

**Fourth Quarter 2005 Social Weather Survey:
Citizen Willingness to Use People Power
to Defend the Government Has Dropped**

Social Weather Stations

The willingness of the citizenry to use people power to defend the current administration from danger has declined tremendously from two decades ago.

The 2003 and 2005 surveys show a big decline in the people's willingness to defend the government through people power, compared to surveys conducted during the Aquino administration in 1987 and 1989.

Only 42% In RP Favor People Power to Defend the Government

The agreement that "*The citizenry is ready to show the strength of people power if it is necessary to defend President Arroyo's government from danger,*" was only 42% in December 2005 and 43% in September 2003, for the nation as a whole [*Chart 1*].

These are very much lower than in March and October 1987, when the national percentages of those ready to use people power to defend the Aquino government were 74% and 62%, respectively.

In Metro Manila, Only 30% Now Compared to 82% in 1987

During the Aquino administration, the willingness of Metro Manilans to defend the government through people power was 82% in March 1987, 62% in September 1987 after the coup attempt, 61% in October 1987, and 53% after the December 1989 coup attempt [*Chart 2*].

Two decades later, the willingness of Metro Manilans to defend the government dropped to 46% by September 2003, and then to a mere 30% in December 2005.

As of December 2005, a plurality of 46% in Metro Manila were opposed to rallying in the streets to defend the government.

Opinions were stable in Balance Luzon and the Visayas, but in Mindanao the Net Agreement score increased from +12 in September 2003 to +25 in December 2005 [*Table 1*].

Class Pattern

Belief in the people’s readiness to defend the Arroyo government through people power declined in ABC classes over the last two years, from Net +26 in September 2003 to +13 in December 2005.

Survey Background

The Social Weather Surveys referred to in this release used face-to-face interviews of 1,200 adults divided into random samples of 300 each in Metro Manila, the Balance of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao (sampling error margins of ±3% for national percentages and ±6% for area percentages).

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Chart 1

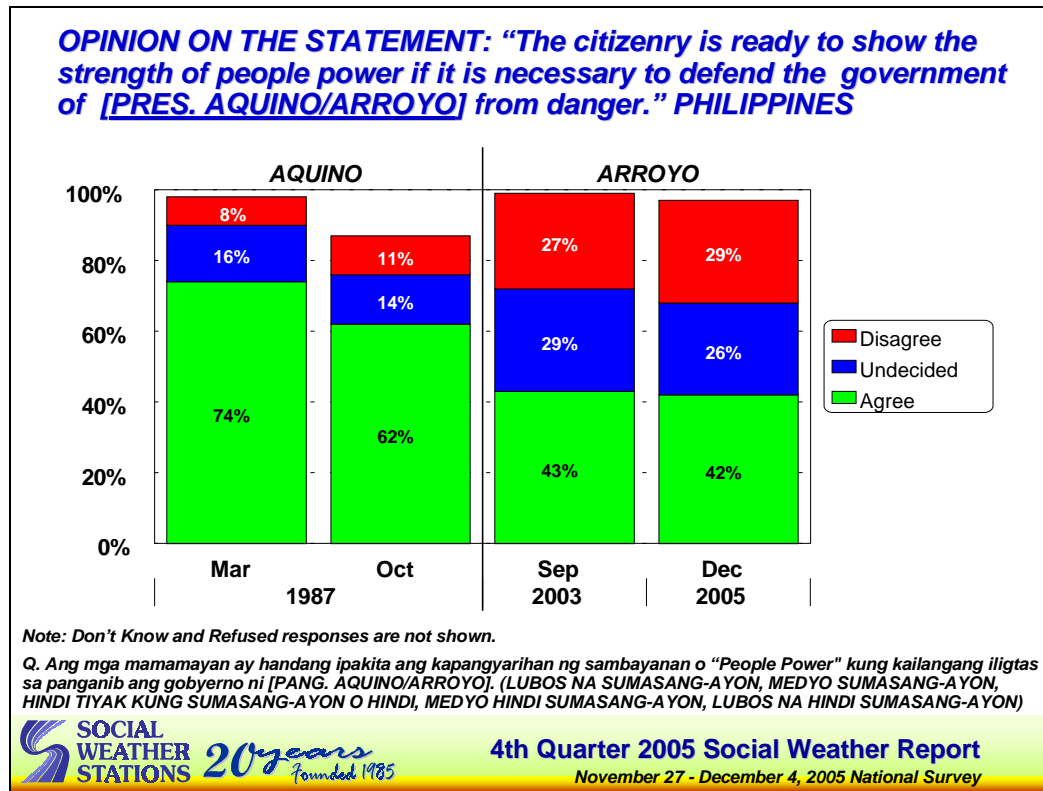


Chart 2

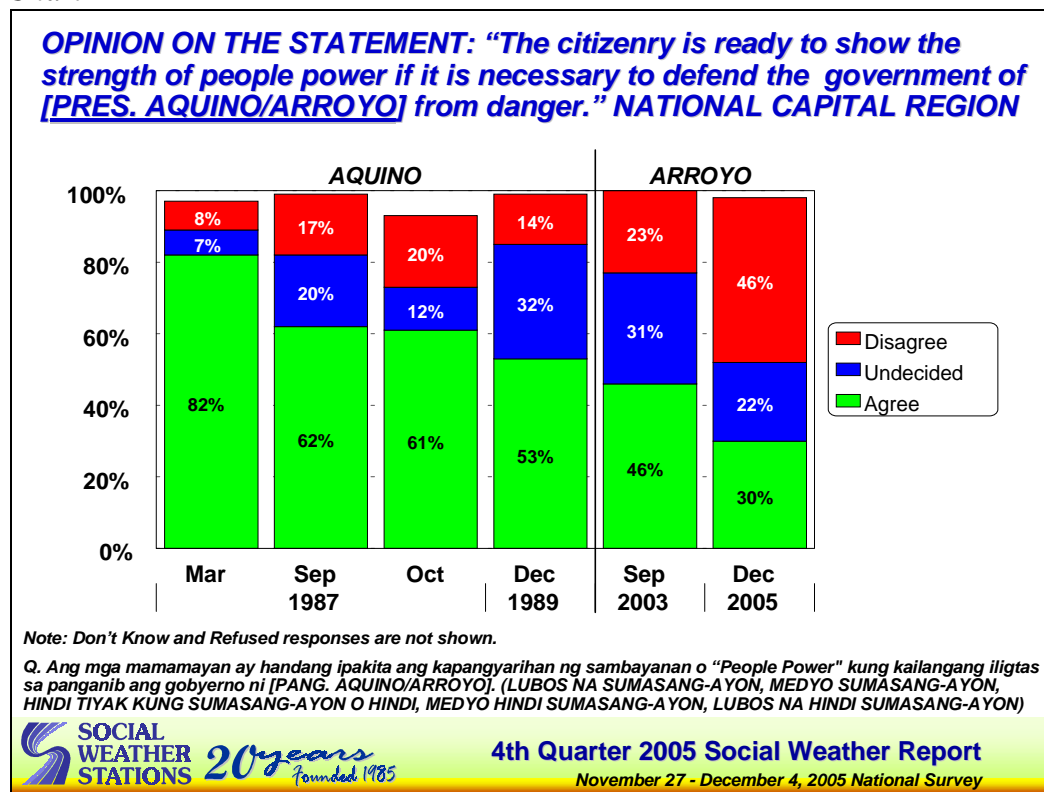


Table 1

OPINION ON THE STATEMENT: "The citizenry is ready to show the strength of people power if it is necessary to defend President Arroyo's government from danger." 2003 and 2005

	TOTAL RP	LOCATION				CLASS		
		NCR	Bal Luz	Vis	Min	ABC	D	E
September 2003								
Agree	43%	46%	40%	49%	41%	50%	43%	41%
Undecided	29	31	32	22	27	25	28	31
Disagree	27	23	27	29	29	24	28	26
Net *	+16	+23	+13	+20	+12	+26	+14	+16
December 2005								
Agree	42	30	43	43	48	43	43	41
Undecided	26	22	25	33	26	25	26	28
Disagree	29	46	30	20	23	31	29	27
Net *	+14	-16	+14	+22	+25	+13	+14	+14

* Net agreement = % Agree minus % Disagree correctly rounded. Don't Know and Refused responses are not shown.

Q. ANG MGA MAMAMAYAN AY HANDANG IPAKITA ANG KAPANGYARIHAN NG SAMBAYANAN O "PEOPLE POWER" KUNG KAILANGANG ILIGTAS SA PANGANIB ANG GOBYERNO NI PANG. ARROYO. (LUBOS NA SUMASANG-AYON, MEDYO SUMASANG-AYON, HINDI TIYAK KUNG SUMASANG-AYON O HINDI, MEDYO HINDI SUMASANG-AYON, LUBOS NA HINDI SUMASANG-AYON)

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