



# PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

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## This Presentation Covers:

1. **Some Cases Resolved by the Ombudsman**
2. **R. A. 6713**
3. **Other ek ek.**

# Part 1

## **Some Cases Resolved by the Ombudsman**

**1. A Brgy. Captain was ordered Dismissed From The Service for Grave Misconduct as well as the filing of criminal charges in court for Violation of Section 3 (e) of RA 3019 in connection with the implementation of the ESA Funds for Yolanda victims.**

*Resolution dated March 27, 2017.*



**2. A Brgy. Captain, a Former Brgy. Kagawad & a Former Brgy. Treasurer were indicted in court for Falsification in connection with the purchase of sports supplies for the SK in 2009 amounting to P20,092.00.**

**In the administrative aspect, the Brgy. Captain was ordered Suspended for 9 months without pay for Less Serious Dishonesty.**

***Resolution & Decision dated Nov. 25, 2015.***

**3. A Mayor, an Agriculture Officer, and BAC Members were ordered DISMISSED FROM THE SERVICE for Grave Misconduct in connection with the awarding of the contract for the repair of mechanical grain dryers to Franmar Agro Industrial Sales in the amount of P698,000.00 without public bidding.**

*Decision dated January 3, 2017.*

**4. A Mayor** was indicted for 4 counts of violation of Section 3 (h) of RA 3019 for allegedly rigging the bidding of several municipal projects in favor of Tri-B Marketing which is owned by an alleged domestic helper & dummy of the mayor's wife.

In the administrative aspect, the Mayor was found guilty of Serious Dishonesty & Grave Misconduct & was ordered **DISMISSED FROM THE SERVICE.**

*Resolution & Decision dated Jan. 20, 2016.*

**5. A Mayor & a Municipal Treasurer were indicted for violation of the GSIS Act & Home Development Mutual (Pag-Ibig) Fund Law in connection with the delay in the remittances of members contribution covering the period from 2011 to 2012.**

*Resolution dated Feb. 16, 2016.*

**6. A City Mayor** was Indicted for violation of Sec. 3 (e) of RA 3019 for the release of the amount of P500,000.00 from the PDAF of Sen. Loren Legarda to the Iloilo Press Club w/c is an non-accredited NGO & for his failure to monitor the implementation/ construction of the IPC building.

*Resolution dated February 29, 2016.*

**7. A City Councilor** was dismissed from the Service for Grave Misconduct for issuing truck ban exemptions to trucking companies & individuals operating within the city, which is the official function of the Traffic Authority in that city.

*Decision dated September 2, 2016.*



**8. A City Mayor** was Indicted for violation of Sec. 3 (e) of RA 3019 for entering into a lease agreement with Alfie Construction without being authorized by the Sangguniang Panlungsod & **without prior conduct of a public bidding.**

*Resolution dated September 3, 2014.*

**9. A Mayor** was suspended for 6 months & 1 day for Disgraceful & Immoral Conduct for having an illicit affair with a woman with whom he bore a son despite his subsisting marriage to his lawfully wedded wife.

*Decision dated October 27, 2016.*

**10. A Mayor** was indicted for violation of Sec. 2 of RA 1379 (Forfeiture of Properties Illegally Acquired) for allegedly acquiring cash & properties amounting to P60,573,024.00 which is way beyond his legitimate income.

*Resolution dated November 2, 2016.*

**Role Of The Ombudsman  
In Criminal and/or Administrative Cases  
Filed Before It.**

# 3 - Fold Liability of Erring Government Employees

- Criminal Liability** - Imprisonment/  
Fine/Forfeiture
- Civil Liability** - Damages  
(mental)
- Administrative  
Liability** - Penalties

## The penalties in administrative cases:

1. Dismissal from the Service
2. Forced Resignation / Advice to Resign
3. Demotion
4. Suspension
5. Forfeiture of Salary
6. Fine (not more than 6 months salary)
7. Transfer
8. Reprimand



**\*\*\* Preventive Suspension** - not a penalty but a procedural measure to secure the parties and / or evidence.

Grounds –

1. Complaint involves dishonesty, oppression, grave misconduct, neglect of duty or charges that would warrant removal from office.
2. Evidence of guilt is strong.

3. Respondent is in possession of documents or other materials which will be used as evidence against him.
4. Respondent is capable of intimidating or harassing the complainant or the witness/es to be presented against him.

## Period of Preventive Suspension:

**6 months** for national government employees.

**3 months** for local government employees.

**The investigation should be finished within these periods (6 months or 3 months) otherwise, the employee preventively suspended should be reinstated to his former position without loss of seniority or benefits.**

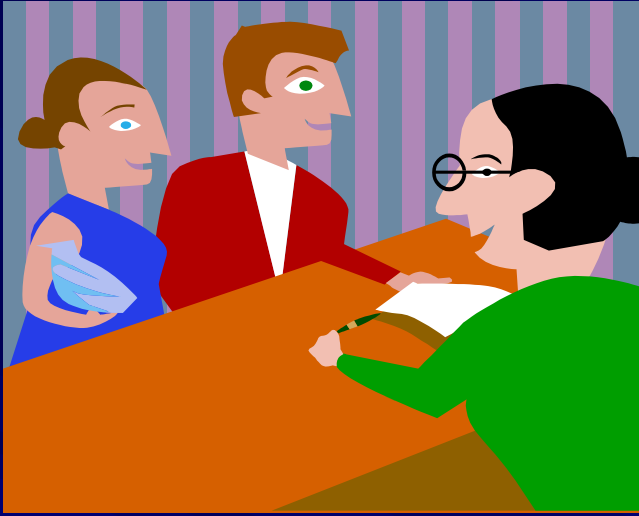
**Know the rules  
so that you  
can break it properly.**

**Dalai Lama**

**Part 2**

**R. A. 6713**





Public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, ***integrity***, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives. (Section 1, Article XI, 1987 Constitution)

# **R.A. 6713**

*(The Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards  
for Public Officials and Employees)*

# What is ETHICS?

Comes from the Greek word “ethos”  
meaning “character”;

Principles that govern the behaviour of  
a person within a group and/or  
in the conduct of an activity,

Rules of conduct recognized in respect  
to a particular class of human actions  
or a particular group or culture.

# **INTEGRITY**

**Thinking, speaking and doing  
what is right even if  
nobody is watching.**

**Integrity is synonymous to  
CHARACTER.**

**Pride, Envy & Greed  
can become poisons to  
Integrity and/or Character.**

## Signs of Integrity

1. Taking ownership of one's actions.
2. Praising the accomplishments of others.
3. Keeping it clean during an argument.
4. Road rage restraint.
5. Putting others first.
6. Asking to hear the other side of the story.
7. Volunteerism.

# **Norms of Conduct of Public Officials and Employees**



# 1. COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC INTEREST

Public officials & employees shall always uphold the public interest over & above personal interest.

All government resources & powers of their respective offices must be employed & used efficiently, effectively, honestly & economically, particularly to *avoid wastage in public funds & revenues.*





Textbooks delivered in 2014 are left to rot in DepEd warehouses. The books were not distributed as these are full of wrongly used words, grammatical & factual errors such as the Philippines is a *“pulo”* & not an archipelago which is sitting on top, instead of inside the “Ring of Fire” & that Bataan, Aurora & Zambales is surrounded by the sea.

*Philippine Daily Inquirer 8/13/2019*





**Roughly 2 months after Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan), four (4) container vans of relief goods for the victims arrived in the country on January 2014.**

**The aid was given by the countries of Norway, United States & Belgium**

**The relief goods that consisted of food, clothing, shelter, medicines and medical equipment were not distributed to the typhoon victims.**

**The contents of the four container vans were subsequently burned by virtue of Abandonment Proceedings No. 13-2017-6-2018 at the RRDS Petro Chemical Industries Inc. in Mandaue City on Oct. 3, 2018.**



KOTER BISTUAM  
FILIPIJEN

KANTOR  
KANTOR

*Ari Tanjung*



*Alm Tanjung*





*Ami Tanjung*

## 2. PROFESSIONALISM

Public officials and employees shall **perform & discharge** their duties with highest degree of *excellence, professionalism, intelligence & skill.*

They shall enter public service with utmost devotion & dedication to duty. They shall endeavor to discourage wrong perceptions of their roles as dispensers or peddlers of undue patronage.

***Professionalism  
simply means  
being the best in whatever we do.***

***It starts with loving  
what we are doing.***

***Professionalism can also be shown  
by continuously seeking personal  
intellectual advancement with the  
end in view of improving  
public service.***

**\*\*\* Michael Jordan has been considered as the most professional athlete whoever played basketball.**

**One of the reasons is that he is the first to arrive in practice & the last one to leave.**

**Call it punctuality.**

**And when the game is on the line, people expect that if the ball is in his hands, he will win the game.**

**That is trust.**

Since high school,  
Michael Jordan was designated  
**946 times**  
to take the game winning shot.

He made **146**.

Missed more than **700 times**.

And people only remembered the wins  
& forgot about the failures.

#steveharveyshow

. . . highest degree of excellence,  
professionalism, intelligence & skill . . .

**Time / Punctuality**  
**Intelligence / Knowledge**  
**Skill / Productivity**

prncpl /mvm /clmbg /intrvw /bc /schshp /prfadv



### 3. JUSTNESS AND SINCERITY

Public officials & employees shall remain true to the people at all times, *act with justness & sincerity & shall not discriminate against anyone especially the poor & the underprivileged.*

They shall at all times respect the rights of others, & shall refrain from doing acts contrary to law, good morals, good customs, public policy, public order, public safety & public interest.

## *Justness & Sincerity . . .*

They shall not *dispense or extend undue favors on account of their office to their relatives whether by consanguinity or affinity* except with appointments considered strictly confidential or those whose terms are co-terminus with theirs.



**People really do not care  
what we know.**

**What is important is that  
people know that we care.**

Persons with a heart for God  
have a heart for people.

When it comes to service,  
God is more interested in  
our AVAILABILITY rather than  
our ABILITY,  
our DISPOSITION rather than  
our POSITION.

Let us be an expression of God's love.

*George Herbert*



**Your degree  
is just a piece  
of paper,  
your education  
is seen in your  
behavior.**

## Ano ang PhD mo?

1. PhD - Philosophiae Doctoris  
(the true PhD)
2. PhD - (P)uro (h)angin ang (D)ala
3. PhD - (P)arang (h)indi (D)octor
4. PhD - (P)alaging (h)alf (D)ay

## 4. POLITICAL NEUTRALITY

Public officials & employees shall *provide service to everyone without unfair discrimination & regardless of party affiliation or preference.*

## 5. RESPONSIVENESS TO THE PUBLIC

Public officials & employees shall extend prompt, courteous & adequate service to the public. They shall provide information on their policies & procedures in clear & understandable language, ensure openness of information, public consultations & hearings whenever appropriate, encourage suggestions, **simplify & systematize policy, rules & procedure, & avoid red tape.**





Never get tired of doing  
little things for others.  
Sometimes those little  
things occupy the  
biggest part of their  
hearts.

According to anthropologist  
Margaret Mead,

the **FIRST SIGN OF CIVILIZATION** in an  
ancient culture is not finding fishhooks,  
clay pots or grinding stones.

**It is the finding of a femur (thighbone)  
that had been broken and healed.**



**In the animal kingdom,  
if you break your leg, you die.**

**You cannot run from danger,  
you cannot go to the river and drink,  
you cannot hunt for food.**

**You are meat for prowling beasts.**

**No animal survives a broken leg long  
enough for the bone to heal.**

**A broken femur that has healed  
is evidence that someone  
has taken time to stay  
with the one who fell.**

**Has bound up the wound,  
has carried the person to safety  
and took care of the injured person  
through recovery.**

**Helping someone else through difficult times is where civilization starts.**

**The act of serving others transforms the animal into a human being.**

**UP TO THE PRESENT,  
WE HUMANS ARE AT OUR BEST  
WHEN WE SERVE OTHERS.**

*We should not hesitate to help .*

*We may be God's answer to the  
prayers of a person in need.*

*Especially during difficult times.*

## 6. NATIONALISM AND PATRIOTISM

Public officials & employees shall at all times be loyal to the Republic & to the Filipino people, (1) promote the use of locally produced goods, resources & technology & (2) encourage appreciation & pride of country & people.

They shall endeavor to (3) maintain & defend the Philippine sovereignty against foreign intrusion.



## 7. COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY

Public officials & employees shall commit themselves to the democratic way of life & values, maintain the principle of public accountability & manifest by deeds the supremacy of civilian authority over the military.

They shall at all times uphold the Constitution & put loyalty to country above loyalty to persons or party.



# What is DEMOCRACY?

Comes from the Greek word “demos” meaning “people” and “kratos” meaning “power”.

Literally it can be defined as “power of the people”.

A way of governing which depends on the will of the people as manifested by popular elections.

***DEMOCRACY** is like a tree.*

*It is planted in the hearts of  
**PATRIOTS.***

*It is nurtured by the hands of  
**HEROES.***

*It is watered with the blood of  
**MARTYRS.***

***DEMOCRACY and our FREEDOMS***

*did not come for free.*

**Abusing our freedoms is the self-destruct mechanism in a democracy.**

**ANARCHY**

**is the only product  
we can get out of our foolishness.**

How to protect a DEMOCRACY from its own self-destruct mechanisms:

1. Being aware that the rights of an individual ENDS with the rights of others.
2. Thinking of the rights of others will keep a democracy strong & livable.

*Of all the animal species that walked,  
crawled, swam, flew or burrowed  
on this planet, it is only man  
who created its own laws.*

*This separates us from  
the rest of the animal kingdom.*

***Obeying the laws that we ourselves  
created is one way that  
we can change our nature from  
being an animal into a human being  
& preserve the democracy  
that we are enjoying.***

AnGov



***“The Philippines needs more of  
DISCIPLINE  
than  
DEMOCRACY.”***

**Lee Kuan Yew  
1991**

## 8. SIMPLE LIVING

Public officials & employees & their families shall lead modest lives appropriate to their positions & income.

They shall **not indulge in extravagant or ostentatious display of wealth in any form.**

**Joshua Becker:**

**We live in a society that breeds  
discontent by defining SUCCESS  
as bigger homes, flashy cars  
and fuller closets.**

**GRATITUDE is the cure.**

# **Statements and Disclosure (Section 8)**

**Statement of Assets, Liabilities  
and Net Worth (SALN)**

# Persons Exempted From Filing SALN

- Those who serve in an official honorary capacity, without service credit or pay
- Temporary laborers
- Casual or temporary and contractual workers

# When to File SALN and Financial Disclosure

1. Within 30 days after assumption of office,
2. On or before April 30 of every year,
3. Within 30 days after separation from the service.

**Part 3**

**Other Ek Ek**



***\*\*\* In the performance of  
our duties and responsibilities  
as public servants,  
may we be guided with***

## **The Story of the Two Vultures**







The photo shows a vulture waiting for a starving little girl to die and feast on her corpse.

It was taken during the 1993-1994 famine in Sudan, by Kevin Carter, a South African photojournalist.



The amazing shot was widely circulated for which Kevin Carter won the Pulitzer Prize.

While savoring his worldwide fame of being a celebrity for such an “*exceptional photographic skill*”, he just lived a few months, then took his own life.



During one phone-in interview, someone called and asked Kevin Carter what happened to the girl.

He simply replied,  
*“I did not wait to find out after the shot because I had a flight to catch”.*





Then the caller said,

*“I put it to you  
that there were two vultures  
on that day.*

*One had a camera”.*

The statement led Kevin Carter to depression and ultimately caused him to commit suicide.



This is happening all around us  
today as the world celebrates  
**STUPIDITY** and **INHUMANE ACTS**  
to the detriment of others  
especially the least among us.

*calpandis*

# TODAY'S SOCIETY

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@successpictures

Mr. Carter could have taken the girl away from the place and carried her to safety which would cost him nothing and yet he did not.

In whatever we do, we should let  
**HUMANITY COME FIRST**  
before what we stand to gain  
out of the situation.

Otherwise, we become  
the second vulture.

*Lucy Mworira Hsc*

**WHAT WE NEED AS A PEOPLE -**

**AS WE EXPECT & DEMAND  
INTEGRITY & POLITICAL WILL  
FROM OUR LEADERS,**

**WE SHOULD ALSO BE DISCIPLINED,  
POLITICALLY MATURE,  
HONEST, AWARE, CONCERNED,  
LAW-ABIDING, ETC.**

**BECAUSE WHETHER  
WE LIKE IT OR NOT --**

**WE DESERVE THE LEADERS  
WE ELECT INTO OFFICE &  
THE OFFICIALS THEY APPOINT  
TO VARIOUS POSITIONS.**

**WE DESERVE THE LIFE  
WE CHOOSE TO LIVE.**

**WE ARE THE ULTIMATE JUDGE  
OF OUR DESTINY.**



**We did not inherit  
this country from  
our ancestors.**

**We are borrowing it  
for our children.**





*We are born without bringing  
anything into this world.*

*We die without taking  
anything with us.*

*And the sad thing is that in the  
interval between life and death,  
we fight for what we did not bring  
and what we cannot take!*

*Sohail Voltra, Karma Believer*

**WHAT & HOW MUCH**  
**did the richest person in the world**  
**took with him or her**  
**upon passing away?**

**NOTHING !**

When we are in our moment  
of transition from this life,  
*it is not the wealth, the fame  
or the titles we reflect on.*

We can only ask ourselves three things:

**Did I matter?**

**Did I live?**

**Did I love?**

**Start & commit to LIVING like  
we will die tomorrow.**

**DREAM like we will live forever.**

**And always remember that**

**LOVE**

**is the only thing that  
we can take with us.**

*Dr. Lisa Christiansen*

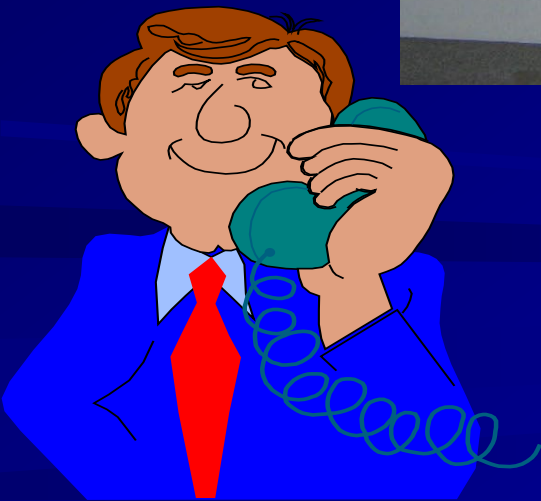
**Whatever good we do to ourselves  
will stay with us until we die,  
then it will disappear.**

**But whatever good we do to others  
will stay with them  
even after we die.**

**The good we do to others  
make us immortal.**

*Mahatma Gandhi*





**Daghang Salamat!**

**QUESTIONS?**