

# Corruption in Thai Society

Suan Dusit Poll surveyed a sample of 1,163 people (online and field survey) Between August 19-22 2025



## Key Findings:



**93.47%**

Corruption in Thai society was seen as very serious



**78.50%**

The public showed little confidence in the monitoring and punishment process



**86.93%**

Government budget misuse was the top concern



**68.96%**

Many believed the government could not solve corruption problems.



**69.91%**

All agencies should disclose information transparently



**43.38%**

Corruption exists in every sector and must be urgently addressed

*“The survey shows that corruption remains a “dark shadow” over Thai society. Even religion, once a source of moral refuge, has not escaped allegations of corruption. With news of both minor and major scandals appearing almost daily, people see the problem as increasingly serious and have little confidence in any solution. If left unresolved, corruption may eventually build into mounting pressure that could destabilize the government.*



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## Corruption Serious, Public Distrusts Oversight

The majority of respondents saw corruption in Thai society as very serious, at 93.47 percent, while 78.50 percent also showed a lack of confidence in the current monitoring and punishment process. Regarding the areas of corruption, the respondents were most concerned about misuse of the government budget (86.93 percent), followed by religious and foundation activities (69.48 percent). These results show that people recognize the seriousness of corruption and remain doubtful about the system’s ability to handle it. In particular, government spending and religious affairs are now major public concerns. The state therefore needs to act quickly, with transparency and strong enforcement, while allowing citizens to take part in oversight in order to restore public trust.

## Public Doubts Government, Corruption in All Sectors

A total of 68.96 percent of respondents believed that the government could not solve the problem of corruption, while 31.04 percent thought it could be solved to some extent. As for solutions, 69.91 percent emphasized that every agency should disclose information to the public with transparency. In addition, the most common opinion was that corruption existed in all sectors—government, private, and religious organizations—and must be urgently addressed (43.38 percent).

These findings indicate that people still expect the problem of corruption to be solved but demand concrete measures. They call for open information, stricter law enforcement, and public participation in oversight to build a transparent system and reduce the patronage networks that lie at the root of the problem.



*The survey revealed a worrying situation. Over 93% of the public saw corruption as serious, and more than 78% lacked confidence in the system of investigation and punishment. The biggest concern was misuse of the government budget, but what struck deeper was that 69.48% were worried about corruption in religion and foundations. Institutions that should stand for morality and guide society have also faced allegations, showing that corruption has taken root everywhere, even in sacred spaces. These results are not only about structural problems but also about growing hopelessness toward all institutions including government, politics, and religion. When people lose faith in both oversight systems and spiritual institutions, their confidence in the nation’s future is shaken. The warning from this poll is clear: if corruption continues to deepen, the rule of law and true justice will remain a distant dream.*



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