

## Abstract

A Study of The Alternatives of the Legal Wives in The Management of Domestic Violence Problems .Case Studies: Adultery of their husbands. The methodology being used is the qualitative data study together with a study of 10 cases. Techniques being applied are interviews, observations and data recording, including presentation of the study cases. The study points out the similarities and differences of each case as an analysis and assessment for a generic picture of the situations.

Following are the outcomes of the study. The cases consist of five legal wives who work outside of the household, the youngest is 39 years old and the eldest, 50 years old. The highest education is bachelor's degree and the lowest, junior high school. Most of them work for private companies; those who earn more than their husbands are responsible for all the expenses of their family which are different from those who earn less. Their higher paid husbands usually pay the overall expenses or else they share the expenditure. Nowadays the married women who suffer adulteries choose the following three solutions regarding their dishonest husbands. The first path is to endure the situation for the sake of their children and families, the second one are to separate from each other but the husband agrees on his own to continue on with their duties for the families. The last solution for the unlucky women is to divorce from their spouses.

The other five cases are housewives who only care for their children and husband and who have no income, they depend on their husband for all the expenses. The youngest is 35 years old and the eldest, 63 years old. The highest education is grade 9 and the lowest, grade 6. When they face the adultery they suffer for not having income-generating jobs. The husbands of this group earn scarily high income in general, mostly above 10,000 baht. The amounts being given to their wives are varying. The situations force them to urgently look for work to support their children and families, especially those who choose to divorce their husband. As for the separated couples where the husband continues to take responsibility for the expenses of the families, the women have and easier time.

Once the man gets distracted from his wife, his behavior changes. His spouse gets discontented and they argue, fight, breaking their relationship especially the sexual relationship. They are indifferent to each other and lose their intimacy sometimes the men do not talk to them wives. They make excuse to work over time. Once they arrive home they go straight to bed. In all the cases the violence takes clear shape in all the ways. The miserable wives are not yet, ready to admit the reality; they are shocked by the events. They are suspicious, restless and if the situation has not been clarified immediately, the cases usually develop into a crisis. In a few cases being chosen for this study, the couples eventually divorce. The reality shows that the women who remain tolerant against their violent husbands are faced with more aggression, In a few cases as worse as hospitalization, while the reactive wives face less harm. The men cease to support the family, bringing a great impact to the women apart from being discredited by their neighbors. For the divorce cases the mother are treated illegally. They do not receive financial support from their husbands. The children are the scapegoats in all the cases leading a few mothers to endure the miseries. They settle the problems in valid ways depending on the relationship in the family.

Following are proposals of the writer in relation to the issues being examined in the study.

1. Education of the domestic legislation should be provided to the women; the law should be written in favor of the abandoned mother and children, and against the dishonest husbands and third parties.
2. Ways to cope with the adultery problems are suggested in the study to avoid the cases reaching the violence crisis.
3. The organizations that offer help to women and family should be publicized through a government department, radio broadcasting and through other public media, in order to help the innocent women.

4. The above units including The Ministry of Interior, The Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, The Family Welfare Society etc. should give training to the public on marriage, family building, family planning and sexual health. Campaigns should be run against the abusive husbands, in order to build a new trend in the social environment.

5. The religious organizations should give spiritual training to the public, such as learning scriptures, meditation etc. in family atmosphere to enhance love and ties in the family.