

## CHAPTER II

### METHODS AND PROCEDURES

#### Subjects

Subjects were divided into 2 groups :

1) Fifty Mothers of institutionalized male juvenile delinquents : these boys ranged from 13 - 18 years and were sentenced by the Bangkok Observation and Protection Centre to the Remand Home. Sixty - eight percent of the boys were convicted of offenses against property, 20 percent for offenses against life and person, 6 percent for offenses against sex, and 6 percent for offenses against the law for possession of fire arms. Before arrest, 24 percent of them were unemployed, 42 percent were working, and 34 percent were still in school.

2) Fifty Mothers of normal male adolescents: these boys ranged from 13 - 18 years and were studying at the secondary school level Matayom Suksa 1-5. They were considered by the classroom teachers to be well - adjusted. None had ever been convicted of a crime.

The control variables for the two groups of mothers were: religion (Buddhism), Thai nationality, and age of subject (13 - 18 years).

Instruments

The author used the Thai version of the Parental Attitude Research Instrument (PARI). This inventory consists of 115 items which make up the following twenty - three five - items scales.

Scales

Abbreviations

1. Encouraging Verbalization	En. Verbal.
2. Fostering Dependency	Fos. Depend.
3. Seclusion of the Mother	Sedu.
4. Breaking the Will	Break.
5. Martyrdom	Martyr.
6. Fear of Harming the Baby	Fear. Harm.
7. Marital Conflict	Marl. Conf.
8. Strictness	Strict.
9. Irritability	Irri.
10. Excluding Outside Influences	Ex. Out. Inf.
11. Deification	Deif.
12. Suppression of Aggression	Sup. Agg.
13. Rejection of theHomemaking Role.	Rej. Home. R.
14. Equalitarianism	Equal.
15. Approval of Activity	Approv. Acti.
16. Avoidance of Communication	Avoid. Commu.
17. Inconsiderateness of the Husband	Incon. Husb.
18. Suppression of Sex	Supp. Sex.
19. Ascendance of the Mothers	Asc. Mother.

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20. Intrusiveness	Intru.
21. Comradship and Sharing	Comrade.
22. Acceleration of Development	Acce. Devel.
23. Dependency of the Mother	Depend. Mother.

Each item is put in a sequence of number according to the number of the scales. Therefore, items 1, 24, 47, 70, 93 make up the first scale. The twenty - three scales have been factor - analyzed and the following three major factors have been extracted:

(1) Athoritarian - Control : conceptualized as measuring authoritarian, suppressive, punitive and restricting attitudes. It consists of 16 scales: numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22 and 23.

(2) Hostility - Rejection : described as measuring hostility towards children and husband, and rejection of the maternal role. It consists of scales 7, 8, 9 and 13.

(3) Democratic attitudes : referring to the acceptance of children's ideas and participation of mother in activities. This factor consists of scales 1, 14, and 21.

### Scoring

In answering each item, the interviewee can choose only one answer from the following options :

- A = Strongly Agree
- a = Agree
- d = Disagree
- D = Strongly Disagree

The score for A is 4 points, a = 3, d = 2 and D = 1.

Statistical Methods

The data for the two groups of mothers were analyzed by the t - test method to see if there were any significant differences in attitudes.

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