

Did the Left get it right?

A personal reaction by Danilo A. Arao

Some clarifications are in order

- Exactly who among the “leftist personalities” are STILL with the “Left”?
- One indicator: Comelec’s Certified List of Candidates for Senator
 - What’s their affiliation now?

J.V. Bautista



- From Sanlakas to Erap's party?

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Risa Hontiveros



- From Akbayan to Noynoy's party?

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Liza Maza



- APPARENTLY with Gabriela Women's Party, even if Independent

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Satur Ocampo



OBVIOUSLY still with Bayan Muna

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Bautista openly supports Erap, Jinggoy



- “(Jinggoy Estrada) holds the second highest position in the Senate and is an experienced chief executive officer having served as mayor of San Juan. Jinggoy is a multi-awarded actor.”

Source: <http://jvbautista.wordpress.com/2010/02/23/jv-bautista-jinggoy-is-not-like-mikey/>

Hontiveros all-out for Noynoy



- "Senator Noynoy has been consistently leading the surveys ever since. Since the campaign period is about to end, NP tries to use shameless black prop to overtake LP's lead."

Source:

http://www.risahontiveros.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=1&Itemid=53&limitstart=25

What about Maza and Ocampo?



- ❑ Unlike Bautista and Hontiveros, they were “**guest candidates**” of Villar’s Nacionalista Party
- ❑ Ocampo: “What clinched the alliance was the positive response of Sen. Villar and his party to the people’s issues that we presented to all the presidential frontrunners. Of all the candidates, it was Sen. Villar who engaged us in earnest discussions on a common platform and program.”

Broad alliance work among “leftists”

- Mainly “tactical”
- Seldom permanent
- Clear basis/bases of unity
- Consistent, constructive criticisms
- “One foot in, one foot out”



THEREFORE, NP-Makabayan alliance should be analyzed in the context of the Left’s broad alliance work

The better questions to ask

**WHO AMONG THE "LEFT"
BECAME "RIGHT"?**

**DID MAKABAYAN GAIN
ANYTHING FROM ITS
ALLIANCE WITH THE
NACIONALISTAS?**



Looking at PL numbers

Party-list group	Votes	Probable seats
Makabayan-affiliated PLs (Bayan Muna, Gabriela Women's Party, AnakPawis, Kabataan Partylist, ACT Teachers, Katribu)	3,202,690	7
Akbayan, Partido ng Manggagawa	1,188,730	2
D.A. Arao	TWSC (24 June 2010)	12

Looking at gruesome numbers

PL group	Killings	Disappearances
Bayan Muna	142	12
AnakPawis	49	7
Gabriela Women's Party	2	0
Kabataan	2	0
Suara Bangsamoro	2	2
Anak ng Bayan	0	1
TOTAL	197	22
<i>Source: Karapatan (Jan 2001-March 2010)</i>		

To rephrase the question

- ❑ Did Makabayan get it right?
- ❑ ANSWER:
 - It was successful in increasing mass base
 - But failed to maintain or increase seats in HOR
 - And Ocampo and Maza lost in the senatorial race
 - MY PERSONAL OPINION?
Somehow...

Thank you!

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