

Suan Dusit Poll surveyed a sample of 1,211 people (online and field survey) Between May 20-23, 2025

## Key Findings:



**56.73%**

Lack confidence in Thailand's current political system



**60.36%**

Believe the issue stems from a lack of transparency in the Senate election process



**66.15%**

Think it may affect the stability of the government



**61.81%**

Say the Senate election system should be urgently reformed



**57.12%**

Feel it has caused public distrust and ideological division in society

## Senate Collusion Allegations May Undermine Government Stability

From the case of the alleged collusion in the Thai Senate selection, a majority of respondents (56.73%) reported a lack of confidence in the current Thai political system. When asked about the causes of the alleged collusion, 60.36% believed it stemmed from a lack of transparency in the Senate election process, while 59.70% cited inappropriate behavior driven by personal gain. Regarding the impact of the issue, 66.15% of respondents believed it would affect the stability of the government, whereas 33.85% believed it would not. These findings reflect public dissatisfaction with the political structure and the conduct of those in power. Many view the controversy as a potential threat to the stability of the ruling coalition, suggesting an urgent need to enhance transparency and restore public trust

## Senate Election Reform Urgently Needed as Public Trust Erodes

A majority of respondents (61.81%) believed that the Senate election system should be urgently reformed. The second most cited solution, at 55.34%, was the need for stricter and more transparent oversight mechanisms. In terms of the impact on the public, 57.12% reported that the issue has led to widespread distrust and growing ideological divisions in society, while 54.30% expressed a lack of confidence in the democratic system. These responses indicate that the public strongly desires structural change. Moreover, the emotional fragility of society in response to the issue is clearly reflected in the rising distrust and concerns over the stability of democracy—signals that the government should not overlook



*"The poll results indicate that the controversy surrounding the Senate collusion case has led the public not only to lose confidence in the political system, but also to call for urgent structural reform—particularly of the Senate election process and transparency in oversight mechanisms. The growing distrust and weakening faith in democracy are clear warning signs that the government must address before long-term stability is at risk."*



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*The controversy over the alleged Senate collusion*

*highlights not only a lack of transparency in the selection process but also deep public distrust in Thailand's political system. This is not a new issue. Since the 1997 and 2007 Constitutions, the Senate has often served the interests of political allies—reflected in terms like the "husband-and-wife Senate" and "double agents," pointing to political interference. The 2017 Constitution, under which the NCPO appointed senators, further raised questions about legitimacy.*


*Instead of being a check-and-balance body, the Senate has become part of the problem, prompting public calls for reform. People are not merely seeking new faces, but a structural overhaul that ensures democratic integrity and fairness. The pressing question remains: how can we reform the system to suit Thailand's political realities and restore public trust?*



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