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ABSTRACT

The study is a qualitative research on a particular and retrospective case. The objective is to create an understanding of the pattern of decision making regarding induced abortion of unwanted pregnancy with consideration of the socio-cultural dimension among female adolescents who have had at least one in the last two years. The subjects were between 15-24 years old Data was collected over four months by interviewing 15 female adolescents and key informants in urban areas where the research was done. In practical terms, the researcher tried to buy drug used for abortion.

The results found that female adolescents define 'unwanted pregnancy' in a variety of ways. And there is increased abortion among female adolescents because of Thai culture and traditions that interfere with and pressure their behavior. This interference involves the law which regards abortion as an illegal act; rules in educational institution and the family; social norms regarding sex before marriage; alienation of females from medical devices; social network contexts and their own potential. The researches has shown the socio-cultural factors influencing the increase in abortions. The folk sector with a culture of self-care practices makes people care about themselves. The abortion that is followed by the perinea deals with unwanted pregnancy but depends on the popular sector, folk sector and experience of the social network.

The result of the research leads to the suggestion about counseling service to all groups of females especially female adolescents through listening to their problem, creating correct understanding; and providing enough listening to their problem, and providing enough information and appropriate and safe choices to enable female adolescents who confront the problem to make their own decision properly. Besides, the result helps to promote setting organization that offer social services such as emergent residents or nurseries, another choice to the females.

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