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 Metropolitan Towards Marriage and Family Formation

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ABSTRACT

The Objectives of this research was to study the opinions of Polytechnics Students toward Marriage and Family Formation. The Attention was also given to the Comparision of relationship between opinions and dependent variables namely, sex, ages, educational level, place of residence and parents' marital status. The sample consisted of 375 students of the Polytechnics Students in Bangkok. The research tool was a set of self-instructed questionares. The data analysis was based on quantitative analysis including frequencies, percentage, mean, standard deviation and Chi-Square test.

The research finding showed the opinions towards marriage was that the students prefer to choose their life partners by themselves under their parents' approval. When choosing life partners, they think personal characteristics are as important as love. The ideal ages for marriage are 27 for males and 25 for females. Males should have sexual experiences with their girl friends or lovers. But females should not

have sexual experience because it is against Thai custom. Males and females who have had sexual experiences are those who are too curious and care free. The students also feel intolerable towards transvestites and gays. They still would like to maintain the Thai tradition of paying a dowry, getting engaged, holding wedding parties among relatives and close friends as well as obtaining marriage certificates to indicate the marriage is official.

Concerning the opinions towards family formation, it was found that most students would like to own a house and have two children. Wives have exclusive rights in deciding on the number of children and planing of child spacing. They would like to resort to contraceptive to keep the space between children by using contraceptive tablets. Daughters and sons are encouraged to earn up to bachelor degree. If wives are to earn money to support families, they will do a good job. On the contrary if husbands are to stay home and raise children, they probably will not be able to do as good a job.

When consider sex, age, educational level, place of residence, and parents' marital status in relation to marriage and family formation, the finding is that : every factor is related to the opinions on marriage and family formation.

Recommendations :

Teachers and parents should be the ones who help clarify the mystic of marriage regarding sexual encounters instead of leaving it to youngsters to find out on their own.