

Pulse Asia Research's March 2025 *Ulat ng Bayan* Survey:  
Key Findings  
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We are pleased to present the performance and trust ratings of the country's top national officials based on our *Ulat ng Bayan* survey conducted in March 2025. The survey was carried out from 23 to 29 March 2025 and involved **2,400 adult Filipinos** selected through multi-stage probability sampling.

*Performance Ratings*

Among the four highest-ranking national government officials, **only Vice-President Sara Duterte** receives a **majority approval rating**.

- **President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.** garners a **25% approval rating**, while **22% of Filipino adults are undecided** and **53% disapprove** of his performance.
- **Vice-President Sara Duterte** receives a majority approval rating (**59%**), **25%** indecision figure, and **16%** disapproval score.
- For **Senate President Francis Escudero**, **44%** of adults are **undecided** about his performance while **39% approve** and **18% disapprove** of his work.
- Meanwhile, **House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez** receives a **majority disapproval rating** of **54%**, with only **14% approving** of his performance and **31% undecided on the matter**. (Please refer to Table 1.)

**Table 1**  
**AWARENESS & PERFORMANCE RATINGS**  
**OF TOP NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**  
March 23 - 29, 2025 / Philippines  
(Row Percent)

Top National Government Officials	Aware	Base: Aware		
		Approval	Undecided	Disapproval
<b>FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.</b> (President)	100	25	22	53
<b>SARA DUTERTE</b> (Vice-President)	100	59	25	16
<b>FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO</b> (Senate President)	100	39	44	18
<b>FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ</b> (Speaker of the House of Representatives)	94	14	31	54

Q31. Mayroon ako ritong mga pangalan ng ilang mga kasalukuyang opisyal ng ating pamahalaan. Pakisabi ang inyong opinyon tungkol sa pagganap nila ng kanilang tungkulin nitong huling tatlong buwan. Sa pamamagitan po ng board na ito, kayo ba ay (SHOW AND READ RATING BOARD) kay (NAME) sa kanyang pagganap bilang (POSITION) o wala pa kayong narinig, nabasa o napanood na kahit na ano tungkol sa kanya kahit na kailan?

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**Table 2**  
**PERFORMANCE RATINGS OF TOP NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**  
March 23 - 29, 2025 / Philippines  
(In Percent)

APPROVAL	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		BAL				ABC	D	E
		NCR	LUZ	VIS	MIN			
PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.	25	25	35	27	5	24	26	22
VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE	59	55	39	68	96	60	58	74
SENATE PRESIDENT FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO	39	37	45	37	29	32	40	35
HOUSE SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ	14	16	17	17	6	7	15	15
<b>UNDECIDED</b>								
PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.	22	20	27	17	15	17	22	26
VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE	25	19	39	19	3	23	26	14
SENATE PRESIDENT FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO	44	38	47	45	38	54	43	43
HOUSE SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ	31	33	39	22	22	34	31	29
<b>DISAPPROVAL</b>								
PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.	53	55	38	56	80	57	52	53
VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE	16	26	21	13	1	15	16	11
SENATE PRESIDENT FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO	18	25	8	18	33	14	18	22
HOUSE SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ	54	51	44	61	72	59	54	56

Q31. Mayroon ako ritong mga pangalan ng ilang mga kasalukuyang opisyal ng ating pamahalaan. Pakisabi ang inyong opinyon tungkol sa pagganap nila ng kanilang tungkulin nitong huling tatlong buwan. Sa pamamagitan po ng board na ito, kayo ba ay (SHOW AND READ RATING BOARD) kay (NAME) sa kanyang pagganap bilang (POSITION) o wala pa kayong narinig, nabasa o napanood na kahit na ano tungkol sa kanya kahit na kailan?

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Vice-President Sara Duterte is the only top official who experiences an improvement in her performance ratings, rising from 52% in February 2025 to 59% in March 2025. On the other hand, her disapproval rating declines, dropping from 26% to 16% over the same period. (Please refer to Table 3.)

In contrast, President Marcos and Senate President Francis Escudero experience notable drops in their respective public approval ratings, along with increases in their disapproval scores:

- President Marcos's approval rating falls by 17 percentage points, while his disapproval rating goes up by 21 points from February 2025 to March 2025.
- Senate President Escudero's approval figure declines by 8 percentage points, and his disapproval rating increases by 6 points.

Meanwhile, House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez's approval rating remains unchanged. However, his disapproval rating climbs to 54% in March 2025, up by 14 percentage points from February 2025.

**Table 3**  
**COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE RATINGS OF**  
**TOP NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**  
February and March 2025 / Philippines  
(In Percent)

APPROVAL	RP	LOCATION					CLASS		
		BAL					ABC	D	E
		NCR	LUZ	VIS	MIN				
PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.	Mar 25	25	25	35	27	5	24	26	22
	Feb 25	42	49	55	37	19	33	44	34
	Change*	- 17	- 24	- 20	- 10	- 14	- 9	- 18	- 12
VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE	Mar 25	59	55	39	68	96	60	58	74
	Feb 25	52	33	34	51	93	49	51	61
	Change*	+ 7	+22	+ 5	+17	+ 3	+11	+ 7	+13
SENATE PRESIDENT FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO	Mar 25	39	37	45	37	29	32	40	35
	Feb 25	47	60	54	39	35	43	48	38
	Change*	- 8	- 23	- 9	- 2	- 6	- 11	- 8	- 3
HOUSE SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ	Mar 25	14	16	17	17	6	7	15	15
	Feb 25	17	30	18	18	9	12	18	15
	Change*	- 3	- 14	- 1	- 1	- 3	- 5	- 3	0
<b>UNDECIDED</b>									
PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.	Mar 25	22	20	27	17	15	17	22	26
	Feb 25	25	25	24	36	19	16	26	22
	Change*	- 3	- 5	+ 3	-19	- 4	+ 1	- 4	+ 4
VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE	Mar 25	25	19	39	19	3	23	26	14
	Feb 25	22	24	31	20	4	19	22	19
	Change*	+ 3	- 5	+ 8	- 1	- 1	+ 4	+ 4	- 5
SENATE PRESIDENT FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO	Mar 25	44	38	47	45	38	54	43	43
	Feb 25	40	29	39	43	44	39	40	45
	Change*	+ 4	+ 9	+ 8	+ 2	- 6	+15	+ 3	- 2
HOUSE SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ	Mar 25	31	33	39	22	22	34	31	29
	Feb 25	41	37	51	37	29	31	42	40
	Change*	- 10	- 4	- 12	- 15	- 7	+ 3	- 11	- 11
<b>DISAPPROVAL</b>									
PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.	Mar 25	53	55	38	56	80	57	52	53
	Feb 25	32	26	20	27	62	50	29	43
	Change*	+21	+29	+18	+29	+18	+ 7	+23	+10
VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE	Mar 25	16	26	21	13	1	15	16	11
	Feb 25	26	43	33	28	2	32	26	19
	Change*	- 10	- 17	- 12	- 15	- 1	- 17	- 10	- 8
SENATE PRESIDENT FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO	Mar 25	18	25	8	18	33	14	18	22
	Feb 25	12	12	6	18	21	18	12	16
	Change*	+ 6	+13	+ 2	0	+12	- 4	+ 6	+ 6
HOUSE SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ	Mar 25	54	51	44	61	72	59	54	56
	Feb 25	40	33	27	43	62	56	38	44
	Change*	+14	+18	+17	+18	+10	+ 3	+16	+12

Notes: (1) \*Change = Figures of UB March 2025 minus Figures of PB February 2025.

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## Trust Ratings

As with these government officials' performance ratings, only Vice-President Sara Duterte receives a majority trust rating in March 2025, with 61% of Filipinos expressing trust in her. (Please refer to Table 4.)

In contrast:

- A majority (54%) expresses distrust toward President Marcos.
- A plurality (41%) remains ambivalent about the trustworthiness of Senate President Francis Escudero.
- A majority (57%) distrusts House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez.

**Table 4**  
**AWARENESS & TRUST RATINGS OF**  
**TOP NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**  
March 23 - 29, 2025 / Philippines  
(Row Percent)

Top National Government Officials	Aware	Base: Aware		
		Big Trust	Undecided	Small / No trust
FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR. (President)	100	25	21	54
SARA DUTERTE (Vice-President)	100	61	23	16
FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO (Senate President)	100	38	41	20
FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ (Speaker of the House of Representatives)	94	14	30	57

Q32. Nais sana naming tanungin kayo tungkol sa pagtitiwala ninyo sa ilang mga tao sa ating lipunan. Sa pamamagitan po ng board na ito, maaari bang pakisabi kung gaano kalaki o kaliit ang inyong pagtitiwala kay/sa [PERSONALIDAD]? Masasabi ba ninyo na ito ay (SHOW AND READ RATING BOARD)?

Notes: (1) % Big Trust = % Very Big Trust plus % Big Trust ; % Small/No Trust = % Small Trust plus %Very Small/None Trust.  
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**Table 5**  
**TRUST RATINGS OF TOP NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**  
March 23 - 29, 2025 / Philippines  
(In Percent)

TRUST	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	LUZ	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
<b>PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.</b>	25	27	34	29	4	24	26	24
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE</b>	61	56	40	70	97	64	59	75
<b>SENATE PRESIDENT FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO</b>	38	40	45	39	23	36	38	40
<b>HOUSE SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ</b>	14	14	17	20	2	7	14	18
<b>UNDECIDED</b>								
<b>PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.</b>	21	19	28	15	11	13	21	25
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE</b>	23	15	38	16	2	20	24	15
<b>SENATE PRESIDENT FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO</b>	41	35	46	42	35	39	42	35
<b>HOUSE SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ</b>	30	35	38	21	18	27	30	24
<b>DISTRUST</b>								
<b>PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.</b>	54	54	37	55	85	61	53	52
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE</b>	16	29	22	14	1	15	17	9
<b>SENATE PRESIDENT FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO</b>	20	25	8	20	43	25	20	25
<b>HOUSE SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ</b>	57	51	45	59	80	66	56	59

Q32. Nais sana naming tanungin kayo tungkol sa pagtitiwala ninyo sa ilang mga tao sa ating lipunan. Sa pamamagitan po ng board na ito, maaari bang pakisabi kung gaano kalaki o kallit ang inyong pagtitiwala kay/sa [PERSONALIDAD]? Masasabi ba ninyo na ito ay (SHOW AND READ RATING BOARD)?

Notes: (1) % Big Trust = % Very Big Trust plus % Big Trust ; % Small/No Trust = % Small Trust plus %Very Small/None Trust.  
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When compared to the results of the **February 2025 Pulso ng Bayan** survey:

- **Vice-President Duterte** is the only top official with an improvement in trust ratings, as her trust score increases by **8 percentage points** from **53% in February 2025** to **61% in March 2025**.
- **President Marcos's trust rating** declines significantly from **42% to 25%**, while his **distrust rating** rises from **32% to 54%**.
- **House Speaker Romualdez** is distrusted by a **majority** of Filipinos in March 2025 (57%) – increasing by 15 percentage points from 42% in February 2025.
- **Senate President Escudero** experiences a decline in his trust rating – from **47% in February 2025** to **38% in March 2025** – and this is accompanied by a rise in distrust, from **14% to 20%**. (Please refer to Table 6.)

**Table 6**  
**COMPARATIVE TRUST RATINGS OF**  
**TOP NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**  
February and March 2025 / Philippines  
(In Percent)

TRUST		RP	LOCATION					CLASS		
			NCR	BAL			ABC	D	E	
				LUZ	VIS	MIN				
PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.	Mar 25	25	27	34	29	4	24	26	24	
	Feb 25	42	51	56	38	17	32	44	34	
	Change*	- 17	- 24	- 22	- 9	- 13	- 8	- 18	- 10	
VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE	Mar 25	61	56	40	70	97	64	59	75	
	Feb 25	53	33	35	54	94	50	52	62	
	Change*	+ 8	+23	+ 5	+16	+ 3	+14	+ 7	+13	
SENATE PRESIDENT FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO	Mar 25	38	40	45	39	23	36	38	40	
	Feb 25	47	66	53	39	32	38	48	38	
	Change*	- 9	- 26	- 8	0	- 9	- 2	- 10	+ 2	
HOUSE SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ	Mar 25	14	14	17	20	2	7	14	18	
	Feb 25	18	33	18	21	8	10	18	18	
	Change*	- 4	- 19	- 1	- 1	- 6	- 3	- 4	0	
UNDECIDED										
	PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.	Mar 25	21	19	28	15	11	13	21	25
		Feb 25	25	23	24	35	21	20	26	18
		Change*	- 4	- 4	+ 4	- 20	- 10	- 7	- 5	+ 7
VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE	Mar 25	23	15	38	16	2	20	24	15	
	Feb 25	21	26	30	18	4	22	21	20	
	Change*	+ 2	- 11	+ 8	- 2	- 2	- 2	+ 3	- 5	
SENATE PRESIDENT FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO	Mar 25	41	35	46	42	35	39	42	35	
	Feb 25	39	24	41	43	39	38	39	42	
	Change*	+ 2	+11	+ 5	- 1	- 4	+ 1	+ 3	- 7	
HOUSE SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ	Mar 25	30	35	38	21	18	27	30	24	
	Feb 25	39	32	52	33	24	31	41	31	
	Change*	- 9	+ 3	- 14	- 12	- 6	- 4	- 11	- 7	
DISTRUST										
	PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.	Mar 25	54	54	37	55	85	61	53	52
		Feb 25	32	27	21	26	62	48	29	47
		Change*	+22	+27	+16	+29	+23	+13	+24	+ 5
VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE	Mar 25	16	29	22	14	1	15	17	9	
	Feb 25	26	40	34	28	2	28	26	18	
	Change*	- 10	- 11	- 12	- 14	- 1	- 13	- 9	- 9	
SENATE PRESIDENT FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO	Mar 25	20	25	8	20	43	25	20	25	
	Feb 25	14	10	7	16	29	23	13	19	
	Change*	+ 6	+15	+ 1	+ 4	+14	+ 2	+ 7	+ 6	
HOUSE SPEAKER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ	Mar 25	57	51	45	59	80	66	56	59	
	Feb 25	42	35	28	45	68	57	40	51	
	Change*	+15	+16	+17	+14	+12	+ 9	+16	+ 8	

Notes: (1) \*Change = Figures of UB March 2025 minus Figures of PB February 2025.

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*Urgent National Concerns and Assessment of the National Administration's Performance*

From a list of 16 urgent national concerns, **controlling inflation** remains the top issue for **seven in ten Filipinos (69%)**, who see it as a national issue requiring immediate government action. *(Please refer to Table 7.)*

Other pressing concerns cited by Filipinos include:

- **Increasing workers' pay** (36%)
- **Combating graft and corruption** (28%)
- **Fighting criminality** (28%)
- **Reducing poverty** (27%)

**Table 7**  
**MOST URGENT NATIONAL CONCERNS**  
March 23 - 29, 2025 / Philippines  
(In Percent / Multiple Response, up to 3 allowed)

<i>Base: Total Interviews, 100%</i>				
	OVERALL	RANKED		
		FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Controlling inflation	69	38	20	12
Increasing the pay of workers	36	11	14	11
Fighting graft and corruption in government	28	8	10	10
Fighting criminality	28	9	9	10
Reducing the poverty of many Filipinos	27	7	11	8
Creating more jobs	20	5	6	10
Promoting peace in the country	17	4	6	7
Providing assistance to farmers including selling their products	13	4	4	6
Addressing the problem of involuntary hunger	13	2	3	7
Enforcing the law on all, whether influential or ordinary people	11	4	4	3
Providing support to small entrepreneurs to restore their businesses	10	2	3	4
Stopping the destruction and abuse of our environment	10	2	4	4
Defending the integrity of Philippine territory against foreigners	6	1	2	4
Reducing the amount of taxes paid	6	2	2	2
Preparing to face any kind of terrorism	3	1	1	2
Protecting the welfare of OFWs	3	1	1	1

*Q4. Sa mga sumusunod na isyung pambansa, pakisabi ang hanggang **tatlong** isyung dapat aksyunan agad ng administrasyon ni Presidente Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr. Maaari kayong magbanggit ng iba pang wala sa listahan. Alin po ang unang isyung dapat aksyunan agad ng kasalukuyang administrasyon? Ang pangalawa? Ang pangatlo?*

When asked to rate the national administration’s performance on these issues, **majority approval ratings** are given for its efforts to:

- **Protect the welfare of OFWs (51%)**
- **Respond to the needs of calamity-affected areas (51%).** (Please refer to Table 8.)

However, for the top concerns, **pluralities to majorities disapprove** of the administration’s efforts to:

- **Control inflation:** 79% disapprove, 3% approve
- **Fight graft and corruption:** 53% disapprove, 13% approve
- **Reduce poverty:** 48% disapprove, 12% approve
- **Increase workers’ pay:** 48% disapprove, 16% approve

**Table 8**  
**PERCEIVED URGENCY OF SELECTED NATIONAL ISSUES AND**  
**THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION'S PERFORMANCE RATINGS**  
March 23 - 29, 2025 / Philippines  
(Row Percent)

Selected National Issues	% citing as One of Three Most Urgent Issues	Approve	Undecided	Disapprove	NAR*
Protecting the welfare of OFWs	3	51	30	19	+32
Responding to the needs of areas affected by calamities	---	51	29	20	+31
Defending the integrity of Philippine territory against foreigners	6	39	35	25	+14
Stopping the destruction and abuse of our environment	10	33	43	24	+ 9
Providing assistance to farmers including selling their products	13	31	35	34	- 3
Enforcing the law on all, whether influential or ordinary people	11	28	41	32	- 4
Promoting peace in the country	17	25	35	40	- 15
Creating more jobs	20	24	36	40	- 16
Addressing the problem of involuntary hunger	13	20	36	44	- 24
Fighting criminality	28	24	27	49	- 25
Increasing the pay of workers	36	16	36	48	- 32
Reducing the poverty of many Filipinos	27	12	39	48	- 36
Fighting graft and corruption in government	28	13	34	53	- 40
Controlling inflation	69	3	18	79	- 76

Q5a-n. Nais naming malaman ang inyong opinyon tungkol sa pagganap sa tungkulin ng administrasyon ni Presidente Ferdinand “Bongbong” R. Marcos Jr. sa pagharap nito sa mga sumusunod na isyung pambansa nitong huling tatlong buwan. Sa bawat isyung mabanggit, sa pamamagitan po ng board na ito, maari bang pakisabi ninyo kung kayo ay (SHOW AND READ RATING BOARD) sa pagganap sa tungkulin ng administrasyon ni Presidente Marcos sa mga isyung ito?

Notes: (1) % Approve = % Truly Approve plus % Somewhat approve; % Disapprove = % Somewhat Disapprove plus % Truly Disapprove.

(2) \*NAR (Net Approval Rating) = %Approve minus % Disapprove

(3) Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding off or to Don't Know and Refuse responses.