

## Abstract

The objectives of study are two fold : (1) To find out the decision - making roles of journalists particularly the decision - making roles that concern family activities ; (2) To determine the relationship between decision - making roles and some selected socio - economic and demographic factors.

To achieve the objectives of the study , the investigator selected 224 married journalists out of the 12,000 journalists working in Bangkok by means of purposive sampling. Self - achieve questionnaires and face to face interviews were used to collect the data needed for the study. Finally the obtained questionnaires were analyzed with the help of percentage calculation and the chi - square test .

Measures were invented to find out who make decisions and or what kind of activities the decisions were made. The activities included activities about children , recreation , contacts with the outside world , and family expenses. It was found that both husband and wives took part in decision - making about this activities on an equal basis compared with their husbands , wives , made more decisions about family expenses , whereas husband , or compared with their wives , made more decisions about contacts with the outside world.

Possession of resources and some social factors were found to associate with decision - making processes that is , husbands or wives who had more income and higher education played greater parts in decision - making. Paradoxically , patriarchal ideology was found to be unrelated to decision - making processes. Other factors that were found to be related to the decision - making processes are difference in age and the length of married life. The relationship between the independent variable and dependent variable were significant at the .05 level.