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The purpose of this research were (1) to study university students' political and social perceptions of critical issues in Thailand (2) to compare level of political and social perceptions of critical issues in variables : sex, fields of study, socio-economic status and types of universities (3) to analyze the relationship between political and social perceptions and students' personality (4) to analyze variables discriminating the groups of high and low levels of political and social perception.

The findings were (1) University students had nearby high levels of political and social perception, but nearly low levels of responsive to the critical issues. (2) The levels of political and social perceptions were not significantly difference in sex, fields of study, socio-economic status and types of universities. (3) The relationship between political and social perception and students' personality was at the .00 level of significance (4) The variables that could discriminate the groups of high and low levels of social and political perception were superegostrenght, social participation, controlled exacting will power, mass communication situation and participation in student activity.