

Overusing Tagalog in public affairs is dog+cat manure

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One of my biggest pet peeves these days is how there are so many stoopies who comment on live-feeds of Philippine Congressional or Senate hearings where there are technical experts offering expert advice in the discussions and the entire proceeding is in English, and the comments left in Tagalog are complaints about why they're using English.

First of all, if you didn't notice, the Philippines has English as one of its official languages, and more importantly, English is the Philippines' MAIN WORKING LANGUAGE. It's the language used for legal contracts, writing laws, etc.

The Tagalog version is not the definitive one, it's the ENGLISH VERSION that is. Contracts, legal documents, laws, etc. The important version is the English version.

Moreover, when discussing scientific, medical, or technical topics, English is the language most convenient for experts to use because that's the language of education in the Philippines.

What irks me is the arrogance with which these people impose their preference for Tagalog in the comments, when many of us Filipinos outside of Luzon have long had a preference for receiving information in English as opposed to Tagalog. English is NOT A FOREIGN LANGUAGE in the Philippines, and yet there are so many people who have gotten brainwashed into thinking that it is.

These idiots don't even acknowledge that the hearing on the recent Corona Virus had WHO (World Health Organization) doctors, experts, and resource people in the panel who are NOT Filipino. That's why the technical and medical discussions had to be English!!

Geez! Since when did the Philippines lose English language ability????

I blame a certain TV Network for that. It was they who precipitated the demise of English in the Philippines, instead of seeking to uplift the masses to become at par with the elites.

Now, it's all about dumbing everyone down and getting rid of the last remaining advantage that the Philippines USED TO HAVE within the region.

It's because of the trend they started that we now have to deal with this somewhat xenophobic set of sentiments towards English, when that used to be the key language that people used as a lingua franca. (My Tagalog maternal grandparents spoke to my Cebuano paternal grandparents to each other in straight, flawless English, even if my paternal grandfather didn't even finish high school)

If you watch an old documentary from about the 1965 Taal Volcano Eruption, ordinary townspeople from around the affected area who were interviewed spoke straight English.

Well, actually, even back in the 2013 during the Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) debacle, many people from the affected areas in the Visayas who were interviewed by Al Jazeera, CNN, etc also spoke good English. And that's because many Visayans aren't really too keen on Tagalog.

Anyway, it just totally irks me that the Philippines is losing its English edge.

It's the one thing we had going for us and we have essentially wasted it, because back when we still had quite a strong command of English, we didn't actively invite foreign direct investors to come in and set up companies that would create jobs for our people. Instead, we xenophobically kept them out and discouraged them from coming due to stupid and misguided pseudo-nationalistic sentiments which caused us to idiotically hard-code those 60/40 and other anti-FDI restrictions in our Constitution. Our English ability instead became useful for getting Filipinos to work abroad.

At the same time, we also actively sought to torpedo our own opportunities for upward mobility by sabotaging our English abilities through the idiotic pursuit of Tagalization. We stupidly Tagalized cartoons, we even Tagalized Hollywood movies (who the f*ck does that shit?) took English programmes off the airwaves, got rid of English language FM radio and replaced it with stupidifying "Kailangan pa bang imemorize yan" types of plebe-crap.

Are you happy now you stupid Tagalista f*cks?

You've already succeeded in destroying the ability of many Luzonians to speak what is today the global language of upward mobility, and you're moving in to wreak the same havoc on Visayans and Mindanaoans. Well, SCREW YOU!

It's bad enough that we lost Spanish which should have allowed us to continue to maintain a prosperous trade with our long lost brother countries with us as their conduit for trade with the Rising Asian side of the Pacific Rim. But losing English too?

WTF do you f*ckin' primitivists want?

I say, stop the nonsense, and let's get back on track!

English ability is one of the few remaining aces up our sleeve and you idiots want to take that away from all of us. Stupid pieces of manure!

You're the same stupid fools who imposed your primitivist version of "nationalism" on the country by getting rid of the Bahay na Bato or Vigan House and others like them as the typical home of Lowland Christian Filipinos and forced them to adopt the BAHAY KUBO/nipa hut as their representative home, imposing the image of the farmer with the just below the knee pants, the salakot, carrying a bolo as their image instead of Age of Enlightenment ilustrados like Rizal, MH del Pilar, Antonio Luna, and the others who were involved with setting up the Malolos Republic.

Luckily, Bangsamoro Filipinos are still reminded of the royal imagery of their traditional sultanates and the Islamic architecture that came along with their culture, so they were generally immune to being forced to identify with the Bahay Kubo which, frankly, is not even unique to the Philippines because practically all tropical societies have their poor peasants living in such huts. Poor rural Cambodia, poor rural Vietnam, poor rural Thailand, etc all have nipa huts and they don't even look different from each other!

So anyway, if we don't fix this sh!t, we are really going down the drain as the Philippines will be characterized by a race to the bottom, and going for the lowest common denominator instead of raising everyone up to higher standards.

And if that's not going to get fixed any time soon, I'm outta there!

Effin' pseudo-nationalistic plebe crap!

 Constitutional Draft Comparisons	 PDP-Laban Draft	 Centrist Proposals Draft	 People's Draft	 ConCom Draft
Structure of Territorial Administration	Region-based Federalism	Region-based Federalism	Region-based Federalism	Region-based Federalism
Transition Type	Gradualist	Gradualist	Gradualist	Quick / Instantaneous
National Form of Gov't	Hybrid Parliamentary	Full Parliamentary	Full Parliamentary	Full Presidential
Election Cycle	5 years	5 years	5 years	4 years
Regional Form of Gov't	Full Parliamentary	Full Parliamentary	Full Parliamentary	Modified Parliamentary
Uni or Bi-cameral?	Bicameral	Unicameral	Unicameral	Bicameral
Type of Upper House	Regionally-elected Senate Option for 3 Senators per Region	NO SENATE	NO SENATE	Regionally-elected Senate 2 Senators per Region
Type of Head of State	Mostly ceremonial, arbitrating has many reserved powers	Fully-ceremonial has some reserved powers	Fully-ceremonial has some reserved powers	Fully executive has full powers
Selection of Head of State	Elected Nationally	Appointed by Parliament	Appointed by Parliament	Elected Nationally
Number of Regions	Bottom-up Determination Provinces join-together voluntarily to form regions	Bottom-up Determination Provinces join-together voluntarily to form regions	Bottom-up Determination Provinces join-together voluntarily to form regions	Top-Down: 18 Regions Regions are formed based on current regional groups
FDI Friendliness	Deletes anti-FDI Restrictions	Deletes anti-FDI Restrictions	Deletes anti-FDI Restrictions	Retains anti-FDI Restrictions <small>* Allows Legislature to modify numerical restrictions without needing 2/3 constituent assembly vote</small>

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