

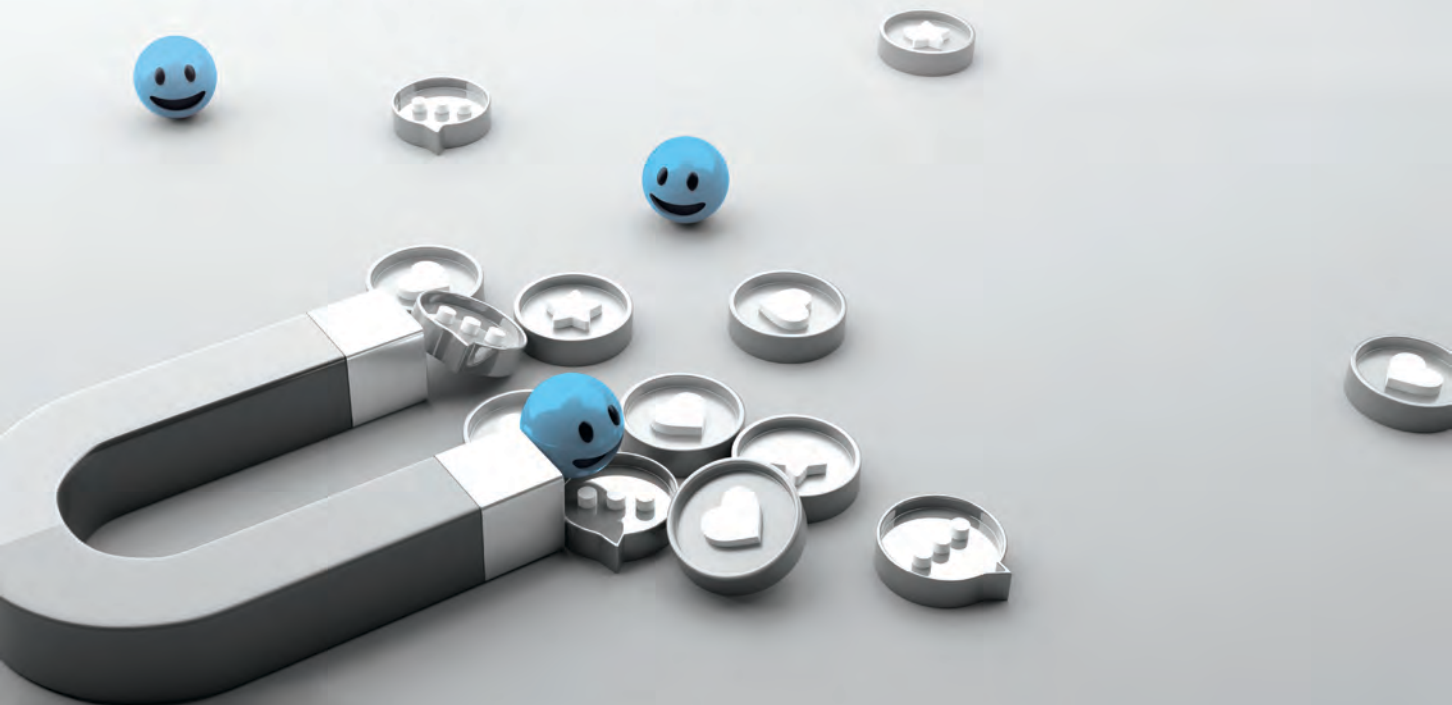


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# Foreword

The Compilation Book of Poll Results of Suan Dusit Poll Fiscal Year 2021 “Poll Talk Ep.1-52” gathered from Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University in various surveyed topics from October 2020 to September 2021 to reflect the opinions and needs of people for government and related organizations to use for administration and problem solving according to the people’s needs based on reliable data according to survey research methodology standard in all aspects including topic determination, questionnaire creation, population determination, sampling determination that covers all ages, careers and regions by using an online questionnaire for convenience and speed and ability to process and report the data to the public immediately.

In the Compilation Book of Poll Results Fiscal Year 2021 consists of 52 articles from opinion polls in various theme topics. The articles are divided into 13 articles about the covid-19 pandemic and its effects, 7 articles about the economy, 14 articles about politics, and 18 articles about society. All the surveyed topics presented in the book are the topics that were in trend at that time and were published to the public via various channels such as print media, radio, online academic articles in national and international journals, and SuanDusitPoll channel on YouTube in the form of academic talks called “Poll Talk” that has 144,341 views as of September, 2021.

Each article in the Compilation Book of Poll Results Fiscal Year 2021 was edited according to academic articles writing standard and peer-reviewed by the experts. We expect that this book will be beneficial for government and related organizations to apply as a part of administration planning both policy and practical terms to avoid and solve problems, to revise the working process performance to be more efficient and to satisfy the needs of people, and for those who are interested to use the data as the reference for research or academic work.

The opinion polls presented in the Compilation Book of Poll Results Fiscal Year 2021 or Poll Talk Ep.1-52 are the results of the opinion poll of people in Thai society toward the current situation that has been reported and utilized by those involved in the past. All articles are valuable as the mirror reflection of the social conditions, issues, interests and movement of people that are changed by various factors of the country and the world considered very useful for those who are interested in studying and applying the data that will benefit themselves, society and country on the foundation of data collected and reported in this book.

Associate Professor Sirote Pholpuntin, Ph.D.





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# Suan Dusit Poll

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## Profile in Brief

Suan Dusit Poll was established in 1992 by Assistant Professor Sukhum Chaleysub, who was at that time the lecturer of Library and Information Sciences Program, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, with the sole purpose to be the field practice unit for university students majoring in information sciences. The range of practicing opportunities covered several students' hands-on experiences such as raw data collecting, data processing, data analyzing, information dissemination, and publication.

Suan Dusit Poll (SDP) has first gained its country-wide recognition and prestige through the precision of results prediction of the parliament representative election of Dusit district in Bangkok. After series of successes over for 20 years, in 2013, there was a major transition of Suan Dusit Poll. Now Associate Professor Dr. Sukhum Chaleysub turned himself into the Advisory position and appointed Mr. Nattapon Yamchim to be the new President of SDP. However, the two underlying principles of the SDP mission, "Unbiased and Academic Accuracy" remain unchanged until today. Numbers of advanced technologies and social media have been intensively used for the purposes of transparency and efficiency and for SDP to be able to bring social issues and concerns of Thai people into light via the publication of its studies and survey.

### Missions

1. To conduct public opinion research and survey
2. To provide academic services in form of social research and public survey
3. To utilize available information and help circulate study results necessary for the use of people, community, and society

### Academic services and Business services

Given the expertise in survey research and the nationwide data-collecting network of SDP, this allows SDP to expand the range of

their services to Thai Society. The provisions of training courses in survey research, data management, polling techniques are proved to be the outcome SDP specialization in the field. SDP, nowadays, offers both academic and business services to both the public and private sectors. Some are considered "providing social services" as part of the University Social Responsibility (USR) of Suan Dusit University; while others are considered "income-generating services" to the benefit of SDP and the University as a whole.

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## Editor's Notes

Associate Professor Chanasuek Nichanong, Ph.D.

Poll and polling data are considered as the important components of the country's administration. Driving the country with the policy based on the polling data is the way to administer the country focusing on people's cooperation that reflects the civilization of the country governed by a democracy. This is because the policy setting from people's opinions represents that the government values the people's opinions and is open for people to make decisions to set the direction of the country's administration that creates transparency, increases the efficiency of administration, allows the government to satisfy the people's needs and gain more acceptance from people. However, the public opinion poll can directly link to a conflict of interest, so those in charge of collecting and reporting data should not have a conflict of interest with the surveyed topic. It can be agency in educational intuition, government section, National Statistical Office, State Enterprises and trustworthy private organizations.

Suan Dusit Poll was established when Suan Dusit University was entitled "Suan Dusit Teacher's College" in 1992 which has been almost 30 years. Assistant Professor Sukhum Chaleysub who was a lecturer of the Library and Information Sciences Program at that time, aimed to establish the source of knowledge in opinion survey for students in Library and Information Sciences Program and to provide the news and update on society to people who were aware of choosing the trustworthy sources at that time as a reference for decision making. From the initiative idea to create the personnel in the field of Library and Information Sciences with the knowledge and ability beyond



the program requirements, Suan Dusit Teacher College became the founder of making an idea come to action and developed Suan Dusit Poll into the organization that has examined people's opinions, analyzed topics that have the society's interest to present to the public and gained acceptance until the present day.

Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University concerns about reliability and correctness of information by focusing on conducting research according to the academic standard research methodology in every step including population determination, sample determination, sampling distributions that cover all ages, careers and regions, questionnaire making, data collection and data validation, coding, data entry, result processing, applying statistic, all that to receive the high-quality data that is accurate, up to date, timeless, relevance, verifiable and non-bias that can be used as a part to plan the country's administration for government and related organization effectively.

The opinion poll results from Suan Dusit Poll's polls are considered useful for the society because they are the opinion surveys of representatives from situations that happen in the present day through the decent group of samples, well-controlled survey with academic standard that will be useful and highly valuable for government and related organizations in order to elicit people's reaction toward issues that are significant to the society. Therefore, Suan Dusit Poll determines to maintain the standard from the beginning to the present day to be able to receive high quality and accurate data that is truly based on people's opinions and to be the medium to reflect the opinions of people to the country's administration of government and related organizations so they can solve the problems directly at the point.

# Poll points to urgent need to revisit method of hiring and training teachers

The majority of respondents in a survey said teachers in general were aggressive, and those who abused their students lacked professional ethics.

The Suan Dusit Poll surveyed 1,896 people nationwide from September 29-October 2, 2020 about their views on teachers.

Of the respondents, 78.90 per cent said they had not been punished, while 21.10 per cent said they had been punished, such as hit with a rod, been pinched, had the shirts pulled out, been shouted at, been insulted, had things thrown at them or were locked up.

Teachers have been in the spotlight after recent CCTV footage showed a Nonthaburi school teacher physically assaulting kindergartners.

When asked for their views on teachers who abused students (multiple choice), 84.36 per cent of respondents said teachers were aggressive, 83.41 per cent said they lacked ethics, 79.71 per cent said they felt depressed, and 74.59 per cent said schools lacked care.

When asked what they thought was the reason for teachers' violent behaviour, 86.77 per cent of respondents said they lacked professional ethics, 73.33 per cent said the guidelines for recruiting teachers were inadequate in finding good teachers and 63.28 per cent said schools lacked care.

Asked what parents should be most concerned about regarding their children, 80.54 per cent said teachers' punishment, 62.41 per cent said learning, 54.08 per cent said bullying, and 43.11 per cent said eating.

Regarding ways to prevent violence by teachers, 79.80 per cent of respondents said school directors must pay attention to the recent case, 77.32 per cent said guidelines for recruiting teachers must be improved, and 72.31 per cent said teachers and students must

be monitored closely.

Pornpan Buathong, a researcher at Suan Dusit Poll, said this survey showed that the majority of respondents pointed at teachers lacking the required ethics for the job, so the Ministry of Education and school directors should urgently tackle this issue, as well as implement preventive measures.

"Also, the government should pay attention to violence in the classroom because it may affect their credibility," she said.

Meanwhile, Sitthiporn Iamsen, dean of Suan Dusit University's Faculty of Education, said the fact that 21.10 per cent of respondents had been punished by their teachers was worrisome even if the figure was low.

"However, if teachers punish and teach students to avoid doing bad things, while students admit their wrongdoing, it would not be considered violence by teachers," he said.

In the case of Onuma Ploadprong, a former teacher in a Nonthaburi school who was sacked for allegedly assaulting kindergartners, he added that she cannot call herself a teacher because she did not have a bachelor of education degree.



Source: <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/30395594>



# EP.2

## Thais overwhelmed by rising prices of food, necessities, poll shows

The poll was conducted between October 5-9, 2020 and involved 1,164 respondents nationwide.

According to the poll, the biggest complaint people have is that food and necessities are getting expensive, followed by low income, inefficient government administration, inefficient teachers and schools, and political conflicts.

The top five reasons the respondents cited for making these complaints were:

- Urgent need to solve problems;
- The problems are unbearable;
- They want their lives to be improved;

- They want the government to be aware of these problems;
- These problems have made them anxious.

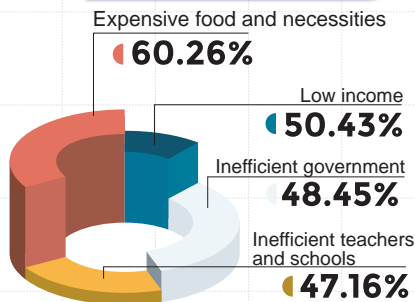
As for the top five persons who can solve these problems, the respondents chose the government, the prime minister, the people, related agencies and themselves in that order.

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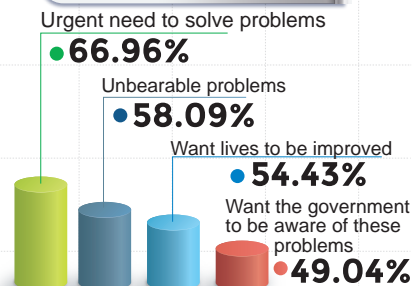


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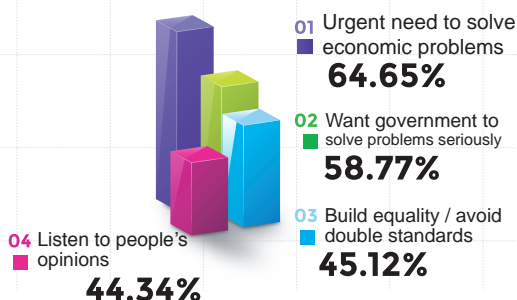
#### 1 The biggest complaints



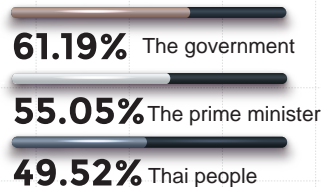
#### 2 The reasons of complaints



#### 3 How to lessen the complaints



#### 4 Who help to lessen the complaints



# EP.3

## “Generosity” of Thai People Today

Thai social condition has been changing in economy, politics and society. It also results in changing Thai people's livings. It has been found that there are more news regarding social problems, for examples: selfishness, lack of generosity. To reflect the

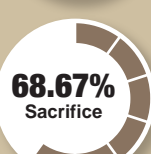
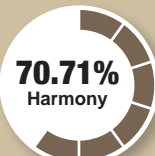
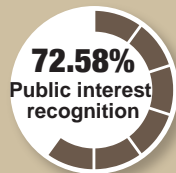
opinions of people against “Generosity of Thai People Today”, Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University surveyed 1,236 people throughout the country (online survey) from October 12-16, 2020 as follows:



### Why has the “generosity” of Thai people decreased?



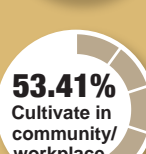
### What kinds of the “generosity” should Thai people be reinforced?



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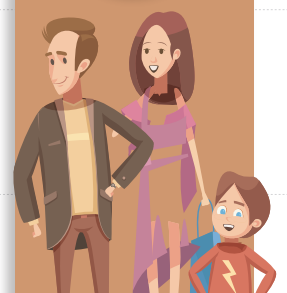
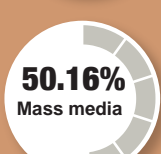
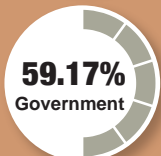
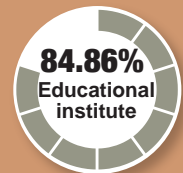
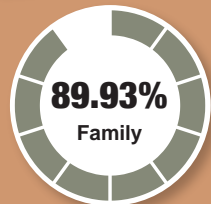


### How to cultivate the “generosity” concretely?



October 12-16, 2020

### Who/Which agencies should cultivate the “generosity”?



# EP.4

## People want govt to negotiate with protesters: poll

Most people want the government to seek immediate negotiations with the protesters and not to buy time amid the current political conflict, according to an opinion survey by Suan Dusit University, or Suan Dusit Poll.

The poll was conducted on October 19-22, 2020 on 5,738 people throughout the country to compile their opinions on the ongoing political protests in Bangkok and other provinces.

Asked why the numbers of political rallies have increased, with the respondents allowed to give more than one answer, the answers varied as follows:

- The protesters are not satisfied with the prime minister's handling of the country's administration (66.23%);
- The protesters want democracy and an end to dictatorial power (49.85%);
- The two sides in conflict are fighting for political power (48.42%);
- The people want to see a rapid amendment to the constitution (47.11%); and
- The government has performed poorly (44.15%).

Asked what they want to tell the government in the wake of political protests, the responses varied as follows:

- The government should immediately seek negotiations with the protesters and not to buy time (72.37%);
- It should not use violence against the protesters (61.69%);
- It should listen to the voice of the people and the protesters (60.43%);
- The protests are in line with democratic principles (57.41%); and
- The protesters are exercising their rights and freedoms (53.09%).



At the same time, the respondents want the protesters not to become a tool of any political groups (73.31%); to be careful about Covid-19 (65.97%); to avoid resorting to violence (63.85%); to respect the law (60.67%); and to avoid infringing on the monarchy (60.41%).

Asked to suggest ways of ending the political protests, 61.44% said the two sides must not use violence; 57.90% said the government must show sincerity in addressing the protesters' concerns; 56.58% said both sides should seek a truce via negotiations; 49.54% said the two sides must listen to one another's opinions; and 44.09% said the two sides must be flexible and step back.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2007935/people-want-govt-to-negotiate-with-protesters-suan-dusit-poll>



# EP.5

## Parliamentary debate on political crisis was ‘futile’: poll

A majority of people see the debate without a vote in a special parliamentary session on October 26-27, 2020 to seek a solution to the political crisis as a futile, saying Thai politics will remain unchanged and conflicts will continue, according to an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University

The poll was conducted online on October 28-30, 2020 on 1,035 people throughout the country following the parliamentary debate.

Asked to select “positive” outcomes from the debate, 57.20% said all parties had shown their attitudes more clearly; 43.93% said they were given a chance to voice their opinions; and 36.52% said the government had shown its stance in the conflict.

On “negative” results from the debate, 54.40% said the conflict would remain unchanged; 34.78% believed the conflict would escalate, and 10.82% said the conflict would continue, but less vigorously.



Asked to give their views on the debate, with the respondents allowed to give more than one answer, the responses varied as follows:

- 41.94% said it was only a government ploy to buy time which was unlikely to lead to any change;

- 39.00% said the prime minister would not resign;

- 32.32% said it was a political game;

- 31.93% thought it was an attempt to find a way out;

- 28.49% were of the opinion that MPs and senators should join hands to find a concrete solution to the problem.

Asked what effect the debate would have on the Thai political situation, 51.69% believed it would remain the same; 35.36% thought it would get worse; and only 12.95% believed it would improve.

Assoc Prof Rungpop Khongritchan, of the Suan Dusit University's school of law and politics, said the debate produced no concrete results, indicating that the Thai parliamentary system could not be relied upon in times of political crisis.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2012023/parliamentary-debate-on-political-crisis-was-futile-poll>



# EP.6

## How to live happily in sagging economy era

An economic recession impacted people's living. They had to struggle to earn their living and keep themselves and their families to survive. It's so difficult to live happily in this situation. To reflect the opinions of people

against "How to live happily in sagging economy era", Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University surveyed 1,374 people throughout the country (online survey) from November 1-6, 2020 as follows:



01

Does economy in nowadays increase or decrease the happiness of people?

- 1 Decrease **62.66%**
- 2 The same **34.72%**
- 3 Increase **2.62%**

02

What factors are important for people to feel happy?

- 1 Sufficient income **79.85%**
- 2 Healthy **74.41%**
- 3 Secured job **67.72%**
- 4 Warm family **66.54%**
- 5 Safe society **58.31%**

03

How do people make themselves be happy in the sagging economy era?

- 1 Decrease/Control expenses **70.80%**
- 2 Use Sufficient Economy Philosophy **50.99%**
- 3 Earn extra income **47.25%**
- 4 Do the favorite hobby **40.06%**
- 5 Work out **39.10%**

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Which measurement of the government makes people be happier?

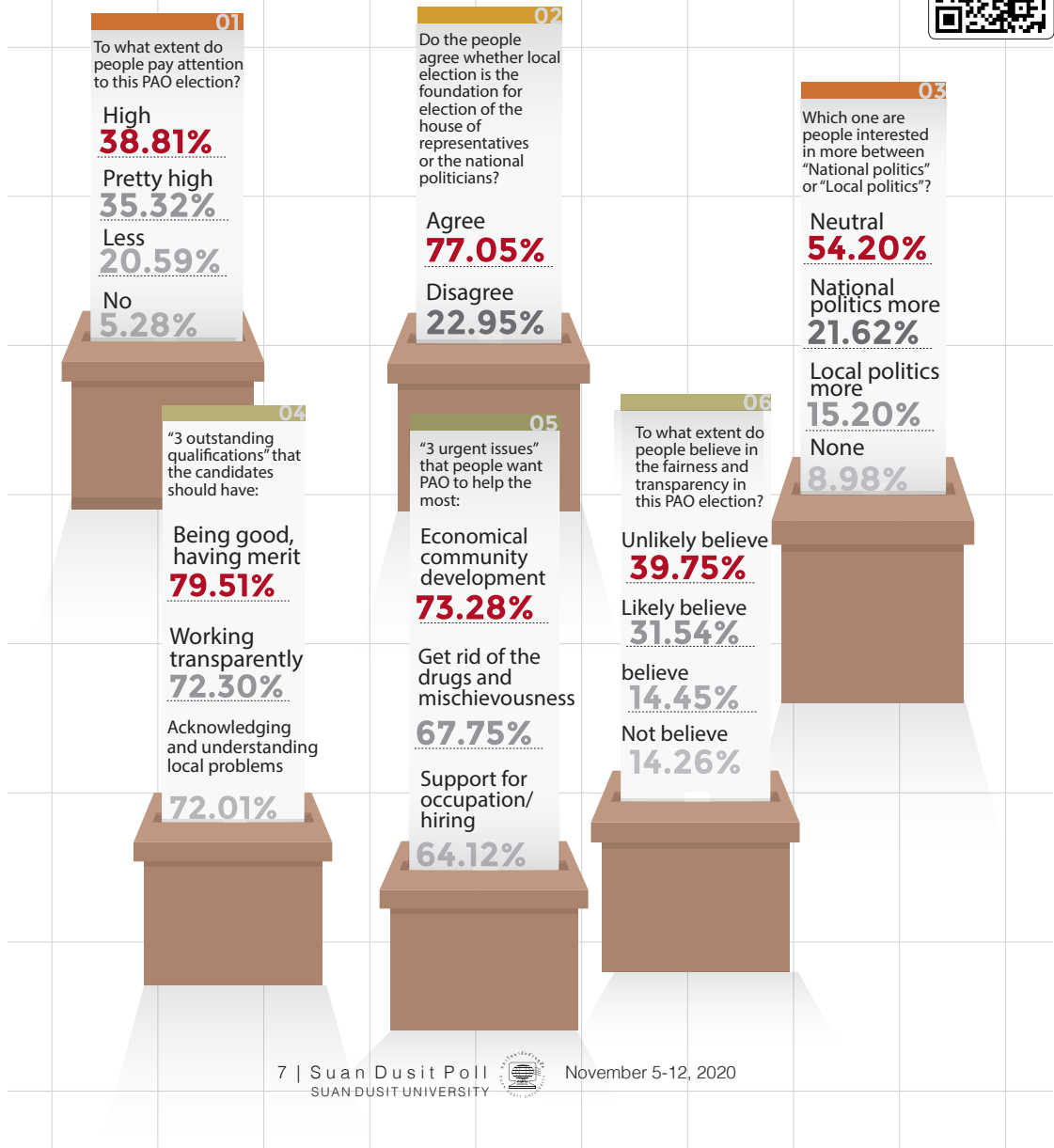
- 1 Decrease public utilities **63.81%**
- 2 Income compensation **52.68%**
- 3 Loan payment holiday **44.05%**
- 4 Half-Half Co Payment Project **36.03%**
- 5 Debt payment postponement and tax reduction **33.46%**

# EP.7

## People opinions against the 1<sup>st</sup> PAO election in a six-year term

The Election Commission of Thailand (ECT) set the election date of Provincial Administration Organization (PAO) on December 20, 2020. It was the first PAO election in a six-year term after a long-time intervention. This election focused on the good governance and transparency. The candidates shall comply

with the rules and regulations. To reflect the opinions of people, Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University surveyed 1,059 people who had rights for election of PAO throughout the country (online survey) from November 5 - 12, 2020 as follows:



# EP.8

## Thais hope new US president will be good leader: poll

Most Thai people closely followed the presidential election in the United States and hope the new president will be a good leader for his country and the world, according to an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University

The poll was conducted online on November 13-18, 2020 on 1,038 people throughout the country.

A majority, 89.98%, were interested -- 58.38% moderately and 31.60% highly -- in the US presidential election and followed the election news, while 10.02% were not interested.

When asked why the US presidential election was interesting to them, with respondents allowed to give more than one answer, 73.80% said the election has significant impact on the world economy; 60.75% said the US is a world superpower; and 49.17% said they wanted to know who would win.

Asked how they thought the Thai economy would fare after the US presidential election,

48.36% thought it would improve; 47.11% believed it would stay the same; and 4.53% thought it would get worse.

Asked what lessons from the US presidential election could apply to Thai politics and society, with respondents allowed to give more than one answer, 60.84% pointed to the election of a country's leader by the people; 56.74% the people's high awareness of their right to vote; and 53.42% the democratic system.

Finally, most of the respondents -- 64.73% -- wanted whoever is the new US President to be a good leader for his country and the world; 61.48% wanted him to forge friendships and good relations with other countries; and 57.73% wanted him to refrain from taking advantage of and suppressing other countries while adhering to human rights principles.



Source: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2023743/thais-hope-new-us-president-to-be-good-leader-suan-dusit-poll>



# EP.9

## What Thais “want to learn” in 2020

The world has rapidly changed. It affected directly to the people's ways of life. People in this era always had to adapt and develop themselves by increasing the new skills to use in their works and their life. To reflect the opinions of people, “Suan Dusit Poll”, Suan Dusit University surveyed 1,089 people throughout the country (online survey) about what Thais “want to learn” in 2020 from November 23-26, 2020 as follows:



01

### “5 issues” that Thais want to learn more:

Technology	65.63%
Health care	60.11%
Knowledge about earning incomes	51.47%
How to solve sudden problem/Survival	47.79%
Language	43.29%

02

### Now Thais have to learn something more, for what?

For a better life	66.82%
For getting modernized	52.59%
For a better job	50.74%
For working	46.40%
For additional incomes	45.66%

03

### Method/How to learn:

From YouTube continually	68.81%
Online	61.09%
Practice/Do it	51.06%

04

### The training agency that people want to learn:

Professional training institution	58.36%
Government sector	55.04%
Private sector	46.07%

05

### Appropriate duration for training:

Approximately 1 day	37.33%	Approximately half a day	37.33%
Approximately 2 days	22.36%	More than 2 days	18.33%

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### Appropriate fee rate /rate willing to pay:

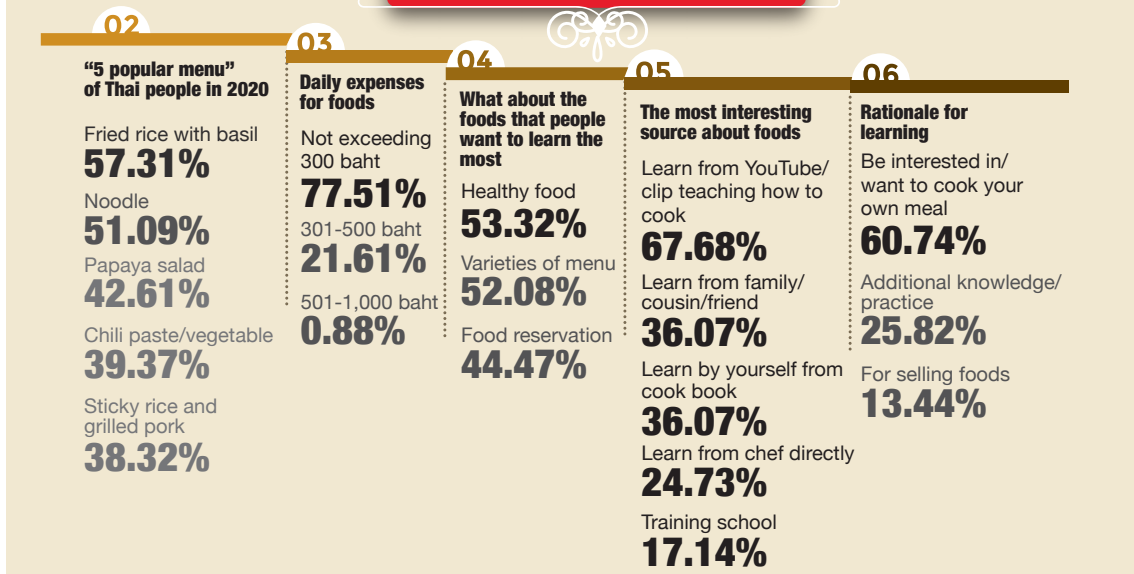
Approximately 1,000 baht	68.41%	Approximately 2,000 baht	24.27%
Approximately 3,000 baht	7.32%		

# EP.10

## Thai People's foods in 2020

In 2020, there were incidents impacting Thai people's way of life enormously in connection with economy, politics and society. Especially in Covid-19 situation, they also affected to the behaviors of Thai People's foods. To reflect the

opinions of people, Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University surveyed 1,144 people throughout the country (online survey) against "Thai People's foods in 2020" from December 1-3, 2020 as follows:





## Covid-19 biggest worry for New Year celebrations: poll

Covid-19 is by far the biggest worry for Thais over the upcoming New Year celebrations, followed by the poor economy and their own financial problems, according to a survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 1,277 people throughout the country on December 4-10, 2020 to gauge their travel plans over the New Year holiday.

Asked to mention factors they thought could affect their travel plans during the New Year -- with each respondent allowed to give more than one answer -- the Covid-19 pandemic came first with 92.71%, followed by the economy at 56.74%; their own financial problems at 56.74%; traffic conditions at 37.62%; and differences of opinion among family members at 32.52%.

On their favourite travel destinations, Chiang Mai came first with 31.67%; Bangkok 22.77%; Chon Buri 20.42%; Nan 12.83%; and Chiang Rai 12.31%.

Asked what they wanted the government to do to promote tourism over the holiday, 76.40% mentioned measures to prevent

Covid-19 transmission; 56.33% cited measures to prevent and cope with tourism-related accidents; 50.75% wanted the government to provide subsidies for lodging and air fares; 44.22% said the government should allow travel expenses to be used as tax deductions; and 42.96% said the government should issue discount coupons for tourism.

Asked to mention five travelling "behaviors" they would change during the coming New Year, 83.56% said they would be more careful; 68.13% would avoid crowded locations; 66.88% said they would be more selective about travel destinations; 58.65% said they would visit tourist spots nearer their homes; and 33.67% said they would try to make one-day trips without staying overnight.

On their average travel expenses per year, 26.17% said they spend from 10,001-20,000 baht for travel; 23.72% 5,000-10,000 baht; 18.81% 20,001-30,000 baht; 17.23% more than 30,000 baht; and 14.07% less than 5,000 baht.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2034563/covid-19-biggest-worry-for-new-year-celebrations-poll>





# EP.12

## Thais take better care of health in 2020: poll

Beset by various problems in 2020, Thai people have been taking better care of their health, according to an opinion survey conducted by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on December 12-17, 2020 on 1,135 people throughout the country to compile their opinions on health issues after the physical and mental onslaught by economic, social and political problems, as well as Covid-19 and PM 2.5 dust.

Asked how closely they have monitored their health this year, 68% said they have paid more attention to it; 28.90% said about the same as before; and 3.00% said they have taken less care of their health.

Asked how worried they are about their, 67.75% said have become more concerned; 28.02% said there had been no change; and 4.23% are less concerned.

Regarding the cost of their healthcare, 59.38% said their medical expenses have increased; 37.97% reported no change; and 2.65% said they have spent less on it.

Asked to mention their biggest health concerns this year, the top five replies were: protecting themselves from Covid-19 (89.48%); nutrition (68.52%); exercise (62.33%); food supplements (52.08%); and avoidance of PM 2.5 dust (47.83%).

Asked what they'd like to know more about concerning their health, with each respondent allowed to give more than one answer, their answers were: healthcare techniques (71.98%); prevention from Covid-19 (69.69%); prevention from various diseases (62.56%); quality sleep (53.39%); and how to maintain mental health (46.34%).

Pornphan Buathong, an analyst at Suan Dusit Poll, said the results indicate that Thai people have taken better care of their health, looking after themselves and not wanting become a burden for other people while their country has been plagued with economic, political and social problems, augmented by Covid-19 and PM 2.5 dust.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2038375/thais-take-better-care-of-health-in-2020-suan-dusit-poll>



# EP.13

## What people received from PAO election in 2020

After finishing Provincial Administration Organization (PAO) election, many people had been rooting for election results. There were many the old and new politicians had a chance to develop the provincial areas and take care

of the people directly. To reflect the opinions of people who had voting rights, Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University surveyed 1,135 people (online survey) from December 23 - 25, 2020 as follows:



### 01 What do people think about PAO election this time?

There had no election for a long time

**68.40%**

Local election is the foundation of national politics

**58.44%**

Competitions are high in many areas

**48.20%**

There are lots of independent candidates/new generations

**41.83%**

The election results can be anticipated in their own areas.

**41.83%**

### 02 What did people get in this PAO election?

Utilize the rights to vote in the elections

**81.11%**

Choose the favorite candidates to administrate the provinces

**62.31%**

Express their views in democracy

**60.19%**

Reserve their rights

**58.34%**

New generations, independent candidates participate more in local politics

**34.07%**

### 03 "Pros" of this PAO election:

Give a chance to Thai people for local elections

**81.79%**

More politicians, popular/famous people participate in local politics

**47.89%**

More new generations come to be candidates

**45.02%**

Election voting period are prolonged to 17.00 p.m.

**42.42%**

Election campaign advertisement with one line policy/slogan

**25.47%**

### 04 "Cons" of this PAO election:

There is corruption

**53.65%**

No election voting in advance

**48.48%**

Less public relation in various media for election

**42.69%**

Be trouble in going to vote in some areas because of Covid-19, flooding

**39.13%**

A little bit different of election campaign advertisement between Chief Executive of the PAO and Member of the House of PAO

**37.97%**



# EP.14

## “The Winning of the Year, 2020”

“Suan Dusit Poll” Suan Dusit University surveyed the people’s opinions against “The Winning of the Year” continuously every year, covering politics, economy, and society aspects. It reflected in the agencies and the persons who were relevant to our daily life all over 2020. The first step of the surveys was the open ended question. Every respondent could answer the favorite things. Then the answer having top score would be used as multiple choice answers to be chosen by the respondents again. And they would be summarized to reflect the way of life and the anticipation of Thai people. In 2020, 8,085 people in all occupations throughout the country were surveyed (online survey) from December 26-30, 2020. The people opinions are as follows:



The special happiness of Thai people in 2020 was that his Majesty the King Rama X, the Queen, and the members of the royal family had greeted and spoken to the people who had been waiting for greeting them intimately.

### The general incident that caused people being most “happiness” and “sadness”

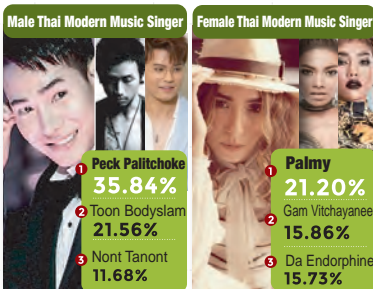
#### The “happiness” incidents in Thailand

- 01 Thai people cooperated to prevent Covid-19 by “Stay at home to stop the spread of Covid-19 for the country” **20.54%**
- 02 The medical personals coped with Covid-19 situation well **18.76%**
- 03 The weather is cold / facing the cold weather **17.40%**

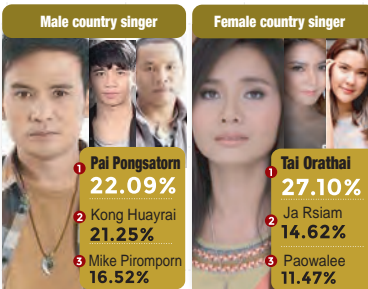
#### The “sadness” incidents in Thailand

- 01 Covid-19 pandemic **37.09%**
- 02 Economic depression, a lot of unemployment **19.90%**
- 03 A mass shooting in Korat **13.91%**

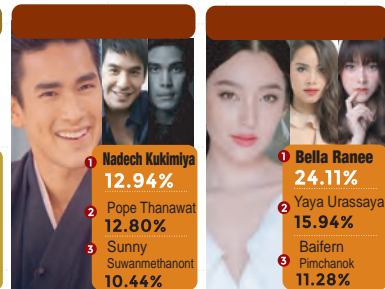
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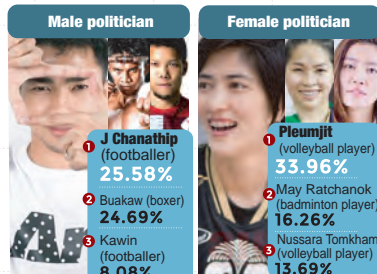
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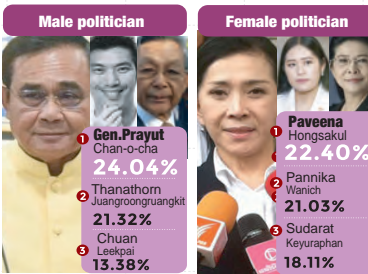
#### The most “favorite” “actor-actress”



#### The most “favorite” “male-female athlete”



#### The most “favorite” “male-female politician”



#### The most “favorite” “educator”



#### The hope in B.E. 2564

Mitigation of Covid-19/  
Having vaccination **37.18%**  
The country has peace, harmony, and democracy **28.30%**  
The economy gets better. People have good-living. **20.96%**



# EP.15

## “Thai children” in people’s perspectives

The National Children’s Day is for people to pay attention to the children and encourage the children to realize about their roles. In our country, the National Children’s Day was on Saturday January 9, 2021. Because of Covid-19

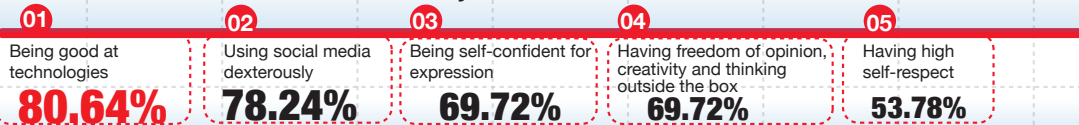
situation, there was no event. To reflect the opinion of people, Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University surveyed the people’s opinions against Thai children 1,059 recipients (online survey) from January 4-8, 2021 as follows:



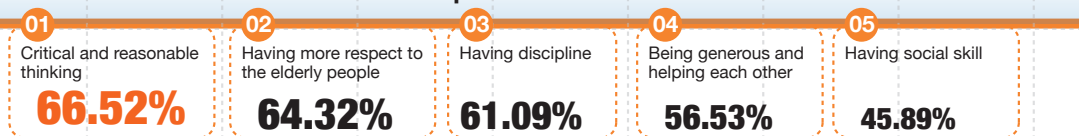
### 1. “Thai Children in nowadays” in people’s perspectives:



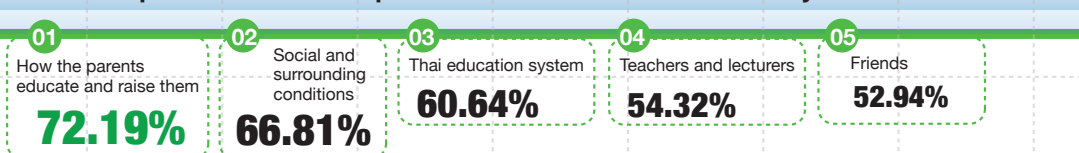
### 2. “Pros” of Thai children in nowadays:



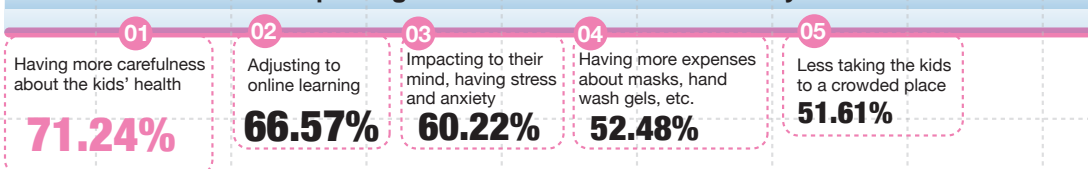
### 3. What Thai children should develop more?



### 4. What impacts to the development of “Thai children in nowadays”?



### 5. How does Covid-19 impact against “Thai children in nowadays”?





# EP.16

## Thai Teacher Index in 2020 “Teachers in Covid-19 Era”

“Suan Dusit Poll”, Suan Dusit University has conducted the “Confidence in Thai teachers” index in 2020 by surveying the people’s opinions in all occupations all over the country for 4,147 recipients from January 11-15, 2021. We focused on 30 indicators, signifying on confidence in Thai teachers regarding the personality, community and professional development, altogether with the country development in 2020. Each indicator has full 10 point, running from the highest point to the lowest point as follows:

**01** The people have given higher rating for the confidence in “Thai teacher index” in 2020 than the last year. Total score 7.35 from 10.

**7.35**  
**10**



**02** The people have rated 30 indicators of “Thai Teacher Index” from 10 to 1 as follows:

Personality: appropriate dress for occupation	<b>7.70</b>
Good relationship, getting along with communities and people	<b>7.60</b>
Have merit and ethics of teacher	<b>7.58</b>
Be modern/ up to date and knowledgeable	<b>7.56</b>
Take care of the students	<b>7.53</b>
Not take advantage others and be generous	<b>7.51</b>
Be honest and trustworthy	<b>7.50</b>
Be sympathetic and generous	<b>7.50</b>
Have good behavior and morality	<b>7.48</b>
Be an idol for students and the people nearby	<b>7.47</b>

Be hard-working and patient	<b>7.47</b>
Have ideology, consciousness and loving in teacher occupation	<b>7.45</b>
Reliability in practices against society	<b>7.45</b>
Sacrifice for duty and performance	<b>7.44</b>
Have good attitude and understand the students	<b>7.42</b>
Teaching competency	<b>7.40</b>
Responsibility to juvenile and society	<b>7.40</b>
Learning and developing in new technologies	<b>7.38</b>
Study and do research for developing the competency	<b>7.37</b>
Get participation and help community and society	<b>7.53</b>

Be healthy	<b>7.35</b>
Have leadership	<b>7.34</b>
Be interested in developing community, society and the country	<b>7.33</b>
Speak politely to students	<b>7.28</b>
Be willing to teach the students in class	<b>7.26</b>
Forgiveness, no anger, no revenge	<b>7.24</b>
Emotional expression and control	<b>7.13</b>
New knowledge promulgation	<b>7.12</b>
Frugality	<b>6.87</b>
No debt	<b>5.95</b>

**03** “Pros-Cons” of Thai teacher in nowadays:



### Thai teacher’s pros

Have competency, potential, adaptable	<b>26.75%</b>
Use medium and technology for a better learning and teaching management	<b>24.60%</b>
Be diligent, patient, dedicated, sacrificing	<b>21.02%</b>

### Thai teacher’s cons

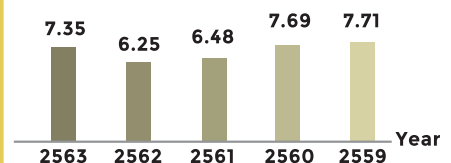
Low new knowledge. Be ignorant, unable to catch up the new generation	<b>23.57%</b>
No high relationship between teacher and student like the previous teacher	<b>22.07%</b>
Have high debt problem	<b>18.62%</b>

**04**

What do people think that “teacher in Covid-19 era should adapt?”

Learn, develop technology skill, and online media	<b>73.78%</b>
Use new technique and teaching method, develop media	<b>10.83%</b>
Pay more attention, love and understanding to the children	<b>8.39%</b>

The overview of confidence in Thai teacher index in 2019-2020



# EP.17

## “10 Happiness” in Covid-19 Era

Earlier 2021, Thai people had to confront with Covid-19 pandemic and politics, economy, society and their own problems. These caused stress and anxiety with the way of living. They had to adapt their thinking and living to make their life be happy during Covid-19 period. To

reflect the opinions of people against “10 Happiness in Covid-19 era”, Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University surveyed 1,136 people throughout the country (online survey) from January 15-22, 2021 as follows:



### “10 Happiness” in Covid-19 era

**86.92%**



01 Give your free time to do something that you want

**75.22%**



02 Be with your family to cook the food yourself

**56.10%**



03 Wake up lately, No rush



**29.81%**

04 Work out and take care of your health more



**13.08%**

06 Still work, Not an unemployed



**8.18%**

08 Medical personnel work well



**13.46%**

05 Adapt yourself with online world to develop your technology



**10.44%**

07 No bad traffic, Easy to commute



**5.03%**

09 Thai people have cooperated and been generous



**1.89%**

10 Natural resources have been restored

\* Remark – The respondents are allowed to give more than one answer (The percentages are calculated in each clause)



## Most Thais want Covid-19 vaccination: poll

A vast majority of Thais want to be vaccinated against Covid-19 but many worry about possible side effects, according to the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 1,570 people throughout the country during January 22-29, 2021.

Asked whether they wanted to be vaccinated, a majority -- 65.99% -- said "yes" but they would rather wait to see if there are any side effects; 20.70% said they wanted to be vaccinated right away; and 13.31% did not want it at all.

Asked to identify the vaccine producers they had heard of -- with respondents allowed to name more than one -- 64.27% mentioned Pfizer-BioNTech; 52.55% Oxford-AstraZeneca;

51.66% Sinovac-Biotech; 35.10% Johnson & Johnson; and 28.28% Moderna.

Asked what concerned them most about getting vaccinated, -- with respondents again allowed to give more than one answer -- 82.71% cited possible side effects; 71.96% the efficacy of the vaccine; 54.67% the availability of vaccines for everyone; 44.17% the price per jab in case people have to pay for it themselves; and 38.60% the type and brand of vaccines imported by Thailand.

Concerning their confidence in the effectiveness of the vaccines against Covid-19, a majority -- 63.88% -- said they were fairly confident; 19.30% were not confident; and 16.82% were confident.

Asked whether people would change the way they look after their health after Covid vaccination begins in Thailand, 60.83% believed nothing would change; 35.54% thought they would take better care of their health; and 3.63% believed they would take less care.



Source: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2060055/most-thais-want-covid-19-vaccination-suan-dusit-poll>



# EP.19

## Poll shows support for legal gambling dens

The majority of respondents in a Suan Dusit Poll encouraged the government to open legal gambling dens in Thailand.



Poll shows support for legal gambling dens.

The poll was conducted from January 27-February 5, 2021 and surveyed 1,929 people.

Source: <https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/30402349>



**Asked about issues which caused the spread of Covid-19 (multiple choice):**

- blamed illegal workers sneaking into the country; **92.55%**
- blamed illegal gambling dens; **6.30%**
- entertainment venues; **63.36%**
- celebrities' party; **61.84%**
- travelling in crowded places. **60.58%**



**Asked about legal gambling dens' role in containing the spread of Covid-19:**

- said it would not help; **51.63%**
- said it would help; **30.12%**
- said they were not sure. **18.25%**



**Regarding the opening of legal gambling dens in Thailand:**

- agreed; **50.70%**
- disagreed **36.70%**
- said they were not sure **12.60%**



**Asked about the benefits of having legal gambling dens' (multiple choice):**

- said the government can collect gambling taxes; **81.97%**
- said it reduced the problems of extortion and mafia behaviour; **62.15%**
- said the government can monitor gambling dens easily. **58.14%**



**Regarding the respondents' interest in Thailand's legal gambling dens:**

- said they were not interested **50.70%**
- said they were interested **36.70%**



**Asked about the weak points of legal gambling dens (multiple choice):**

- said it would create more debt; **69.22%**
- said it was deceitful; **63.27%**
- said it would develop bad habits in the youth **61.79%**

## Authorities to blame for entry of illegal migrants: poll

Government authorities are to blame for failing to properly enforce the law and being corrupt, allowing the entry of illegal migrants that sparked the recent Covid-19 outbreak in the country, according to an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 1,295 people throughout the country during February 6-12, 2021 for opinions about “illegal migrants and Covid-19”. The respondents were allowed to choose more than one answer for every question.

Concerning the illegal entry of migrants that apparently set off the recent wave of Covid-19 in Thailand, 72.14% cited negligence on the part of law enforcers; 71.21% said the existing laws were flawed and carried weak penalties for violations; 65.63% said corrupt government officials were responsible; 44.04% cited the demand for labour by Thai businesses; and 43.27% cited the country’s labour shortage.

Asked what actions should be taken, the answers comprised: stricter enforcement of the law (68.32%); higher penalties for officials allowing migrants to enter the country illegally (67.39%); higher penalties on business operators hiring illegal labourers (59.63%); all migrants should be allowed to enter via permanent border checkpoints only (56.99%); and higher penalties for illegal entry (53.34%).

Asked whether they agreed with certain specific courses of action, respondents voiced support for the Labour Ministry’s plan to register illegal migrants as a “special case”, reasoning that doing so would enable them to work legally (63.81%); the ministry should have a transparent database on the number of migrant labourers (62.96%); employers and



business operators should strictly cooperate with the ministry (62.49%); registration of illegal migrants would help stop the virus from entering the country from abroad (54.40%); and registration should be carried out systematically (52.53%).

Asked their opinions on additional measures, the respondents suggested that Covid-19 screening points should be arranged in communities and at workplaces (60.71%); all migrants workers should be tested for Covid-19 (59.08%); an annual medical check-up should be provided for migrant workers (55.67%); migrant workers should receive necessary humanitarian assistance (55.43%); and officials should know how to take care of their own health and prevent themselves from the virus (54.35%).



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2067991/authorities-to-blame-for-entry-of-illegal-migrants-poll>

## Most foresee no change in Thai politics after censure debate: poll

A majority of people say Thai politics will remain unchanged after the censure debate but the public's confidence in the government would decline, according to an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 1,712 people throughout the country from February 17-20, 2021.

The no-confidence debate against ten cabinet members, including Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha, was held on February 16-19, 2021. All of them survived the no-confidence vote which took place on Saturday.

The respondents were asked to choose "strong points" and "weak points" of the censure debate, with each of them being allowed to give more than one answer.

On the "strong points", 52.64% gave credit to the overall performance of the opposition; 51.50% cited information made known to the public in the debate; 41.30% cited preparedness on the part of MPs from both sides; 38.60% said the two sides were given equal time to raise their points; and 33.19% praised the performance of the House speaker and his deputies.

On the "weak points", 71.26% pointed to protests made by MPs of both camps; 51.20% cited unclear answers made by some of the ministers being grilled; 50.62% said some debaters raised irrelevant matters and made unnecessary references to other persons; 46.98% said some MPs became emotional and used impolite language; and 42.40% cited exchange of verbal abuse between MPs in the chamber.

Asked what they thought Thai politics would be like after the debate, 55.40% said it



would stay the same, 30.28% thought it would get worse and 14.32% said it would get better.

Asked about public confidence in the government after the censure debate, 43.25% said people would have no confidence in the government; 23.28% said confidence would decline; 20.57% said it would remain the same; and 12.90% believed it would increase.

On the overall performance of both sides in the censure debate, the respondents scored 6.90 out of 10 for the opposition and 5.01 for the government.

Asked how they followed the debate, 43.81% said they did so on social media; 29.20% from the live broadcast from parliament; and 26.99% from television, radio and newspaper reports.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2071971/majority-foresee-no-change-in-thai-politics-after-censure-debate-suan-dusit-poll>



# EP.22

## Most support govt's Covid relief measures but want simplification: poll

A majority of people are satisfied with relief measures taken by the government to mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, but say there are too many conditions attached, according to an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on February 23-26, 2021 on 1,087 people throughout the country to compile their opinions on the pandemic relief measures.

In terms of satisfaction, 68.26% of respondents were satisfied -- 50.60% moderately and 17.66% highly. On the other side 19.69% said they were fairly dissatisfied with the measures and 12.25% completely dissatisfied.

The respondents were asked to choose the "strong points" and "weak points" of the measures, with each allowed to give more than one answer.

On the "strong points", 48% said the measures could help reduce hardships for low-income earners; 21.53% said the measures were flexible, showing the government's attempt to help the people; and 16.19% said the measures could help spur the economy and distribute income to the people.

On the "weak points", 52.34% said there were too many conditions attached, causing disparities; 33.19% said the steps people had to take to get help were too complicated and inefficient; and 6.81% said the measures would not solve problems in the long run and could leave burdens on the people in the future.

Asked to provide suggestions for how the government can best tailor the measures to help people, 71.72% said the measures should apply to all groups of people evenly; 62.38% said registration for assistance must not



be difficult or complicated; 61.37% said registration should not be required; 60.44% said use of technology and social media should be avoided with the elderly; and 59.52% said the measures must not put more burdens on the people and should allow them to spend the handouts easily.

The measures taken by the government to relieve people's hardships from Covid-19 include a discount on electricity and water bills for the months of February-March, co-payment programmes, the Rao Chana handout schemes and low-interest loans from banks.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2075835/most-approve-govts-covid-relief-measures-but-want-simplification-poll>



# EP.23

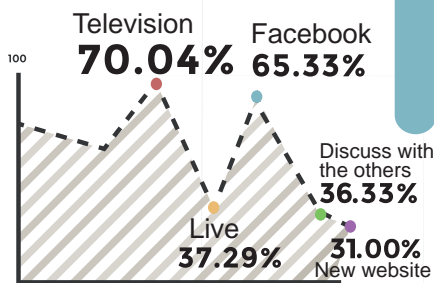
## Middle Point between mob and government

About political mob in nowadays, there were many issues that people were interested, especially the incident of the mob against the police. Many relevant sectors were concerned that the situation would be continued. To reflect the opinions of people and to help each other to figure out the solution, we should find

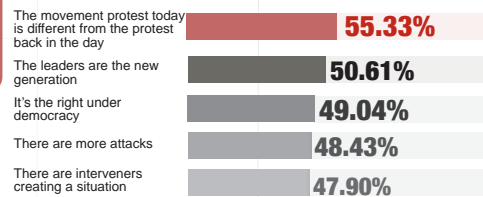
the middle point between the mob and the government. Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University surveyed 1,147 people who were interested in and followed the political news throughout the country (online survey) from March 1-5, 2021 as follows:



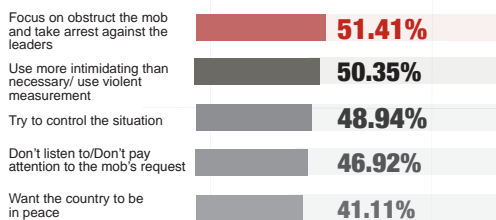
### What media do people follow the mob news?



### What do people think about the political mob in nowadays?



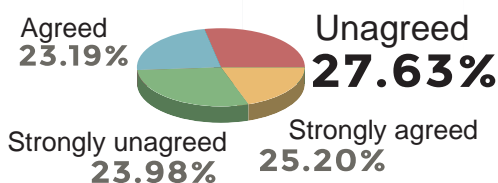
### What do people think about the government's reaction against the mob in nowadays?



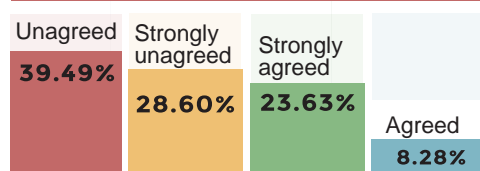
### What is the middle point between mob and government?



### The people's opinions against the protest today:



### The people's opinions of the government's reaction against the protesters today:



# EP.24

## Thais more in debt since Covid hit: poll

Thai people have had more problems with indebtedness and joblessness since the Covid-19 era began, forcing them to adjust their ways of life, according to the result of a survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 1,184 people throughout the country during March 9-12, 2021.

The respondents were allowed to choose more than one answer to each question.

Asked which problems have increased during the pandemic, 75.41% cited family and personal debts; 69.96% family members losing their jobs; 67.19% depressive disorder and stress; 36.02% quarrels and disagreements; and 30.30% divorces and separations.

On the positive side, 70.28% said Covid had made them more mindful of the way they lead their lives; 66.61% had more time to spend with others; 63.28% had more time to stay at home; 51.32% had more time to rest; and 49.36% had more time for social activities.

Asked what their family members do more of in the Covid-19 era, 75.17% said they take better care of their health; 67.31% said they kept abreast of the Covid news; and 57.09% said they had learned to cope with stress.

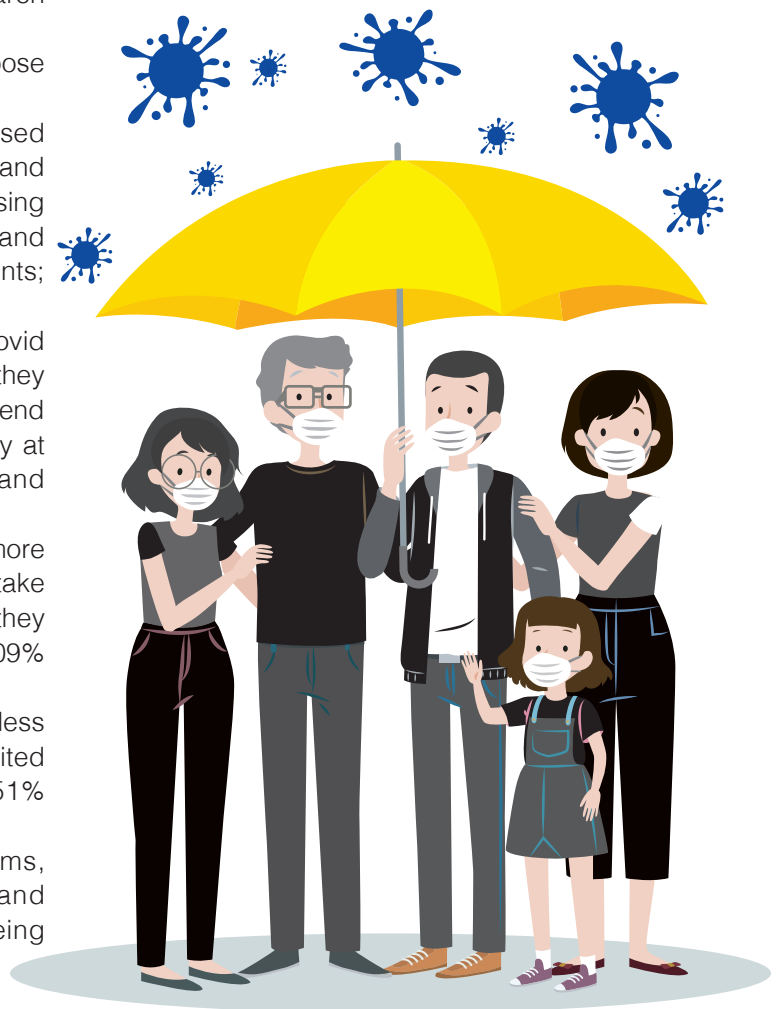
Asked what their families have done less of since the pandemic began, 63.77% cited travelling; 62.42% eating out; and 44.51% earning money.

Asked to rank their family problems, 44.27% picked inadequate incomes and additional spending; 20.31% fear of being

infected with Covid-19; 11.11% concern over job security; 9.20% more quarrels over various matters; and 7.64% children's education.



Source: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2083399/thais-more-in-debt-since-covid-hit-poll>



# EP.25

## Covid-19 takes heavy toll on employment, economy: poll

The Covid-19 pandemic has sharply raised unemployment in the country, putting people in financial trouble, according to a survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online March 15-18, 2021 on 1,155 people throughout the country. Respondents were allowed to choose more than one answer to each question.

Asked how their financial situation had been affected in the Covid-19 situation, 47.10% said their savings had decreased; 38.65% had to spend more on healthcare and protection from Covid-19; 36.40% had to spend less on clothes and cosmetics; 26.39% had to cut daily travel expenses; 22.59% had to pay more for daily food and drinks; and 22.49% were in deeper credit card debt.

Asked where they found the money to cope with emergencies, 55.23% depleted their personal savings; 42.57% borrowed from family members; 32.98% sought a bank loan; 27.70% borrowed from friends and close associates; and 26.56% used a cash card.

Asked how the rise in unemployment had affected them, 65.94% said it had caused stress; 61.51% said it was the result of a long economic downturn; 60.30% said it had sparked more crimes, particularly robbery and theft; 59.25% said Covid-19 was to blame; and 53.00% said it had caused family problems.

Asked what the government should do to solve the unemployment problem, 56.66%



suggested it should provide occupational training and promote supplementary jobs; 49.52% said it should quickly distribute handouts; 48.39% said it should provide more skills training; 47.08% wanted it to create jobs for the unemployed; and 46.30% said it should run supplementary employment programmes, pending permanent employment.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2087251/unemployment-caused-by-covid-19-takes-heavy-toll-on-economy-suan-dusit-poll>

# EP.26

## People worried by presence of migrant workers: poll

A large majority of people are worried about the presence of migrant workers, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, saying they could cause many problems, according to an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 1,167 people throughout the country on March 22-25, 2021 on the situation regarding migrant workers in the country.

The respondents were allowed to choose more than one answer to each question.

Asked how they viewed the presence of migrant workers in the country, 67.67% thought they might cause more disease outbreaks; 62.01% said they could take jobs away from Thai people; 59.09% said migrant workers are just seeking a better life; 58.15% thought their presence came from economic problems; and,

53.69% said the migrants could increase crime and threaten the safety of life and property.

Asked what caused migrant workers to enter Thailand, 69.01% pointed to higher wages; 67.12% said they could make their living more easily in Thailand; 63.78% cited hardships and difficulties in their home countries; 54.42% said they are striving for a happier life; and 53.48% said they came because of the labour shortage in Thailand.

Asked how Thailand could be affected by migrant workers, 81.41% mentioned the spread of communicable diseases such as Covid-19; 74.38% said illegal migrant workers could cause additional problems; 68.81% said authorities would be tempted to break the law by allowing illegal entry of migrant workers; 64.27% said Thailand would have to allocate a budget to look after migrant workers; and 59.55% said national security, especially along the borders, could be affected.

Asked what the government should do to deal with migrant workers, 75.16% said it should impose strict control on officials to prevent corruption; 72.13% said there should be long-term measures to prevent and cope with problems regarding migrant workers; 65.01% said border areas should be strictly monitored; 64.75% said the government should be aware of all possible repercussions; and 57.38% said it should set up more effective health screening points.



Source: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2090939/people-worried-by-presence-of-migrant-workers-poll>



# EP.27

## Most support govt's travel incentives: poll

A majority of people agree with the government's measures to stimulate domestic travel and the economy, according to a survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on March 29-April 1, 2021 on 1,265 people throughout the country.

The respondents were first asked how often they travelled for leisure before and after

Asked what travel stimulus programmes they were satisfied with, 80.47% chose special holidays; 79.13% the "eat, shop and spend" scheme; 67.67% "We travel together"; 67.58% the "tour, tie, Thai" scheme; and 63.25% the "kamlangjai" package tour programme.

Asked what they thought could encourage domestic travel, 63.40% said it was up to themselves, their families and friends; 48.93% cited longer holidays; 47.89% the reduction of



the outbreak of Covid-19. Before the outbreak, 39.37% said they travelled two or three times a month; 25.69% once a month; and 12.25% two or three times a month. After the outbreak, 59.29% did not travel at all; 24.74% travelled two or three times a month; and 6.40% only once a month.

Asked how often they travelled inside the country for leisure after the government introduced travel incentive programmes, 37.94% said two or three times a month; 31.46% did not travel at all; and 16.36% only once a month.

Covid-19 infections; 47.57% promotions offered by hotels and airlines; and 45.98% their own savings.

Asked whether they agreed with the overall domestic travel stimulus measures taken by the government during the Covid-19 pandemic, 75.18% said "yes"; 15.42% were uncertain; and 9.40% said "no".



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2094747/most-support-govts-travel-incentives-poll>



## Many will skip Songkran activities: poll

**M**any people say they plan to skip activities to celebrate this year's Songkran festival or are uncertain whether to join them while the number of Covid-19 infections is on the rise, according the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 1,324 people throughout the country from April 3-9, 2021 to sound out their opinions after the government announced that while the traditional aspects of Songkran should be maintained, the "new normal" practices to prevent the Covid-19 spreading must be observed.

Asked whether they would take part in activities organised locally, 43.88% said "no"; 33.31% were uncertain; and 22.81% said they would join in.

Asked what they would do to maintain the Songkran tradition during the pandemic, with each respondent allowed to choose more than one answer, 64.82% would perform a "rod nam dam hua" ceremony for elderly people in their families only; 63.28% would stay home and spend the time with family members; 53.66% would make merit by giving alms to monks; 52.50% would bathe their own Buddha statues; and 37.64% would conserve Thai traditions.

On individual spending during this year's Songkran, 55.86% said it would not be over 3,000 baht; 25.49% said it would be 3,001-5,000 baht; and 18.65% said it would be over 5,000 baht. The average expected expenditure was 4,183.57 baht.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2098323/many-will-skip-songkran-activities-suan-dusit-poll>



## Most support govt's plan to create special holiday: poll

A majority of people agree with the government's intention to create a special, long holiday similar to Songkran to help stimulate the country's sagging economy, according to a survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on April 6-15, 2021 on 1,447 people throughout the country.

Asked how they viewed the government's plan, a majority -- 62.34% -- agreed with it, 23.50% disagreed and 14.16% were uncertain.

Asked their opinion about the number of existing holidays in Thailand, 53.28% said the number is appropriate, 32.34% said there are too many holidays and 14.38% said there aren't enough.

Asked which holiday is most important to them, with each respondent allowed to give more than one answer, most of the respondents -- 81.30% -- chose the New Year holiday, followed by 76.56% for the Songkran festival; 48.37% the Father's and Mother's days; 34.99% the beginning and end of the Buddhist Lent; and 27.41% the Makabucha Day.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2101355/majority-agree-with-long-holidays-to-spur-economy-suan-dusit-poll>



## Most Thais doubt govt can cope with Covid outbreak: poll

A majority of people doubt the government can cope with the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic currently rolling across the country, according to an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online between April 16-22, 2021 on 2,082 people throughout the country to compile their opinions on measures being taken by the government to deal with the pandemic.

When asked for their views on the current outbreak, with each respondent able to choose more than one answer, opinions varied as follows:

- 74.29% thought the virus was spreading very quickly;
- 67.56% were sympathetic with medical personnel and all who were working hard to stem the outbreak;
- 67.28% were concerned the government would not be able to cope with it or keep the situation under control;
- 63.58% said all must take care of themselves by staying home and washing hands; and
- 62.76% were concerned about the safety of their family members.

Asked to compare their current anxiety level with that during the two previous rounds of the pandemic, 68.40% said they were fearful and more worried; 19.60% were fearful and as worried as before; and 12.00% were afraid but less worried.

Asked to compare the three waves of the pandemic in Thailand, 70.51% thought the third was the most serious; 23.34% said all three

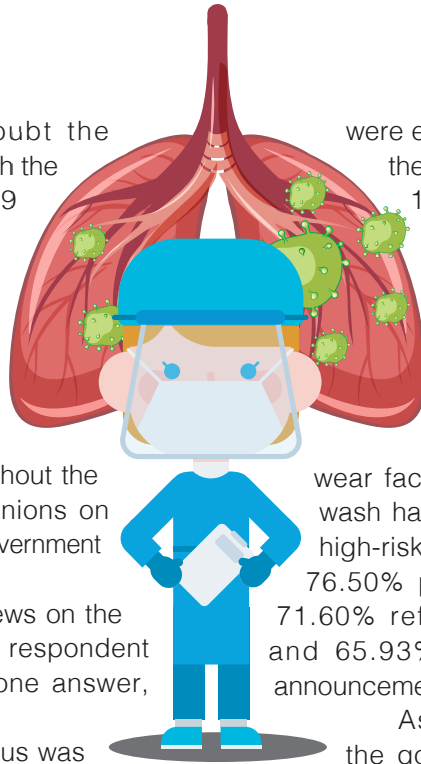
were equally serious; 4.47% thought the first was the most serious; and 1.68% thought the second was the most serious.

Asked how they can best protect themselves from Covid-19 in the third wave, with each respondent allowed to choose more than one answer, 83.90% said they wear face masks while outdoors and wash hands frequently; 79.72% avoid high-risk areas and crowded places; 76.50% practice social distancing; 71.60% refrain from going outdoors; and 65.93% strictly observe official announcements on health safety measures.

Asked whether they thought the government would be able to cope with Thailand's third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, 35.73% were uncertain while 25.08% thought it was unlikely to be able to do so. Only 39.19% thought the government would be able to cope with it.

About half of the respondents -- 50.58% -- believed it would take more than three months for the third wave of Covid-19 to subside; 22.19% thought it would take three months; 17.82% two months; and 9.41% one month.

Asked whether they thought there would be a fourth round of Covid-19 pandemic, 58.89% said "yes"; 37.61% were uncertain; and, 3.50% said "no."



Source: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2105179/most-thais-doubt-govt-can-cope-with-covid-outbreak-poll>



## Thais cook at home more during Covid outbreak: poll

Thai people have cooked more and are more health-conscious in their dietary choices since the coronavirus pandemic forced to spend more time at home, according to a survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 1,192 people throughout the country on April 26-29, 2021.

Most of the people polled, 70.94%, said they had given more importance to food now compared to before the Covid-19 outbreak, while 26.00% said they had attached the same importance to food as before. Only 3.06% said they had paid less attention to it.

Asked about their behaviour patterns around food since the outbreak after the Covid-19 outbreak, with each respondent allowed to give more than one answer, the replies varied as follows:

- 75.81% cooked more at home;
- 71.70% paid more attention to food hygiene;
- 59.99% chose only healthy food;
- 56.22% gave more importance to food packaging; and
- 49.86% were interested in foods believed to help build resistance to Covid-19.

Asked whether they believed food can in fact bolster the body's defences against Covid-19, 47.53% said "yes"; 14.57% said "no"; and 37.90% were in between.

Asked to name foods they believed could help build resistance to Covid-19, 55.09% chose food with herbs; 50.63% phat kaphrao (stir fried basil); 48.95% food cooked with ginger; 42.56% tom yam (hot and spicy Thai soup); and 32.30% kaeng som maroom (sour soup with moringa).



Asked about their spending on food during the pandemic, 39.42% said they were spending more; 36.69% were spending about the same as before; and 23.89% were spending less.

The survey showed that the respondents' average daily spending on food per head was 226.74 baht: 268.04 baht in Bangkok and 207.04 baht in other provinces.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2109147/thais-cook-at-home-more-during-covid-outbreak-poll>

# EP.32

## Most Thais depressed about Covid-19: poll

The new round of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has seen a surge in the numbers of infections and deaths, has led to feelings of depression in most Thai people, a survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University, reveals on Sunday.

The poll was conducted online on May 3-7, 2021 on 1,894 people throughout the country to compile their opinions on ways of dealing with Covid-19.

In terms of risk in the current Covid-19 situation, 41.55% thought they were among the average group of people regarding risk of contracting the virus; 22.18% thought they were in a high-risk group; 21.54% thought they were low-risk; and 14.73% were uncertain.

Asked how they felt while following updates about Covid-19, 82.47% said they felt depressed -- 46.04% to a higher degree and

36.43% at the same level as before. On the other side, 9.66% said they were not worried and 7.87% were less worried.

Asked which of their expenditures had increased since the Covid-19 outbreak began, with each respondent allowed to give more than one answer, 83.94% chose face masks; 73.84% hand sanitising gel; 47.26% water and electricity bills; 45.40% food by home delivery; and 44.07% medicines, vitamins and dietary supplements.

Regarding ways of coping with the new wave of the pandemic, 83.32% said they avoided going to risk areas; 71.96% maintained awareness in daily life; 67.63% followed health guidelines given by doctors or the Public Health Ministry; 65.47% followed information on the pandemic from reliable sources; and 63.15% kept themselves mentally stable.

Asked about their routines to survive the pandemic, 92.12% said they wear face masks while outdoors; 88.27% avoid high-risk areas or crowded places; 87.47% wash their hands frequently; 77.91% stay home and go out only as necessary; and 64.01% look after their health by taking sufficient rest and exercise.



Source: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2112719/most-suffering-from-depression-due-to-covid-19-suan-dusit-poll>



# EP.33

## Most think 'work from home' can help contain Covid: poll

A majority of people think the government's "work from home" policy for employees in both the public and private sectors can help reduce the risk of contracting Covid-19, a survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University reveals.

The poll was conducted online on May 10-13, 2021 on 1,553 people throughout the country to compile their opinion on the "work from home" policy.

The survey found that during the Covid-19 pandemic 42.72% of the respondents worked from home; 34.45% worked both from home and in their office; and 22.83% did not work from home at all.

Asked about their attitudes towards "work from home", with each respondent allowed to select more than one answer, 74.82% said they felt safe and thought it could help reduce the spread of Covid-19; 48.60% thought it was a way of cooperating with the government; 44.05% said it allowed them to have more time for themselves and their families; 40.53% said they did not have the necessary equipment to work from home; and 39.04% said they missed the office atmosphere.

The respondents were then asked about the "favourable" and "unfavourable" aspects of "work from home".

Concerning the "favourable" points, 88.33% said it would help contain the spread of the novel coronavirus; 70.19% said it helped reduce travel costs; and 60.73% said it was a way of giving the government a helping hand.



On the "unfavourable" points, 65.80% said they had to pay more for electricity, water and the internet; 62.08% cited insufficient work equipment; and 45.97% mentioned slow communication and responses.

Asked to compare between "work from home" and "work in the office", 37.17% said they liked both equally; 36.13% preferred to work in the office; 18.10% preferred to work from home; and 8.60% had no comment.

Asked whether they thought "work from home" could really help constrain the Covid-19 pandemic, 82.66% said "yes"; 13.14% were uncertain; and 4.20% said "no".

The average success rating of the "work from home" policy evaluated by the respondents was 70.33%.



Source: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2116535/most-think-work-from-home-can-help-contain-covid-poll>



## Most willing to get Covid jabs, Pfizer preferred: poll

A majority of people are willing to accept vaccines against Covid-19 as provided by the government, regardless of the manufacturer, although the Pfizer vaccine is preferable to others, according to an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 2,644 people throughout the country on May 17-20, 2021 to gauge their responses to the government's campaign to persuade people that Covid-19 vaccines are safe, effective and necessary for the country to attain herd immunity.

volunteers and government agencies; 17.36% information on television, radio and social media; and 16.63% the World Health Organisation (WHO) and world-renowned medical journals.

Asked which brands of vaccines they trusted most, with each respondent allowed to choose more than one answer, the answers were: Pfizer (75.11%); Moderna (72.14%); Johnson & Johnson (68.52%); AstraZeneca (65.89%); and Sputnik V (61.89%). There was no mention of Sinovac in the published poll.



Asked if they were willing to be inoculated with vaccines provided by the government, 64.39% of respondents said "yes", 22.30% were still undecided, and 13.31% said they did not want to be vaccinated.

Asked how much they knew about the vaccines, 57.41% said they had fair knowledge of them, 29.32% had good knowledge of them; 9.54% had little knowledge of them; and 3.73% knew nothing about them.

A majority, 56.49%, said they had registered for Covid vaccination; 32.39% had not; and 11.12% were still undecided.

Asked which sources of information about Covid vaccines were most reliable, 31.02% chose the Ministry of Public Health, health

Asked for their opinions on the country's Covid-19 vaccination drive, 59.64% said they still worried about side-effects; 57.24% believed vaccines would help build immunity and reduce severity of illness; and 48.46% wanted the inoculation process to be expedited.

Asked what would help build confidence in the vaccination campaign, 67.74% cited explanation from medical personnel; 52.13% information on the benefits, side effects and precautions about vaccination; and 51.86% reliable reports on the efficacy of the vaccines to be administered.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2120223/majority-agree-to-get-covid-19-jabs-as-provided-by-govt-suan-dusit-poll>

## 73% of Thais feel 'hopeless' amid pandemic - poll

About three-quarters of the population feel anxious and hopeless about their lives during the Covid-19 pandemic, according to the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 1,713 people throughout the country during May 24-27, 2021 to gauge the population's mental state in the "Covid-19 era".

Respondents were allowed to choose more than one answer to each question.

Regarding their state of mind, 75.35% said they were under stress and worried; 72.95% felt hopeless; 58.27% felt irritated; 45.19% frightened; and 13.50% were in a normal mental condition.

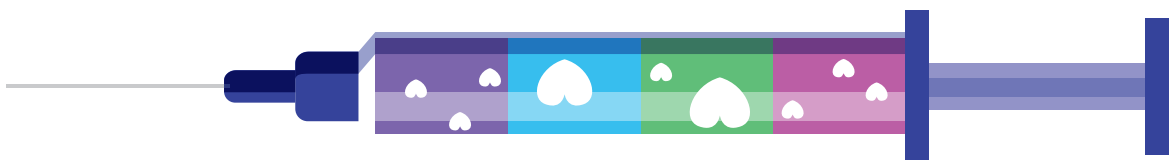
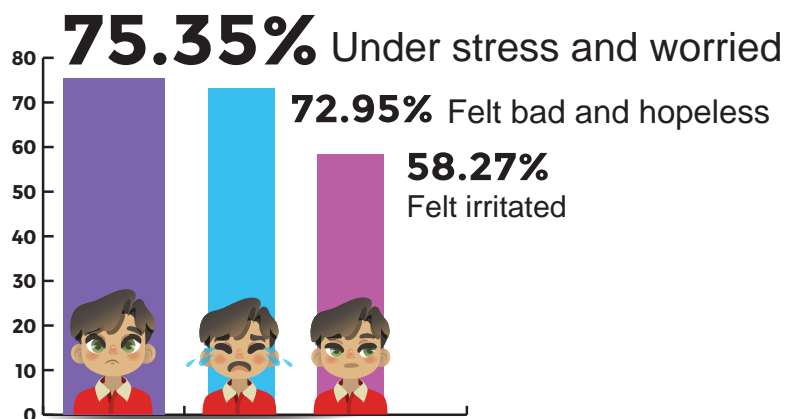
Asked about the causes, 88.33% cited the worsened Covid-19 pandemic; 74.53% pointed to the economic slump; 51.89% cited concerns over vaccination; 36.50% mentioned travel and traffic conditions; and 15.98% cited health concerns.

Asked what they wanted the government, state agencies and the private sectors to do to alleviate the crisis, 74.96% said mass inoculation should be expedited; 60.52% wanted all concerned to step up efforts to solve economic problems; 56.51% wanted them to give people clear, unambiguous information about Covid-19; 54.86% wanted assistance to those affected to be evenly distributed; and 49.91% wanted Covid tests to be carried out in all areas.



Source: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2123987/73-of-thais-feel-hopeless-amid-pandemic-poll>

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## TV most trusted source of info in Covid era: poll

Television is the most trusted source of information in the Covid-19 era, according to a survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 1,213 people throughout the country during May 31-June 3, 2021. The respondents were allowed to choose more than one answer to each question.

Asked through which channels they got information, 74.81% cited social media; 59.49% television; 34.13% private individuals; 29.66% news websites/apps; and 6.46% short messages on smartphones.

Asked to choose sources of information they trusted, 85.24% picked television; 69.33% academics/analysts/researchers; 67.56% government and private agencies; 57.79% newspapers; and 49.38% news websites of various agencies.

Asked how reliable their sources of information about Covid were, 52.24% said the information provided knowledge from various angles and in-depth analyses; 49.09% said some information also contain rumours, false news and exaggeration; 47.43% said information was published, shared and forwarded more quickly; 44.04% said there were many types of news to follow; and 39.57% thought many agencies had dramatised news, including crime news, in a way that caused people to feel dejected for commercial purposes.



Asked how they picked sources of legitimate information, 78.32% cited clear sources and references; 57.48% information from renowned and well-recognised agencies and organisations; 54.57% information backed by strong evidence; 50.17% information from government agencies with direct responsibility; and 49.16% information from academics or experts on certain issues.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2127667/tv-most-trusted-source-of-info-in-covid-era-poll>



## Majority doubt govt's Covid vaccination strategy: poll

A majority of people are not confident in the government's administration of Covid-19 vaccination plans and doubt its goal of inoculating 50 million people with 100 million doses of vaccines by the end of 2021 can be achieved, according to the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on June 7-10, 2021 on 1,450 people throughout the country.

Asked to comment on the government's policy to make Covid-19 vaccination a national priority, with each respondent allowed to choose more than one answer, 66.87% said the policy should be implemented as soon as possible; 62.44% said the issue was important and would affect people's livelihoods; 61.91% wanted vaccinations to be fairly expedited for all; 60.29% thought there should be a choice of vaccines with differing efficacy; and 56.27% said communications about vaccines must be clear, not confusing.

On their confidence in the government's vaccination administration, a majority -- 59.05% -- were not confident, with 36.36% having little confidence and 22.69% having no confidence at all. On the other side, 30.26% were fairly confident and 10.69% highly confident.

Asked whether they thought the government would be able to fulfil its goal of inoculating 50 million people with 100 million doses of vaccines by the end of 2021, 57.61% thought it was unlikely to achieve the goal and 42.39% believed it would be able to do so.

Asked to pick from a list of problems with vaccinations against Covid-19 in Thailand, with each respondent allowed to choose more than one answer, 77.87% said there would be insufficient supplies of vaccines and a limited number of manufacturers; 67.29% said people



were still concerned about side-effects of the vaccines; 65.56% cited a slow distribution of vaccines; 62.79% said information given by the government was not clear, causing confusion; and 58.58% said there was too much rumour-mongering and fake news.

Asked what should be done to expedite vaccination evenly throughout the country, 78.74% said vaccines from several different manufacturers should be imported, and in larger quantities; 63.92% said there should be an effective plan for the distribution of vaccines; 60.18% said the government must give clear information on the issue without frequent changes; 59.28% said risk groups should be properly prioritised for vaccination; and 56.79% said the private sector should be allowed to import vaccines.

Concerning the idea of allowing people buy an alternative vaccine with their own money, 55.90% agreed and 44.10% disagreed, with no reason given.

Asked whether or not they were interested in registering for an alternative vaccine and paying for it by themselves, 37.38% were not interested; 32.34% were interested; and 30.28% were still undecided.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2131611/majority-doubt-govts-covid-vaccination-strategy-poll>

## Most say online learning will lower education quality: poll

A large majority of people think online learning will worsen the quality of Thai education and the kindergarten level will be most affected, according to the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on June 14-17, 2021 on 3,749 teachers, parents and guardians, and schoolchildren throughout the country to gauge their responses to the Education Ministry's policy for schools to teach children online during the Covid-19 pandemic.

A majority -- 63.30% -- of the respondents thought the Thai education system was not ready for online learning and teaching; only 21.31% believed it was ready; and 15.39% were uncertain.

When teachers, guardians and parents, and children were asked what concerned them most about online teaching and learning, with respondents allowed to tick more than one answer, the replies varied as follows:

- Among teachers, 77.18% were concerned about the slow internet and insufficient electronic equipment; 69.74% worried there would be no-one to take care of the children when the parents or guardians were not home; and, 67.31% were concerned the children would not understand the lessons taught online.

- As for parents and guardians, 66.16% worried the children would not concentrate on learning and lack enthusiasm; 64.64% worried the children would not understand the lessons given online; and 61.65% worried the children would not be able to fully understand the lessons.

- Among the children, 74.25% worried they would not fully understand the lessons; 63.47% worried about the lack of interaction with friends; and 62.28% thought they would



not be able to learn as much as in classrooms.

- As for respondents among the general public, 65.80% said the children would not concentrate on learning; 61.92% thought the children would not understand the lessons; and 60.26% thought the children might lack necessary equipment such as a notebook computer and access to the internet.

- Asked how the quality of Thai education would be affected by online teaching, 68.52% said the quality would become worse; 25.40% thought it would be the same; and 6.08% thought it would improve.

- Asked what level of education would be most affected by online learning, 33.57% cited kindergarten; 33.77% the elementary school level; 23.51% the secondary school level; and 7.15% the university level.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2135303/majority-say-online-learning-will-affect-education-quality-suan-dusit-poll>

## Most think reopening country in 120 days not feasible: poll

A majority of people think reopening the country in 120 days as announced by Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha is not feasible, citing the severity of the Covid-19 pandemic, according to the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online between June 21-24, 2021 on 3,320 people across the country to compile their opinions on Gen Prayut's announcement the country would be reopened in 120 days amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

The results were broadly similar to those found by Nida Poll.

Asked whether it would be feasible to reopen the country in 120 days, 39.88% said this was unlikely and 21.64% said it was completely impossible. On the other side, 30.26% thought it might be possible and 8.22% were confident it would happen.

A majority of the respondents, 58.22%, said they disagreed with the announcement; 25.90% agreed with it; and 15.88% were uncertain.

Asked whether they would accept a higher risk of Covid-19 so the plan to reopen the country in 120 days can materialise, 51.05% said "no"; 26.93% said "yes"; and 22.02% were uncertain.

Asked what concerned them about the pledge to reopen the country in 120 days, with respondents allowed to tick more than one answer, the replies varied as follows:

- 78.80% were concerned about new Covid-19 variants;
- 71.18% said there might be more clusters of infections; and
- 68.41% said there might be a new wave of the pandemic brought from outside the country.

Asked what should be done in order to be able to reopen the country in 120 days, the answers were:

- 85.12% said vaccination must be expedited to build herd immunity;
- 77.06% quarantine and suppression of illegal border crossers should be tightened;
- 76.53% vaccination administration must be adjusted, with more brands of vaccines imported;
- 71.78% distribution of vaccines to various localities should be expedited; and
- 54.75% active case-finding must be stepped up to prevent Covid-19 spreading.

Asked what benefits reopening would have, regardless of whether they agreed with the 120-day timetable, the answers ticked were:

- 84.04% said it could push the economy forward;
- 61.73% said it could help accelerate vaccinations; and
- 50.10% said it could draw tourists from abroad.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2139239/most-think-reopening-of-the-country-in-120-days-not-feasible-suan-dusit-poll>



# EP.40

## Govt should source quality vaccines, allow private sector to import: poll

The government should expedite the acquisition of quality vaccines and allow the private sector to participate in order to be able to defeat Covid-19, according to the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on June 28-July 1, 2021 on 1,744 people throughout the country to compile people's opinions on how the government should respond to the rising numbers of Covid-19 infections and deaths.

The respondents were allowed to tick more than one of the multiple-choice answers.

Asked how Covid-19 had affected Thailand, 91.95% said the virus had damaged the economy, caused unemployment and hardship; 85.86% said new variants of Covid-19 were causing more infections and deaths; 81.78% said it placed them under stress; 78.28% said they had to become more self-reliant in terms of health safety; and 74.31% said the situation had become serious and might spiral out of control.

Asked whether they thought the government

had been on the right track in coping with Covid-19, a majority -- 66.05% -- said "no", 13.59% said "yes" and 20.36% were uncertain.

Asked what the government should do to defeat Covid-19, 87.25% said it should expedite the acquisition of quality vaccines and allow the private sector to participate; 80.16% said it should look for support in terms of medical personnel and equipment; 79.53% said it must stop the virus spreading and get control of risk factors; 78.09% said it must tell the people the truth and explain the real situation; and 75.20% said it should stop playing politics and show sincerity in tackling the problem.

Asked who or which agencies they wanted to handle the Covid-19 situation, 67.04% picked the Department of Disease Control; 65.16% the Ministry of Public Health; 49.88% the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration (CCSA); 41.13% the entire Thai population; and 32.31% the prime minister.



Source: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2143151/govt-should-source-quality-vaccines-allow-private-sector-to-import-poll>





# EP.41

## Poll: Bang Phli factory fire handled poorly

A majority of people are not satisfied with the government's handling of the chemical fire at a factory producing plastic foam and pellets in Samut Prakan's Bang Phli district on July 5, 2021 adding that more importance should be given to disaster relief work, according to the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

Asked what actions should be taken in the wake of the fire, 92.00% said all factories should be regularly inspected; 89.78% said the people affected should be compensated and all should undergo health examinations; 78.45% said there should be an early warning system and evacuation plans in case of emergency; 70.60% said local administrations should be put on high



The poll was conducted online on 1,266 people throughout the country on July 6-9, 2021. The respondents were allowed to choose more than one answer.

A majority -- 66.51% -- of the respondents were not satisfied with the government's handling of the situation. The rest were satisfied.

Asked to comment on the incident, 88.54% of the respondents said it was violent and destructive; 83.87% said there was a shortage of firefighting equipment; 82.13% said the response to the fire was rather slow; 76.68% said the death of a firefighter and injuries caused by the fire made them sad; and 41.58% said the cause of the fire should be quickly determined.

alert for disasters; and 59.11% said people should be educated about hazardous chemical substances.

On lessons learned from the incident, 69.99% of the respondents said the government should attach more importance to disaster prevention and mitigation; 68.96% said there should be plans to cope with emergency situations; 62.23% said chemical residues left by the fire must be systematically eradicated; 60.57% said central and local governments should have better coordination; and 59.94% said the master plan for the city needs amendments.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2146919/most-not-satisfied-with-govts-handling-of-bang-phli-factory-fire-suan-dusit-poll>

# Most see Covid situation as 'extremely serious': poll

A majority of people think the current Covid-19 situation in Thailand is extremely serious and will take at least two years to overcome, according to an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 1,702 people throughout the country during July 5-15, 2021 as the numbers of infections and deaths were rising but vaccinations were proceeding slowly.

Concerning the seriousness of the current Covid-19 situation, 60.93% thought it was extremely serious, 24.12% very serious and 14.95% fairly serious.

Asked when they thought Thailand would be able to overcome the crisis, 36.74% said it would take more than two years; 27.60% one year; 25.93% two years; and 9.73% six months.

Asked to name the worst aspects of the situation, with respondents allowed to choose more than one answer, 89.24% cited the rising numbers of infections and deaths; 81.08% said many medical personnel had contracted the virus, causing a shortage of staff; 77.71% cited the closure of businesses, leading to unemployment; 75.75% pointed to the slow vaccination roll-out and low-quality vaccines; and 73.75% said the pandemic was still out of control.

Asked what the government should do to tackle the Covid-19 crisis, 78.47% said the government must be sincere and not profit from people's hardship; 76.70% said medical personnel should be given quality vaccines as soon as possible; 75.04% said quality vaccines of various brands should be acquired for the



people; 74.69% said more active case-finding must be conducted and high-risk spots sealed off; and 69.97% said the government should stop playing politics and give the opposition an opportunity to help.

Regarding vaccination, 49.35% of respondents said they had not been inoculated, 38.84% had received the first jab and 11.81% had received two jabs.

Asked what brand of vaccine they wanted to get for their second and third jabs, the answers varied as follows:

- For those who received AstraZeneca for the first jab, 41.86% wanted AstraZeneca, 25.39% Pfizer and 24.22% Moderna.

- For those who received Sinovac for the first jab, 30.07% wanted Pfizer, 26.09% Moderna and 22.46% Sinovac.

- For those who received Sinopharm for the first jab, 50% wanted Sinopharm, 25.00% Moderna and 16.67% Pfizer.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2150727/most-people-see-current-covid-19-situation-as-very-critical-suan-dusit-poll>

# EP.43

## Almost half of Thais trust social media for Covid info: poll

Medical personnel and other experts provide the most reliable sources of information about the Covid-19 pandemic, but almost half the population trust social media, according to the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online during July 19-22, 2021 on 1,619 people throughout the country to compile their opinions on the flow of information about Covid-19, with respondents allowed to choose more than one answer to each question.

Asked what sources of information they thought were reliable, 65.30% chose doctors and medical personnel; 59.75% cited academics, researchers, experts and influencers; and 46.98% social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Asked what kind of information they found most valuable, 72.41% chose data concerning the efficacy and side-effects of vaccines against the coronavirus; 71.23% measures taken by the government in high-risk areas; 68.38% the number and location of available hospital beds; 62.49% methods of treatment and the results of studies and research on the virus; and 61.25% how to identify symptoms of Covid-19.

Asked how they assessed the flood of information, 43.99% said they were confused, 40.75% fairly confused and 15.26% not confused.

Asked what information they found confusing, 74.61% ticked the government's vaccine management, registration and postponements of vaccination appointments;



73.11% cited cross-vaccine jabs and third “booster” jabs; 72.23% the safety, efficacy and side-effects of vaccines; 66.23% closures of businesses and economic relief measures; and 55.53% restrictions on travel between provinces.

Asked how they had responded to information on the pandemic, 90.78% said they took better care of themselves; 81.07% took better care of other family members; 79.95% avoided leaving home or meeting other people; 59.84% looked for more information about protecting themselves; and 46.82% looked for ways of getting vaccinated.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2154415/almost-half-of-thais-trust-social-media-for-covid-info-poll>



# EP.44

## Most think free speech is restricted during pandemic: poll

A slight majority of people think their freedom of expression has been restricted during the Covid-19 pandemic at a time when many have questioned the government's handling of the crisis, according to an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The online poll was conducted on 2,121 people throughout the country from July 26-29, 2021.

end in sight.

Asked which channels they usually use to express their opinions, 69.33% said they did so in face-to-face conversations; 60.09% used LINE chats; 40.83% used Facebook posts; 38.61% used telephone conversations; and 17.22% used Twitter.

Asked how the right to free speech should be exercised, 73.38% said it should always be



A slim majority -- 53.99% -- of respondents said their freedom of speech had been curtailed, with 33.64% saying the restrictions were severe and 20.35% moderate. On the other side, 24.76% said they had considerable freedom to express themselves, while 21.25% said they felt somewhat free.

Asked to comment on the current situation, with each respondent allowed to choose more than one answer, 91.71% said the Covid-19 pandemic was of grave concern with many dying; 87.35% said the pandemic caused hardship and mental problems; 80.81% said most people had not been vaccinated; and 70.72% said the situation was critical with no

respected; 66.24% said people should be careful in exercising their rights; 65.04% said the opinions given should be constructive and suggest ways to solve problems; 58.47% the opinions should not be provocative or cause disunity; and 57.22% said opinions should be expressed within a proper limit.

Asked whether they agreed with actors, actresses and influencers expressing their opinions during the current crisis, 68.88% said "yes", 16.22% said "no" and 14.90% were uncertain.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2158047/most-think-free-speech-is-restricted-during-pandemic-poll>



# EP.45

## Covid dampens desire for local vacations in Q4: poll

**M**ore than a third of Thais would not take any vacations around the country in the final quarter even if the Covid-19 situation improves, a Suan Dusit poll showed on Sunday.

In the poll, 38% of respondents said they would make trips to local destinations in the final three months of the year if the pandemic subsides. Another 36% said they were simply not ready to travel, while 26% were uncertain.

Health and safety measures at tourism destinations were the most important factor in deciding whether to take a vacation, followed by financial incentives from the government,

free Covid-19 insurance and attractive travel packages offered by operators.

The survey by Suan Dusit University was undertaken from August Monday 2 to Thursday 5, 2021 on 1,195 people nationwide.

The third Covid-19 surge has brought the tourism sector almost to a standstill.

The Tourism Authority of Thailand had set a goal of 100 million local trips this year, but now expects the figure to plunge by half due to the pandemic.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2162019/covid-dampens-desire-for-local-vacations-in-q4-poll>



# EP.46

## Thais keep track of Covid infections, fatalities stats: poll

Thai people are most interested in the number of infections and deaths when following reports about the Covid-19 pandemic, according to a survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 1,270 people throughout the country between August 9-12, 2021 to gauge public interest in figures and statistics related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

number of people who had been vaccinated; 60.87% the numbers of new infections and patients who had recovered, for comparison; 50.75% the number of patients in serious condition; and 48.14% the number of beds available for patients.

Asked why they thought the statistics were important, 89.29% said they illustrated the trend of the pandemic's severity; 85.25% said they



Asked which channels they use to get information about Covid-19, 71.84% said they watch television news; 70.49% use social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Line; 56.49% use news websites and news apps; 45.17% get information from friends, relatives and family members; and 37.74% from the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration.

Asked how much time each day they spent following the situation, 40.95% said about 30 minutes; 31.98% one to two hours; 13.73% two to five hours; and 13.34% more than five hours.

Asked which statistics they were particularly interested in, 92.33% chose the numbers of infections and deaths; 65.96% the

served as a warning to keep their guard up; 61.93% said they helped them understand more about the Covid-19 situation; 61.06% said they gave the accumulated numbers of infections and deaths; and 46.23% said they could be used to formulate a plan on how to cope with Covid-19 and spending.

Asked how much the Covid-19 figures concerned them, 57.05% said they were moderately worried; 34.30% very worried; 14.42% not particularly worried; and 4.23% not worried at all.



Source: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2165571/thais-keep-track-of-covid-infections-fatalities-stats-suan-dusit-poll>



# EP.47

## People need more govt help with expenses in Covid era: poll

People want the government to help them cover expenses in the current Covid-19 situation, according to the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online between August 16-19, 2021 on 1,274 people throughout the country.

Asked to compare their expenditures before and during the pandemic, 40.22% said they were spending more to cover expenses; 33.60% said they were spending less; and 26.18% said it was about the same.

Regarding sources of income to cover expenses, with all respondents allowed to choose more than one answer, 83.57% cited both main and supplementary jobs; 46.78% said they had to dip into their savings; 44.34% cited subsidies from various government programmes; 26.26% used credit cards, cash cards and other financial services such as car-for-cash and house-for-cash; and 25.31% borrowed money from relatives and close associates.

Asked about their spending habits during the Covid-19 pandemic, 80.44% said they bought fewer luxury goods and adhered to a budget; 57.49% bought large quantities of goods at a time in case shortages developed; 56.47% bought goods at discounted prices during promotions; 53.71% ordered goods online; and 53.08% bought goods from shops running government welfare programmes such as RaoChana and co-payment.



Asked what the government should do to help them cover expenses, 86.41% wanted it to lower water, electricity, internet and fuel prices; 76.86% to lower the cost of living and control commodity prices; 71.64% to provide equal compensation to all; 61.85% to enact a debt moratorium and interest rate reduction; and 51.82% to make low-priced goods available in some areas.

Asked for how long they thought they would be able to survive in their current circumstances, 37.37% said three months; 30.32% three to six months; 19.68% six months to one year; and 12.63% one to two years.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2169267/people-need-more-govt-help-with-expenses-in-covid-era-poll>

# EP.48

## No.1 wish in Covid era: good governance, says poll

A large majority of people desire quality vaccines against Covid-19, want 100% of the population to be fully vaccinated and have very little trust in the government to solve their problems, according to the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

containing survival kits, food and drinking water; 63.64% subsidies for tuition fees and equipment for studying; 60.92% knowledge about Covid-19; 57.66% recognition and help for medical staff and frontline workers; and 48.23% reduction of utility prices, particularly water and electricity.

Asked to choose five wishes they thought



The poll was conducted online on 1,510 people throughout the country between August 23-26, 2021. The respondents were allowed to choose more than one answer to each question.

Asked to choose five things they most want to happen amid the Covid crisis, a large majority -- 84.12% of respondents wanted quality vaccines and 100% of people in the country to be fully vaccinated; 50.47% wanted everyone to have an equal opportunity to get treatment when infected; 43.24% wanted medical personnel and frontline health workers to get proper recognition; and 34.12% wanted people to be provided with medications and Covid-19 test kits.

Asked what they wanted most and thought they could realistically get, 67.44% cited bags

were not likely to materialise, 90.64% said they wanted a government free of corruption that sincerely tried to solve problems without playing politics; 89.29% visionary leaders who listened to people's opinions; 88.27% equality in society without big gaps between haves and have-nots; 85.94% a government capable of teamwork; and 77.71% proper state assistance for all groups of people.

Asked whom they could rely on in this situation, 68.39% pointed to themselves; 53.80% society as a whole; 46.06% medical personnel; 27.96% the government; and 25.04% the minister of public health.



Source: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2172971/no-1-wish-in-covid-era-good-governance-says-poll>



# EP.49

## Thai people's behaviors changed during Covid-19 era

Covid-19 pandemic caused Thai people to adapt and change many aspects of their behaviors. It mostly occurred from anxiety of preventing Covid-19 infection, taking care of their health and being unsecured financial status. To reflect the opinions of people, Suan

Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University surveyed 1,218 people throughout the country (online survey) from August 30-September 2, 2021 as follows:



# EP.50

## What did people get from the “censure debate”?

After the censure debate of being not confident in the Prime Minister and the Ministers individually with wholly passing the resolution, the critical current against the debate

was still the talk of the town. To reflect the opinions of people, Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University surveyed 1,306 people throughout the country (online survey) from September 6-9, 2021 as follows:



### “Pros-Cons” of the latest censure debate:

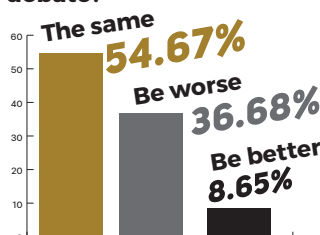
01 PROS	55.76%
Let the Opposition and the Government have an option to address their opinions	
The Opposition have reliable information proposing in the debate	44.31%
President Chuan Leekpai can control the debate well	42.59%
Make people catch up with the politicians	43.76%
Examine the government's performance	37.80%

01 CONS	50.82%
Debate impolitely and violently	
It's like playing game	49.26%
The government explain and answer the question unclearly	46.46%
Not creative politics	48.57%
So much objection, wasting time	43.20%

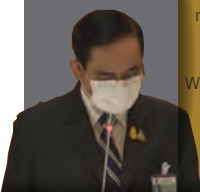

### What did people get from the censure debate?

02	45.29%
Understand the duties of the representatives of the parliament	
Know the politician more	44.44%
See pros and cons of the government	42.96%
Waste the time / Boring	40.62%
Understand the duties of the Opposition	39.61%

### 03 What did people think about Thailand after the censure debate?



### 04 What did people want to tell “the government” and “the Opposition”?

Credit Picture : The Matter	Government		Opposition	Credit Picture : ThaiPost
	Solve the problem about making a living of people	74.31%	63.79%	
	Solve the problem about vaccination	68.79%	58.21%	
	Work transparently and be able to scrutinize	66.90%	55.07%	
	Help people seriously	60.99%	54.52%	
	Listen to people	52.72%	52.40%	
			Scrutinize the government seriously	
			Help people who make complaints / are in trouble	
			Use the more apparent evidences	
			Cooperate with the government to assist people	
			Object appropriately	

## Open the top 5 “Thai herbs”, people know more in the covid era

Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University conducted online opinion survey across the country with a total of 1,428 people during September 13-16, 2021 on the topic “Thai herbs” in the eyes of Thais to reflect public opinion in the case of COVID-19. Thai herbs have gained more and more attention and popularity, such as phlox paniculata, white galingale, turmeric, etc. because it is believed that they may be able to build immunity against disease. The results are as follows.

1. “Top 5” Thai herbs that most people know about.

- No. 1 Garlic 92.96%
- No. 2 Citronella 92.89%
- No. 3 Andrographis Paniculata 92.61%
- No. 4 Ginger 92.12%
- No. 5 Pepper 90.01%

2. How much do people know about “Thai herbs”?

- Know some 82.22%
- Know very well 12.42%
- Don't know 5.36%

3. The COVID-19 outbreak making people more informed about “Thai herbs” or not?

- Increase 86.24%
- Not increase 13.76%

4. People believe that “Thai herbs” can be used to build immunity against disease.

- Believe 59.48%
- Believe some 37.63%
- Don't believe 2.89%

5. People believe it or not. “Fah Talai Jone” (Andrographis Paniculata) can be used to cure COVID-19

- Believe some 45.39%
- Believe 43.56%
- Don't believe 11.05%

6. How do agencies related to “Thai herbs” want to do?

- No. 1 Provide information on benefits and harm 83.35%
- No. 2 Tell about the clear properties of herbs 80.82%
- No. 3 Provide knowledge and create understanding for people 79.34%
- No. 4 Have an experiment and the certified research results 75.05%
- No. 5 Inform on how to use correctly, easy to understand 67.74%



## Less security in life, property in Covid-19 era: Poll

A majority of people say they are experiencing less security in life and property in the Covid-19 era, according to the result of an opinion survey by Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University.

The poll was conducted online on 1,172 people throughout the country during September 19-23, 2021 to compile their opinions on “threats to society in the Covid-19 era”.

Asked to compare between the time before the Covid-19 outbreak and now in terms of security in life and property, a majority, 72.78%, of the respondents said they were experiencing less security; 24.40% said the situation remained unchanged; and 2.82% said the situation had improved.

Most -- 54.46% -- were moderately concerned about this matter, 25.56% were very concerned; 16.81% a little concerned; and 3.17% not concerned at all.

Asked to mention the current threats to society, with each respondent allowed to choose more than one answer, 68.66% cited fraud, hacks, scams and gambling online; 65.24% mental depression and suicide; 62.60% fake news on social media; 59.86% theft and robbery; and 58.58% violence in media content,



leading to emulation.

Asked what had exacerbated the threats to society, 89.31% pointed to poverty, unemployment and poor living conditions; 87.94% the poor economy; 79.81% the government's poor handling of the economic problems and an uneven distribution of state welfare; 71.00% the Covid-19 pandemic; and 57.91% social disparities.



**Source:** <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2187911/less-security-in-life-property-in-covid-19-era-poll>



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### Abstract

Amid the pandemic of Coronavirus 19 or Covid-19 in 2021, Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University has conducted opinion surveys on Thai people from April to June 2021 encompassing 13 topics and 24,846 samples. The survey results have reflected on the behaviours of Thai people amid the Covid-19 pandemic into 3 dimensions, namely, 1) emotion and feeling towards Covid-19 situation – Thais think the third wave of Covid-19 pandemic rapidly spread in various areas, it is scared than the two previous pandemics leading to feeling stressed, worried, anxious, worse, and despairing, 2) social and way of life – Thais cling into more social media; however, they choose to trust television media more than other media. The more they addict to the news, the more they feel anxious and stressed. They spend a lot on surgical masks and alcohol, focus on cooking and eating at their home, and love to work from home and the workplace equally. Also, they think online learning for their kids are not ready, and 3) Thai economy – Thai people do not spend their money more even though the Thai government has provided monetary compensation to assist under various kinds of projects and measurements.

### Introduction

For 30 years, Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University has conducted opinion surveys on Thai people continually more than 1,500 topics, covering various issues such as politics, economy, society, education, sports, public health, and etc. Amid the pandemic of Coronavirus 19 or Covid-19, Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University has conducted opinion surveys on Thai people from April to June 2021 encompassing 13 topics and 24,846 samples. The survey results have reflected on the behavior of Thai people amid Covid-19 pandemic into 3 dimensions as follows: 1) emotion and feeling towards Covid-19 situation – Thais think the third wave of Covid- 19 pandemic rapidly spread

in various areas. People are scared more than the two previous pandemics. They get stressed, anxious, terrible and desperate, 2) society and way of life-Thais are likely to cling into social media. However, they choose to trust television media more than other media. The more they addict to the news, the more they get anxious and stressed. They have a lot of expenses on medical masks and alcohol. They focus on cooking and eating at their homes. They love to work at home and office equally. They think online learning for their kids are not ready, 3) Thai economy – Although the Thai government has provided financial assistance under various kinds of projects and measurements, people still have the same expenses. For example, they expected to spend money

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approximately 4,183 baht during Songkran festival. They believe that many holidays will impact their works and incomes. Special holidays can boost economy. And it is impossible to open up the country within 120 days but it will make Thailand's economic move on and Thai people earn their living.

### Behavior of Thai People amid Covid-19 Pandemic

From the Table 1, the survey results of Thai people's opinion amid the pandemic of Coronavirus 19 or Covid-19 in Thailand from April to June 2021 can be concluded into 3 dimensions as follows: 1) emotion and feeling towards Covid-19 situation are separated into 5 topics: the third wave of Covid-19, Thai people VS how to win Covid-19, Covid-19 vaccination, mental conditions of Thai people in Covid-19 era, the confidence of Thai people against Covid-19 vaccination, 2) Society and way of life – there are 6 topics as follows: Songkran festival in Covid-19 era, Thai holidays, Thai foods in Covid-19 era, Thai people's behavior on working from home (Work from home), news and information in Covid-19 era, and emotion of the teachers, the parents and the students against online learning, and 3) Thai economy – there are 2 topics as follows: economy boosting (tourism) in Covid-19 era and to open the country within 120 days. The details of the survey results and the analysis of each dimension are as follows:

**Table 1** The breakdown of the survey topics of Suan Dusit Poll from April to June 2021

Dimensions	Survey topics
Emotion and feeling towards Covid-19	The third wave of Covid-19
	Thai people VS how to win Covid-19
	Covid-19 vaccination
	Mental conditions of Thai people in Covid-19 era
	The confidence of Thai people against Covid-19 vaccination
Society and way of life	Songkran festival in Covid-19 era Thai holidays
	Thai foods in Covid-19 era
	Thai people's behaviour on working from home (Work from home)
	News and information in Covid-19 era
	Emotion of the teachers, the parents and the students against online learning
Thai economy	Economy boosting (tourism) in Covid-19 era
	To open up the country within 120 days

Source: Dusit Poll (2021, <https://suandusitpoll.dusit.ac.th/WEB/>)

### 1) Emotion and feeling towards Covid-19 situation

The opinion survey of “Thai people vs the third wave of Covid-19” from 2,082 samples on 16 – 22 April 2021, 74.29% thought the third Covid-19 wave had rapidly spread in various areas. 68.40% were panic and worried more than the previous waves; 70.51% thought the third wave is the most severity; 83.90% would protect

themselves by wearing medical masks and often washing hands; 39.19% thought the government was likely to cope with Covid-19; 50.58% anticipated that the situation would be better after 3 months; 58.89% thought the Covid-19 fourth wave might occur. Buathong (2021) analysed that although the people were used to the situation but they were still worried about the infection and its effect. Thai government was supposed to enhance the active measurements, conduct the Covid-19 test all over the country, and accelerate to get people vaccinated with effective vaccines. If the government delayed to handle it, the people were concerned about the Covid-19 fourth wave. Choedchoo (2021) said that the Covid-19 fourth wave from UK was more severe and easy to get infection. The investors and the foreign travellers chose to go to and invest in the countries which people mostly got vaccinated. Mass vaccination will lead to herd immunity. They did not select the country with less infectious people. Wichunphas (Poll talk, 2021, page 37) supposed that the best way for people to get immunity was to be vaccinated. But he wondered how people can reach vaccination because there were much more demand than supply. Corresponding to Pithukpakorn (2021), he said that to get vaccinated was only way to achieve herd immunity and reduce the risk of severe and acute infection. The vaccines should be the effective ones. People agreed that the vaccines was inadequate both types and quantities, comparing with all population throughout Thailand.

The opinion survey of “Thai people VS how to win Covid-19” from 1,894 samples on 3 – 7 May 2021, 46.04% who addicted to the news felt anxious and stressed more; 83.94% have spent a lot of money for the medical masks since the Covid-19 pandemic; 83.32% would not go to the risk places; 92.12% would always wear the medical masks. Buathong (2021) analysed that Thai people got worried more in a meantime. It was partly from the news, the Covid-19 getting more critical. Thai government was supposed to create the understanding and the confidence to people instantly. Chai-ngam (2021) had an opinion that the assistant measurements from the government was pretty delayed either diagnosis or admittance of the patients. There were limited of the medical personnel and resources. Thus, it had to rely on all sections' cooperation. People had to take care of themselves, especially for the vulnerable groups such as the elderly, the children, the pregnant women and the persons who had medical conditions. Corresponding to Thai Health Promotion Foundation (2021), the elderly was indicated to have chance to die if getting infection from Covid-19 more than other groups because of unhealthiness, low immunity and medical



conditions. It could be concluded that older adults were more likely to die from Covid-19 infection. Matchim (Poll talk, 2021, p.55) was of opinion that to win Covid-19, Thai people not only protect themselves and their families but also operate actively to deter the infectious spreading, cooperate on home isolation measurement and not scorn when the person in community getting stuck on home isolation.

The opinion survey of “Covid-19 vaccination” from 2,644 samples on 17 – 20 May 2021, 57.41% had knowledge about Covid-19 vaccination; 56.49% have registered the vaccination for themselves or their families; 31.02% believed that the most reliable sources were the Ministry of Public Health, the village volunteers and the government agencies; 75.11% trusted Pfizer; 72.14% trusted Moderna; 59.64% worried about the side-effects of vaccination; 64.39% decided to get vaccinated. Buathong (2021) was of an opinion that people were interested in vaccination more because the number of infected people got higher and the death rate has increased than the previous pandemic. Satsin (2021) said people had some knowledge and understanding about Covid-19 vaccine because they probably reached online information via television, as well as researches and academic contents, etc. Yuyen (2021) analysed that 75.96% of students were still doubtful if they should get vaccinated the vaccine provided by the government agencies, which higher than 35.61% of people in the same issue. It was correspondent to the information of the Department of Disease Control, indicating that people got the information of undesired symptoms from Covid-19 vaccines and commented more about the vaccine brands. It made people be worried more about getting vaccinated. (Health Literacy, 2021) Srion (Poll talk, 2021, p.73) had an opinion that it was important to make people realize, understand and be willing to get vaccinated as well as acknowledge about its side-effects. Thus, the people should be given the trust to get vaccinated throughout the country.

The opinion survey of “Mental conditions of Thai people in Covid-19 era” from 1,713 samples on 24 -27 May 2021. It was found that 75.35% got the most stressed and anxious; 88.33% thought that the more severe Covid-19 was, the worse their mental conditions were; 91.03% thought that how to take care of their mental conditions were to be careful and be conscious about spending their life; 74.96% wanted the government/ the government sectors/ private sectors to help the most by accelerating people to get vaccinated; 60.52% wanted economy to be healed. Buathong (2021) analysed that 3.79% of people felt “most discouraged/ unmanageable”. 4 from 100 persons thought they couldn’t

handle with it. Since Covid-19 has spread, suicide rate got higher. It was like Tom Yum Kung Crisis. Korlertvorapong (2021) said from Covid-19 situation, people got more stressed and anxious. It resulted in various kinds of mental health. The factors impacting to the stress and anxiety were from social and environmental factors. For example, the new wave of pandemic, economy and unemployment rate which being prone to be higher. It was correspondent with Decharin (2021). He said Covid-19 pandemic caused the impact against people’s mental conditions inevitably. Since it spread rapidly and severely. In addition, people were afraid that their families would get infectious unintentionally. The government adjusted its policy to cope with the everyday situation when people got more infection. Furthermore, when people have heard about their infected friends, they were scared, anxious, stressed, panic. And finally they got mental health effect. Mekkhachorn (Poll talk, 2021, p.81) was of an opinion that besides vaccination healing sickness, the mental condition should also be cured by “mental vaccine”. It would reinforce the people’s hope and encouragement in this situation.

The opinion survey of “The confidence of Thai people against Covid-19 vaccination” from 1,450 samples on 7-10 June 2021. 66.87% wanted vaccination to be set as the national agenda that could be done urgently; 36.36% barely believed in vaccination management of the government; 57.61% supposed that the goal setting to have 50 people vaccinated totaling 100 doses within 2021 would not be achieved; 77.87% thought the problems of vaccination were that vaccines were not enough and not many types; 78.74% wanted more vaccines to be imported; 34% did not agree with the alternative vaccines to be paid by citizens. From the mentioned poll, Buathong (2021) revealed that people all over the world have been vaccinated for 2 billion doses. Thai people were totaling vaccinated for 5.67 million doses, approximately 1.52 million persons or 2.2% of all Thai citizens. Despite it was announced vaccination to be the national agenda, people still did not believe in vaccination management. They did not think that the government could have people vaccinated as the setting goal as well. The information from the Department of Mental Health, Ministry of Public Health (2021) found that from the vaccination data report of Thailand, it was found that the vaccination was operated only 2.26 million doses or 2.2% of the setting goal. Sukonket (2021) thought that the prescription of vaccination to be set as the national agenda was the best solution since it would create the herd immunity to the majority of people in the country. But that the vaccination would meet the goal or

not depended on the ability of the government to gather enough vaccines in time, distributing vaccines to the target group in various areas, and preparation for vaccination, follow-up plan of the government regarding side effects of vaccination, as well as the preliminarily financial assistance for vaccination's effects. These would increase much more confidence of vaccination. Chuakul (Poll talk, 2021, p.99) was of an opinion that people should be able to reserve all kinds of vaccines such as Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, and Sputnik etc. The vaccines should be urgently imported into the country to recover the depressed economy in 2021.

## 2) Society and way of life

The opinion survey of "Songkran festival in Covid-19 era" from 1,324 samples on 3 – 9 April 2021, 43.88% would not attend Songkran festival during Covid-19 pandemic; 64.82% would abide by the traditional practice, namely, they would pour water on elderly's hands in the Covid-19 period; 57.63% anticipated that they would spend the expenses during Songkran festival approximately 4,183 baht and paid intention to Songkran festival as usual during Covid-19 pandemic. Buathong (2021) analyzed that despite of Covid-19 situation, Songkran day was still the festival that people paid attention. They would spend their times with the families and poured water to the Buddha statue and the elderly's hands because it was Thai tradition abode by people for a long time. Although there would have many holidays this year but people anticipated not to spend much money because of economic depression and fluctuation from Covid-19 situation. It is correspondent with Jearajit (Poll talk, 2564, p.21). He supposed that purchasing power indicated the effect which society must accept. The government sectors had to prepare compensation plan and management to make people understand about cooperating to stop Covid-19. The society would move on worthily in the future. Vessoontorntep (2021) thought that as to Songkran festival in 2021, Thai people still watched out on Covid-19 pandemic. People in overall still went back to their hometown. This would help a little circular economy. In order to preserve Songkran tradition, they were still making merit at the temples and pouring water to Buddha statue. There were the measurements against Covid-19 strictly in each temple such as physical distance, hand washing, and various measurements. Corresponding to The Secretariat of Prime Minister, Government House (2021), the government had campaigned for adjusting the activities during Songkran festival under the concept "New way of Songkran, Reserve Thai tradition". They set the key guidelines and measurements, namely, the activities must be complied

with D-M-H- T measurement (D: Distance, M: Mask Wearing, H: Hand Washing and T: Testing). Yuyen (2021) proposed that the government sectors were supposed to increase the measurement in public relation for D-M-H-T measurement. Thus people could comply with the measurement appropriately. In addition, the elderly in families and the people in various areas would be protected from Covid-19.

The opinion survey of "Thai holidays" from 1,447 samples on 6 – 15 April 2021, 53.28% was of an opinion that the numbers of Thai holidays were reasonable; 81.30% thought that New Year's day was the most important day; 73.39% supposed that the activity they would do in holidays was taking a rest; 70.69% stayed with their families; 58.95% thought that the activity which used to do but changing during Covid-19 situation was travelling; 79.78% has an opinion that the benefit of having many holidays was to take a rest at home; 58.36% thought that the drawback of having many holidays was the impact against works and incomes; 62.34% was of an opinion that the majority of people agreed with the announcement of special holidays for boosting economy. According to the Labour Protection Act (No 7), B.E. 2562 (2019) stipulated that the holidays for Thai people were divided into 2 types. Public holiday, mostly related to "national day" such as history day or religion day, etc. Another type of holiday was holiday according to the Labour Protection Act which were stable for 19 days. Buathong (2021) analyzed that the holidays not only gave people a rest but also made them spend more. Therefore, the measurement increasing holidays would be beneficial for some groups of people. Boonprawes (2021) said that the popular activity and the advantage of having many holidays was "to take a rest". Thai people got stressed and anxious from Covid-19 situation. But many holidays had disadvantage as well because it impacted to their works and incomes. However, in general, she still agreed with the announcement of special holidays. People could plan more about several activities. Furthermore, it could boost economy. Jariyarangsiroge (Poll talk, 2021, p. 29) had an opinion that for long holidays, it worths for people to plan their activities. For example, they got more time to go back to their hometowns or to do activities with their families. In Covid-19 situation, most of Thai labour coming to work in Bangkok could not go back home. They had to watch out the spread of the disease in limited areas. Thus, currently holidays meant nothing to the labour.

The opinion survey of "Thai foods in Covid-19 era" from 1,192 samples on 26-29 April 2021, 70.94% paid intention to the foods more, comparing with the previous day before Covid-19 situation; 75.81% changed

their behaviour by cooking the foods themselves at home; 47.53% believed that Thai foods could resist Covid-19; 55.09% thought that foods with herbs could resist Covid-19; 32.23% thought that their popular menu or the menu they frequently cooked themselves the most was basil leaves fried menu; 39.42% spent more about the foods, approximately 226 baht per day. Buathong (2021) analysed that one way to boost immunity to protect themselves from Covid-19 was that choosing the food to eat. Saengrungruang (2021) has an opinion that Covid-19 had an impact on not only Thai people but also people throughout the world. They had to adapt the way of life, preparing to confront this crisis. The important thing was that people must take responsibility for society, be healthy, eat good foods in suitable quantities and good nutrition appropriately which being compatible with their ages. As same as Sampawthong (Poll talk, 2021, p.47), she supposed that the changed behaviour resulted in people choosing the foods likely to strengthen their immunity to protect themselves from Covid-19. It was correspondent with Pitiporn, Kwankao, Chaocharoen, Termtemwong, Maimun, Suwan, & Booncherd (2020), she said most of Thai foods had medicinal properties and helped developing immunity and healthiness. They also protected and fought with disease.

The opinion survey of “News and information in Covid-19 era” from 1,213 samples on 31 May-3 June 2021, 74.81%, a majority of people, followed news mostly through social media; 52.24% thought the information at present provided the new aspects of knowledge, having in-depth analysis; 78.32% was of an opinion that the reliable information must obviously designate sources and references; 85.24% supposed that the media people believed the most was television; 78.71% wanted “journalists” to report news the truth, not distorting; 76.24% wanted journalists to have morality. From the poll results, Buathong (2021) analysed that nowadays the news was reported in more various aspects. There was more fake news as well. Sometimes the fake news occurred to shield the other news. Journalists was supposed to do their jobs appropriately and to insist on their morality. Ruangsakul (2021) said people wanted the journalists to change the way of thinking, to examine the news before reporting, and to have high ideal and ethic as journalists. Some news should be seriously scrutinized and filtered. They should conduct more about investigative reporting, data journalism, or data analytics. Corresponding with Prasert (Poll talk, 2021, p.89), he had an opinion that the journalists should perform their jobs by doing research and search the information relating the fact in the occurred situation by investigating the background of the news

until finding reliable fact and truth. There must be evidences which could be proved and scrutinized. They should work systematically and then reported and presented the news through communication tools or mass media by various platform to the public.

The opinion survey of “Thai people’s behavior on working from home (Work From Home)” from 1,553 samples on 10-13 May 2021, 42.72% worked from home; 88.33% thought its advantage was to decrease the spread of disease; 65.80% supposed the disadvantage was that they had more expenses; 70.33% thought that their works, from working at home, were successful; 37.17% preferred both working at home and working at office. The Occupational Safety and Health Bureau (Public Organization) (2020) stated that Work From Home current arose when the Ministry of Health announced that Covid-19 was dangerous disease according to Communicable Disease Act B.E. 2558 (2015). Kitlert (2021) thought that people should separate their times into work time and personal time, so working from home would then be effective. About working hours and its success, the organization should set the policy obviously as to working from home. Technology should be used for benefit. As same as Thananithichot (Poll talk, 2021, p.64), he proposed that working from home would literally be the new way of life. People had to adjust their mindset towards working from home. They should unlock the limitation of the old regulations and organizational culture. It would lead to the new system management and the new working process, not to be the burden to the workers.

The opinion survey of “Emotion of the teachers, the parents and the students against online learning” from 3,749 samples on 14-17 June 2021, 63.30% thought that Thai education has not been prepared for online learning; 65.80% believed that the online learners would have not enough concentration; 62.22% wanted the government agencies/ educational institutes to help supporting the tools and equipment for online learning; 35.57% was of an opinion that for online learning, the primary students would have the most impact; and 68.52% thought that online learning would make Thai education get worse. The Office of the Basic Education Commission, Ministry of Education (2021) rearranged the new types of learning and teaching by prescribed various measurement pertaining to the context, grade and location of educational institute. Buathong (2021) analysed that when online learning was alternative but some educational institutes, some parents and some students were not ready. Thus, online learning then made more educational inequality because of economic conditions and inequality to reach technology. Janthon

(2021) thought that online learning in the new way of life should be the chance and challenge, not obstacle for learning. Everybody who involved with it should adapt digital mindset to think, use, understand and open up mind, and should use the available digital technology to be the best benefit. The government, educators, teachers and parents must cooperate and create belief and surrounding to be appropriate for learning, both internet network and computers thoroughly and equally. It was correspondent to Songkram (Poll talk, 2021, p. 107). She had an opinion that the parents must prepare to handle with online learning and online communicating. They must adapt their attitude and open up their mind to communicate with the teachers in case of doubt. The schools and teachers had to give feedback and report the learners' progression periodically.

### **3) Thai economy dimension**

Suan Dusit Poll (2021) disclosed the results of the opinion survey of "Economy boosting (tourism) in Covid-19 era" from 1,265 samples on 29 March-1 April 2021, 39.37% thought that before Covid-19 situation, people went travelling about 2-3 times per month, but no travelling after that; 37.94% said after traveling measurement, people travelled about 2-3 times per month; 43.87% said after receiving aid money from the government, they still spent money the same; 80.74% thought the most pleasant measurement in boosting tourism sector was increasing special holidays; 63.40% had an opinion that the best factor making people want to travel were the families and the people themselves; 48.93% thought the second factor was the long holidays; 47.89% said because of decreasing of Covid-19 infectors; 75.18% thought people agreed with the measurement in boosting tourism sector. Rueanthip & Laosumrit (2020) stated that tourism business was always the primary revenue and was important to the economy in Thailand. The revenue of traveling business in 2019 was 16% of GDP (Gross Domestic Product). Buathong (2021) analysed that although the boosting measurement caused Thai people to travel more but they did not spend more money. They were still anxious about economy. The government sectors should accelerate to solve economic problem, together with the good public health measurement to make people be confident to travel and spend more money to make cashflow in the country. Sangchumrong (2021) said when Thailand reached the point of no tourist from April 2020, it impacted 70% of Thai people immediately. To boost tourism economy was good for relieving the stress. It also enhanced liquidity for economy in another way. Wattanakul (Poll talk, 2021, p.12) has an opinion that the measurements or policies operation should be adjusted from passive to active

policy implementation. In addition, they must pay attention to strategy to achieve various measurements or policies. The entrepreneurs in industrial management sectors and all levels of educational institutes must adapt themselves as well. As the same as Nonthapot (Poll talk, 2021, p.13), he proposed that the government sector should apply the policy to make people in the country be safe in order to make tourism realize about safety in Thailand.

The opinion survey of "To open up the country within 120 days" from 3,320 samples on 21-24 June 2021, 39.88% thought it was impossible; 84.04% stated that the advantage was to make economy move on and to make people earn their living; Phongpradist (2021) stated that to open up the country would make the economy move on. The people could earn their living. To open up the country, everyone must help each other. The government had to administrate and manage orderly and reviewed the suitability periodically. Corresponding to Yuyen (2021), he stated that to open up the country, the government must accelerate to make people believe in various measurement such as accelerating people to get vaccinated the first vaccine, increasing measurement in controlling the spread situation, protecting the neighbours crossing the country boundary, controlling the risky areas and labour movement, and watching out the risky group to spread infection, as well as rendering policy to provide varieties of vaccines. Bunyawach (2021) said that the people were still anxious about the government policy to open up the country within 120 days because the government has still not provided the qualified vaccine to them. It was correspondent to Sagarik (Poll talk, 2021, page 115). He said that the government set regulations or conditions to open up the country within 120 days. It had the risk and made people get confused and not to be confident from society. If the government could not control or decrease the new infectors or could not increase vaccination for people, to open up the country and economic activities may cause the people to get anxious so much.

### **The results of the opinion survey of the people from the foreign media**

The opinion survey of Suan Dusit Poll about "Covid-19 vaccination" between 17-20 May 2021 has found that the foreign media use the poll consequences to be a part of the news in many countries. The main reasons that foreign media use this poll because its result is correspondent to the YouGov Co., Ltd's survey. This company is the market researching and data analytic firm on international internet of England which its head



quarter locating in UK. This company has run its business in Europe, North America, Middle East and Asia Pacific (Wikipedia, 2021). YouGov has found that as to the survey in January 2021, 83% of Thai people wanted to get vaccinated. As to the next survey of YouGov in May 2021, it was found that 63% of Thai people decreasingly wanted to get vaccinated. In the meanwhile, the survey result of Suan Dusit Poll found that 64.39% of Thai people wanted to get vaccinated. The foreign media using the poll results are Zawya in England, Channel New Asia (CAN) in Singapore, the Rappler in Philippines, the Japan Times in Japan, the Star Online in Malaysia, the Bloomberg in USA, and the South China Morning Post in Hongkong. (Bloomberg, (2021, July 1); Zawya, (2021, May 25); The Star Online (2021, July 2); The Rappler (2021, June 2); The Japan Times (2021, July 1); South China Morning Post (2021, August 7); Channel News Asia, (2021, May 25)).

The events in Thailand about economy, Thai foods, and especially Covid-19 greatly affect not only Thai people, but also the foreigners in Thailand. Particularly Japanese media, they translate Suan Dusit Poll from Thai language to Japanese language for many topics. The Japanese media such as Asia Travel Note translates the poll into Japanese language. There are many topics that they translate, for example, boosting (tourism) economy in Covid-19 era, Thai people VS how to win Covid-19, Covid-19 vaccination, Mental conditions of Thai people in Covid-19 era, News and information in Covid-19 era, and Thai foods in Covid-19 era.

In addition, there are media from China (Xinyang Daily and G-News), Norway (Thainytts Supertilbud), Vietnam (Vietnam Plus), United States of America (eTurboNews-eTN) and Spain (Sequence Magazine-SEQMAG). (Vietnam Plus (2021, July 21); Thainytts Supertilbud (2021, June 21) Sequence Magazine, (2021, July 25); G-News, (2021, July 4); eTurboNews, (2021, July 21). These media are interested in opinion surveys of people from Suan Dusit Poll relating to education and Covid-19 as well. They are interested in the following topics: Emotion of the teachers, the parents and the students against online learning, Thai people VS how to win Covid-19, and News and information in Covid-19 era.

## Conclusion

Amid the pandemic of Coronavirus 19 or Covid-19, Suan Dusit Poll, Suan Dusit University has conducted opinion surveys on Thai people from April to June 2021 encompassing 13 topics and 24,846 samples. The survey results have reflected on the behavior of Thai people amid Covid-19 pandemic into 3 dimensions as

follows: 1) emotion and feeling towards Covid-19 situation-Thais think the third wave of Covid-19 pandemic rapidly spread in various areas. People are scared more than the two previous pandemics. They get stressed, worried, terrible and desperate, 2) society and way of life-Thais are likely to cling into social media. However, they choose to trust television media more than other media. The more they addict to the news, the more they get anxious and stressed. They have a lot of expenses on medical masks and alcohol. They focus on cooking and eating at their homes. They love to work at home and work at the office equally. They think online learning for their kids are not ready, 3) Thai economy -Although the Thai government has provided financial assistance under various kinds of projects and measurements, people still have the same expenses. For example, they expected to spend the expenses approximately 4,183 baht during Songkran festival. They believe that long holidays will impact their works and incomes. Special holidays will boost economy. And it is impossible to open up the country within 120 days but it will support Thailand's economic to move on and Thai people for earning a living.

It is found that during surveying, people feel that Covid-19 pandemic situation affects the country's economy and people's way of life continually. People can do only preparing themselves to confront and solve their problems by wearing medical masks, washing hands and bringing alcohol gel. But people are still anxious. They will feel confident and relieve the anxiety more if the government manages the Covid-19 situation better than this, provides the effective vaccines, gives people the correct knowledge and understanding, prepares the public health, and has measurements for controlling and protection together with assistant measurement appropriately. If the government operates it urgently, Thailand will get over it sooner. And it will certainly reflect through the next opinion survey of people.

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