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Poll: Pinoys believe first love never dies

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MANILA—More than half or 55 percent of Filipino adults believe that “first love never dies,” while seven out of 10 Filipinos agree with the statement, “If you love someone then set him free, if he/she comes back again it was meant to be,” the Social Weather Stations (SWS) reported after a recent survey.

The Fourth Quarter 2008 Social Weather Survey was conducted from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, using face-to-face interviews of 1,500 adults divided into random samples of 300 each in Metro Manila, Visayas, and Mindanao and 600 in balance Luzon.

among those aged 25-34, and 49 percent among those aged 18-24.

Fifty-eight percent of those who are married share this belief, 54 percent among those with live-in partners, and 45 percent among those without spouse or partner.

niwala po ba kayo o hindi naniniwala sa lyrics ng kantang nagsasabing: Kung mahal mo ang isang tao, palayain mo siya, at kapag siya'y bumalik ito'y itinadhana? (Do you believe or do not believe in the lyrics of a song stating that: If you love someone then set him/her free, if he/she comes back again it was meant to be?),” 81 percent of respondents in Metro Manila, 79 percent in balance Luzon, 78 percent in the Visayas, and 74 percent in Mindanao said they believe in it.



To the survey question, “Naniniwala po ba kayo o hindi naniniwala sa lyrics ng kantang nagsasabing: Kung mahal mo ang isang tao, palayain mo siya, at kapag siya'y bumalik ito'y itinadhana?” (Do you believe or do not believe in the lyrics of a song stating that: If you love someone then set him/her free, if he/she comes back again it was meant to be?),” 81 percent of respondents in Metro Manila, 79 percent in balance Luzon, 78 percent in the Visayas, and 74 percent in Mindanao said they believe in it.

By class, 79 percent of Class D respondents believe in the statement, 77 percent among Class E, and 76 percent among Class ABC.

Seventy-seven percent of men and 79 percent of women believe in it.

The non-commissioned survey has sampling error margins of plus or minus 2.5 percent for national percentages, plus or minus six percent or Metro Manila, Visayas and Mindanao, and plus or minus four percent for balance Luzon.

The December 2008 survey asked the respondents, “Naniniwala po ba kayo sa kasabihan na ang unang pag-ibig daw po ay hindi namamatay (Do you believe in the saying that first love never dies?)”

The survey showed that 59 percent of the respondents in the Visayas, 57 percent in Mindanao, and 52 percent each in balance Luzon and Metro Manila believed in the saying.

Three out of five or 60 percent in Class E respondents believe in it, 54 percent in Class D, and 47 percent in Class ABC.

Belief that first love never dies is similar among men (56 percent) and women (54 percent), the SWS said.

By age group, 58 percent of those 55 years old and above believe in it, 56 percent among those aged 35-54, 52 percent

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