

## Poll Analysis:

# Public Perception of Political Protests in Thailand, 2025



Suan Dusit Poll surveyed a sample of 1,167 people (online and field survey) Between July 1-4 2025

## Key Findings:



38.39%

Not interested in joining protests



48.93%

Protests have a moderate impact on national change



55.28%

Key benefit: encourages public participation



48.16%

Key concern: risk of violence



58.58%

When protests happen, people hope the Prime Minister will resign



42.50%

Disagree with military coups as a violation of democracy

### Although protests promote public participation, concerns about violence remain

Most people (38.39%) said they are not interested in joining political protests, while 30.68% have never participated but are open to doing so in the future. When asked about the role of protests in driving national change, nearly half (48.93%) said the impact is moderate, and 26.48% believed it is significant. On the positive side, the majority (55.28%) said protests help increase public participation. However, the drawbacks are also clear. Many (48.16%) expressed concern about the risk of violence, while 47.13% believed protests could negatively affect the economy. Overall, the findings show that people value participation and freedom of expression through protests. Still, worries about safety and economic consequences continue to discourage active involvement.

### Public Hopes for Prime Minister's Resignation and Rejects Military Coup

When political protests take place, most people hope the Prime Minister will resign – a view held by 58.58% of respondents. Another 57.03% support dissolving Parliament or holding a new election. In a hypothetical situation where a military coup happens under current conditions, most respondents (42.50%) oppose it, saying it violates democratic principles. However, 28.96% said they could accept it if it helped resolve the political crisis. Meanwhile, 16.80% do not believe a coup would actually happen, and 11.74% are unsure or have no opinion. The findings suggest that while people still hope protests can bring political change, they largely reject military intervention. Instead, they want democracy to move forward through peaceful and constitutional means.

*“The survey results show that people see political protests as a basic democratic right. But they do not fully believe protests can truly lead to meaningful change, as past movements have often brought more harm than real benefit to the public.*

*While military coups were once viewed by some as a way out during political turmoil, painful lessons from the past have shaped a clearer public stance. Most now reject the use of power outside democratic frameworks”*



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*The above survey results reflect public sentiment surrounding the political demonstration organized by the “United Power to Defend Sovereignty” group at the Victory Monument on Saturday, June 28, 2025. The protest was held to express dissatisfaction with the Thai government’s policies regarding the border conflict between Thailand and Cambodia, as well as the Prime Minister’s position on the issue. This was one of the largest protests in recent years, with a significant number of participants, marking the first such large-scale demonstration in a long time. The political engagement and expression shown by the public align with the survey findings, which suggest that many believe such forms of political expression can lead to real political change. This includes putting pressure on the Prime Minister to resign or calling for the dissolution of Parliament and a new election. These actions are considered part of democratic governance, and there is strong public sentiment that military coups should no longer be used as a means to resolve political conflict, as they have been in the past.*



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