

Thesis Title	Knowledge and Comprehension of People's Rights and Obligation in the Constitution (B.E.2540): A Case Study of Community Leaders in Amphoe Muang, Chiang Mai		
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Abstract

The purpose of this research is to investigate that as the main ideas of the members of the parliament who formed the people's constitution to give and protect the right and freedom completely, then what are the respond from them. The acts and articles which have been put in the 1997 constitution are focus on people's rights and obligation. If they are unaware of receiving of these two abstract rewards then the constitution become useless. However, if the people know and aware about their rights, the members who formed this constitution should be proud of and happy.

The study aimed at the community leaders because not only they are the people representative they are also living very close to their people. It is believed that when their leaders know and aware about their rights and obligation, the people must know as well. The leaders at least they can explain and solve their clients problem.

The research hypothesized that there are different levels of knowledge about the rights and obligation among groups of leaders. The differences depend on special characteristics of the leaders themselves such as level of education for instance.

The researcher has sent questionnaires to the leaders in Amphoe Muang Chiang Mai. The results show that the leaders know well about their rights and obligation said in the 1997 constitution. This situation happens is not because of teachings and seminars organize by the government employees but because of their own awareness and interests in changing of social movement through many kind of mass communication campaigning, especialy the right and freedom mentioned in the 1997 constitution are all basic need of people. Some of the acts and articles were mentioned in the previous constitutions. However, the acts those try to focus of people's rights in political behavior which seem to be new for them are still confused among community leaders in general.