

## ABSTRACT

The objective of this thesis, "Self-concept of never-married women: A case of never-married women aged over 30 years old" are

- (1) To study self-concept of never-married women
- (2) To study the expected factors affecting the self-concept of never-married women
- (3) To find out a reason to remain single

The sample groups used under this study are never-married women aged over 30 years old who work in Bangkok Metropolitan. They are comprised of 4 groups of occupation; nursed, army officials, teachers in the secondary-schools and university instructors totalling 196 persons. Data collected were based on sending out questionnaires.

The study was concentrated on self-concept on the evaluative self, and therefore, used the concept of "self-esteem" as part of a structure of the self-concept being main factors for study in place of the concept "self-concept".

Result of the study, it was found that:-

1. The majority of never-married women have high self-esteem.
2. Factors most related to the positive self-esteem are:- approval by friends, the next one is the family approval are above median level related to both of the variables. And the variable, voluntary to be single, colleague

approval and approval from others are positively related to the self esteem on the lower median level respectively. Besides, it was also found that the income and the occupation are positively related to that of self-esteem on the lower median level.

Factor which is negatively related to the self-esteem is social isolation. This factor is related to the self-esteem on the lower median level. The study was based on the Percentage to find out the relations between the variables and used Gamma to explain the strength of relation between the variables.

3. Reason to remain single of the majority of never-married women is that they choose to remain single on account of greater freedom than the married life. Besides, the remaining of the never-married women said that they have problems after marriage, not ready to lead a married life, thinking her being single is quite happy, not wanting to shoulder the responsibility of a married life, her study and work do not offer her a chance to meet the right one. Limitation, suggestion and implication of the findings were also included in this thesis.