

Survey indicates dramatic loss of public confidence in govt

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THE GREAT majority of respondents to an opinion poll – 72.1 per cent – said their confidence in the government had dropped.

An Abac Poll survey showed only 10.4 per cent of 1,053 respondents said they had more confidence in it, and 22.7 per cent had no comment.

The survey was carried out between November 4-9.

Meanwhile, 87 per cent of Thais want politicians to lead the country

through democratic means and not to just seek political gains, according to a recent poll. Only 13.1 per cent said politicians should not change their tactics.

Asked about the mass protests, 77.3 per cent were satisfied with the harmony.

The majority, 88.5 per cent, said it is necessary that the government reveal all details of its budget spending to clarify public doubts.

About 72 per cent said the current government's popularity is

declining. The rest said its popularity either rose or stayed unchanged.

The majority of respondents, 84.2 per cent, remains convinced that democracy will lead the country forward despite some bad politicians.

Meanwhile, a Bangkok poll survey of 1,122 respondents about the popularity of politicians and parties showed Abhisit Vejjajiva getting 34.8 per cent, ahead of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra whose popularity vote was 26.7 per

cent. The Democrat Party got 37.2 per cent and Pheu Thai got 28.2 per cent.

A Suan Dusit Poll survey of 1,589 respondents conducted from November 6-9 outlined 10 ways to end the chaos:

1 All parties must put national interest as the priority to end the political chaos.

2 No party should resort to rousing emotions.

3 Police officers must do their best to contain the situation.

4 All protest leaders must control their followers.

5 Protesters must come up with clear proposals.

6 The prime minister and opposition leader should sit down and talk.

7 Media must be honest and propose solutions.

8 Protests can continue, but all must honour the laws.

9 Dissolve the House.

10 Abolish all amnesty bills as quickly as possible.