

## **ABSTRACT**

Currently, divorce rate in Thailand has decreased dramatically, particularly in Bangkok. The reason might be because of the challenges of living in a big city or other factors which are deemed in this study as causes of divorce: financial management, household chores, babysitting, spouse's treating behavior, and in-law issues.

This research was conducted to study the attitudes between men and women in Bangkok; whether the attitudes of men and women were different, and also to investigate factors affecting men's and women's attitudes toward married life, with particular regard to financial management, household chores, babysitting, behavioral treatment, and spouse's relatives.

In order to collect the data, questionnaires were administered to 102 married people. The results of the findings were analyzed by using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences program (SPSS).

The findings indicated that the attitudes toward married life between men and women in Bangkok have little variance, particularly regarding issues of financial management, household chores, babysitting, spousal treatment, and spouse's relatives. Moreover married couples in Bangkok were well-aware of marital problems and knowledgeable about marriage. However, they were satisfied with their married lives.

The findings from this research will be useful not only for married couples but also people who are preparing to enter marriage. They will understand their partners more and be able to better prepare for marital issues. This information can potentially prevent couples from divorcing and improve the family unit, the most fundamental unit in society.