

ABSTRACT

Research Title : A Political Participation Model of the people
in Dusit District, Bangkok.

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The study aims: 1) to find the level of participation in politics, 2) to examine factors influencing participation in politics, 3) to create a model of political participation of people in Dusit District, Bangkok. This is a mixed method of quantitative and qualitative research. The instruments used to collect data were questionnaires and interviews. The technique of a probability sampling, a stratified random sampling is used to collect data. The samples were selected from every community in Dusit District. A simple Random Sampling was used to collect data with questionnaires for 400 people. The non-probability sampling or the purposive sampling was used for in-depth interviews with 44 community leaders. The researcher analyzed the data by using descriptive statistic, inductive statistics, and content analysis. The findings are that: Dusit people participate in politics as a whole but at low levels; there are only two groups of moderate and low income who participate in politics. The moderate level groups participate in voting, tracking the political news, and discussion forums, while the low level group participates in political gathering, dealing with politicians, and attending political activities with political parties. Other political factors that influence the political participation of Dusit people are: 1) personal factors, such as age, and social status, 2) economic factors, such as occupation, membership of social groups,

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family role, and community role, 3) environmental factors, include political awareness and political news, and political development, 4) political psychological factors, such as political interest, political behavior, and Political Socialization. The predicted politic participation includes four chronological factors: political interests, the perception of politics, fundamental values of democratic politics, and political environment. A Model of Participation in Politics of People in Dusit District was that public participation in politics is a pagoda style, or sequence database. The people can easily access to the politics. The most accessible and simplest way to access to the activities includes local representatives or MPs election. The result also found one more issue is that the people will participate in politics once they are forced by law.