WHAT IS RESPECT FOR FILIPINO?

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Every country has its differing values, beliefs and characteristics, and the Philippines is no exclusion. Filipinos firmly believe that their values are the best in the world. Even though, the Philippines colonized by several countries and mixed by their core values still the intact of it still remained and honored. It doesn’t mean that being Filipino is being perfect, but you can’t put off the fact that they have great characteristics and qualities they should be proud of.

According to Hays (2015), Philippine respect for authority is based on the special honor paid to elder members of the family and, by extension, to anyone in a position of power. Filipinos are into respect of every person who has the authority or tenure to be respect of. It also means that they follow rules and regulations that the authority already implied in the environment that they are circulating. Which is evident in the societal situations like in the government.

You could also experience it when you are transacting in the public office. For instance, as a person who is in need of assistance in the municipal hall you are using “po” and “opo” even the clerk that you’re asking for is younger than you are. Probably, the reason of that action is that you are respecting the authority despite of the age and the physical features, you are into the tenure of that person, of the person that you are speaking for. It does not mean that when you ask for assistance you are obliged to pay respect, no, you are paying respect to other for you to be respect of.

Same with in school, as a non-teaching personnel you are doing your job not only in laboring the whole day in front of your computer, computing tons of financial reports, typing pile of reports and burning your eyelids just to finish all of it on time. You also
know how to mingle with respect, act like a tiger to be authoritative yet a smile and a heart of innocuous cat. Always remember “He who works with his hands is a laborer. He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. He who works with his hands and his head and his heart is an artist” - Francis of Asisi.

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