

FactCheck is a continuing project of the Ateneo School of Government (ASoG), through its Political Democracy Reforms (PODER) and Government Watch (G-Watch) programs, that provides verified information on candidate's position, platform and track record as a voter's basis in making their decisions on who to vote and what issues and agenda to further advance. Now on its third cycle, the 2016 FactCheck, as in the previous 2010 and 2013 elections, probes candidate's position, platform and track record on key issues and agenda identified through consultations with organizations at the local and national levels. It highlights and mainstreams critical issues in the election agenda to contribute in making elections issue- and platform-oriented.

FactCheck 2016 focuses on 10 issues:

- Agriculture, fisheries development and agrarian reform
- Participatory and pro-poor budgeting (BuB)
- The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)
- Political and Electoral Reforms
- Meaningful youth participation
- Education and Health Services to Vulnerable Sectors
- Social Justice for the Bangsamoro and the Indigenous Peoples (IPs)
- Urban Development
- Environmental-ecological Protection and disaster risk and reduction management (DRRM)
- Anti-corruption

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Social Security Program: Continuation of 4Ps

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	BINAY	DUTERTE	POE	ROXAS	DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
Position	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Platform	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Track Record	Grey	Grey	Grey	Green	Green

Position	Pro	Anti	Neutral	No Info
Platform	Mentioned	Not Mentioned	No info	
Track Record	Concrete	Not Concrete	No Record	Opposition

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- ✓ All candidates are in favor of continuing the 4Ps program. Roxas emphasizes institutionalization while the others highlight some needed reforms and additions.
- ✓ All candidates have 4Ps in their platforms.
- ✓ Both Santiago and Roxas have track record on the 4Ps. Santiago authored a bill on the 4Ps. Roxas took part in the implementation as head of DILG, a partner of DSWD in 4Ps.

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	HONASAN	CAYETANO	ESCUERO	ROBREDO	MARCOS	TRILLANES
Position	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green
Platform	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
Track Record	Grey	Grey	Grey	Green	Red	Grey

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- ✓ Marcos was a critic of the 4Ps since 2014 but changed position as of 2016.
- ✓ Cayetano, Escudero, Robredo, and Marcos mention 4Ps in their platforms. Cayetano proposes to expand 4Ps coverage to include livelihood and give loans to families and SMEs. Escudero proposes providing capital for small businesses and training for beneficiaries. Robredo, as with Roxas, will institutionalize 4Ps. Marcos promises to complement 4Ps with "cash for work", "cash for reforestation", or "cash for community".
- ✓ Only Robredo has a clear track record on the 4Ps. Marcos' record shows his opposition to the program.