

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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**P O S I T I O N**

	HONASAN	CAYETANO	ESCODERO	ROBEDO	MARCOS	TRILLANES
Agrarian Reform	Green	Green	Red	Green	Red	Green
Farmer Support	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Fisheries Development	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

Position	Pro	Anti	Neutral	No Info
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- ✓ Honasan, Cayetano, Robredo and Trillanes are in favor on continuing the distribution of lands under CARP. Trillanes believes that it should be through farmer's cooperatives and not individual farmers. Cayetano, Honasan, and Robredo believe that land distribution should be complimented with support to farmers. Escudero and Marcos are not in favor of land distribution. Escudero believes that the focus of government should be on supporting farmers. Marcos asserts that agrarian reform has been completed by his father, Ferdinand.
- ✓ All candidate agree to the provision of support to farmers through various mechanisms.
- ✓ All candidates agree on the important of the fisheries sector and that it should be given proper attention.



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Agrarian Reform	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Farmer Support	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Grey
Fisheries Development	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red

Platform	Mentioned	Not Mentioned	No info
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- ✓ No candidate specifically mentioned agrarian reform in their platform.
- ✓ All candidates, except for Trillanes (no information was found) have specific platforms to provide support to farmers and develop the agricultural sector.
- ✓ No candidate mentioned specific platform in regards to fisheries reform and development.



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Track Record	Concrete	Not Concrete	No Record	Opposition
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- ✓ Honasan and Robredo have concrete track record in pushing for agrarian reform. Cayetano and Escudero supported the measure in Senate with reservations. Marcos does not support agrarian reform measures. There was no information found on Trillanes with regards to this issue.
- ✓ With the exception of Cayetano, all candidates have varying track records on promoting agricultural development and support to farmers.
- ✓ Honasan, Escudero, Robredo, and Marcos have concrete proposals and actions for fisheries reform and development. No information was found on Trillanes.

