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The purpose of the study is to investigate causes for the failure of Thai political parties. The study focuses on the factors that exist within the parties as well as the external factors.

Research shows us that political parties formed in Thailand are based on the importance of personality of the leader rather than the rules and the regulations set by the party itself. This limits the growth of the political party in all aspects and the credibility of the political party is always at stake. Once the importance of the single personality is finished, many small factions within the party join other alternative parties to survive, thus leading to the failure of the political parties in Thailand. These are the factors that makes the Thai political parties unstable and are unable to find intellectuals to administrate them. Problems of financing funds to administrate the party, the unequal distribution of powers held by a few makes us unable to call the political parties in Thailand a mass party and moreover lack branches throughout the country. The only party in Thailand that has 152 branches throughout this kingdom is the Democrat Party. The External Problem is the fact of the amounts of successful and unsuccessful coupes taken place to topple the government is 17 times. If the coup political parties an institution of failure in this political system. The growth of Democracy can only be achieved if the roots of the political parties in Thailand are strong and stable.