

Wilfredo “Willie” Revillame, #55

Television Host

as of Feb. 5, 2025



Age and date of birth: 64 (Jan. 27, 1961)

Party: Independent

Highest Educational Attainment: High school, Centro Escolar University (dropout)

Highest Government Position Held: None

Summary:

Saying he’s tired of pointless “political bickering,” Revillame is eyeing a Senate seat to “fight for the poor.” He promises to help more people and initiate measures to address the concerns of the poor, mainly from the health, labor and education sectors.

Stance on Key Issues

On Poverty, Controlling Inflation and Jobs

- Promises to increase the discount on essential goods to 30% from 20% for senior citizens and persons with disabilities
- Without giving specifics, vows to help farmers and lead efforts in modernizing the agriculture sector

On Fighting Graft and Corruption

- Favors denial of bail for public servants accused of gravest corruption and pardon for those found guilty

On West Philippine Sea

- None

On The Drug War

- None

On Disaster-preparedness

- Pushes for improved evacuation centers for victims of flooding, earthquakes and other natural disasters, and suggests stronger foundation for these infrastructures so they last longer

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Government Experience/Field of Expertise

- None

Issues and Controversies

- Gained notoriety for publicly scolding members of his staff and co-hosts, even going on long rants and diatribes against critics before a live audience
- Embroiled in a 13-year legal battle with ABS-CBN Corp. over an alleged breach of contract due to copyright infringement of a show. In 2023, the Supreme Court ruled in his favor and junked the network’s P1-billion counterclaim based on a previous ruling that found the company guilty of “forum shopping.”
- Drew flak from netizens for admitting in an interview that he had no legislative plans because he was not yet elected, after filing his certificate of candidacy in October 2024

Family Members in Government

- None