

Abstract

The ignorance to the violence against women in couple relationships causes the global movement in this issue. There are attempts to force the government to launch the policies, enforce the law and urge the society to realize these problems as women are half of the country population.

Even in Thai society, public and private organizations have been fighting continuously. Although there are both success and failure, these fights still remain. As thus, this becomes the motivation for this research entitled "Violence against women in intimate relationships".

There are three objectives in this research. Firstly, to study about causes, from both women and men, of violence in intimate relationships. Secondly, to study about methods applied by women in order to end the violence happening to them. Thirdly, to study about the solution to decrease the violence against women in intimate relationships. The research was conducted both in quantitative and qualitative methods. One hundred people in the target group, who answered the questionnaire, were divided into two groups; fifty men and fifty women. Five men and five women out of one hundred interviewees were interviewed in depth.

The results of this research are as follow:

1. The violence is resulted from sexual inequality, social and cultural implantation, and different beliefs, which cause different attitudes and behaviors. These differences have created violence among lovers in Thai society.
2. The methods of women to relieve these problems are usually attempts to find reasons to explain, to be patient, to understand such problems, and to blame themselves.
3. The solutions to decrease the violence are to change social attitudes that femininity and masculinity are not set by nature but society. This is a structural problem which requires the cooperation from every partner in the society.