

(This a post by Orion of the **Correct** group on FB explaining plainly why federalism is appropriate for the Philippines contrary to popular misconceptions. Unfortunately for him, there are people who think that they are only capable of understanding an explanation explained in Tagalog and for unexplainable reasons this educational handicap seems to be a very common phenomenon that is getting worse.)

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So many Filipinos don't understand FEDERALISM.

So many Filipinos just wrongly think that it is a matter of distributing higher amounts of funds to LGUs, not understanding that FEDERALISM is about delegating the economic development and wealth-production responsibilities and abilities over to the regions, rather than keeping it at the national level.

They just think its all about "giving more powers and money to the LGUs", but that's not what FEDERALISM is!

Remember how Duterte's own economic managers tended to be resistant towards FEDERALISM?

That's because THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT!

Remember that stupid comment about "who will pay for the national debt under FEDERALISM?"

What a stupid question!

It's stupid because the stupid idea behind it is the wrong belief that FEDERALISM is all about giving LGUs a larger share of the national budget, when that is NOT what FEDERALISM is!!!!

FEDERALISM is about giving more wealth-creating RESPONSIBILITIES to the regional levels as they have a better grasp of the commonalities of the communities within their region. They have a better idea of what they need, what their strengths are, what their own weaknesses are, etc compared to the National Government.

For FEDERALISM to work, the 60/40 and other anti-FDI Restrictions at the level of the National Constitution need to be completely deleted, and a huge number of nationally-legislated restrictions also need to be removed.

Let the regions decide for themselves on whether they want to close themselves off to Foreign Investors in certain sectors or if they want to open up to many sectors.

Most likely, regions who are determined to defeat unemployment will decide to open up many sectors to Foreign Direct Investors within their regions in order to create as many jobs and other economic opportunities for their people when all these foreign companies come in and set up offices and factories.

As more people have jobs then they will also pay taxes and spend money and this will cause money to circulate within the economy of the region. Imagine if all regions could become strong wealth producers, producing a lot of economic activity and getting a lot of tax revenue. Eventually, the regions will have a lot of surplus of their own and will themselves be net contributors to the national Federal Government's coffers.

Who will pay the national debt? Why of course the National (now called Federal) Government who will be receiving tax revenue from all of the regions!!

When all regions become highly productive wealth creators and net producers, the country as a whole will be extremely rich, rich at the regional level and rich at the national "Federal" level.

It's just sad that the knee jerk reaction of so many Filipinos - including secretaries within the Economic cluster - when faced with a topic they know nothing about is to immediately dismiss it and oppose it, instead of first doing research and due diligence in order to better understand it.

It's irritating to see how the Philippines has repeatedly failed to enact the most important reforms all because ignorance, stupidity, and laziness to read up and do research has caused people who are so lacking in humility to go against what they do not understand.

Why can't they be humble and just admit that they know nothing about the topic and that they will need some time to read up and research about it?

Why put up appearances and pretend that they already know about it, and try to act smart by dismissing it as if they know better?

Ultimately, all for the sake of pride and keeping up appearances, they sabotage

themselves and everyone else by going against proposals that could have helped them and the country improve.

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