

# Corruption in the Philippines

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**Below a report on how the Philippines fares in the world on the issue of corruption in government as of the latest survey of Transparency International.**

Latest rating of the Philippines regarding CORRUPTION according to Transparency International, an international NGO devoted to combating corruption. Through its international secretariat in Berlin and its 99 independent national chapters around the world, TI works at both international and national levels to curb the supply and demand for corrupt practices..

Remember, the higher the rating, the better. The lower the ranking, the less corrupt.

year	rating	ranking
1998	3.3	55
1999	3.6	54
2000	2.8	69
2001	2.9	65
2002	2.6	77
2003	2.5	92
2004	2.6	102
2005	2.5	117

The Philippines has fallen FIFTY-TWO places since GMA replaced Estrada FOR CORRUPTION! Apparently, we were better off under Estrada. But instead of being embarrassed and ashamed about it, Gloria is blaming, and arresting everyone else.

Please check out the numbers for yourself:

[http://www.transparency.org/policy\\_and\\_research/surveys\\_indices/cpi/2005](http://www.transparency.org/policy_and_research/surveys_indices/cpi/2005)

After pouncing on the people and their civil liberties, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo would now want the nation to believe that she and her cabal are determined to pursue reforms through changes in the constitution or charter change. Her schemers and operators in government launch the “people’s initiative” as their controlled way towards “chacha” or charter change. But, like most of her government’s political projects, it is once more meant only to prolong her stay in power, to cover up and enable her to avoid facing up to the issues of massive and blatant corruption and election cheating. Akbayan joins many people in saying: We won’t dance the cha-cha unless Gloria faces the music!

In peace and solidarity,

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