

Pulse Asia Research's February 2025 *Pulso ng Bayan* Survey:  
Media Release on Filipinos' Description of Philippine Politics  
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**Overall, Filipino registered voters have a negative view of politics in the country**

More than a third of registered voters in the country (37.9%) characterize Philippine politics as “*magulo*”. For almost a fifth of registered voters (17.3%), politics in the country is corrupt or involves the exchange of money (i.e., “*pera-pera lang*”). Around a tenth of the voting public (10.9%) associates local politics with fights, divisions, and lack of unity (i.e., “*awayan/watak-watak/walang pagkakaisa*”). Another negative view given by registered voters is that Philippine politics involves cheating or vote buying (5.8%).

The leading positive description of Philippine politics, an opinion expressed by only 4.2% of Filipino registered voters, is that it is “*maayos*”. The rest of responses given by at least 1% of registered voters are generally negative in nature. These are:

1. *madumi* (3.2%);
2. *ekslusibo/dinastiya/elitista* (2.6%);
3. *paasa/pangakuan* (2.6%);
4. *makasarili/personal na interes ang nangingibabaw* (1.7%);
5. *agawan sa pwesto* (1.4%);
6. *mahina ang pamahalaan* (1.4%);
7. *kriminalidad nanumbalik* (1.3%);
8. *abusado/inaabuso ang kanilang posisyon/gahaman sa posisyon* (1.2%);
9. *patayan* (1.1%); and
10. *mahirap ang kalagayan/pamumuhay* (1.0%).

“*Magulo*” is the most often cited description of Philippine politics in all geographic areas and most socio-economic classes (31.7% to 45.1% and 38.0% to 42.3%, respectively), with the exception of Class ABC. In this subgrouping, almost the same percentages describe politics in the country as “*magulo*” (29.8%) or associate Philippine politics with “*awayan/watak-watak/walang pagkakaisa*” (16.1%).

**DESCRIPTION OF PHILIPPINE POLITICS**  
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(In Percent / SINGLE ANSWER ONLY / OPEN-ENDED)

Base: Total Interviews*, 100%								
In one word or sentence, how would you describe politics in our country at present ?	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
MAGULO	37.9	31.7	33.4	42.9	45.1	29.8	38.0	42.3
PERA-PERA LANG / KORAP	17.3	15.2	20.9	13.3	15.1	13.5	17.5	18.7
AWAYAN / WATAK-WATAK / WALANG PAGKAKAISA	10.9	16.5	9.3	11.2	11.1	16.1	11.1	5.8
DAYAAN / DUGASAN (BILIHAN NG BOTO)	5.8	7.7	5.0	7.0	5.4	9.5	5.6	4.9
MAAYOS	4.2	3.8	6.1	4.7	0.4	3.2	4.3	4.0
MADUMI	3.2	1.8	3.2	2.1	4.9	4.2	3.3	2.4
EKSKLUSIBO / DINASTIYA / ELITISTA	2.6	2.4	3.7	3.4	0.2	4.4	2.7	0.8
PAASA / PANGAKUAN	2.6	6.2	3.1	1.4	1.0	2.9	2.7	1.4
MAKASARILI / PERSONAL NA INTERES ANG NANGINGIBABAW	1.7	5.5	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.1	1.7	0.6
AGAWAN SA PWESTO	1.4	0.9	2.2	0.8	0.5	0.7	1.4	1.3
MAHINA ANG PAMAHALAAN, DI NATUTUGUNAN ANG MGA PANGUNAHING PROBLEMA	1.4	0.0	0.7	2.2	2.4	0.9	1.3	2.3
KRIMALIDAD NANUMBALIK	1.3	0.9	0.1	1.0	3.9	3.4	1.1	1.7
ABUSADO / INAABUSO ANG KANILANG POSISYON / GAHAMAN SA POSISYON	1.2	2.7	1.5	0.7	0.4	1.1	1.3	0.1
PATAYAN	1.1	0.4	2.0	0.6	0.4	0.0	1.3	0.1
MAHIRAP ANG KALAGAYAN / PAMUMUHAY	1.0	0.0	0.2	2.0	2.2	0.3	0.7	4.7
HINDI PATAS	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.7
BULOK	0.7	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.0
MAPAYAPA	0.6	0.0	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.6	1.6
WALANG PAGBABAGO	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.2	1.4	0.2	0.5	1.0
BALIMBINGAN	0.5	1.9	0.4	0.2	0.4	2.6	0.4	0.1
MARAMING ANOMALYA	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.3	2.2
KOMPLIKADO / MASALIMUOT	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.6
NAGKAKAISA	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.0
MABABA ANG STANDARD, KAHIT SINO NA LANG TUMATAKBO	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2
MAKAPANGYARIHAN ANG MGA POLITIKO	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
DAMING AYUDA	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0
POPULARIDAD LANG	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0
WALANG PANININDIGAN	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
DEMOKRATIKO	0.03	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
MAY PROGRESO	0.01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
KAILANGAN NG REPORMA	0.01	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
OTHERS	1	0.0	1.3	1.6	0.5	1.9	0.8	2.5
CAN'T SAY	0.05	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
REFUSED / NO COMMENT	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.2

\*Those who are likely voters and those who cannot say if they will vote or not in the May 2025 elections.

Q42. Sa isang salita o pangungusap, paano mo isasalarawan ang politika sa ating bansa sa kasalukuyan?