



Aquino's elite populism: Initial reflections

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Observes that Cory Aquino's movement seen as a third force by the US, though author rebuts US claims to have supported her before the fall of Marcos. Describes movement as 'a genuine populist phenomenon' with base in urban middle class, bringing onto the streets the lower middle class, unemployed workers and shanty town residents. Aquino avoided ties to the left, and did not need them to win the election, though – Bello claims – the left had paved the way for her ultimate success.

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