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Years-Old Voters

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This research aimed to study the factors that affected political participation behaviours among 18 to 20 years-old voters by using documentary and survey research techniques. In the survey, questionnaires were used to collect data from the samples of 300 respondents.

The study has found as follows:

1. Most respondents were female, 20 years old, living in Bangkok and studying in their first year at public universities.
2. Concerning political participation behaviour, it was revealed that most respondents (77.1%) unevenly exposed to political information. 35% of the respondents used television to gain political information. 77.7% said they rarely participated in political discussion. 72.1% somehow listened to politicians' speech.

72.8% checked the name lists. 71.1% persuaded their relatives and others to vote. 50.8% took their first vote. 26.2% said they did not exercise their right to vote because they were bored by politics. 33.9% said they voted on an election mainly because it was the duty of citizen. 55.1% said when they turned 18, they would definitely take their vote because they want to participate in politics.

3. Political participation behaviours were correlated with socio-economic status; sex, age, education, and birthplace, and this was statistically significant at the alpha level of .05.