

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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Agriculture, Fisheries Development, and Agrarian Reform

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	 BINAY	 DUTERTE	 POE	 ROXAS	 DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
Agrarian Reform	Green	Green	Green	Green	Orange
Farmer Support	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Fisheries Dev't	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey	Grey

Position	Pro	Anti	Neutral	No Info
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- ✓ All candidates support the land distribution program. Binay and Poe are against the continuation of land tenure improvement (LTI) or the continuation of land acquisition and distribution to farmers after CARPER. Defensor-Santiago has no clear pronouncements on extending the program, while supportive of the program, has made no recent pronouncements in extending the program, except in calling that the alleged Binay hacienda should be subjected to CARPER.
- ✓ All candidates express the need to provide support for farmers through various mechanisms.
- ✓ No candidate specifically mentioned their position on fisheries reforms.

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	 BINAY	 DUTERTE	 POE	 ROXAS	 DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
Agrarian Reform	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red
Farmer Support	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Fisheries Development	Green/Red	Green/Red	Red	Red	Green/Red
Track Record	Grey	Green	Green	Grey	Green

Platform	Mentioned	Not Mentioned	No Info	
Track Record	Concrete	Not Concrete	No Record	Opposition



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- ✓ Duterte and Binay mentioned agrarian reform in their platforms
- ✓ All candidates have platform/proposals for supporting farmers through various mechanisms.
- ✓ No candidate specifically mentioned in their official platform/priorities fisheries reform and development, but a report of Inquirer in February shows that Binay, Duterte and Santiago have specific proposals on fisheries development.
- ✓ Poe and Defensor-Santiago have concrete track record in promoting agrarian reform, agriculture/fisheries reform and development. Duterte's track record on agricultural development is in account of his role as former local chief executive of Davao City, which has regular agricultural development programs.