

CHAOWANA TRAIMAS : CONFLICTS ARISING FROM THE 1978 CONSTITUTION :
TRENDS TOWARD INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THAI CONSTITUTION. THESIS
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The thesis is an attempt to analyze the nature of conflict and compromise between two main power groups, the intra-state apparatus forces and the extra-state apparatus or the military-bureaucratic power groups and the political party power groups. The 1978 constitution is used as the case study to examine and analyze conflicts and compromises between these two groups.

The study reaches the conclusion that the 1978 constitution clearly reflects the continuous struggle between the two main power groups resulting in the establishment of a political compromise. This constitution, therefore, becomes the framework within socio-economic and political forces compete to influence public policy-making. This unique constitutional structure or the semi-democratic pattern has been in effect for almost a decade, surviving two coups and a number of socio-economic stresses and strains. It is in the process of being institutionalized.