

Politicians, corruption to blame for national divide, say youngsters

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YOUNGSTERS believe that politicians and corruption are the major causes of national division, and the government and the opposition must get together to find a solution for the country to achieve peace, according to Dusit Poll results released yesterday.

Of 3,610 respondents aged 18 to 20 who were surveyed, 82 per cent believed politicians and political conflicts brought about national rift, 81 per cent believed corruption was the main cause, 71 per cent believed the use of violence was the cause and 69 per cent said different beliefs was the reason.

About 95 per cent believed giving quality education to as many people as possible would help reduce national conflicts, while 94 per cent said cracking down on corruption would help reduce the problems.

Meanwhile, more than half of young people said they intend to uphold integrity and contribute to society on the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's 81st birthday, according to a Bangkok University poll.

The poll was conducted on 1,228 people aged 15-24 in Bangkok and its nearby provinces. Apart from traditional ways of expressing their love to their mother such as kissing, hugging, giving jasmine and garland, 13 per cent said they would tell their mother they love her through social media networks.

More than 43 per cent said their mother was their idol in terms of work ethics, which they would most like to emulate, followed by possessing kindness and honesty, 15 per cent.

The problems young people were most concerned about their mother was health 45 per cent; 18 per cent said working too hard without enough rest and 11 per cent said they were worried about their mother having an accident while travelling.