



# Reconsidering Patronage Politics and Political Reforms Under the Second Marcos Presidency

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Won 31 million (59%) votes

# Elite Democracy





**Democracy that relies on the distribution of material benefits or “patronage” to mobilize voters**

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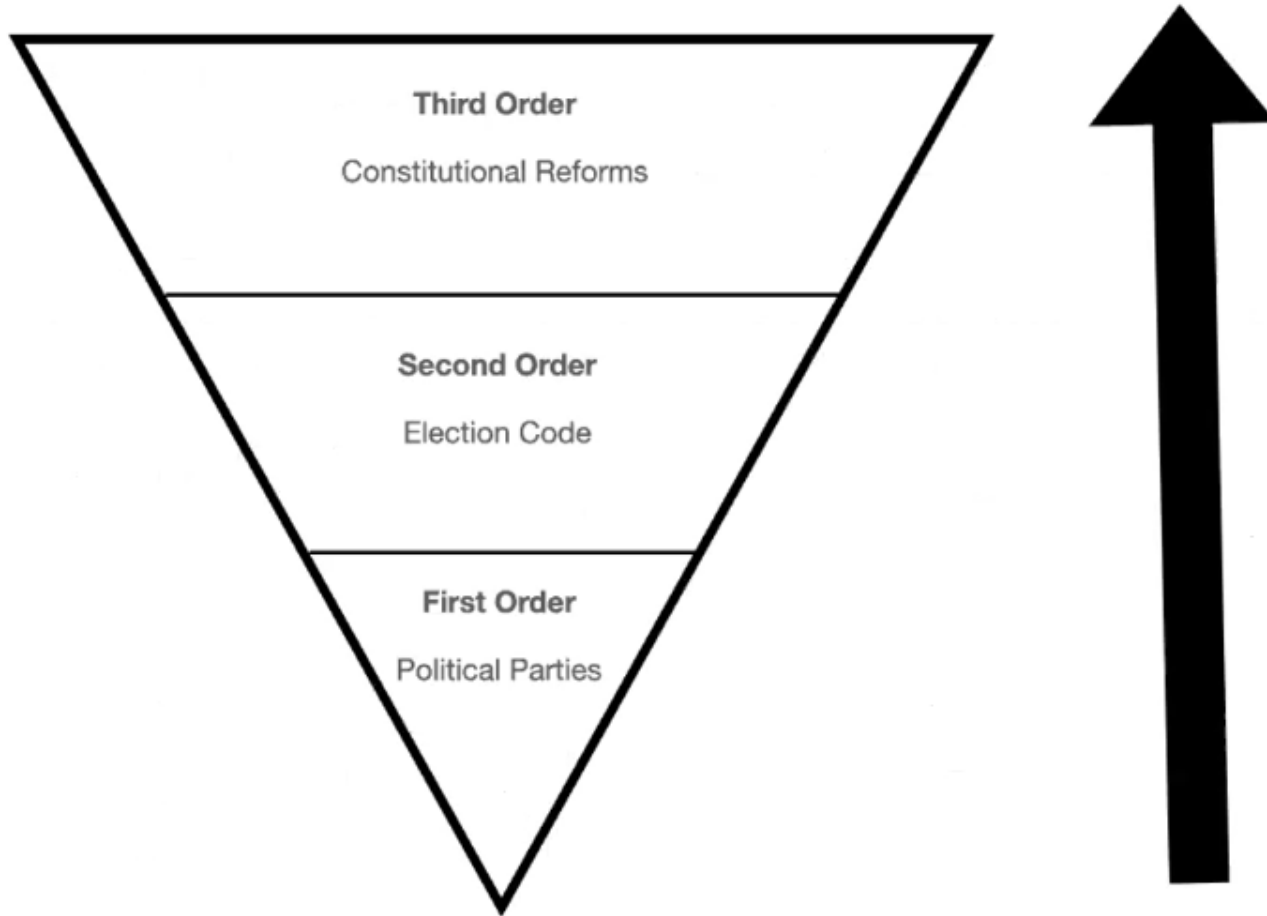
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**Marcos Resurgence**

## Democratic Deficits

- 1 Issue of Political Dynasty** - incumbency advantage, political monopoly, and perpetuation
- 2 Issue of Political Parties** - weak parties, strong patronage; clans not parties; party-switching
- 3 Issue of Party List System** - mangled legislation, interpretation, and implementation; party-list failure
- 4 Issue of Money Politics** - campaign financing, spending, and monitoring

# Sequential Approach





# Proposals

- 1 Anti-Party Switching Act** - prevent political turncoatism to strengthen political parties
- 2 New Election Code** - bring electoral administration into the 21st century
- 3 Constitutional Convention** - imperfect but most legitimate mode of constitutional change

**Thank You!**