

Filipinos. That his writing is not just about of shaming us but to awaken everyone. I realized that he is even more nationalistic than us, as he knew more about our country and spoke fearlessly for the country, unlike us the Filipinos; ignorant, coward, deaf and blind. In his 11-page article, he stated several relevant ideas and insights about the country's condition that time, that if were taken into account, the Philippines perhaps is not more likely a kind of country we have today. James Fallows criticized and gave his insights to some issues such as governance, country's development, the culture and nationalism. One of these is his statement: "culture can make naturally rich country poor", I highly concur to what he stated. Philippine is apparently a very rich country but the problem is on the culture. If we define culture, it not only means the belief and traditions we practice, but it also means ways of life, our manner and how we discipline, perhaps this is what Fallows want to emphasize. One of the examples stated is the culture of delicadeza or being careful in what to say or much worse is the avoidance of saying unpleasant topics to avoid and escape to shame. Why are we afraid to face the truth in front? Are we deaf to say what really is wrong? This Filipino ethic is a wall to transparency, verity and truthfulness. When it comes to government, why Filipinos are so blessed with so much patience that we can able to resist and tolerate those shit things that officials do against us? Are we blind for us not see them or are we afraid to speak? I think that is one of the roots why government keeps on corrupting and why the Philippines is always left behind. We just let and tolerate them to rule the way we don't deserve. Another one is the failure of nationalism which causes weak sense of national pride and national unity, barrier among people and inequality. If every Filipino is nationalistic enough, Philippine must not be one of the top list countries of being poor, because everyone will help each other, will lift each other and will care for one another. Humanity prevails. People will create bridges instead of walls. No barrier between riches and poors. Rich won't become richer while poor won't become poorer. And there is no what we so called the war of every man against every man. These are just some of the problems cited from his article from which we can reflect on. I'm not totally agreeing with Fallows' whole article since I'm not really sure about the authenticity of his words, but I'm glad because he knocks me (us) up from being slept as he presented us