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Trainer Teddy Atlas (right) with Timothy Bradley. (AP file photo)

Despite his numerous activities outside the boxing ring, Manny Pacquiao is known to still thrive

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in his pre-fight preparations.

Teddy Atlas, the veteran trainer of Timothy Bradley, shares the same observation.

Speaking to Keith Idec of boxingscene.com, Atlas said he doesn't believe that distractions will affect Pacquiao in the lead-up to the fight at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on April 9.

"I wish I could say yes [that distractions will affect Pacquiao], because I'll take any advantage I can get for my fighter. But I don't think I can say yes. I don't think it'll impact him in any negative ways at all," the veteran trainer told Idec.

Outside boxing, Pacquiao is a politician, TV personality, pastor, and even professional basketball player and coach.

He is gunning for a seat in the Philippine Senate in the May 2016 national elections, and has said that the fight with Bradley will be his final one.

But Atlas thinks Pacquiao's political bid, along with other activities, will be non-factors.

"I go by what there's a precedent to go by. I go by history, by what's tangible. And he's had distractions and if you want to call it chaos sometimes, but definitely a lot of things swirling around him throughout most of his career," Atlas continued.

Atlas is aware of Pacquiao's extracurricular activities, but maintained that all of those go out of the window when it comes to bouts.

"And whether it was politics, whether it was singing, whether it was some personal situations he

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[Pacquiao] was going through that everybody goes through, whether it was religious thoughts and growth to speak, whether it was all the pulls on him because he's an iconic figure in his country, where he gets all that attention you could never get here for one fighter...he has always dealt with that. It's never impacted him," he said.