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### Abstract

The aims of the research are 1) to study the participation and interest level of current students towards Thai politics, and 2) to identify the dominant factor of student towards their political roles.

The sample group for the study consists of 400 questionnaire responses from two universities, 200 from Rajabhat Institute Nakornsawan, and 200 from Chaopraya University. In addition, in-dept interviews were conducted with 5 students and 3 university staffs from each institution.

Data analysis was conducted using SPSS and it indicated that the students have little interest and involvement with regards to politics. The students' income and the consumerism behavior level are related to the political interests as well as political participation at significant level on statistic.

The research also identified the low level of political consciousness of the current students as a result of the decreasing participation in politics. The social awareness was declined because the consumerism behavior, which caused unlimited attitudes and values of consuming, considered more on individual than a whole. The researcher suggested that the political awareness should be targeted at the youths. The political learning units, for example, families, educational institutes, the mass media, the political institution, or friends should boost their role in political socialization as well.