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This study aims at identifying the main criteria used by political parties in nominating party members for a ministerial post while pointing out the most influential group within a political party in this nomination through a case study of the Democrat Party and the Thai Citizen Party.

According to the study's findings, both parties rate capability as the most important factor (43.34%) whereas patronage of one's own party and political seniority both obtain 28.33%. The Democrat Party's rating for these 3 factors are as follows 43.34% for capability, 30.00% for political seniority and 26.67% for patronage of one's party. The Thai Citizen Party's rating is exactly the same as that of The Democrat Party.

For the Democrat Party the final decision depends on a majority vote between party members and the party committee, whereas for The Thai Citizen Party the party leader has the final say in the nomination of a party candidate proposed by party members for this purpose.