Election Studies in the Philippine

Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES)
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92 million Filipinos (53 million are registered voters)

Directly elect the following officials:

- President: 1 term – 6 years; no re-election
- Vice-President: 2 terms – 6 years per term; can be re-elected
- 24 Senators: 2 terms – 6 years per term; can be re-elected
Background of Philippine Electoral System: [Page 2 or 2]

- Directly elect the following officials:
  - Congress Representatives: 230 District Representatives and 56 Party-List Representatives – 3 terms – 3 years per term; can be re-elected
  - Voter turn-out: Presidential elections 75%-80%; relatively less during mid-term elections
  - Multi-party system; ideologically political parties are weak
Social Weather Stations

- Founded in 1985 as a Private, Non-stock, Non-profit Organization
- Politically non-partisan
- Generates data on public issues
- Publishes its findings
- Banks all data for public research
Self-Sustained Operations:

- Research and consultancy contracts
- Survey subscriptions
- Commissioned surveys
- Research grants
- Publications charges
- Fellows’ membership fees
Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES):

- CSES Module 2 – June 2004
- CSES Module 3 – June 2010
- CSES Module 4 – June 2016
- Regular SWS quarterly national survey
The study has 4 major study areas nationwide:

- Luzon
- Visayas
- Mindanao
- NCR
- Face to face survey
- Household based
- n= 1,200 survey of adults 18 years old and above
- Questionnaire is translated into at least 5 major languages (Filipino, Cebuano, Hiligaynon, Ilocano, Bicol and a language that is common to a particular sample area)
- All field interviewers are female
Dave Howell’s talk promoting the use of CSES and other data archives
University of the Philippines:
Sept 16, 2014
Holy Name University: Sept 18, 2014
Other talks that promoted the use of CSES and other data archives:

- University of San Carlos (Sept 19)
- Ateneo De Davao University (Aug 7)
- Assumption University (Aug 8)
For the first time in Philippine history, a statistical sample of voters was polled only 50+ meters away from Voting Centers (VCs).

From 802 randomly chosen exit poll VCs, SWS interviewed an unprecedentedly massive total of 52,573 voters.

The exit poll’s average absolute differences from Comelec percentages were only 0.401 in the P-count and 0.399 in the VP-count.

In the senatorial count, the correlation of exit poll ranks with Comelec ranks was 0.992.
Other Election Related Topics:

- Electoral fraud
- Election violence
- Bandwagon and underdog effects in election surveys
- Political parties
- Political participations
- Religious vote
- Command voting
- Candidates Images
- Voting turn-outs
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