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Swamy, Arun, [Book Review: Future Forward: The Rise and Fall of a Thai Political Party](#) [1], *Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs*, 2021

Future Forward was founded as a political party before the 2019 election and managed to come third in the polls, after the junta-controlled coalition and the pro-Thaksin party. It was led by former student radicals who had become successful (key leaders were an industrialist, law professor and TV journalist) and aimed to change the nature of Thai politics. A year later the government banned it. Swamy provides a useful summary of the book and its aims, and his own critique - he argues the authors do not explain the continuing strength of the Thaksin party.

See also: McCargo, Duncan and Chattharakul Anyarat, *Future Forward: The Rise and Fall of a Thai Political Party*, Copenhagen. Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, 2020, pp. 240 (pb).

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