

ABSTRACT

THESIS : The Influence of Sense of Political Efficacy,
Political Trust, and Political Character on
Political Participation of Army Officers :
A Case Study of Army Command and General
Staff College Students

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The study on the influence of sense of efficacy, trust, and character on political participation of the army command and staff college students had the following purposes :

1. to study the sense of political efficacy of the army officers;
2. to study their political trust;
3. to study their political character;
4. to study their political participation;
5. to study the related factors to the political participation of the army officers.

The sample group consisted of 231 army officers who joined the army command and staff college academic year 1996. The questionnaires were used to find out the needed information. To analyse the data, the descriptive statistics was employed through the percentage, average and standard deviation. The chi-square was introduced to analyse statistics. The findings were summed up below :

1. the social status of the army officers such as age, education level, additional education, abroad training, special field (war) as well as the present position was not related to the political participation.

2. the sense of political efficacy of the army officers was not related to the political participation. It was found that the army officers who held the sense of political efficacy both in high or low level showed no difference in the political participation.

3. the political trust of the army officers was related to the political participation. The army officers with high political trust took more participation on the political matter while the ones with low political trust showed less participation.

4. the democratic personality of the army officers was not related to the political participation. There was no significance between the army officers with higher or lower democratic personality.