

Abstract

This thesis is a study to show that the sexual domination of women in Thailand has been happening for many centuries. There are many factors that help to determine the sexual domination of women in Thailand, such as Thailand's economical, cultural and social conditions. In Thai society there are three ideologies to dominate women: 1. Ancient time until Sukhothai period animism has been used to control the sex of women. 2. From the Sukhothai period until the early of Rathanakosin period, the collecting of merit, found in Buddhism and Bhraman was used for the control of women. 3. From the early Rathanakosin period until now, modernization has been used to control the sex of women. The body of the woman is dominated. Society has viewed a woman's menstruation as a very negative. Society also feels that a woman's virginity is a very precious gift, and it is very prestigious for a woman to remain a virgin. Women have also been controlled under the social hierarchy. Through controlling women, and their sexual life, society can control the way of life of people in society. The modernization and the changing Thai society, has led to new forms of controlling women. There are norms of good women such as good house wives to take care of house and children. This idea has occurred in the past and is still present in today's time. Society has tried for this idea to be a social norm for Thai society, and is present in the family, educational institute, and other medias. Right now we are in the period of open society, and all of the influences from the outside is affecting the norms of the Thai woman. The society is critical of the rapid changes, and are worried for the teenage women, because they now represent Thai women. People are afraid that they will no longer be able to control the woman, her body, her sexuality, etc. Teenagers nowadays are not ashamed or afraid of their sexuality, they can show their love and pleasure openly. They are having sexual relations much quicker than in the past. Because of this situation with the teenagers, people have the question as to how much control do we have over women and sex in Thai society. From this thesis there still is the way to control sex, but it is changed from the previous framework. Morality plays a big role in keeping women ashamed and confused about sexuality and their sexual relations. The idea of love to control the sexual

relation is a new idea. As long as there is still confusion in teenagers mind, and if they cannot solve the confusion, then they still have to struggle with the relationship between men and women. In conclusion, the way to control sexual relations of teenagers still happens at this moment.