

AP Research

Motion: Nepotism should not be allowed in the Philippine government

Argument: Government

Nepotism should not be allowed in the Philippines government because undermines public trust

Examples:

How corruption and nepotism erode public trust in Tanzania

More than 10,000 job seekers had braved an agonizing hot day lining up for interviews at the national stadium not knowing that the jobs will be frozen after local media reported that 29 out of the 70 may not have been recruited on merit but rather from what The Citizen newspaper called “their right connections”. This shows how serious unemployment problems are in Tanzania. The government quickly shelved the employment offers pending an investigation into alleged nepotism. Corruption, sheer negligence and nepotism have arguably become the salient features of most public institutions in Tanzania, shattering the hopes and dreams of many young people.

Reuters, T., (August 8 2014) How Corruption and Nepotism Erode Public Trust in Tanzania retrieved on November 11, 2015 from <http://www.trust.org/item/20140808084821-m3gby/?source=hpblogs>

THE WORM’S EYEVIEW: Nepotism has no place in public service

Nepotism happens when one is favored or promoted because of relations with a higher subject without merit. The subject and the employee are both abusers of public trust since they treat the government as an heirloom, taking over the right of society to decide its succession. “Nepotism is bias in favor of self interest. It belittles public sensibility and ideals. It defies expectations of fairness and equal opportunity.” (M. Valdehuesa, August 14 2014) For an official to push candidacy to a relative commits impropriety since he is using his position to give his relative an advantage others cannot enjoy. It is selfish and unfair. It violates democracy’s basic tenet that opportunities for public service ought to be open to all under conditions of fairness and equality.

Valdehuesa, M., (August 14, 2014) THE WORM’S EYEVIEW: Nepotism has no place in public service retrieved on November 11 2015 from: <http://www.mindanews.com/mindaviews/2014/08/14/the-worms-eyeview-nepotism-has-no-place-in-public-service/>

Analysis:

Nepotism isn't for a democratic country like the Philippines. This undermines the trust of the people because they make the government look like a family business. How can you trust your president if you know they will do anything in their power to make the government their dynasty, their own ruling. Just like in Tanzania, it is unfair for people to sacrifice their time and effort in a job interview if they will not have the chance to be chosen anyways. The people are suffering for the government's greediness. It kills the opportunity for democracy to take action. Where's the freedom? Where's the voice of the people? They are hidden behind vaulted doors with their hopes and dreams to change the country for the better. As Valdehusa says, nepotism defies the people of the right for equal opportunity. For an official to use his power to employ/promote his relative due to relativity and not by merit is a biased, unjust and unethical decision. The government is for the people, by the people and is the people. It is time to take over and bring down the dynasties. It is time to act now