



5 Reasons Why We Oppose Arroyo's Charter Change

- 1. Charter Change is a ploy to perpetuate Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in power by setting aside serious questions about her legitimacy and legalizing her term until 2010 and perhaps beyond.**
- 2. Charter Change may be used to resurrect martial law.**
 - a. The 60-day limit to martial law and suspension of writ is removed.
 - b. Congress may not revoke the proclamation of martial law or writ suspension.
 - c. The Supreme Court can no longer review the factual basis for the declaration of martial law.
 - d. There will be a new ground for declaring martial law which is vague and open to abuse.
 - e. Under transitory provisions, Mrs. Arroyo will have additional power to dissolve Parliament.
- 3. Charter Change will sell out national patrimony and economy.**
 - a. Foreign entities will be granted the right to own residential, commercial and industrial land
 - b. Foreign entities will be allowed to exploit natural resources.
 - c. Foreign entities will be allowed to control and/or operate public utilities such as water, electricity and telecommunications.
- 4. Charter Change can further undermine our national identity and culture as it will also allow foreign ownership of mass media, schools and advertising firms.**
- 5. Charter Change will degrade national sovereignty and territorial integrity.**
 - a. It will pave the way for the return of foreign military bases
 - b. There will be no limit to the entry of foreign troops and facilities.
 - c. Ratification of treaties and other international agreements favoring foreign interests will be made easier.

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