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ABSTRACT

This study investigated the differences in perceptions towards maternal behavior of middle and lower class Thai children in Bangkok and Dhonburi. One hundred and twenty children aged thirteen to sixteen equally divided according to class and sex, thirty in each group with sixty boys and sixty girls, one hundred and one mothers; forty one middle class mothers and sixty lower class mothers were studied by means of the "Children's Report of Parental Behavior Inventory." The results indicated that mothers of middle class children were more positive than were lower class mothers. That is, they showed more warmth, understanding and encouragement towards their children. The lower class mothers in return were more negative. That is, they showed more control and hostility towards their children than did middle class mothers. Fathers, though of different classes, seemed to show more love and autonomy towards daughters than did mothers who tended to be higher on control and love towards son. Both lower and middle class fathers encouraged their children to learn more than did mothers. Mothers when compared to children in the same class reported themselves as behaving more positively on the positive scales than perceptions from children while on the negative scales, mothers reported that they behaved less negatively

towards their children than reports of perceptions towards maternal behavior from children.

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