

ABSTRACT

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Nationalism took place in 18th Century in Western Europe and spread rapidly into Southeast Asia in 20th Century where countries which were colonized by Western Superpower countries had implemented nationalism to counter attack colonialism for the sake their own independence.

Nationalism in Thailand was different to that taking place in other Southeast Asian countries because of the national sovereignty as a main theme from the very beginning. This was taken into serious consideration by the national administrator or government to use it as a key policy in running the country against a variety of influences posing danger to the national security and was applied as policy during the office of Field Marshal P. Pibulsongkram as prime minister with key principles to promote nationalism amongst Thai, counter attack the Chinese economic influence in Thailand, counter attack Chinese nationalism and communism as well as efforts to integrate the people to build the Thai national to be compatible with other civilized countries.

The results of the implementation nationalism policy during above mentioned period had affected a rapid political and economic transition and in turn had become a fundamental foundation of policy making against a variety of threats to the national security, religion and Thai monarchy until the present time so far.