

KAPWA

"The other person is also yourself."



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A Heritage of Well-Being: The Connectivity of the Filipino

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ABOUT THE TALK

Filipino ethnicity is essentially one with the culture of communal sharing. In general, Filipinos value relationships and family more than power and wealth. The core of Filipino psychology, a sense of *kapwa* is humaneness at the highest level. In principle, it excludes any action that may be detrimental or harmful to other human beings. The disruptive forces and self-serving interests of the elites addicted to the cultures of power and wealth, however, have always prevented any real social progress from being achieved. A large-scale transformation of values inculcating the philosophy of *kapwa* has to be instituted through the educational system and the media. This may conscientize the elite to make them agree to measures for a more equitable distribution of wealth and sharing of power and move away from oligarchy.

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