



The Philippines boxing star and senator Manny Pacquiao announced that he wanted to become president. Elections are taking place next year, and Pacquiao has a good chance to win.

Both Pacquiao and the current president Rodrigo Duterte come from the southern island, and Pacquiao could be dangerous for Duterte. If many people vote for Pacquiao, a strong **opposition** may be there.

Pacquiao became a senator in 2016, and in the beginning, he supported Duterte. Later, he started to **criticize** the president. He did not agree with the president's opinion on a situation in the South China Sea and with the president's possible **corruption**. Pacquiao said that he was a fighter, and he would fight until the end.

**Difficult words:** **opposition** (the politicians who belong to the largest party which does not lead the government), **criticize** (to speak openly about someone's problems), **corruption** (when a powerful person does something dishonest or bad, and he usually gets money for it).

**Discussion Questions*****Topic Talk***

1. Define the following words: *opposition, criticize and corruption*
2. What does the Philippine boxing star and senator, Manny Pacquiao, intend to run for in the next elections?
3. Has Manny Pacquiao always been in opposition to Duterte?
4. For what reasons did the Philippine boxing star criticize Duterte?

***Express Your Thoughts***

1. Have you heard about this famous Philippine boxing star? If Yes, what do you know about him?
2. Do you know of any similar story?
3. In your country, who usually seeks position as president or prime minister?
4. What is your president or prime minister usually criticized for?