



Fact Sheet

Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr.

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- Age: [64](#) (Date of birth: Sept. 13, 1957)
- Ballot Number: 3
- Highest educational attainment:
 - Oxford University, Special diploma in Social Studies (not an undergraduate degree)
 - Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Masters in Business Administration (dropped-out)
- Political party: [Partido Federal ng Pilipinas](#)
- Endorsed by: Kilusang Bagong Lipunan, Hugpong ng Pagbabago, Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats, Partido Demokratiko Pilipino-Lakas ng Bayan (PDP-Laban, Cusi faction), Pwersa ng Masang Pilipino, Labor Party of the Philippines, Partido Lakas ng Manggagawang Pilipino, National Unity Party, Nacionalista Party

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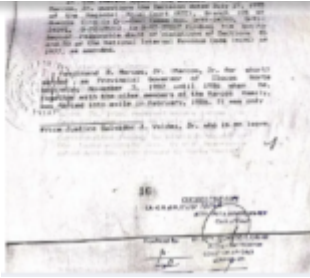
Field of Expertise:

- gov-national - **Senator (2010 – 2016)**
- Authored 13 and co-authored two bills that were passed into law, including the National Health Insurance Act, the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2011, the Postponement of the Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, and the Expanded Senior Citizens Act.
- gov-national - **Representative – Ilocos Norte, second district (2007 – 2010)**
- gov-local - **Governor – Ilocos Norte (1998 – 2007)**
- gov-local - **Representative – Ilocos Norte, second district (1992 – 1995)**
- gov-local - **Governor – Ilocos Norte (1983 – 1986)**
- gov-local - **Vice Governor – Ilocos Norte (1980 – 1983)**
- gov-national - **Special Assistant to the President (1979)**

Issues and Controversies



Lost in his first senatorial bid in 1995



Convicted with finality in 1997 for non-filing of income tax returns from 1982 to 1985

Has yet to pay the Bureau of Internal Revenue approximately P203.8 billion worth of estate tax liabilities as an executor of his father's estate

Subjected together with his mother, former First Lady Imelda Marcos, to a \$353.6 million contempt ruling by a U.S. court for disobeying its order freezing the family's assets and for failing to pay \$2 billion to victims of human rights abuses under his father's regime



One of the 20 senators named by Janet Lim-Napoles, mastermind of the Priority Development Assistance Fund or pork barrel scam, for their alleged involvement in the anomaly

Lost his electoral protest against Vice President Leni Robredo in the 2016 polls

Criticized for falsely claiming he has a college degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University where he received only a Special Diploma in Social Studies



Slammed for his consistent absence in all but one presidential debates organized for the upcoming May polls

Has five pending cases under appeal with the Commission on Elections: one seeking to declare him a nuisance candidate, one calling for the cancellation of his Certificate of Candidacy, and three consolidated cases petitioning for his disqualification

Interesting Facts

- Became vice governor of Ilocos Norte at age 23
- Married to Louise “Liza” Cacho Araneta of the prominent Araneta Family and a cousin of Manuel “Mar” Roxas, former senator and local government secretary and a stalwart of the Liberal Party
- Decided to run for the presidency while watching Marvel’s Ant-Man, according to his wife

Familt Members in Government

Mariano Marcos - grandfather -

Representative – Ilocos Norte, second district (1925 – 1931)

Vicente Orestes Romuáldez - grandfather -

- Former provincial sheriff – Leyte
- Former justice of peace – Tolosa, Leyte

Ferdinand Marcos Sr. - falher -

- President (1965 – 1986)
- Senator (1959 – 1965)

Imelda Romualdez Marcos - mother -

- Representative – Ilocos Norte, second district (2010 – 2019)



- Founding Chair – Cultural Center of the Philippines (1966)
- First Lady (1965 – 1986)
Pacifico Marcos - uncle -
Chairman – Philippine Medical Care Commission (1971 – x)
Elizabeth Marcos-Keon - aunt -
Governor – Ilocos Norte (1971 – 1983)
Alfredo “Bejo” Romualdez - uncle -
- Mayor – Tacloban City (1998 – 2007)
Benjamin “Kokoy” Romualdez - uncle -
- Governor – Leyte (1967 – 1986)
- Former ambassador – United States, China, and Saudi Arabia
Edon Yap - uncle -
- Former aide-de-camp of Imelda Marcos
Maria Imelda Josefa Remedios “Imee” Romualdez Marcos - sister -
- Senator (2019 – present)
- Governor – Ilocos Norte (2010 – 2019)
- Representative – Ilocos Norte, second district (1998 – 2007)
- Assemblywoman – regular Batasang Pambansa, Ilocos Norte (1984 – 1986)
- Chair – Kabataang Barangay (1975 – 1986)
Mariano “Nonong” Marcos II - cousin -
- Board Member – Ilocos Norte (2004 – 2013; 2016 – 2019)
Michael Marcos Keon - cousin -
- Mayor – Laoag City (2019 – present), running for reelection
- City Councilor (appointed) – Laoag City (2018 – 2019)
- Governor – Ilocos Norte (2007 – 2010)
- Board Member – Ilocos Norte (2004 – 2007)
- President – Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines (1985 – x)
- President – Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association (1981 – 1985)
- President – Philippine Olympic Committee (1981 – 1984)
- Director – Gintong Alay Project (1979 – x)
Angelo Marcos Barba - cousin -
- Representative – Ilocos Norte, second district (2019 – present), running for reelection
- Vice Governor – Ilocos Norte (2010 – 2019)
- Board Member – Ilocos Norte (2001 – 2010)
- Mayor – San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte (1992 – 2001)

Sources