuangco
Pimentel	Enrile	M. Magsaysay
Honasan	Zubiri	Penson
Aquino	Gordon	Villar



These candidates called for the review of the 1995 Mining Act.

Legarda	Llasos
Trillanes	Hagedorn
Villanueva	David

SCALE OF MINING

FOR LARGE SCALE

Cayetano
Escudero
Zubiri
M. Magsaysay

FOR SMALL SCALE

Hontiveros
Casino

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intended to set and place the policy of PNOY administration for responsible mining.

CRITICAL

Legarda
Casino
Hontiveros

NEUTRAL

Cayetano
Honasan
M. Magsaysay

SUPPORTIVE

Angara

GMOs

ANTI GMOs

Legarda	Gordon
Escudero	M. Magsaysay
Honasan	Villanueva
J. Magsaysay	Hagedorn
Zubiri	Casino
Madrigal	de los Reyes

JPEPA

SUPPORT

Legarda	Angara
Cayetano	Erile
Villar	Zubiri
Honasan	Gordon

OPPOSED

Escudero
Pimentel
Trillanes
Madrigal
Hontiveros

PLASTIC

FOR BANNING

Legarda	Hontiveros
Villar	M. Magsaysay
Angara	Villanueva
Madrigal	Casino
Gordon	de los Reyes



FACT CHECK 2013: DEATH AGENDA

White Vote Bloc Endorsements based on Death Agenda



WHITE VOTE

- El Shaddai
- Bukas Loob sa Diyos
- Couples for Christ
- Foundation for Family & Life
- Family Rosary Crusade
- Mother Butler Mission Guild
- Knights of Columbus
- Catholic Teachers' Guild
- Catholic Doctors' Guild

Based on Support/Non-Support of
 "Death Agenda"
 Reproductive Health Law
 Divorce
 Same Sex Marriage



ENDORSED CANDIDATES

- JV Ejercito (UNA)
- Gringo Honasan (UNA)
- Mitos Magsaysay (UNA)
- Koko Pimentel (Team PNOY)
- Sonny Trillanes (Team PNOY)
- Cynthia Villar (Team PNOY)
- Nancy Binay (UNA)
- Dick Gordon (UNA)
- Marwil Llasos (Ang Kapatiran Party)
- Migz Zubiri (UNA)

CLAIM 1

There are senatorial candidates who have in all 3 issues consistently been aligned with the favored position of the white vote bloc. Conversely, there are senatorial candidates with the legislative experience whose track record relative to the said issues disqualified them automatically from being endorsed by the said bloc.

• **19/33** have legislative experience

{ Angara | Casino | Cayetano | Ejercito | J.P. Enrile | Escudero | Gordon | Honasan | Hontiveros | Legarda | Maceda | Madrigal | M. Magsaysay | J. Magsaysay | Pimentel | Seneres | Trillanes | Villar | Zubiri

• **11*/19** had actually voted for or against the controversial bills in the Death Agenda

• Only **1** (Casino) candidate had past legislative interventions regarding the Death Agenda

• **0** pending bill regarding same sex marriage in both chambers.

Fact Check: Legislative records of former senators and/or congressmen on the Death Agenda are too inconclusive to be used as a ground for them to be supported or not be supported by Catholic voters.

CLAIM 2

That public statements of senatorial candidates - with or without legislative experience - relative to the issues highlighted by the White Vote bloc are consistent and adequate indicators of their positions on the said issues.

10/33 have inconsistent stands for or against issues on the Death Agenda based on statements made on GMA Online, Catholic Vote Online, Rappler
 Including Casino | Enrile | Gordon | Hagedorn | Maceda | J. Magsaysay

12/33 in favor of RH Bill but not in favor of divorce and same sex marriage.
 Angara | Aquino | Cayetano | Enrile | Escudero | Gordon | Hagedorn | Maceda | J. Magsaysay | Madrigal | Poe | Villanueva

First, the criterion on legislative record can only cover one issue - the Reproductive Health Law - and marginally, a proposed Divorce Bill. This gravely prejudices other candidates who have no legislative experience and unfairly assumes that one's position on the Reproductive Health Law is sufficient evidence for these candidates' position on the other two issues.

Second, the criterion on public statements highlights two realities: first, that while some candidates were in favor of the Reproductive Health Law, they were nonetheless against Divorce and Same-Sex marriage; and second, public statements on their issues are inconclusive grounds because they depend on the manner by which questions are framed and nuanced.



POLITICAL DYNASTY & PARTY SWITCHING

Positions & Records of Candidates on Issues of the Environment



CLAIM

Claim: Most of the top candidates for the Senate are party-switchers, with candidates who are members of political dynasties having greater propensity to switch parties, while those not belonging to dynasties tending to stick to their parties more, thereby indicating the lower significance of parties for candidates from political dynasties than for those not belonging to political dynasties.

TOP 20 candidates

13 from political dynasties

7 switchers

Cayetano | Cojuangco | Escudero | Gordon | Maceda | J. Magsaysay | Zubiri

6 non switchers

Angara | Ejercito | Enrile | Binay | Villar | Aquino

2 are new to electoral politics

Binay | Aquino

4 belong to a party w/ strong patrons that they are related to.

Angara | Ejercito | Enrile | Villar

7 are not from political dynasties

2 switchers

Legarda | Madrigal

5 non switchers

Poe | Honasan | Trillanes | Pimentel | Hontiveros

Poe - a newcomer in electoral politics
Trillanes & Honasan - no party affiliation prior to 2013 elections

Hontiveros & Pimentel - stayed w/ their parties throughout their legislature career.