

Philippine Community Survey 2009

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Notes on the term “majority”

- a. when a choice (or scale) represents 51% or more of the total marked answers; or
- b. when two combined approximal choices e.g. “I strongly agree” and “I agree” are added together and thus reach 51% of the total marked answers;
- c. the term “**Great Majority**” is used to refer to choices (scales) quantified at 70% or more of the total marked answers.

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Part 1: Respondents

- A total of 70 respondents participated in the survey
- a great majority of whom are female (85%)
- of Filipino decent (87.14%)
- aged between 31 and 60 years old (72.86%),
- Catholic (84.29%)
- and majority of them are married. (54.29%).

31.43 % are
either single,
widowed or
divorced.

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Part 1: Respondents

-Almost half of the respondents have been in Germany for at least 15 years

-Majority of them were born in the Philippines (64.29%)

- They work in various industries:

- 11.43% describe themselves as “employee”

-8.57% work in the health and domestic service sector

**12.86 % are
plain
housewives**

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Part 1: Respondents

-More than half of the married respondents are Filipino citizen (51.16%)

-Close to half are German citizen (48.84%)

-When asked about the nationality of their spouses, a great majority say that they are married to a German (84.38%)

**9.38 % are
married to a
Filipino**

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Part 2: Liturgy

A great majority of the respondents regularly attend the Sunday mass and believe that the homily is comprehensible. They could relate it to their life experiences.

Most of the respondents feel that the liturgical volunteers are good and competent and that the missalette and beamer are useful during the church service.

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Part 3: Organization

A great majority of the respondents believe that the community activities are well organized, properly coordinated and that community members help each other.

A great majority of those who participated in the survey have expressed willingness to assume more voluntary tasks in the community.

Although many believe that the community leaders are good example to other people, 25% of the respondents disagree with the statement.

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Part 4: Community life

Majority of the respondents feel at home and accepted in the community.

Majority also believe that they get emotional support from other community members.

More than half of the respondents express willingness to share more time with other members.

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Part 5: Cultural Events

Majority of the respondents believe that the cultural events are necessary and helpful and that these events strengthen the community relationship.

Majority acknowledge that they regularly check the internet site.

A number of the respondents admit that they **do not check the Internet site regularly.**

Majority of the respondents believe that cultural and community events should be lessened. **However a significant number are against the lessening community activities.**

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Part 6: Integration

Majority of the respondents feel at home in Germany and **believe that they have a good command of the (German) language.**

Majority of the respondents feel they have lots of German friends.

A quarter of the respondents believe that they **do not have enough knowledge of the German culture, history and law.**

A significant number of those who participated in the survey admitted to having few German friends.

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Part 6: Integration

Majority of the respondents believe they have a good job and live a convenient life in Germany.

Many of them consider retiring in the Philippines.

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Part 7: Interesting comments

“Beamer hardly readable from afar”

(During the mass), “children are very noisy and sometimes concentration is lost”.

“Everything is going okay. Thanks”.

“If I have time, I'm willing to assume voluntary tasks”.

“We need leaders who will not use their position to oppress the needy”.

“Some of the offertory bearers from the CWL should wear decent clothes”.

“Some leaders are only good in words but not in deeds”.

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Part 7: Interesting comments

“Why lessen our activities? In fact, we are only doing a repetition of what we have already done before”.

“A pastoral team member with a group-kitchen in-charge denied to give food to the hungry”.

“Keep up the good work”.

“Educational and cultural programs lacking”.

Geburtsland: “Mindanao”

Geburtsland: “Cebu City”

Geburtsland: “Bicol”

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Part 8: Conclusion

The highly positive views expressed by the respondents through this survey manifest that the Philippine Community at Bayernallee **remains the best venue for Filipino-Filipino as well as Filipino-German interaction.**

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Part 8: Conclusion

The survey confirms the positive impact of the Philippine Community activities on the lives of the Filipinos in Berlin. It can be concluded that:

- the liturgy is overwhelmingly praised by the members;
- the organization is overwhelmingly being commended;
- the community is an important source of emotional support for many Filipinos;
- the cultural events are integral in sustaining and enhancing relationships among the community members.

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Part 8: Conclusion

However

The community has an aging public.

Regionalism is still evident among Filipino linguistic groups.

The community is basically “exclusive” as it is being mostly frequented by:

- relatively older members
- Catholic devotees
- Filipinos themselves
- female members

Many community members admit to having little knowledge of the German culture, history and law;

and having few German friends.

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Part 9: Recommendation

Suggested areas of improvement:

- encourage second Generation German-Filipinos to become more active in the community,
- by providing them the opportunity to participate in interesting and **self-rewarding** activities.
- encourage more Germans to become part of the community,
- i.e. by enhancing inter-cultural Dialog (e.g. by involving esp. German husbands in forums, integrative seminars; teaching them Philippine dialects, or letting them handle some community projects and activities themselves.

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Part 9: Recommendation

For immediate action:

- Creating (updating) a database of community members, friends, associates and stakeholders for easy information dissemination
- Recruitment and tapping of qualified members who could lead and manage future activities, programs and campaigns;
- Review of existing organizational structures and activity concepts; and
- enhancing them with the objective of attracting new members from different age, gender, racial, religious and professional groups.

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Q & A

Comments & Suggestions

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