

# Bongbong Marcos Win Will Mean More Disinformation: Nobel Laureate Maria Ressa | Bloomberg

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Nobel Laureate Maria Ressa warned that a win for Ferdinand Marcos Jr. in the Philippine presidential poll will show the continued potency of misinformation campaigns that could have implications in the U.S. and Brazilian elections this year. “If we fall, this isn’t going to be the Philippines alone,” she told Bloomberg TV’s Haslinda Amin in an interview on Monday as voters began casting their ballots.

“This is a global information ecosystem. Like in 2016, we were the first domino to fall followed by Brexit, Trump, Bolsonaro — well here you go again. Brazil has elections in October, the U.S. has elections in November. So if we fall, stay tuned, it’s coming for you,” she said.

Ressa, who runs the Rappler news website in the Philippines, has won wide international praise for investigations of alleged police abuses in President Rodrigo Duterte’s anti-drug efforts. Rappler has also been documenting the disinformation campaigns run by supporters and networks linked to Duterte and later on, to Marcos Jr. over the past several years.

The Philippines has yet to pass a “fake news” law, even as other nations in Southeast Asia have pressed ahead with legislation to deter misinformation.

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