

An Analytical Study of Youth Political Participation in the Aragalaya Movement in Sri Lanka: From the Duality of the Frontline Socialist Party and the National People's Power Party

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Political participation is the direct or indirect involvement of the people as stakeholders in making decisions about policies, plans, or programs in a state. The youth community can be identified as an attractive group for political participation. Furthermore, studying their political behaviour will be critical as they are the future of the State. The purpose of this study is to assess the nature of youth political participation in the current people's struggle. The study was conducted in relation to the national people's power and the Frontline socialist party to observe whether the youth political participation during the struggle has changed in the post-struggle period. As the youth's political participation became a driving force during the struggle, will it be maintained in the same way after the struggle? Was used as the research problem of the research. Proposed sampling was used to collect primary data, and data were collected through questionnaires and interviews. Newspaper articles, electronic data, research articles, and research books were used as secondary data. In data analysis, qualitative research methodology was used. Here, qualitative data was analyzed under the Method of thematic and contextual analysis and quantitative data was analyzed under the detailed statistical analysis method. This research concluded that the youth's political participation during the struggle has changed clearly after the struggle and that political factors have influenced the youth's political participation during the struggle and changed after the struggle.

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