

# **Most Filipinos have little knowledge of automated election - survey**

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## **Pulse Asia's October 2009 Nationwide Survey on Election-Related Probes**

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Pulse Asia is pleased to share with you some findings on *Election-Related Probes* from the October 2009 Ulat ng Bayan national survey. We request you to assist us in informing the public by disseminating this information.

The survey fieldwork was conducted from October **22 to 30, 2009** using face-to-face interviews. Immediately prior to and during the conduct of the interviews for this survey, the following developments dominated the news headlines: (1) the formal declaration of former President Joseph Estrada of his bid for the presidency in 2010 and questions raised regarding the legality of this bid; (2) Senator Loren Legarda's declaration of her plans for the May 2010 elections and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Ronaldo V. Puno's withdrawal from the vice-presidential race;; (3) Senator Francis G. Escudero's departure from the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC); (4) the continuing search for a running mate by both Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary Gilbert C. Teodoro, Jr. and Senator Manuel B. Villar, Jr.; (4) the long lines of late registrants catching the last days of registration for the May 2010 elections; (5) the resignation of Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Hermogenes E. Ebdane Jr.; (6) continuing relief efforts in the aftermath of typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng, as well as the arrival of two new storms; and (7) the freeze on oil prices and other energy products, as well as basic commodities, imposed by the government.

Based on a multistage probability sample of 1,800 representative adults 18 years old and above, Pulse Asia's nationwide survey has a +/- 2% error margin at the 95% confidence level. Subnational estimates for the geographic areas covered in the survey have the following error margins at 95% confidence level: +/- 6% for Metro Manila, +/-4% for the rest of Luzon and +/- 5% for each of Visayas and Mindanao. Face-to-face field interviews for this project were conducted from October 22 to 30, 2009. (Those interested in further technical details concerning the surveys' questionnaires and sampling design may request Pulse Asia in writing for fuller details, including copies of the pre-tested questions actually used.)

Pulse Asia's pool of academic fellows takes full responsibility for the design and conduct of the survey, as well as for analyses it makes based on the survey data. In keeping with our academic nature, no religious, political, economic, or partisan group influenced any of these processes. Pulse Asia undertakes Ulat ng Bayan surveys on its own without any party singularly commissioning the research effort.

For any clarification or questions, kindly contact Prof. Ronald D. Holmes, Pulse Asia President at 09189335497 / 9945602.

**Most Filipinos (61%) have little or almost no knowledge at all about the automated election system (AES) that will be implemented in May 2010**

Public awareness as regards the AES is still low with four in ten Filipinos (40%) admitting to knowing little about it and about two in ten (21%) saying they have almost no or no knowledge about the new system to be used in the May 2010 elections. On the other hand, only 13% claim to have a great deal of knowledge about the AES while 26% say they know enough about it. Across geographic areas and socio-economic classes, about the same percentages of those in Metro Manila and Class ABC either have enough or little knowledge as regards the AES (35% versus 33% and 36% versus 31%, respectively). In the rest of Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, and Classes D and E, big pluralities to near majorities (36% to 47%) know little about the AES. *(See Table 1)*

**Table 1**  
**KNOWLEDGE OF THE AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM**  
 October 22 - 30, 2009 / Philippines  
 (In Percent)

<b>The Commission on Elections or COMELEC and SMARTMATIC-TIM are continuously preparing for the implementation of the AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM or AES. Part of the AES involves changing the ballot and the manner by which votes will be counted.</b>								
<b>How would you describe the amount of knowledge you have regarding the Automated Election System (AES)?</b>								
<i>(Base: Total interviews, 100%)</i>								
	<b>RP</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>				<b>CLASS</b>		
		<b>NCR</b>	<b>BL</b>	<b>VIS</b>	<b>MIN</b>	<b>ABC</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>A great deal of knowledge</b>	13	11	17	8	12	17	12	15
<b>Not a great deal, but a sufficient amount</b>	26	35	26	20	25	36	26	23
<b>A little knowledge</b>	40	33	41	47	36	31	42	38
<b>Almost none or no knowledge at all</b>	21	21	16	26	27	17	20	24

*Patuloy na isinasagawa ng Commission on Elections (COMELEC) at ng Smartmatic-TIM ang preparasyon para sa pagsasakurtaparan ng Automated Election System o AES. Bahagi ng AES ang pagbabago ng balota at ang paraan ng pagbilang ng mga boto.  
 Q138. Paano ninyo ilalarawan ang inyong kaalaman tungkol sa AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM O AES?*

**Sizeable majorities of Filipinos believe that the country’s public school teachers will perform their duty as members of the Board of Election Inspectors (BEI) impartially (64%) and that they are capable of managing the AES in next year’s polls 65%**

The predominant public sentiment among Filipinos is one of trust in the impartiality of the public school teachers in their role as members of the BEI (64%). This is the view articulated by majorities in every geographic area (including sub-areas) and socio-economic class (55% to 80%), with the exception of Region 10 and CARAGA (44%). Western Visayans are most inclined to believe in the impartiality of public school teachers as BEI members (80%). Meanwhile, only 7% of Filipinos express a contrary opinion while 29% are ambivalent on the

matter. Public indecision and distrust are most pronounced in Region 10 and CARAGA (38% and 18%, respectively). (See Tables 2 and 3)

**Table 2**  
**IMPARTIALITY OF TEACHERS AS**  
**MEMBERS OF BOARD OF ELECTION INSPECTORS (BEI)**  
 October 22 - 30, 2009 / Philippines  
 (In Percent)

Public school teachers function as members of the Board of Election Inspectors.									
In this line of work, do you TRUST or DONT TRUST the impartiality of teachers in the performance of this duty? <i>(Base: Total interviews, 100%)</i>	RP	LOCATION					CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E	
		<b>Trust</b>	64	62	68	67	55	65	66
<b>Undecided</b>	29	31	27	25	33	29	28	30	
<b>Distrust</b>	7	7	4	7	12	6	6	10	

Q139. Ang mga pampublikong guro ang tumatayo bilang mga miyembro ng Board of Election Inspectors. Sa gawaing ito, kayo po ba ay...READ OUT (SHOWCARD), sa pagiging patas ng mga guro sa pagganap ng tungkuling ito?

**Table 3**  
**IMPARTIALITY OF TEACHERS AS MEMBERS OF BOARD OF ELECTION INSPECTORS (BEI)**  
 October 22 - 30, 2009 / Philippines  
 (In Percent)

Public school teachers function as members of the Board of Election Inspectors.													
In this line of work, do you TRUST or DONT TRUST the impartiality of teachers in the performance of this duty? <i>(Base: Total interviews, 100%)</i>	RP	NCR	LOCATION										
			BALANCE LUZON			VISAYAS				MINDANAO			
			Total	North	South	Total	West	Central	East	Total	Reg 9, 12	Reg 10, CARAGA	Reg 11
<b>Trust</b>	64	62	68	64	73	67	80	57	60	55	61	44	58
<b>Undecided</b>	29	31	27	33	22	25	17	31	32	33	31	38	31
<b>Don't trust</b>	7	7	4	4	5	7	3	12	8	12	9	18	12

Q139. Ang mga pampublikong guro ang tumatayo bilang mga miyembro ng Board of Election Inspectors. Sa gawaing ito, kayo po ba ay...READ OUT (SHOWCARD), sa pagiging patas ng mga guro sa pagganap ng tungkuling ito?

About two in three Filipinos (65%) believe that the country's public school teachers are capable of managing the AES for the May 2010 elections – a sentiment shared by majorities across geographic areas (including sub-areas) and socio-economic classes ranging from 55% in Region 11 to 86% in Western Visayas. Again, the exception here is Region 10 and CARAGA where fewer respondents (45%) are inclined to believe in the capability of public school teachers to manage the new system for next year's polls. In the meantime, less than one in ten Filipinos (7%) does not think public school teachers are capable of managing the AES while nearly three

in ten (29%) express indecision on the matter. Residents of Region 10 and CARAGA are not only most ambivalent on the matter (39%) but are also most inclined not to believe in the capability of the country's teacher to implement the AES next year (16%). (See Tables 4 and 5)

**Table 4**  
**CAPABILITY OF TEACHERS TO MANAGE THE AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM**  
 October 22 - 30, 2009 / Philippines  
 (In Percent)

In this line of work, do you... BELIEVE OR DON'T BELIEVE that teachers have the capability to manage the Automated Election System in the coming elections? <i>(Base: Total interviews, 100%)</i>	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
		Believe	65	60	67	71	56	59
Undecided	29	32	28	22	34	31	29	27
Don't believe	7	8	4	7	10	10	5	9

Q140. Kayo po ba ay... READ OUT (SHOWCARD), na may kakayanan ang mga guro na mangasiwa sa Automated Election System sa darating na halalan?

**Table 5**  
**CAPABILITY OF TEACHERS TO MANAGE THE AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM**  
 October 22 - 30, 2009 / Philippines  
 (In Percent)

In this line of work, do you... BELIEVE OR DON'T BELIEVE that teachers have the capability to manage the Automated Election System (AES) in the coming elections? <i>(Base: Total interviews, 100%)</i>	RP	LOCATION											
		NCR	BALANCE LUZON			VISAYAS				MINDANAO			
			Total	North	South	Total	West	Central	East	Total	Reg 9, 12	Reg 10, CARAGA	Reg 11
		Believe	65	60	67	67	68	71	86	59	63	56	64
Undecided	29	32	28	29	28	22	10	30	32	34	29	39	37
Don't believe	7	8	4	4	4	7	4	11	5	10	7	16	8

Q140. Kayo po ba ay... READ OUT (SHOWCARD), na may kakayanan ang mga guro na mangasiwa sa Automated Election System sa darating na halalan?

**The prevailing sentiment among Filipinos is that it is highly likely that the May 2010 polls will be held as scheduled (67%); a near majority of Filipinos (49%) thinks there will be much trouble in the country in case next year's electoral exercise does not push through**

Most Filipinos (67%) believe that there is a big possibility that next year's elections will push through as scheduled while a big plurality (49%) is of the opinion that there will be much trouble in the country should the May 2010 elections be postponed or cancelled. Public indecision on these issues is expressed by 21% to 24% of Filipinos while 11% believe there is a small possibility the next year's polls will not take place and 26% do not think much trouble will occur in case the elections are not held. Between August and October 2009, there is a decline in the

percentage of Filipinos inclined to believe that the postponement or cancellation of the May 2010 elections will result in much trouble (-11 percentage points) and an increase in the percentage of Filipinos who hold a contrary view (+8 percentage points). (See Tables 6, 7, 8a and 8b)

**Table 6**  
**OTHER 2010 ELECTION ISSUES**  
 October 22 - 30, 2009 / Philippines  
 (In Percent)

Possibility that the May 2010 elections will push through (Base: Total interviews, 100%)	RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
Big possibility	67	73	62	80	64	72	66	69
Undecided	21	16	27	13	22	19	23	20
Small possibility/None	11	11	12	7	15	10	11	11
"Much trouble will ensue if the 2010 elections are not held." (Base: Total interviews, 100%)								
Agree	49	64	47	53	39	58	48	47
Undecided	24	19	27	21	24	21	25	23
Disagree	26	16	25	25	36	20	26	29
If the May 2010 elections will NOT push through, will you ...? (Base: Total interviews, 100%)								
Will support and join the protest	10	15	12	8	6	12	9	12
Will support but will not join the protests	49	68	47	49	41	52	49	49
Will not support and will not join any protests	41	17	41	42	53	35	42	40
"The May 2010 elections will be clean and the results credible for the citizenry because the counting of votes will be automated." (Base: Total interviews, 100%)								
Agree	40	33	36	46	48	31	39	47
Undecided	43	46	42	45	40	49	44	37
Disagree	16	20	21	9	11	20	16	15

Q141. Sa inyong palagay, gaano kalaki o kalilit ang posibilidad na matuloy ang eleksyon sa Mayo 2010. Ito po ba ay...

Sa pamamagitan po ng board na ito (show rating board), pakisabi lamang kung kayo ay LUBOS NA SUMASANG-AYON, SUMASANG-AYON, MAAARING SUMASANG-AYON AT MAAARING HINDI SUMASANG-AYON, HINDI SUMASANG-AYON O LUBOS NA HINDI SUMASANG-AYON?

Q142. Malaking gulo ang mangyayari kapag ang eleksyon ng 2010 ay hindi ginanap.

Q143. Ang eleksyon ng Mayo 2010 ay magiging malinis at kapanipaniwala ang resulta para sa mga mamamayan dahil magiging automated na ang pagbilang ng boto.

Q144. Kung hindi matuloy ang eleksyon sa Mayo 2010, kayo po ba .... ?

Notes: (1) % Big possibility = % Very big plus % Big possibility; % Small/No Possibility = % Small plus % Very small/No possibility

(2) % Agree = % Very Much Agree plus % Agree; % Disagree = % Disagree plus % Very Much Disagree

(3) Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding off or to Don't Know and Refuse responses.

**Table 7**  
**OTHER 2010 ELECTION ISSUES**  
 October 22 - 30, 2009 / Philippines  
 (In Percent)

Possibility that the May 2010 elections will push through <i>(Base: Total interviews, 100%)</i>	RP	LOCATION											
		NCR	BALANCE LUZON			VISAYAS				MINDANAO			
			Total	North	South	Total	West	Central	East	Total	Reg 9, 12 ARMM	Reg 10, CARAGA	Reg 11
Big possibility	67	73	62	66	57	80	84	79	76	64	69	57	61
Undecided	21	16	27	21	33	13	14	10	17	22	23	18	24
Small possibility/None	11	11	12	13	10	7	3	11	7	15	8	25	15
<b>"Much trouble will ensue if the 2010 elections are not held."</b> <i>(Base: Total interviews, 100%)</i>													
Agree	49	64	47	54	41	53	57	54	43	39	37	38	46
Undecided	24	19	27	20	34	21	21	18	26	24	24	25	22
Disagree	26	16	25	26	23	25	22	27	29	36	39	36	32
<b>If the May 2010 elections will NOT push through, will you ... ?</b> <i>(Base: Total interviews, 100%)</i>													
Will support and join the protest	10	15	12	18	5	8	9	12	1	6	4	7	10
Will support but will not join the protests	49	68	47	47	47	49	59	37	52	41	38	46	39
Will not support and will not join any protests	41	17	41	35	48	42	32	51	47	53	58	46	51
<b>"The May 2010 elections will be clean and the results credible for the citizenry because the counting of votes will be automated."</b> <i>(Base: Total interviews, 100%)</i>													
Agree	40	33	36	37	35	46	53	40	42	48	54	40	47
Undecided	43	46	42	44	40	45	37	51	49	40	33	52	38
Disagree	16	20	21	18	24	9	10	9	7	11	12	8	15

Q1-41. Sa inyong pakigay, gaano kalaki o kalit ang posibilidad na matukoy ang eleksyon sa Mayo 2010. Ro po ba ay...

Sa pamamagitan po ng board na Ro (show rating board), pakisabi lamang kung kayo ay LUBOS NA SUWASANG-AYON, SUWASANG-AYON, HAAARING SUWASANG-AYON AT HAAARING HINDI SUWASANG-AYON, HINDI SUWASANG-AYON O LUBOS NA HINDI SUWASANG-AYON?

Q1-42. Nibaking guro ang mangyayari kapag ang eleksyon ng 2010 ay hindi ginanap.

Q1-43. Ang eleksyon ng Mayo 2010 ay magiging makinis at kapanipamivala ang resurta para sa mga mamamayan dahil magiging automated na ang pagbilang ng boto.

Q1-44. Kung hindi matukoy ang eleksyon sa Mayo 2010, kayo po ba ... ?

Notes: (1) % Big possibility = % Very big plus % Big possibility; % Small/No Possibility = % Small plus % Very small/No possibility  
 (2) % Agree = % Very Much Agree plus % Agree; % Disagree = % Disagree plus % Very Much Disagree  
 (3) Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding off or to Don't Know and Refuse responses.

**Table 8**  
**OTHER 2010 ELECTION ISSUES**  
 October 2008 to October 2009 / Philippines  
 (In Percent)

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		LOCATION					CLASS		
		RP	NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
<b>Possibility that the May 2010 elections will push through</b> (Base: Total interviews, 100%)									
<b>Big possibility</b>	Oct 09	67	73	62	80	64	72	66	69
	Aug 09	70	72	63	75	77	67	70	70
	May 09	65	62	66	59	70	76	64	63
	Feb 09	65	69	55	76	73	68	62	69
	Oct 08	59	67	57	53	62	65	60	54
<b>Undecided</b>	Oct 09	21	16	27	13	22	19	23	20
	Aug 09	22	14	29	18	15	19	22	22
	May 09	21	22	18	26	21	18	21	23
	Feb 09	22	15	27	17	20	20	24	19
	Oct 08	30	18	32	33	30	21	29	34
<b>Small possibility/None</b>	Oct 09	11	11	12	7	15	10	11	11
	Aug 09	8	14	8	7	8	14	8	8
	May 09	14	16	16	15	9	6	16	14
	Feb 09	13	15	18	6	7	12	14	12
	Oct 08	12	15	11	14	8	14	11	12
<b>"Much trouble will ensue if the 2010 elections are not held"</b> (Base: Total interviews, 100%)									
<b>Agree</b>	Oct 09	49	64	47	53	39	58	48	47
	Aug 09	60	65	63	54	56	66	61	54
	May 09	43	52	48	24	46	51	44	39
	Feb 09	51	55	53	54	44	56	51	51
	Oct 08	47	57	47	49	38	50	49	39
<b>Undecided</b>	Oct 09	24	19	27	21	24	21	25	23
	Aug 09	22	16	24	21	22	19	20	26
	May 09	29	23	28	36	26	22	29	30
	Feb 09	21	21	20	20	24	17	22	21
	Oct 08	29	21	33	29	24	26	25	36
<b>Disagree</b>	Oct 09	26	16	25	25	36	20	26	29
	Aug 09	18	19	13	24	21	15	18	19
	May 09	28	25	23	41	28	27	27	32
	Feb 09	27	23	26	26	31	26	27	27
	Oct 08	24	22	20	22	38	25	25	24

Q. Sa inyong pakagay, gaano kakali o kalilit ang posibilidad na matuloy ang eleksyon sa Mayo 2010. Ito po ba ay...

Sa pamamagitan po ng board na ito (show rating board), pakisabi lamang kung kayo ay LUBOS NA SUMASANG-AYON, SUMASANG-AYON, MAAARING SUMASANG-AYON AT MAAARING HINDI SUMASANG-AYON, HINDI SUMASANG-AYON O LUBOS NA HINDI SUMASANG-AYON?

Q. Malaking gulo ang mangyayari kapag ang eleksyon ng 2010 ay hindi ginanap.

Notes: (1) % Big possibility = % Very big plus % Big possibility; % Small/No Possibility = % Small plus % Very small/No possibility

(2) % Agree = % Very Much Agree plus % Agree; % Disagree = % Disagree plus % Very Much Disagree

(3) Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding off or to Don't Know and Refuse responses.

**Table 8**  
**OTHER 2010 ELECTION ISSUES**  
 October 2008 to October 2009 / Philippines  
 (In Percent)

		LOCATION					CLASS		
		RP	NCR	BL	VIS	MIN	ABC	D	E
<b>"The May 2010 elections will be clean and the results credible for the citizenry because the counting of votes will be automated."</b>									
<i>(Base: Total interviews, 100%)</i>									
Agree	Oct 09	40	33	36	46	48	31	39	47
	Aug 09	40	33	40	46	38	33	40	41
Undecided	Oct 09	43	46	42	45	40	49	44	37
	Aug 09	42	45	40	41	44	49	41	41
Disagree	Oct 09	16	20	21	9	11	20	16	15
	Aug 09	18	22	19	13	17	17	18	18
<b>If the May 2010 elections will NOT push through, will you ...?</b>									
<i>(Base: Total interviews, 100%)</i>									
Will support and join the protest	Oct 09	10	15	12	8	6	12	9	12
	Aug 09	10	16	9	7	10	14	8	11
	May 09	7	10	9	2	8	9	7	8
Will support but will not join the protests	Oct 09	49	68	47	49	41	52	49	49
	Aug 09	51	66	52	40	50	59	52	45
	May 09	45	52	49	39	40	55	43	49
Will not support and will not join any protests	Oct 09	41	17	41	42	53	35	42	40
	Aug 09	39	18	39	53	40	28	39	43
	May 09	47	38	42	59	52	36	50	43

*Sa pamamagitan po ng board na ito (show rating board), pakisabi lamang kung kayo ay LUBOS NA SUMASANG-AYON, SUMASANG-AYON, MAAARING SUMASANG-AYON AT MAAARING HINDI SUMASANG-AYON, HINDI SUMASANG-AYON O LUBOS NA HINDI SUMASANG-AYON?*

*Q. Ang eleksyon ng Mayo 2010 ay magiging malinis at kapanipaniwala ang resulta para sa mga mamamayan dahil magiging automated na ang pagbilang ng boto.*

*Q. Kung hindi matuloy ang eleksyon sa Mayo 2010, kayo po ba .... ?*

*Notes: (1) % Agree = % Very Much Agree plus % Agree; % Disagree = % Disagree plus % Very Much Disagree*

*(2) Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding off or to Don't Know and Refuse responses.*

Majorities across geographic areas and socio-economic classes (57% to 80%) believe it is highly likely that the May 2010 elections will be held as scheduled. Residents of Region 10 and CARAGA are most inclined to believe otherwise (25%) while those in Southern Luzon are most ambivalent on the matter (33%). As regards the view that violence will result in case the May 2010 elections do not push through, this is the view expressed by big pluralities to small majorities (43% to 64%) in Metro Manila, the Visayas, the rest of Luzon and particularly Northern/Central Luzon, and Region 11. In Southern Luzon, about the same percentages either think much trouble will result from the cancellation or postponement of the May 2010 elections or express ambivalence on the matter (41% versus 34%) while in Mindanao, especially Regions 9, 10, 12, the ARMM, and CARAGA, nearly the same percentages express either agreement or

disagreement with the view that there will be much trouble if next year's polls are not held (37% to 39% versus 36% to 39%). (See Tables 6, 7, 8a and 8b)

**Almost one in two Filipinos (49%) is inclined to support but not join any protests that might arise in case the May 2010 elections will not push through**

In the event that next year's polls will not push through as scheduled, a near majority of Filipinos (49%) will support but will not join any protest actions resulting from the postponement or cancellation of the elections. On the other hand, the rest will either not support and not join (41%) or will support and join such protests (10%). (See Table 6 and 7). These figures are essentially the same as those recorded by Pulse Asia in August 2009. (See Tables 8a and 8b)

Near to big majorities (47% to 68%) of Metro Manilans, residents of Northern/Central Luzon, Western and Eastern Visayans, and those in all socio-economic classes say they will support but will not join protest actions should the May 2010 elections not be held as scheduled. Meanwhile, non-participation (i.e., not supporting and not joining) is most pronounced in Central Visayas and Mindanao, particularly in Regions 9, 11, 12, and the ARMM (51% to 58%). Almost the same percentages of those in the rest of Luzon and especially Southern Luzon, the Visayas as a whole, and Region 10 and CARAGA in Mindanao will either support but not join or will not support and will not join such protest actions (46% to 49% versus 41% to 48%). (See Tables 6 and 7)

**Among those surveyed, four in ten (40%) think that the automatic counting of votes will result in clean elections with credible results; less than two in ten (16%) hold the opposite view while another four in ten (43%) profess indecision regarding automation's possible effect on the forthcoming elections.**

Big pluralities to small majorities (47% to 54%) of those in Western Visayas and Mindanao, particularly Regions 9, 11, 12, and the ARMM, believe that the outcome of next year's elections will be credible due to the automation of vote counting. Meanwhile, the prevailing public sentiment in Metro Manila, Central Visayas, Region 10 and CARAGA, and Classes ABC and D is one of indecision (44% to 52%). In the rest of Luzon and Eastern Visayas, nearly the same percentages of respondents are either ambivalent on the matter or believe that automation of vote counting will make election results credible for the citizenry (40% to 49% versus 35% to 46%). On the other hand, a near majority of those in Class E (47%) is optimistic that the automation of vote counting will contribute to the credibility of election results. (See Tables 6, 7, 8a and 8b)

**Only a presidential candidate endorsed by the respondent's church or religious group would surely/probably be elected by most Filipinos (52%)**

A small majority of Filipinos (52%) would surely/probably vote for a presidential candidate endorsed by their church. However, 43% of Filipinos are surely/probably not voting for a presidential candidate endorsed by their church. Meanwhile, small to sizeable majorities (58% to 79%) are surely/probably not supporting a presidential bet endorsed by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, former President Joseph Estrada, Mr. Willie Revillame, and People's Champ Manny Pacquiao. On the other hand, the presidential bid of a candidate endorsed by these

personalities would be surely/probably supported by 15% to 37% of Filipinos. In the case of a presidential candidate endorsed by Ms. Kris Aquino, such a candidate would surely/probably get the support of 45% of Filipinos but would surely/probably not be elected by 49%. It may be noted that a presidential bet endorsed by any of these entities would certainly get the support of at most 11% of Filipinos only. Electoral endorsements for president coming from any of these individuals would have no effect on the presidential choices of 2% to 5% of Filipinos while 3% are unable to say what impact such endorsements would have on their choice for president in the May 2010 elections. *(See Table 9)*

**Table 9**  
**ELECTORAL ENDORSEMENTS FOR PRESIDENT**

October 22 - 30, 2009 / Philippines  
(Row Percent)

Selected Personalities	Base: Total Interviews, 100%					
	Surely vote for	Probably vote for	Probably NOT vote for	Surely NOT vote for	No Effect	Don't Know/ Refused
President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo	1	14	36	43	3	3
Former Pres. Joseph Estrada	8	28	31	28	2	3
Your church or religious group to which you belong	11	41	27	16	2	3
Kris Aquino	8	37	28	21	3	3
Willie Revillame	6	31	32	26	3	3
Manny Pacquiao	2	19	35	36	5	3

*Kung sakali na ang isang kandidato sa pagka PRESIDENTE ay suportahan ni (read name), SIGURADONG IBOBOTO NINYO, MALAMANG NA IBOBOTO NINYO, MALAMANG NA HINDI NINYO IBOBOTO, SIGURADONG HINDI NINYO IBOBOTO ang kandidatong inindorso ni (read name)*

Q145. *Presidente Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo*

Q148. *Kris Aquino*

Q146. *Dating Presidente Joseph Estrada*

Q149. *Willie Revillame*

Q147. *Ang simbahan o grupong relihiyoso na kinabibilangan ninyo*

Q150. *Manny Pacquiao*

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