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The main objective of this thesis is to study the attitude or expectation of Bangkok Metropolitan police toward equality in a liberal democratic society. The methodology employed in this study is survey research. Data for the study were collected via questionnaires distributed to a sample of 270 Bangkok Metropolitan Police. Following are two hypotheses of the study. 1. Social factors (age, education, additional education, rank, position, years in service, parents' occupation); economic factors (family income, automobile ownership); and political factors(interest in politics) affect the attitude or expectation of the police toward equality in a liberal democratic society. 2. The way of life indicating equality as the police see does not meet their expectation.

Following are the results of this study. Only some of social factors-- namely age, years in service, and education--have significant relationship with the police' attitude toward equality beyond the .05 level. But neither economic factors nor political factors relate significantly with attitude. The results of this study support the second hypothesis, in that the way of life indicating equality in society as the police see differs significantly from their expectation beyond the .05 level.

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