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## INDEPENDENCE

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Independence? Well, it depends on how you perceived what it means

Some says, it is a freedom given to a person, group of people, community and even a country

Some defines it as a liberation from slavery and human trafficking, captivity, and conquerors

Others reflect it as an unconventionality from being followers of terrorism

Republicans cogitate it as a condition of free-will in expressing oneself

Filipinos consider it as their sources of expressing rights and privileges

The question is, is there an independence? Will it be considered real? Who have experience it?

Those are some that need to be answered in a very long argument

Witt and logic might help to defend what it is all about

Most of the people are not aware of what the real meaning of it

The highly intellectual people might consider it as a source of power

The middle class denied it as it contrasts with their ideas and perceptions in life

The silver-lining holds it as a promise of realizing the things they believed part of it

Ever since, when I my consciousness started to grasp

I've seen different group of people in chaos, disorder, bedlam and pandemonium

With no ideas where these people are coming from

Even in my wild imagination I can even comprehend

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With all the historical accounts inked in the journal of events

We can say that Filipinos experience independence in different perspectives

That every major scenario that took place in the country, people are shouting

Fight, fight, fight for the national reconciliation and independence

People power has executed many times for the freedom of the people

Rightists and leftists are still around

Political dynasties still exist all over the country

Political banners increase every now and then for their advocacies

Freedom, rights, privileges, honors, liberty, autonomy my mind is tingling

Greatest crowds are just going with the flow to where they will get benefits

Never in their imaginations and wild analyzations

Of knowing what are they belligerent for

As far as I observed, from the time that men in uniform are needed

There is no such thing as independence, we are still bounded with laws

Absolutely, independence is just a matter of a concept to deal with

So therefore, independence has never been realized as of today since then...

So let us start from WITHIN... and soon it will be realized...

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