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The Socialization Processes Influencing Decision Making of Male Transsexuals

The research problem of the anthropological study, entitled, the Socialization Processes Influencing Decision Making of Transsexuals, is what cause the male transsexuals to, the methods and steps of transsexing genders with six independent variables: 1.) the family, 2.) peer groups, 3.) the schools, 4.) their loves, 5.) their occupations, and 6.) the mass media, all of which are derived from some of sociological and anthropological theories. Empirical data to test the stated hypotheses are solicited through mainly anthropological methods (observations and indepth interviews) supplemented by survey research of 12 such persons in Bangkok and Cholburi of Thailand.

Strictly speaking, the findings reveal that peer groups and their occupations are main reasons making them to change their sexes while families, schools, lovers, and mass media cannot be identified as causes of doing so. Besides, the study is, typical anthropological study, full of detailed life stories indicating methods and step by step procedures of changing genders and roles. The thesis then discusses the study results, answering all the research questions posted at the beginning, summarizes it, lists operating hindrances encountered during the field work concludes and ends with interesting recommendation, technically and practically, which are valuable information for those concerned.

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