

# Emmanuel “Pacman” Pacquiao, #50

Former Senator, Retired Professional Boxer

as of Feb. 5, 2025



**Age and date of birth:** 46 (Dec. 17, 1978)

**Party:** Partido Federal ng Pilipinas

**Highest Educational Attainment:** Bachelor of Arts in Political Science major in Local Government Administration, University of Makati (2019)

**Highest Government Position Held:** Senator

## Summary:

Boxer-turned-politician Manny Pacquiao wants to regain a seat in the Senate to fight corruption and implement reforms to address poverty, health, education, among other issues.

## Stance on Key Issues

### On Poverty, Controlling Inflation and Jobs

- Says addressing corruption is a prerequisite to solving poverty and unemployment in the country
- Believes strengthening micro, small and medium enterprises can help provide more jobs to Filipinos
- Calls for the proper implementation of the OFW Handbook

### On Fighting Graft and Corruption

- Vows to fight graft and corruption, the “cancer of this country” and root cause of its economic problems

### On West Philippine Sea

- Condemns China’s aggression in the West Philippine Sea and maintains that the Philippines “will not stand down to China’s bullying”
- Urges Filipinos to work together in protecting and maintaining the security of the country

### On The Drug War

- Said during his 2022 presidential campaign that there were extrajudicial killings under Duterte’s drug war and those responsible must be held accountable
- Also vowed to fight drugs “the right way” if elected president

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### On Disaster-preparedness

- Has called for a 50-year disaster resiliency master plan and suggested the creation of a “super-agency” to manage the country’s disaster response and resilience as well as the government’s climate change policies

## Government Experience/Field of Expertise

- Senator (2016 - 2022)
  - Filed bills to revive the death penalty for kidnapping, rape with homicide, manufacturing and trafficking illegal drugs but later softened his stance, saying the judicial system must be fixed first
  - Authored and co-authored bills that have become laws, such as RA 11163 (the National Bible Day), RA 11227 (the OFW Handbook), and RA 11223 (Universal Health Care Act)
- Representative - Sarangani Province, lone district (2010 - 2016)

## Issues and Controversies

- Endured a three-year legal battle in the United States for alleged breach of contract with Paradise Sports Management, which he won when the California Superior Court ruled in his favor last year after declaring the document “void due to illegality”
- Faced a tax evasion case in 2013 for alleged failure to pay around ₱3.30 billion in tax deficiencies, including penalties, on his earnings from his fights in the U.S. in 2008 and 2009; case was junked by the Court of Tax nine years later, stating that the Bureau of Internal Revenue’s assessment was “void” for “lack of sufficient factual basis and violated Pacquiao’s right to due process
- Had the third lowest attendance among senators from July 2018 to June 2019; was also among the top absentees during his stint as congressman
- Heavily criticized in 2016 for describing members of the LGQBQTQ+ community as “worse than animals;” later backtracked on this stance while campaigning for president in 2022
- Had a “word war” with former president Rodrigo Duterte over issues of corruption, the West Philippine Sea, and his billion-peso tax case; this led to the breakup of Partido Demokratiko ng Pilipinas-Lakas ng Bayan (PDP-Laban) into two factions, eventually prompting Pacquiao to run under Abag PROMDI in the 2022 presidential election.

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## Family Members in Government

### Jinkee Pacquiao

- Relationship: Wife
- Position/s held:
  - Vice Governor - Sarangani Province (2013 - 2016)
  - Second nominee- Maharlikang Pilipino sa Bagong Lipunan partylist for the 2025 elections

### Rogelio Pacquiao

- Relationship: Brother
- Position/s held:
  - Governor - Sarangani Province (2022-2025)
  - Representative - Sarangani Province, lone district (2016-2022)
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### Alberto "Bobby" Pacquiao

- Relationship: Brother
- Position/s held:
  - President, Liga ng Barangay, General Santos City (2023-present)
  - Chairman - Barangay Labangal, General Santos City (2023-present)
  - Representative - OFW Family Party-list (2019 - 2022)
  - Councilor - General Santos City (2016-2019)

### Zyrex Pacquiao

- Relationship: Cousin
- Position/s held:
  - Mayor - Maasim, Sarangani (2019 - present)

### Bonifacio Pacquiao

- Relationship: Cousin
- Position/s held:
  - Councilor - Alabel, Sarangani (2019-present)

### Mark Joseph Pacquiao

- Relationship: Cousin
- Position/s held:
  - Provincial Board Member - Sarangani Province (2024-present)

### Lorelie Pacquiao

- Relationship: Sister-in-law
- Position/s held:
  - Mayor - General Santos City (2022 - present)
  - Councilor - General Santos City (2019 - 2022)

### Russell Jamora

- Relationship: Brother-in-law
- Position/s held:
  - Provincial Board Member - Sarangani Province (2019 - present)