

Thesis Title The Effect of Personal Independence on
Family Planning Use Among Married Men Under
Fifty Years Old in Rural North-east Thailand

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ABSTRACT

This study seeks to find the effect of inter-personal factors on family planning use. The cross sectional survey was conducted in Khon Kaen Province, northeast Thailand from 3rd. April 1994 to 11th April 1994.

Two hundreds and one respondents of married men were randomly selected from the villages as the sample of this study and were interviewed by using questionnaire.

The study revealed that education affected the knowledge and concept of family planning, however economic

factors such as family income and occupation was no different in family planning knowledge and concept. As to family planning use, it can't be identified that there was difference among age, education, family income and occupation.

Regarding psychological factors, education is related with man's and woman's role. People who had high education had modern idea for man/woman division of household responsibility, attitudinal domain between family role and having woman's career and woman's work role outside home, but it did not affect to family planning knowledge, concept and use. Personal independence affected to family planning concept negatively and feminine scale affected to family planning concept positively. Those who tend towards individual mind had less positive idea for family planning. Those who had feminine mind which might be expected as a woman in the society had much positive family planning concept.

The person who are cooperative with other and have soft mind (not offensive which might be expected as a man in the society) had much positive mind for family planning.