



Notes on electoral politics

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Major dimensions of fraud (as documented by Kontra Daya)

- Lack of transparency in automated election system
- Disinformation
 - Historical denialism
 - Red-tagging
- Vote-buying
- Harassment and intimidation
- Misuse and abuse of government resources
- Circumvention/mockery of the law
 - Premature/illegal campaigning
 - Withdrawal/substitution of candidates

Fundamental problems of AES

- Lack of transparency
 - Source code remains proprietary; no genuine review process
 - SD card configuration not readily accessible to the public
 - Printing of ballots at certain instances done without watchers
- Foreign intervention
 - Smartmatic (2010-2022)
 - Miru (for 2025 elections)
- Related issues: (1) Questionable contract with F2 Logistics Philippines, Inc. in 2022 polls; (2) STCC withdrawal from joint venture with Miru in 2024

Fundamental problem of election system

- Domination of the rich and powerful
 - Political clans
 - Big businesses
- COMELEC's credibility issues mainly due to bribery allegations
 - Chair Bautista and Smartmatic
 - Chair Garcia and Miru
- Case study: Party-list system (based on Kontra Daya study in 2025)
 - 19th Congress: More than 90% of 63 PL representatives come from flagged PL groups
 - 2025 polls: 55.13% of 155 PL groups not truly representative of marginalized and underrepresented

Kontra Daya study on 155 PL groups

Summary of flagged party-list groups	
Political dynasty	40
Big business	25
Police/military connection	18
Corruption cases	7
Dubious advocacy	11
Not enough information	9
Total flagged party-list groups	86
Total party-list groups	156
% of flagged party-list groups	55.13%
<i>Source: Kontra Daya</i>	
<i>Note: Details do not add up due to cases of multiple flagging.</i>	

March 14, 2025 initial report

(as documented by
Kontra Daya and Vote
Report PH)



Initial Report on Campaign Violations

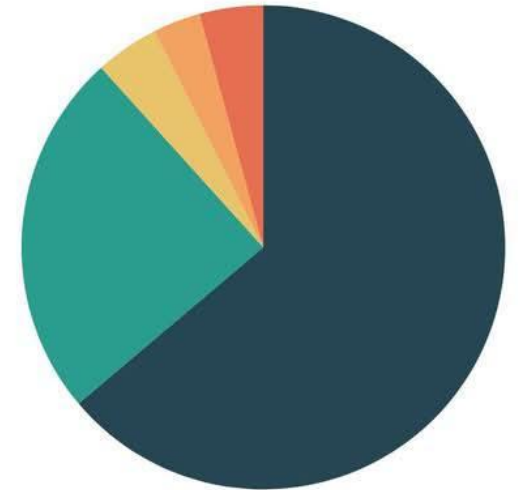
March 14, 2025

TOTAL # OF REPORTS

94

TOP REPORT CATEGORIES

- Red-tagging (63.8%)
- Illegal campaigning (24.5%)
- Vote buying (4.3%)
- Illegal use of public resources (3.2%)
- Others (4.2%)

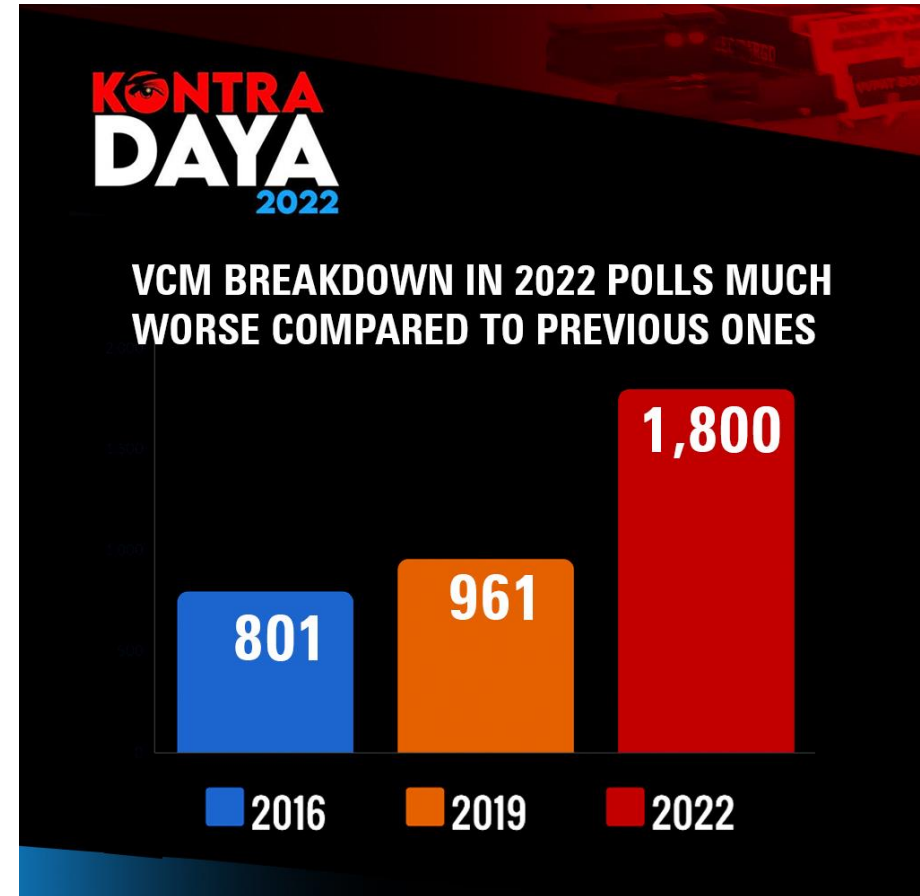


HIGHLIGHTS

Red tagging and illegal campaigning most numerous; illegal campaigning most observed among candidates leading formal & informal surveys

May 9, 2022 end-of-day report (as documented by Kontra Daya and Vote Report PH)

- 3,423 reports received (of which 919 were verified)
 - 321 cases of VCM errors
 - 112 cases of illegal campaigning
- More VCM errors compared to past election cycles
- Continued red-tagging, disinformation vs opposition candidates



Disinformation case study:

Fake COMELEC resolution disqualifying certain party-list groups and a candidate

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Breaking News: COMELEC disqualifies Makabayan Bloc Party list Groups and Neri Colmenares. We are waiting for official statement of the COMELEC on the leaked resolution.

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Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila
FIRST DIVISION

ANGELA C. AGUILAR,
Petitioner,

SPA No. 22-0004

RESPONDENTS:
BAYAN MUNA PARTY LIST, ANAKPAWIS PARTY LIST, KABATAAN PARTY LIST, ALLIANCE OF CONCERNED TEACHERS PARTY LIST (ACTTEACHERS) AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY BINDING WOMEN FOR REFORMS, INTEGRITY, EQUALITY, LEADERSHIP, AND ACTION PARTY LIST (GABRIELA), AND NERI COLMENARES

PROSECUTOR:
SOCORBO B. ESTING
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RESOLUTION

The Commission on Elections by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code and other election laws, **RESOLVED** to **DISQUALIFY** the **RESPONDENTS** pursuant to Sec 68(b), in relation further to Section 6(2) of Republic Act No 7941 or the "Party-List System Act," the Commission may, motu proprio or upon verified complaint of any interested party, remove or cancel, after due notice and hearing, wherein the party list advocates' support violence or unlawful means to seek its goals.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to maintain the peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare as essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

WHEREAS, the petitioners having successfully submitted sufficient and verifiable documents to prove bank transactions of **RESPONDENTS** involved in the funding of the designated terrorist group Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-Nasara Democratic Front or the CPP-NPA-NDF;

WHEREAS, the various personal and first-hand experience of witnesses presented before COMELEC are found of solid and sound accounts of the involvement of the **RESPONDENT** in terrorist financing and activities;

WHEREAS, the **RESPONDENTS** are found by the COMELEC in violation of the prohibition on Receiving Foreign Funds pursuant to Article XI section 9(1) of the Omnibus

WHEREAS, the **RESPONDENTS** are found by the COMELEC culpable in the violation of the existing laws pursuant to Sec 68(b) of the Omnibus Election Code, in relation further to section 6(2) of Republic Act No. 7941 or the "Party-List System Act," the Commission may, motu proprio or upon verified complaint of any interested party, remove or cancel, after due notice and hearing, wherein individuals and party list advocates' support violence or unlawful means to seek its goals;

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission on Elections, pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, Republic Act No. 7941, and other pertinent election laws, **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES** to promulgate **DISQUALIFICATION** of the **RESPONDENTS**; **BAYAN MUNA PARTY LIST**, **ANAKPAWIS PARTY LIST**, **KABATAAN PARTY LIST**, **ALLIANCE OF CONCERNED TEACHERS PARTY LIST**, **ACT TEACHERS**, **AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY BINDING WOMEN FOR REFORMS**, **INTEGRITY, EQUALITY, LEADERSHIP, AND ACTION PARTY LIST (GABRIELA)**, **AND NERI COLMENARES** from participating in the May 9, 2022 elections.

As it now stands, **RESPONDENTS** are found **CULPABLE** and **GUILTY** of violating and crimes to be meted by perpetual **DISQUALIFICATION** from running and holding any electoral office under the 1987 Constitution and relevant laws. As such, the imposition of the penalties incurred of this Petition is in order.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Petition is hereby **GRANTED**.

SO ORDERED.


SOCORBO B. ESTING
Presiding Commissioner


AIMELT F. FROLINO
Commissioner


AIMEL S. TORRE CANCA-NERI
Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the conclusions in the above Resolution were reached in consultation among the members of the First Division before the case was assigned to the ponente.


SOCORBO B. ESTING
Presiding Commissioner

Final report (Kontra Daya/Vote Report PH)



TOTAL VERIFIED REPORT COUNT

2,927

ELECTION-RELATED REPORTS

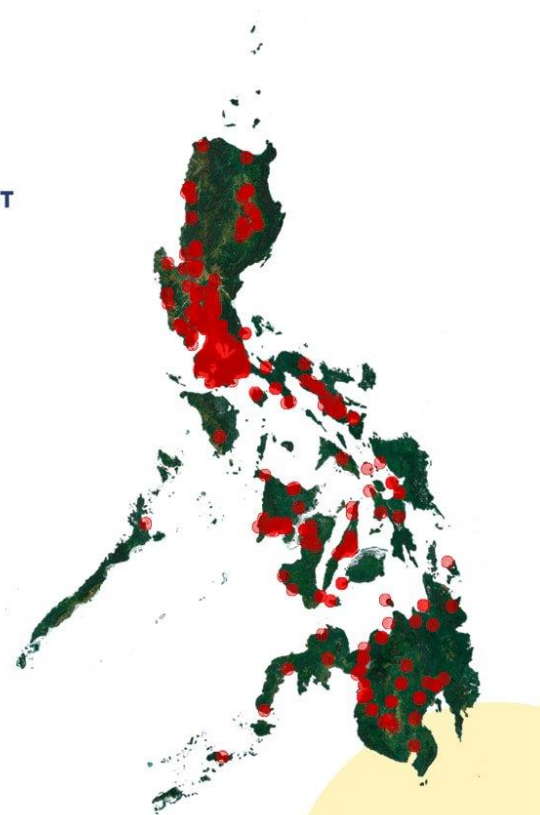
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CAMPAIGN REPORTS

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VCM ERRORS

1,318



FINAL REPORT

MAY 16

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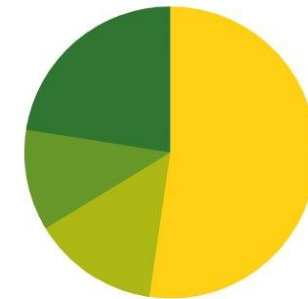
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TOP REPORT CATEGORIES

VCM & SD CARD ERRORS (52.3%)

ELECTIONEERING (14%)

ELECTION PROCESS-RELATED (11.2%)



HIGHLIGHTS

Over half of all verified reports are machine errors, suggesting massive scale of voter disenfranchisement

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Final report



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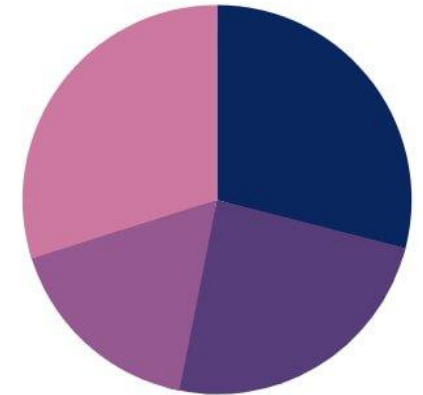
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TOP REPORT CATEGORIES

VOTE BUYING (29%)

RED-TAGGING (24.1%)

DISINFORMATION/FAKE NEWS (17%)



HIGHLIGHTS

Vote-buying widespread; fake news and red-tagging likely played a big role in shaping public perception leading up to election day

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Points of assessment

- Election results questionable given the extent of fraud and other irregularities
- Lack of transparency raises doubts on election results
- COMELEC's credibility remains questionable due to bribery allegations
- Domination of rich and powerful still apparent
- Necessity to shift from automated to hybrid election system

Calls to action

- Investigate bribery allegations hounding COMELEC
- Amend the party-list law, challenge 2013 Supreme Court decision (Paglaum case)
- Push for manual counting, electronic transmission (i.e., hybrid system)
- Pass the anti-dynasty law



Thank you!