

Putting myself in the shoes of the president of the Philippines, as a Confucian leader there are three points which I believe could invoke my belief. First is in terms of instilling fear to the commoners for they cannot comprehend virtues expected of them. One way of instilling fear to commoners through a more strict implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine. Thus, it must be backed up by well-defined rules and regulations. Further, punishment of violators must be known to commoners through different media platforms. A way to remind them that the government is serious regarding the said implementation. Moreover, culturally Filipino families are afraid of being ashamed and shame can also be used to control the number of potential violators because they would bring stain to their family name. Knowing this, confirmed violator's names and pictures must be posted in the barangay or municipality where he/she resides so that people are afraid not only of the known legal responsibility but their responsibility of bringing honor and not shame to their family.

Second in order to satisfy the needs of the masses, the said lockdown stated on above must be backed up by a Mass Testing. It is also a way to ensure that the curve would be flattened. Confirmed patients would be admitted and no expenses must be paid by them, the government must pay their expenses. In this way, people would see the leader as a descendant of the divine which could assure the support of the masses.

Third point is to ensure that no revolution would start and this would be realized if the government is able to provide and satisfy the basic needs of people, the simplest form is through food. In the situation where the country is subjected with the Covid-19 virus which forces people to stay at home and not able to earn and provide for their family's basic needs. The government shall ensure the sustenance of the constituents through relief assistance and financial assistance for all eligible constituents to ensure that no uprising would take place. Also, to ensure that people would abide with whatever law is implemented. Financial assistance must also be given to the middle class so that they could aid the government once the pandemic is over and to ensure that no uprising would start from them.

Last point is regarding the mandate of "*heaven or the divine.*" Confucians believed that the divine chooses who'll be the next leader for his reign would not face any difficulty and any kind of disaster; however once the administration faces difficulty the leader must step down. and let the "*divine*" choose a new leader who is fitting to lead the country. In the current situation of the country it can be seen that the government is facing a pandemic which is seen to be a way of the *divine* to disagree or condemning the current leader or administration. Therefore, following the Confucian belief, as a president of the country I would immediately step down and let the vice president to take the lead.