

## Strong public support for reform, poll finds

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THAIS OVERWHELMINGLY favour reforming the country on many fronts, according to a recent survey by Bangkok Poll.

Of the 631 respondents in all regions, 79 per cent believed the country needs an overhaul and only 21 per cent disagreed.

Political/administrative

reform was the first priority for 41 per cent, followed by economic reform at 23 per cent and legal reform at 21 per cent.

Among the desired changes were to protect the sanctity of laws, suppress vote buying, waive the statute of limitations for corruption offences, revamp the police force and make governors elected by their provincial

constituents rather than appointed by the government.

Asked who would be the main driver of success, 40 per cent looked to the private sector, 24 per cent to the country's leaders, 18 per cent to politicians and only 7 per cent to the armed forces. Academics and business were named by 6 and 3 per cent of respondents.