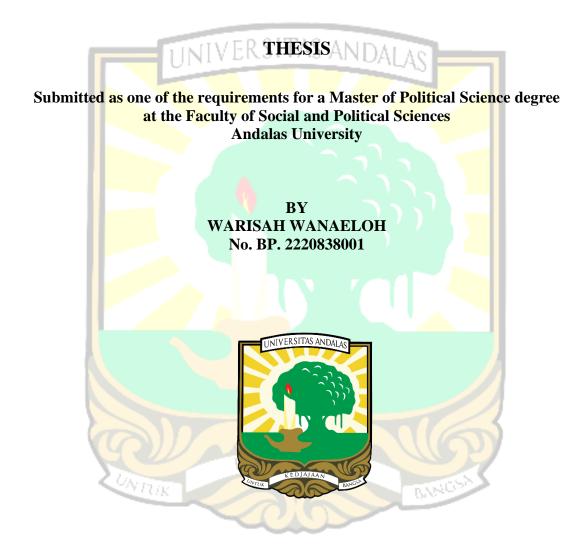
## THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY RADIO IN POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN THAILAND A CASE STUDY: THE 3 SOUTHERN BORDER PROVINCES OF THAILAND (YALA- PATTANI- NARATHIWAT)



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## **ABSTRACT**

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Community Radio has been around for a long time. This is because it is a medium that everyone, including every family, can easily access. It is budget-friendly, easy to transport, and can be listened to anywhere, anytime. As a result, it is possible to state that radio is a media form that is primarily intended for the elderly. Is a medium that is relatively close to the people in comparison to other media types. Over the past decade, the number of stations has increased greatly, especially in the United Kingdom and Thailand. It was supported by the Kingdom's Constitution of Thailand's B.E. 2540 and the legislation regarding the organization of radio frequency and the regulation of television, radio, and cellular communications businesses.2543. After the Kingdom of Thailand's Constitution (B.E. 2540) was enacted, scholars of progressive media and NGOs began to increase their understanding of communication rights and privileges of communication through media. The populace has consistently dedicated efforts to instruct the general public on the art of community radio. Under the concept that "local radio is owned by the community, for the community, and without any type of profit, it employs a volunteer-based model, does not seek government assistance, and is not subject to state control or interference. However, historically, it has been believed that radio frequencies are national property that should be publicly accessible; the state must, therefore, allow public utilization of this property. This has led to the creation of community-radio stations that are spread across all of southern Canada, including the three southernmost provinces. Consequently, it is crucial to survey the data associated with radio media to demonstrate the most recent numbers and locations of community radio stations. This investigation aims to explore the role of community radio in the political sphere and participation in Thailand's case study of the 3 southern border states (Yala- Pattani- Narathiwat). This is intended to enable the public sector to comprehend the entire problems associated with community radio, find solutions together, and create a knowledge base for the public sector, which will be released as a document to educate the public, provide information to educational institutions, and other agencies that are relevant to the community radio field, this will help to strengthen the public sector and promote sustainable community development.

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