

## Module 7 Assignment

**Identify five (5) points highlighted by President Corazon Aquino in her speech before the U.S. Congress on September 18, 1986. Explain their significance.**

The former president Corazon Aquino made her speech on September 18, 1986 before the U.S. Congress. It talks about various topics such as the story of the suffering of his husband, Benigno Aquino, her despair that time, democracy of Philippines, etc.

One of the highlights of her speech was his husband and also our former president, Benigno Aquino. She describes how her husband was tortured with other thousands of people. They locked up him with almost no hole to breath-in, made his naked, and threatened to beheaded. They tried to crush him by kicking. But those things did not stop him. Eventually they set him free little did he know that his tortured were not finished. Those things affected Corazon Aquino because they kept is secret.

The second one is the most famous EDSA Revolution happened in 1986 that made her president that time. Thousands of people protested claiming that their president was Cory Aquino and there was cheating happened during election. Cory stated that those women behind that event did not care about the democracy of our country and chosen the path where the value of their lives was like nothing. That event awakened Filipinos and other officials left Marcos. By that, Marcos was ousted.

The third one was our democracy. During her company for being a president, one of the things that people want is the freedom. Not job but freedom. It is easy to get a job or do a labor or earned a money by it. They did not also expect any miracles form her. They just want the freedom. She promised that she will make it happened and made her inspiration throughout the election.

The last one she discussed was about the \$26 billion debt of the Philippines. She says that they corrupted it and those money were never reached to those who have needs. They keep on hiding the money that supposed to be to the Filipinos but they chose to spend it in their needs like jewelries and properties.

Most importantly, the highlight and significance of her speech was herself. How she used her experience into platform. Her plans to Philippines like cooperating with other countries to improve the increasing amount of unemployment here and a guide in the new start of our country. These are the five highlighted topic discussed in her speech before the U.S. Congress.

Resources:

<https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/1986/09/18/filipino-translation-speech-of-president-corazon-aquino-during-the-joint-session-of-the-u-s-congress-september-18-1986/>