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This research was designed to study the authoritarian personality of the Bangkok Metropolitan police officers. The main objectives of this study are to investigate to know about degree of authoritarian personality of the police officers, how they get socialized--especially from the job environment, and how did it effected to the right and freedom of the people.

The hypotheses of the research were set forth as follows:

1. In general, the police officers possess a rather high degree of authoritarian personality.
2. The authoritarian personality of the police officers were mainly socialized by job environment.
3. The authoritarian personality of the police officers has an important effect to the police role on right and freedom of the people.

The 400 police officers from the Metropolitan Police Bureau were selected as a research sample, ranging from Constable-Police to Lieutenant Colonel. The data were collected between December 1992 to January 1993, and 75% of questionnaires were returned.

The result of this study indicated that the police officer has the authoritarian personality degree in the middle level. The job environment factors which influenced to the authoritarian personality significantly are job functions, positions, educational level, and year of work. The authoritarian personality of the police officers has paid important role to the right and freedom of the people.