

Adolescents' Thai Adolescent Sexuality in Northeast Thailand and Structural Violence: Interplay between Culture and Modernity

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Abstract

Adolescent sexuality is what concerned institutions have attempted to address through diverse strategies of which one is sex education to the representatives or core-teamed adolescents from many groups. It is expected that the adolescents will transmit the knowledge to their peers through kinds of useful activities, such as playing music, playing sport including inserting the matter in daily life. Most activities tend to help solving the problem at its end rather than adjusting and reconstructing attitudes having rooted for centuries.

Since 2002, Center for Health Policy Studies at Mahidol University's Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities has carried out action research with qualitative method. The project begins with formative research, intervention and evaluation during and after activities to bring the lessons to design activities that focus on talking, thinking, analyzing phenomena deeply to their origin; and adjusting their attitudes at the same time.

Analyzing phenomena with Buddhist teaching; The Four Noble Truths and Eight Fold Path.

The study suggests that phenomenon relating to adolescents thought to be problematic today are not viewed as problems by the adolescents but only a step of their life experience. The clash between parents who hold fast to old traditions and adolescents who want to follow today modernity enlarges the generation gap of two cultural groups without awareness that the embedded peril is the clash of cultural structure.

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