

## POLITICS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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Elections are necessary for democratic governance to function. By using the mechanism of Politicians are held accountable for their acts and are required to participate in elections to implement policies that are responsive and reflective of public opinion. Elections, in theory, serve as a "primary source of political recruitment, a means of mobilization." Ensuring the security of government and the transfer of government power. Government policy is heavily influenced by representation.' These, however, do not prevent the electorate's will from being distorted in a democracy with flaws.

The plurality system has been incorporated in Philippine law since 1935. Constitutions of 1987 All elected officials – according to the 1987 constitution – president, vice president, senators, House of Representatives members, Local chief executives and legislators are elected directly by the people. 'First-past-the-post' voting is used to elect persons. The Philippine government. Throughout history, the electoral system has been largely stable.

In the process of electoral politics, the Philippines' experience is instructive. The Asia-Pacific region's democratic progress It's been nearly a century since the quality of elections and party politics were introduced by American colonial powers. Elections have always produced democratic representation as a result in uncertainty. Clientelism, nepotism, fraud, and violence have all been documented. The elitist nature of Philippine electoral politics was reinforced. This was made worse. democratic elections were held during Marcos' authoritarian dictatorship. Under duress, 'demonstration elections' were momentarily replaced. The removal of in February 1986, the Marcos dictatorship came to an end, ushering in a new era. regarding democratization Nonetheless, President Trump's

election and subsequent removal. The assassination of President Joseph Estrada in January 2001 serves as a continual reminder Philippine democracy's 'defects' are still there.

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