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This study is intended to identify the possible impacts on the political attitude and voting tendency of prospective young electorate of eighteen to nineteen years of age. The hypothetical statement is that different attitudes and voting tendencies among the young electorate with different backgrounds generally prevail.

The survey research was employed. Data pertaining to Chulalongkorn University students aged eighteen to nineteen from sixteen faculties were collected and quota sampling method used.

The research results indicated that the attitude of prospective young voters towards politics and voting was positive. In addition, different backgrounds of those prospective young voters caused no difference in their political attitude and their intended voting behavior. The conclusion is that their political behavior and political affectiveness are generally promising.