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### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research is to study the results of induced abortion in Thai women as well as an analysis of the compatibility of such practice with Buddhist principles.

The purposive examples consist of two hundred and twenty-five women who underwent induced abortion in clinic "A".

Data was collected by means of questionnaires and interviews. The findings indicate that the women aged between 20-25, married, were employees with low economic status, and had had relatively little education. Most of them had some knowledge of Buddhist morality.

The main reason for doing abortion was found to be lack of financial means (53.33%), followed by motives concerned with profession (22.22%), and lastly too many pregnancies in a short period of time (2.22%). In addition it was found that 60% supported abortion in specific cases, to be executed in state hospital. On the other hand the majority disapproved of abortion as it is against the basic Buddhist precepts. The result of this study may offer us a viable solution for the problem of abortion in Thai society.