



# Philippines: Nation Briefing

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# Freedom Status

	FR	CL	PR
2002	2.5	3	2
2003	2.5	3	2
2004	2.5	3	2
2005	2.5	3	2
2006	3.0	3	3
2007	3.0	3	3
2008	3.5	3	4
2009	3.5	3	4
2010	3.5	3	4
2011	3.0	3	3
2012	3.0	3	3

Philippines is partly free with a freedom rating of 3 out of 5.

5 most important reasons for their overall rating:

- 1) Electoral Fraud/Corruption
- 2) Political Violence
- 3) Hierarchy
- 4) Gender Equality
- 5) Electoral Democracy

# Greatest Weakness

## Corruption

*Arroyo (14th President of the Philippines) was arrested on charges of corruption and election fraud in November 2011*

*Senior and retired military officials had been siphoning off military funds to personal accounts.*

## Political Violence

*Spike in death-squad killings at the local level in 2008 and 2009*

*Since Aquino took office there have been seven extrajudicial killings and at least three forced disappearances*

## Hierarchy

*Powerful families continue to hold an outsized share of land, corporate wealth, and political power.*

# Greatest Strengths

## Gender Equality

*One of the few countries in Asia to have significantly closed the gender gap in the areas of health and education.*

## Electoral Democracy

*May 2010 elections marked a significant improvement over previous polls impaired by fraud, intimidation, and political violence.*

# Probability Of Success

It's kind of 50/50 at this point.  
Based on Freedom House, the Philippines  
could probably succeed due to its rank of  
civil liberties/political rights and if  
corruption stops.