

Abstract

The study "Adolescent's Approval of Abortion : A case of Commercial Diploma Student" had two main objectives. First, to study the level of adolescent's approval of abortion. Second, to study relationships between variables expected to be related to approval of abortion. Eight circumstances of abortion were used in this study. They were the pregnancy endangered the woman's health, the pregnancy is a result of rape, possible deformity of the child, the pregnant woman was infected with HIV, the pregnancy causes school dismissal, the family cannot afford any more children, the woman is not married, the pregnancy causes disruption in her occupation.

A sample of 438 students was randomly selected from diploma students of commercial school in Bangkok. The data were collected by means of questionnaires.

The result of the study indicated that most of the students had moderate approval of abortion in general. The highest approval rate was in case of HIV infected pregnant woman. The second highest rate was in case in which the pregnancy causes school dismissal. Finally, the lowest was the case in which pregnancy causes disruption in her occupation.

In testing hypotheses of the relationships between eleven independent variables (sex, parent's marital status, father's education, mother's education, religiosity, premarital sexual permissiveness, gender equality ideology, maternity norms adherence, parent's acceptance toward abortion, close friend's acceptance toward

abortion, having friend or relative who used to induce abortion) and the approval of abortion, it was found that having friend or relative who used to induce abortion had a statistically significant relationship with approval of abortion.