

INVOLVEMENT OF TEACHERS IN POLITICS AND SOCIAL ISSUES

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In a digital age we have right now, posting online about the things we like and do is part of our lives. Whether you are watching a Netflix movie, catching up People or just eating in a fancy restaurant with your friends and family, it is not complete if you do not share these moments online. It has been part of our lives. It became normal.

With the aid of technological advancements, there are various ways to share these moments about anything under the sun. There are also a lot of social media websites where you can easily post or share what you want or what you are doing in your life. Sharing things online includes not only cute pictures, funny videos or even interesting updates from our friends but also one's sentiments about social issues and politics.

Teachers and other professionals do not just post their point of views when it comes to this topic. They do not just engage in these online posts as they are reminded of the Code of Ethics and other rules and regulations, they have on their respected departments but, there are some who still share their sentiments about social issues and most especially, this year's elections.

As this year's elections draws closer, more and more people are sharing political contents online. That includes their favorite candidates with their accomplishments and platforms as well as their track records and their ideas of important issues in our society.

But that is not the case for everyone. People are being flooded and blinded with misinformation, disinformation, hate campaign and fake news. To fight these things that can harm the country, people are sharing facts based on reliable sources and

documentations then and now. Teachers are one of them who fight those trolls, tiktokers and youtubers who share fake news online.

It is important that us teachers have something to say about a certain issue. It is important that we fight these things as we are one of the people who shape our students as well as the country. People from different aspects of life including our students look up to us teachers and it is our responsibility to show them what is good, what should be done, what values we must have and to fight for what is right. We cannot just stay silent and expect our students do good things if we teachers are afraid and be in the neutral side.

There are no laws which prohibits us from expressing our thoughts and emotions regarding social issues and in politics. We have the freedom of expression whether is it personal or online. We have the right to be involved in these important issues that affect our lives because we are also Filipino citizens of this country.

Though we have our rights to say something online and even physical, it is also our responsibility to not just share malicious posts, fake news and misinformation. We have to check our sources. We must check if our information is correct and reliable. We also have to remind ourselves to not be partisan as stated in the code of ethics for Teachers.

In a world where, misinformation, disinformation and fake news are easily generated, we have the right to be involved whether you are a teacher or not.

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