

MEDIA RELEASE

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RE: Pulse Asia Research's 1st Quarter 2026 Nationwide Survey on Reasons for Trusting or Distrusting the President and the Vice-President

Pulse Asia Research, Inc. is pleased to share selected findings from the 1st Quarter 2026 *Ulat ng Bayan* national survey on **Reasons for Trusting or Distrusting the President and the Vice-President**. We would appreciate your assistance in helping inform the public by disseminating this information.

The survey fieldwork was conducted from **February 27 to March 2, 2026** using face-to-face interviews. This nationwide survey is based on a sample of 1,200 representative adults 18 years old and above. It has a $\pm 2.8\%$ error margin at the 95% confidence level. Subnational estimates for the geographic areas covered in the survey have the following error margins at 95% confidence level: $\pm 5.7\%$ for Metro Manila, the rest of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. Those interested in further technical details may refer to our website (www.pulseasia.ph)

The following are some of the critical developments that took place in the weeks leading up to and during the conduct of the interviews for the 1st Quarter 2026 *Ulat ng Bayan* survey:

1. On 10 February 2026, the House of Representatives upheld the decision of its Committee on Justice to dismiss two (2) impeachment complaints against the President for insufficiency in substance, with a vote of 284-8 (and 4 abstentions). Meanwhile, on 02 March 2026, the same committee found 2 (out of 4) impeachment complaints against the Vice-President as sufficient in form. One of the complaints

filed against the latter was set aside for violating the one-year ban on the conduct of impeachment proceedings against the Vice-President while another one was withdrawn by its petitioners to expedite the deliberations on the other pending complaints.

2. Prior to the House deliberations on the impeachment complaints filed against her, the Vice-President announced her plan to run for president in May 2028. The latter also disclosed that she already has a running mate but refused to name the said individual. For his part, the President said he intends to endorse as his presidential candidate someone who is doing exceptional work in government and focused on improving the state of the country. Meanwhile, Senator Risa Hontiveros said the “united opposition” will make public its common candidates by the end of 2026.
3. The International Criminal Court (ICC) proceeded with the confirmation of charges hearing in the case against former President Rodrigo R. Duterte from 23-27 February 2026, with the latter waiving his right to appear before the court. In a separate hearing on 27 February 2026 regarding his detention at the ICC, the prosecutor and the victims’ lawyers urged the ICC not to release the ex-President from its custody.

In a related development, the ICC named eight (8) former and current government officials among the co-perpetrators of former President Duterte in the extrajudicial killings that took place during his administration’s “war on drugs”. Among these officials are incumbent Senators Ronald dela Rosa and Christopher Go. The former has been absent from the Senate since November 2025 when reports of his impending arrest in connection with the ICC case first surfaced while the latter disputed the allegations regarding his role in the campaign against illegal drugs and called them unfounded. Malacañang said the co-perpetrators of the ex-President should face the charges against them if they are indeed innocent.

At the House of Representatives, members of the Makabayan bloc filed House Resolution (HR) No. 809 urging the Philippine government to rejoin the ICC as a show of its commitment to its international treaty obligations. Former President Duterte continues to refuse to recognize the jurisdiction of the ICC over his case as he asserts that he was “kidnapped”, not arrested, on 11 March 2025.

4. Congressional deliberations were held regarding various proposals banning political dynasties in the country. The House Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms worked to consolidate 24 legislative measures and after its deliberations and public consultations, Lanao del Sur Representative Zia Alonto Adiong, the committee chairperson, reported that there appears to be a consensus in support of a ban up to the second degree of affinity or consanguinity covering all elective positions in government, from the barangay level to the national level. At the

Senate, 12 lawmakers have expressed support for a similar measure covering up to second degree relations, which could affect about 30% of political dynasties, according to Senator Hontiveros, chairperson of the Senate Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation.

5. The Department of Justice (DOJ) announced on 02 March 2026 that it has issued subpoenas to the Villars arising from the complaint for alleged market manipulation, insider trading, and misleading disclosures filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) against Villar Land Holdings Corp. on 30 January 2026. Former Senate President Manuel Villar Jr., one of the respondents, called the SEC's complaint as baseless and said their company fully cooperated with the SEC's investigators. Also among those subpoenaed by the DOJ are Senators Mark and Camille Villar as well as former Senator Cynthia Villar.
6. A petition was filed before the Supreme Court (SC) on 02 March 2026 to compel the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee to publicly release the contents of its draft report on the investigation it conducted into the flood control project scandal. The petitioners requested the issuance of a temporary restraining order (TRO) in order to preserve the original version of the draft report that recommended the filing of plunder and other criminal charges against Senators Francis Escudero, Jinggoy Estrada, and Joel Villanueva, former Senator Ramon Revilla Jr., and former Ako Bicol Party-List Representative Elizaldy Co.
7. Filipinos celebrated the 40th anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution on 25 February 2026, with various groups holding separate events at the EDSA People Power Monument and EDSA Shrine, among other places. Some event organizers urged the administration to hold corrupt officials accountable while others called for the resignation of the President and the Vice-President as well as an end to political dynasties. Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Socrates Villegas also challenged the Filipino youth to revive the fading EDSA spirit and continue the fight for democracy in the country.
8. Reports of an impending change in the Senate's top leadership post in early February 2026, with Senator Loren Legarda supposedly replacing Senate President Vicente Sotto III. However, this did not materialize although Senator Zubiri said the Senate majority bloc is looking at the possibility of electing Senator Legarda to lead the legislative body by late 2027. Senate President Sotto has confirmed plans to make the latter his successor before the end of the 20th Congress.
9. Catholics across the country ushered in the Lenten Season on Ash Wednesday, 18 February 2026, with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) encouraging the faithful to observe "digital media fasting" during this time. Likewise, the CBCP called on politicians to "fast and abstain from stealing public

funds". And in a rare instance, the Muslim community also marked the start of the first full day of fasting for Ramadan on the same day.

10. The United States (US) and Israel launched airstrikes against Iran on 28 February 2026, killing its supreme leader. Iran has responded with its own attacks on neighboring countries allied with the US and Israel. In the immediate aftermath of this conflict, the Philippine government advised Filipinos in the Middle East to remain indoors and avoid unnecessary travel for their safety. The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) are on standby should the need to repatriate Filipinos arise while the Department of Energy (DOE) met with independent oil firms to discuss the status of their supply and secure their commitment to measures aimed at cushioning the impact of the expected oil price hikes as a result of the airstrikes.

Pulse Asia Research's pool of academic fellows takes full responsibility for the design and conduct of the survey and for analyses it makes based on the survey data. In keeping with our academic nature, no religious, political, economic, or partisan group influenced any of these processes. Pulse Asia Research undertakes *Ulat ng Bayan* surveys independently without any party singularly commissioning the research effort.

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Pulse Asia Research's 1st Quarter 2026 *Ulat ng Bayan* Survey:
Media Release on the Reasons for Trusting or Distrusting
the President and the Vice-President
25 March 2026

The leading reason for trusting the President is his fight against corruption (28.6%) while the most often mentioned reason for indecision toward his trustworthiness is his failure to control inflation (39.3%); those with a negative opinion about the President's trustworthiness are split in terms of their reasons for distrusting him

Trust in the President. Among those who trust the President, their leading reason for doing so is because of his efforts to fight corruption in government (28.6%) This is the top reason cited by Metro Manilans (37.1%), those in the rest of Luzon (29.4%), and those belonging to Class D (30.3%). Almost the same percentages of Visayans and those in Class E say they trust the latter either because he fights corruption (23.7% to 26.3%) or due to the improvements in the lives of Filipinos as a result of his administration's programs (30.2% to 31.6%). Among Mindanawons, the most often cited reasons are the improvements in the Filipinos' quality of life that they credit to the President's programs (25.7%), his initiatives to help those affected by calamities (18.3%), and his efforts to give financial assistance or *ayuda* to those in need (18.3%). As for those in Class ABC, their top reasons are because the President helps disaster victims (28.0%), he fights corruption (21.9%), and he extends assistance to the agricultural sector (11.4%). (*Please refer to Table 1.*)

At the national level, the other reasons for trusting the President mentioned by at least a tenth of those who have a positive opinion about his trustworthiness are because he helps calamity-hit areas and victims (12.4%), his administration's programs have succeeded in improving the lives of Filipinos (10.9%), and his efforts to help farmers (9.9%). Other reasons are given by at most 4.9% of those who trust the latter.

Table 1
PRIMARY REASON FOR TRUSTING
PRESIDENT FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS JR.
February 27 - March 2, 2026 / Philippines
(In Percent / SINGLE ANSWER ONLY / OPEN-ENDED / SUMMARY)

<i>Base: Those who trust President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., 35%</i>								
<i>You mentioned earlier that you TRUST President Ferdinand "BongBong" R. Marcos Jr. What is the primary reason for this?</i>	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
LUMALABAN SA KORAPSYON; BINULGAR ANG KORAPSYON	28.6	37.1	29.4	26.3	6.8	21.9	30.3	23.7
TUMUTULONG SA MGA NASALANTA	12.4	7.3	14.2	1.6	18.3	28.0	9.8	4.8
NAAAYOS ANG PAMUMUHAY NG MGA PILIPINO NG KANYANG MGA PROGRAMA	10.9	8.4	7.6	30.2	25.7	6.7	10.4	31.6
SUMUSUPPORTA SA MGA MAGSASAKA / AGRIKULTURA	9.9	3.5	11.8	9.2	2.9	11.4	10.2	0.0
NAPAAAYOS ANG PAMPUBLIKONG IMPRASTRATURA	4.9	1.3	6.3	0.7	3.1	7.9	4.6	0.0
MASIPAG; GINAGAMPANAN ANG TUNGKULIN	4.6	9.6	3.7	3.8	4.2	1.6	5.5	0.1
HINDI INIINDA ANG MGA MANINIRA / PUMUPUNA SA KANYA	4.3	2.2	5.0	3.8	2.2	4.0	4.6	1.3
NAGBIBIGAY NG AYUDA, PINAGPATULOY ANG 4Ps	4.3	3.8	2.8	6.8	18.3	4.9	4.0	7.3
PINAGLALABAN ANG SOBERENYA NG BANSA	3.6	0.8	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.5	0.0
MALUMANAY MAGSALITA / DISENTE / MAPAGKUMBABA	3.2	2.2	3.8	2.5	0.0	1.1	3.6	3.0
MAAYOS MAKIPAG-UGNAYAN SA IBANG BANSA / DAYUHANG NAMUMUHUNAN	2.8	4.5	2.7	0.0	4.6	4.8	2.6	0.0
NAPATAAS ANG BENEPISYO NG MGA SENIORS	2.2	0.9	2.3	3.5	2.5	0.0	2.5	5.3
NASOLUSYONAN ANG MATAAS NA PRESYO NG MGA BILIHIN	2.1	4.0	2.2	0.0	0.5	2.5	2.2	0.0
MAPAGKAKATIWALAAN	1.2	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	2.2	1.1	0.0
PINANAGOT ANG MGA MAY KINALAMAN SA EJK; TINIGIL ANG EJK	1.2	6.5	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	1.5	0.0
TUMUTUPAD SA PANGAKO	0.8	3.5	0.3	0.0	0.9	2.0	0.5	0.0
HINDI KURAKOT	0.7	0.0	0.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	10.3
DAHIL SA TATAY NIYA / GALING SA PAMILYANG MARCOS	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.0
MAPAYAPA ANG BANSA	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	0.0	0.0	6.9
TUMUTULONG SA MGA OFWS	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	5.7
NABAWASAN ANG KRIMEN	0.2	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
MAY VISION PARA SA BANSA	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
IPINAIIRAL ANG BATAS	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
MATALINO	0.2	0.4	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
HINDI GUMAGAMIT / HINDI NAPATUNAYAN NA GUMAGAMIT NG ILIGAL NA DROGA	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
MAY PANININDIGAN	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0

Q13a. Nabanggit po ninyo kanina na **PINAGKAKATIWALAAN** ninyo si Presidente **FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS JR.**.
Ano po ang pangunahing dahilan kung bakit ninyo ito nasabi?

Indecision toward the President's trustworthiness. A considerable plurality of those who cannot say if they trust or distrust the President (39.3%) attribute their indecision to his inability to control the rising price of basic commodities. Sizeable pluralities to bare majorities in the rest of Luzon (51.8%), Mindanao (35.7%), and Class D (44.2%) share this assessment. In Class E, almost the same percentages are ambivalent about presidential trustworthiness either because the latter has been unable to curb inflation (36.0%) or due to his lack of action to address economic problems (30.7%). *(Please refer to Table 2.)*

The most often cited reasons for indecision regarding presidential trustworthiness among Metro Manilans are his failure to have any of those involved in the flood control projects scandal arrested (23.2%), the continued increase in the prices of basic goods (19.5%), his alleged use of illegal drugs (14.0%), and his failure to fulfill his promises (12.1%). As for Visayans, their leading reasons are the President's failure to lower the prices of commodities (17.9%), to hold accountable any of those behind the flood control projects scandal (17.9%), to fulfill his promises (12.5%), to address the problem of illegal drugs (11.0%), and to resolve the country's economic problems (6.1%) as well as his reported use of illegal drugs (16.6%) and his alleged involvement in corrupt activities (9.1%).

In the best-off Class ABC, the top reasons are the President's inability to have any of those behind the flood control projects scandal arrested (25.8%), to solve the problems being faced by the country (17.4%), to lower the prices of basic commodities (16.0%), to fulfill his promises (14.9%), and to address the problem of illegal drugs (12.4%).

Table 2
PRIMARY REASON FOR INDECISION ON THE TRUSTWORTHINESS OF
PRESIDENT FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS JR.

February 27 - March 2, 2026 / Philippines
(In Percent / SINGLE ANSWER ONLY / OPEN-ENDED / SUMMARY)

Base: Those who are undecided as to the trustworthiness of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., 21%								
You mentioned earlier that you CANNOT SAY IF YOUR TRUST IS BIG OR SMALL in President Ferdinand "BongBong" R. Marcos Jr. What is the primary reason for this?	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
MATAAS PA RIN ANG PRESYO NG MGA BILIHIN	39.3	19.5	51.8	17.9	35.7	16.0	44.2	36.0
HINDI PA NAPAPAKULONG ANG MGA SANGKOT SA FLOOD CONTROL SCANDAL / KATIWALIAN / NAGPAPATULOY ANG KORAPSYON	17.3	23.2	19.4	17.9	3.4	25.8	16.6	0.0
HINDI PA TUMUTUPAD SA PANGAKO	9.8	12.1	8.1	12.5	10.7	14.9	9.2	3.0
KULANG PA SA AKSYON SA PAGLUTAS NG MGA PROBLEMA NG BANSA	8.4	9.5	7.1	6.1	16.1	17.4	5.3	30.7
GUMAGAMIT DIUMANO NG ILIGAL NA DROGA	8.4	14.0	3.7	16.6	10.9	1.9	10.0	3.0
HINDI NATUTUGUNAN ANG PROBLEMA SA ILIGAL NA DROGA / KRIMINALIDAD	6.8	5.2	6.3	11.0	4.3	12.4	5.1	17.5
SANGKOT DIUMANO SA KORAPSYON	3.4	8.4	0.7	9.1	2.2	4.0	3.3	3.5
SINUNGALING	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	9.6	0.0	1.8	0.0
HINDI ALAM KUNG ANO NA ANG NAGAWA NIYA	1.1	6.4	0.0	2.1	0.0	2.8	0.8	0.0
MARAMING IBA PANG NEGATIBONG BALITA TUNGKOL SA KANYA	1.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	7.2	0.0	1.0	5.7
PINAKULONG SI DUTERTE	0.9	0.0	0.6	2.9	0.0	3.7	0.4	0.0
PATULOY ANG ISYU SA WEST PHILIPPINE SEA	0.8	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0
KUNG MAG-REUNITE KAY SARA DUTERTE	0.6	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0
NANDAYA SA NAKARAANG ELEKSYON	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
WALANG SARILING DESISYON	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.0
HINDI PATAS	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
HINDI MATAPANG	0.03	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
MARAMI PA RING MGA PILIPINO ANG NAGDURUSA / NAGHIHIRAP	0.02	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Q13b. Nabanggit po ninyo kanina na HINDI NINYO MASABI KUNG MALAKI O MALIT ang inyong pagtitiwala kay
Presidente FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS JR.. Ano po ang pangunahing dahilan kung bakit ninyo ito nasabi?

Distrust in the President. Although a big plurality of Filipino adults (44%) distrust the President, they are divided in terms of their reasons why they have a negative opinion about his trustworthiness. The leading reasons that are cited by virtually the same percentages of those distrusting the latter are his failure to fight corruption (16.7%), to fulfill his promises (15.3%), to perform his duties (13.8%), to control the prices of goods (12.3%), and to fight criminality (10.1%) as well as his alleged involvement in corrupt activities (12.0%). Other reasons are given by at most 9.2% of those distrusting the President. *(Please refer to Table 3.)*

Public opinion regarding distrust in the President is also split across areas and classes, with the exception of Class ABC where a considerable plurality of those distrusting him attributing this sentiment to his inability to fight corruption (38.0%). In Class E, the most often mentioned reasons are the President's failure to fulfill his promises (25.1%), to perform his duties (20.6%), and to fight illegal drugs (11.9%). Practically the same percentages of those belonging to Class D who distrust the latter say this is because he has not been able to fulfill his promises (15.2%), to control inflation (13.8%), to fight corruption (13.7%), to perform his duties (12.9%), and to address the problem of illegal drugs (10.5%) as well as his being involved in corruption (13.2%).

In Metro Manila, the most often given reasons for distrusting the President are his alleged involvement in corrupt activities (20.5%), his reported use of illegal drugs (12.7%), and his failure to perform his duties (17.3%), to fight corruption (16.7%), and to fulfill his promises (13.5%). Among those in the rest of Luzon, the leading reasons for distrust are his failure to fight corruption (29.0%) and to control the rising prices of basic commodities (26.4%). Those in the Visayas are most inclined to distrust the President because of his inability to hold accountable those involved in corrupt activities (22.0%), to fight illegal drugs (17.4%), and to fulfill his promises (15.3%) as well as his reported involvement in corruption (19.3%). As for Mindanawons, they are most likely to distrust the President due to his failure to perform his duties (21.4%), to fulfill his promises (20.8%), and to address the problem of illegal drugs (11.2%).

Table 3
PRIMARY REASON FOR DISTRUSTING
PRESIDENT FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS JR.
February 27 - March 2, 2026 / Philippines
(In Percent / SINGLE ANSWER ONLY / OPEN-ENDED / SUMMARY)

Base: Those who distrust President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., 44%								
You mentioned earlier that you DISTRUST President Ferdinand "BongBong" R. Marcos Jr. What is the primary reason for this?	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
HINDI LUMALABAN SA KORAPSYON / WALANG NAPAPANAGOT SA KORAPSYON	16.7	16.7	29.0	22.0	6.2	38.0	13.7	6.8
HINDI TUMATUPAD SA PANGAKO	15.3	13.5	6.6	15.3	20.8	8.7	15.2	25.1
WALANG NAGAWA / HINDI GUMAGANAP NG KANYANG TUNGKULIN	13.8	17.3	6.3	6.7	21.4	13.3	12.9	20.6
HINDI MAKONTROLA ANG PAGTAAS NA PRESYO NG MGA BILIHIN	12.3	6.8	26.4	8.6	8.4	7.9	13.8	8.1
SANGKOT SA CORRUPTION	12.0	20.5	5.0	19.3	8.6	9.3	13.2	8.0
WALANG AKSYON / KULANG ANG AKSYON LABAN SA KRIMINALIDAD / ILIGAL NA DROGA	10.1	6.1	2.3	17.4	11.2	7.1	10.5	11.9
DRUG ADDICT	9.2	12.7	12.4	5.4	8.7	8.0	9.7	7.6
MABAGAL KUMILOS PARA SA MGA NASALANTA	2.5	0.0	9.1	0.4	0.8	0.0	3.4	0.0
PINAKULONG SI FPRRD / KINAKAAWAY MGA DUTERTE	1.4	2.6	0.0	1.2	1.9	0.7	1.5	1.8
WALANG SARILING DESISYON	1.2	0.4	0.0	1.8	1.8	4.7	0.7	0.0
KULANG SA TAPANG / HINDI MATAPANG	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	1.6	0.0
HINDI MASOLUSYONAN ANG GULO SA POLITIKA	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.9	1.3	1.1	0.8
HINDI MALINAW ANG DIREKSYON	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.5	4.0
BAGSAK ANG EKONOMIYA / HINDI UMUUNLAD ANG EKONOMIYA	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.1	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.0
HINDI MAPAGKAKATIWALAAN	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.6	0.0	0.1	5.2
SINUNGALING	0.4	1.4	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.4	0.0
PATULOY ANG ISYU SA WEST PHILIPPINE SEA	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0
OTHERS	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.6	0.0

Q13c. Nabanggit po ninyo kanina na **HINDI NINYO PINAGKAKATIWALAAN** si Presidente **FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS JR.**.
Ano po ang pangunahing dahilan kung bakit ninyo ito nasabi?

Those with a positive opinion about the Vice-President’s trustworthiness are split in terms of their reasons for trusting; in contrast, the top reason for distrusting the latter is her alleged involvement in corrupt activities (51.5%) while most of those ambivalent toward her trustworthiness say this is because she has failed to address allegations of misuse of her confidential funds

Trust in the Vice-President. The majority of Filipino adults who trust the Vice-President (54%) are divided as regards the reason behind this sentiment, with their top reasons for having a positive opinion about her trustworthiness being her being capable of governing (12.8%), pro-poor (12.7%), courageous (12.4%), and helpful (9.1%) as well as her having strong convictions (9.0%) and being quick to respond to calamities (7.9%). Other reasons are cited by at most 5.4% of those trusting the Vice-President. *(Please refer to Table 4.)*

A little over a quarter of Metro Manilans (26.4%) trust the Vice-President because they see her as being a capable leader. Public opinion in the other areas and all classes concerning trust in the Vice-President is split. In the rest of Luzon, the top reasons for trusting the latter are her being pro-poor (18.7%), her quick response to disasters (13.6%), her efforts to fight illegal drugs and corruption (10.2% to 14.2%), and her being helpful (7.9%) and a capable leader (7.2%). Among Visayans, they are most likely to trust the Vice-President because she is courageous (18.6%), pro-poor (17.9%), has leadership capabilities (12.5%), has strong convictions (12.2%), and responds to disasters promptly (10.7%). As for Mindanawons, 12 reasons are among those most often mentioned by about the same percentages of those trusting her. These are her being courageous (13.9%), helpful (13.9%), a capable leader (12.7%), the daughter of former President Duterte (7.5%), pro-poor (6.5%), not corrupt (5.3%), quick to respond to natural disasters (3.7%), and caring (2.2%) as well as her having strong convictions (10.1%), having good plans for the country (4.8%), accomplished a lot (4.0%), and fulfilled her promises (3.9%).

A host of reasons are mentioned by nearly the same percentages of those in either Class ABC or Class E who trust the Vice-President. Numerically speaking, the top reasons in these socioeconomic groupings are the latter’s being courageous (14.7% in Class ABC) and pro-poor (10.1% in Class E).

Table 4
PRIMARY REASON FOR TRUSTING
VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE
February 27 - March 2, 2026 / Philippines
(In Percent / SINGLE ANSWER ONLY / OPEN-ENDED / SUMMARY)

Base: Those who trust Vice-President Sara Duterte, 54%								
You mentioned earlier that you TRUST Vice-President Sara Duterte. What is the primary reason for this?	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
MAY KAKAYAHAN MAMUNO / MAMALAKAD	12.8	26.4	7.2	12.5	12.7	10.2	13.5	9.5
MAKAMAHIRAP	12.7	11.1	18.7	17.9	6.5	7.8	13.6	10.1
MATAPANG	12.4	6.6	6.3	18.6	13.9	14.7	13.0	5.9
MADALING HINGAN NG TULONG / MATULUNGIN	9.1	5.4	7.9	3.7	13.9	2.3	10.4	5.1
MATIBAY ANG PANININDIGAN	9.0	5.2	5.9	12.2	10.1	8.2	9.6	5.4
MABILIS TUMUGON SA KALAMIDAD	7.9	4.6	13.6	10.7	3.7	13.9	7.1	8.9
DUTERTE / ANAK NI DATING PANGULONG DUTERTE / KAPAREHO NG KANYANG AMA	5.4	4.9	3.6	3.7	7.5	5.7	4.7	9.8
LUMALABAN SA ILIGAL NA DROGA AT KRIMINALIDAD	4.9	4.3	14.2	1.1	1.8	0.3	5.3	5.9
LUMALABAN SA KORAPSYON / ANTI-CORRUPTION	4.6	9.2	10.2	2.9	1.0	10.7	4.3	2.2
HINDI CORRUPT	4.6	7.8	1.0	5.5	5.3	9.2	3.5	8.6
MARAMING NAGAWA	2.3	1.4	1.5	0.5	4.0	6.3	1.9	2.0
MAY ISANG SALITA / TUMUTUPAD SA PANGAKO	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.5	3.9	4.0	2.1	1.8
MAY MALASAKIT	2.2	4.7	1.9	1.3	2.2	0.0	2.2	3.6
MAY MAGANDANG VISION AT PLANO PARA SA BANSANG PRANGKA	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	4.8	0.3	1.1	10.0
PRANGKA	1.1	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.7	0.0	1.0	2.2
NAKIKISALAMUHA SA PUBLIKO / BUMIBISITA SA IBA'T IBANG LUGAR	1.0	1.5	0.0	0.9	1.7	0.0	1.0	2.3
MATALINO	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.4	1.7	0.0	1.1	0.0
MABAIT	0.8	1.1	0.0	2.0	0.6	0.0	0.8	2.0
MAPAGKAKATIWALAAN	0.5	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.2
MAPAGMAHAL SA MAGULANG	0.5	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.6
WALANG NEGATIBONG BALITA / PUNA LABAN SA KANYA	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
KABABAYAN	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.0
TUMATANAW NG UTANG NA LOOB	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	2.1
LAGING NASA BANSANG	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
IPAGLALABAN ANG BANSANG SOBERENYA NG BANSANG	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
PATAS	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.4
SUPPORTADO ANG KABATAANG	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
MAKA-KALIKASANG	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
OTHERS	1.5	1.1	3.7	0.3	0.9	6.0	1.0	1.3

Q14a. Nabanggit po ninyo kanina na PINAGKAKATIWALAAN ninyo si Bise-Presidente SARA DUTERTE. Ano po ang pangunahing dahilan kung bakit ninyo ito nasabi?

Indecision toward the Vice-President’s trustworthiness. At the national level (51.0%) and across all geographic and socioeconomic subgroupings (42.2% to 81.7% and 48.6% to 63.6%, respectively), near to huge majorities are unable to say if they trust or distrust the Vice-President because of her failure to address the allegations regarding her misuse of the confidential funds allocated to the Office of the Vice-President and the Department of Education (DepEd) under her leadership. Other reasons identified by at least a tenth of those ambivalent toward the Vice-President’s trustworthiness are their lack of knowledge about what she has accomplished (17.8%) and her refusal to face investigations against her (10.3%). The rest of the reasons for one’s indecision on the matter of trusting or distrusting the Vice-President are cited by at most 5.5%. (Please refer to Table 5.)

Table 5
PRIMARY REASON FOR INDECISION ON THE TRUSTWORTHINESS OF
VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE
February 27 - March 2, 2026 / Philippines
(In Percent / SINGLE ANSWER ONLY / OPEN-ENDED / SUMMARY)

Base: Those who are undecided as to the trustworthiness of Vice-President Sara Duterte, 20%								
You mentioned earlier that you CANNOT SAY IF YOUR TRUST IS BIG OR SMALL in Vice-President Sara Duterte. What is the primary reason for this?	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
		HINDI PA NASASAGOT / NAPAPAWALANG SAYSAY ANG ISYU NG KORAPSYON SA PAGGAMIT NG CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS / PONDO NG OVP / DepEd	51.0	56.1	42.2	81.7	47.9	59.2
HINDI ALAM KUNG ANO ANG NAGAWA / WALA PANG NAGAGAWA	17.8	21.6	19.0	6.3	31.0	26.3	15.9	21.7
AYAW HUMARAP SA MGA IMBESTIGASYON / IMPEACHMENT	10.3	3.8	13.4	6.1	0.0	0.7	12.8	0.0
PANAY BIYAHE	5.5	5.0	7.2	0.0	0.0	9.1	5.1	0.0
HINDI NAKIKIISA SA ADMINISTRASYON, IBANG OPISYAL	3.1	4.6	3.5	0.0	0.0	3.0	3.3	0.0
HINDI GUSTO ANG KANYANG PANANALITA SANGKOT SA ILIGAL DRUGS	2.7	0.0	3.8	1.5	0.0	0.0	2.6	12.2
PARANG KULANG SA KAKAYAHAN GAMPANAN ANG KANYANG TUNGKULIN	1.5	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0
IPAPAPATAY RAW ANG PANGULO	0.8	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
DINADAAN SA TAPANG ANG PAGSAGOT SA MGA PUMUPUNA	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0
HINDI TUMUTUPAD SA PANGAKO	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.2	0.0	1.2	0.5	0.0
NAKATUTOK SA IBANG BAGAY, HINDI SA KANYANG TUNGKULIN	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0
EMOSYONAL	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0
SANGKOT SA EJK	0.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
MAARING MAKA-MAHIRAP	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6
DAHIL NANINIRA SA PILIPINAS SA IBANG BANSA	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
OTHERS	0.03	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	4.9	1.4	6.3	0.5	21.1	0.5	6.1	0.0

Q14b. Nabanggit po ninyo kanina na HINDI NINYO MASABI KUNG MALAKI O MALIIT ang inyong pagtitiwala kay Bise-Prisidente SARA DUTERTE. Ano po ang pangunahing dahilan kung bakit ninyo ito nasabi?

Distrust in the Vice-President. The Vice-President's alleged involvement in corrupt activities is the leading reason for distrust in her not only in the Philippines as a whole (51.5%) but also in each area and class (47.9% to 90.7% and 47.8% to 60.3%, respectively). Around a fifth of those distrusting the latter (21.4%) attribute this sentiment to the threats she has made against the administration and those critical of her. Other reasons for distrusting the Vice-President are given by at most 5.4% of those with a negative sentiment toward her trustworthiness. (Please refer to Table 6.)

Table 6
PRIMARY REASON FOR DISTRUSTING
VICE-PRESIDENT SARA DUTERTE
February 27 - March 2, 2026 / Philippines
(In Percent / SINGLE ANSWER ONLY / OPEN-ENDED / SUMMARY)

Base: Those who distrust Vice-President Sara Duterte, 26%								
You mentioned earlier that you DISTRUST Vice-President Sara Duterte. What is the primary reason for this?	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
CORRUPT / SANGKOT SA KORAPSYON	51.5	51.8	47.9	73.3	90.7	59.4	47.8	60.3
NANINIRA / NAGBABANTA SA MGA NASA ADMINISTRASYON / KAAWAY	21.4	8.0	26.3	3.8	9.3	24.2	20.9	3.0
PALAMURA / BASTOS	5.4	5.1	5.7	3.4	0.0	1.4	7.0	6.6
WALA PANG NAGAGAWA	5.1	8.8	5.2	0.5	0.0	2.6	6.4	0.0
PANAY BIYAHE SA LABAS NG BANSA	4.5	1.3	5.4	2.6	0.0	1.7	5.8	3.8
HINDI GINAGAMPANAN ANG TUNGKULIN	2.5	4.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	2.4	2.5	0.0
PAIBA-IBA ANG DESISYON	1.7	0.0	2.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0
AYAW KO SA MGA DUTERTE	1.6	2.5	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0
NAKA-FOCUS SA KASO NG TATAY NIYA SA ICC	1.0	0.0	0.5	5.6	0.0	2.9	0.2	0.0
KULANG ANG KAKAYANAN SA PAMAMAHALA	1.0	0.0	0.3	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.4	26.3
MAKASARILI	0.9	4.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.4	0.0
WALANG PAGPAPAHALAGA SA KARAPATANG PANTAO	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.0
SINUNGALING	0.8	2.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.0
NANANAKIT / MARAHAS	0.7	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
AMBISYOSA	0.5	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.1	0.0
HINDI MAKABAYAN	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
HINDI MAPAGKAKATIWALAAN	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
OTHERS	0.6	1.3	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.0

Q14c. Nabanggit po ninyo kanina na **HINDI NINYO PINAGKAKATIWALAAN** si Bise-Presidente SARA DUTERTE.
Ano po ang pangunahing dahilan kung bakit ninyo ito nasabi?