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This study employed an exploratory research design to present the motivational and social factors that influence the decision of the Filipino women to seek an elective government position.

The research conducted was an in-depth interview of five Filipino women politician in Metro Manila. They were selected regardless of age and status. The only criterion used in the selection of the respondents is that the individuals have to be elected by the public. This constitutes then---senators, congresswomen, governors, mayors, vice-mayors or councilwomen. The responses were recorded and analyzed according to the specific objectives of the study.

It was determined that four of five respondents came from families with political involvement. Exposure to be a political environment, community service and unculcated values that helped create a socio-psychological conditions for the individual as she matures.

With regard to their educational background and experience, four of the five continued further studies here and abroad and developed their abilities and skills and potential leadership through their involvement in school activities.

Only two of the five respondents admitted having been influenced by people close to them concerning their decision to seek election gov't position.

Majority of the respondents claimed that their interest is to serve the people and participate in the country's development. Interest served as a motivating force because of its tendency to initiate and direct their behavior.

Only two of the five claimed that there is a need to gain success in terms of participating in the development of the country and serving the people. They perceived politics as a way of gaining success.
With respect to aspiration, majority points towards serving the country and the people.

The female psyche is the basic nature of women which consist of characteristics and traits inherent in them that complements and supports man's political endeavors.
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