

Abstract

The thesis “Premarital Sexual Permissiveness and the Factors Affecting Premarital Sexual Permissiveness” has two major objectives. First , to study the degree of premarital sexual permissiveness (PSP). Second , to test the factors affecting PSP. There are 13 hypotheses. The sample of 507 was drawn from vocational students in Bangkok. Questionnaires were used for data collection.

Results of the study are :-

1. It was found that the most sample had low PSP and the later had medium and high PSP. Moreover , the result supported the assumption that the approval of premarital sexual behavior depends upon both the emotional commitment between partner and intensity of sexual behavior. Comparing male sample with female one , the result showed that there was a difference. In general male sample had higher PSP than female sample.

2. The result revealed that 10 out of 13 hypotheses was accepted. Rank ordering influence of the independent variables from high to low , it was found that perceived close friend's premarital sexual permissiveness was the highest , followed by sexual orientation , perceived parental premarital sexual permissiveness , alienation , perceived parental approval of nonsexual pleasures , responsibility for other family members , courtship participation , love orientation , perceived autonomy of courtship group , respectively physical attractiveness the lowest.

3. The result from additional analysis showed that :

(a) Comparing male and female sample , the result showed that ordering of the first three independent variables was the same while the rest different.

(b) Relationship between social backgrounds and PSP are as follows : sex was the strongest , followed by major subject , types of class and years of schooling the weakest. No relationship was found between the other social backgrounds and PSP.

(c) The majority of the sample had no sexual intercourse and the male sample had more sexual intercourse than the female sample. Among the sample who had sexual intercourse , most had sexual intercourse with opposite sex and with lover.

(d) There was a positive relationship between PSP and premarital sexual behavior. Moreover stronger relationship was found in female sample than in male sample.

4. Implications and suggestions for further study were also included in this report.