the philippine political scene is just one big soap opera of interrelated families trying to get a bigger piece of the pie of power among themselves rarely welcoming outsiders unless they have proven themselves as fit to be promoted as an oligarchâ€”it is a club that distrusts self-made billionaires like the henry sy, john gokongwei, lucio tan, manny villar, manny pangilinan. It is safe to say that the root cause of the political issues in the Philippines is the voting and elections system. It is rigged ever since, (it can be as old as the country itself). Thatâ€™s like asking a Californian to describe life in Tuvalu, a small tiny island nation most people arenâ€™t aware of. These are just a few I can think of, especially from my perspective being an underaged citizen with a liberal view. 7. Outside the cities, life in the agricultural Philippines remains leisurely. All these characteristics of the Filipino have in some way contributed to the rapid spread of the message of Godâ€™s truth in the islands. By the sixteenth century of the Common Era, due to the migration of Mohammedan Malays to the Philippines, the religion of Islam was dominant in many parts of the country. Â It was not until the book Riches appeared in 1936 that baptism began to be given the proper emphasis in the Philippines. On page 145 of that book it was made clear that submitting to be immersed in water is an act of obedience illustrating how one has fully put himself in the hands of the Lord, and therefore baptism is necessary and proper to be performed by all who have agreed to do the will of God. Â Philippine Studies: Historical and Ethnographic Viewpoints is an internationally refereed journal that publishes scholarly articles and other materials on the history of the Philippines and its peoples, both in the homeland and overseas. It believes the past is illuminated by historians as well as scholars from other disciplines; at the same time, it prefers ethnographic approaches to the history of the present. It welcomes works that are theoretically informed but not encumbered by jargon. It promotes a comparative and transnational sensibility, and seeks to engage scholars who may not be spe...Â Bilanggo: Life as a Political Prisoner in the Philippines 1952–1962 (review). The Philippines as a Subject for Historical Study. Purpose of this Book.—This book has been written for the young men and young women of the Philippines. It is intended to introduce them into the history of their own island country. Â Very important changes have also marked the religious and political life of the race. Within these years came the Protestant revolt from the Roman Catholic Church, destroying in some degree the unity of Christendom; and the great revolutions of Europe and America, establishing democratic and representative governments. The European Race and the Filipino People. Â This expansion and progress of the European race early brought it into contact with the Filipino people, and the historical life of the Philippines dates from this meeting of the two races.