

“The Minor Wife”, the Marginal Woman in Thai Country Music

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Abstract— The article “The Minor Wife”, the marginal woman in Thai country music, is the part of the thesis study under the topic of “The Minor Wife, the representation of the marginal woman through Thai country music”. The article study about Thai country songs, refer to minor wives’s feeling which present form female singers since 1977 – present, for 63 songs. The article present the notion by the representation of the marginal woman from minor wives. The study found that signifiers that relay to the marginal woman are Nang Galee(/na:ŋga:li:/ means a vicious woman), Nang Marn (/na:ŋma:n/ means an evil woman), the sin , the degenerate , the shameless people, the cat burglar, the foolish and idiotic woman. Where of the signifiers as above relay to the evil , bestly and foolish woman. The representation represents that minor wives are despised from Thai social. They do them as alien and push them out to the marginality. The study of the representation demonstrate that Thai country songs as literature, redo products which stress the minor wife as a marginal woman.

Keywords—Representation, Marginality.

I. INTRODUCTION

AN attenuation human value, as a result, the value of the reduction becomes something that is worthless, commoditization and closed signs to look either in a negative side (Stigmatization). It is a human on the edge [1] to create a brand image for the group that became the other in society by using various processes to the social meaning of the negative things that come from state power to exclude, restrict or weaken . The whole process of creating the marginalized, similarly, the representation of minor wife ' happening with the laws, rules, traditions and morality in Buddhism as well as socialization in a given society, the definition of women as the norm of the above criteria, resulting in lower values of the minor wife, the minor wife becomes a woman who violated the law and social norms and are branded as evil, because of doing something wrong, immoral in Buddhism.

Minor wife is a woman who brought by a husband as a wife but no dignity or equivalent as the same as the registered wife.[2] This definition was set up after the 1932 rule change by the enforcement of the Law on Monogamy 1935 under the Civil and Commercial Code Section 1452 defined "man or

woman to enter into marriage while their spouse is not"[3] the minor wife becomes a woman who violated the law immediately.

The representation of the minor wife is operating to create social discourse by the powers that want to change to a new fully civilized. According to Foucault has described the practice of discourse that any person has the right to determine what is "knowledge" is that he has the power to define the concept of a society for the social consensus in the same way [4] as well as the power of the state to impose a zero value to the minor wife, so she must be adapted to accommodate the new identity is set up , resulting in her becoming marginalized women are branded as a worse threat to the prosperity of society women as branded a bad girl threat to prosperity in society.

II. THE PROBLEM OF MINOR WIFE REPRESENTATION

Minor wife is a woman of society, Thailand looked contempt because the woman who violated the law, the moral prohibition of incest husband or wife of another, the unethical this socially unacceptable and is considered a sin. Moreover, the norms imposed on women to be a Secret Recipe, celibacy and other precursors’ husband. Therefore, the minor wife became shunned in society and have severe negative image of the value to be set lower than the norm. In addition, the minor wife is a woman trapped in a man's victims attenuation values to two factors: the Congress state vice regime in a patriarchal society like Thailand, and from being branded as a bitch, which is a result of the law. And morality in Buddhism Society shunned and relegated to the fringe polygamist .This article analyzes the representation of minor wife study in Thai country music. The study selected only songs with contents minor wife story of 67 songs sung by female singers of the 31 people using the representation theory of Stuart Hall, a framework of analysis. The study of the representation of the concept of Stuart Hall[5] and Hall explain the meaning to replace that the representation. Yield a meaningful representation of the image in the minds of people. Language is the medium of the relations between things Concepts and signifiers, which is the key to the meaning of things. In the real world Communicate ideas or knowledge in the head away to let others know by signifiers such as language, consisting of Signifier and Signified so it will be the construction of meaning.

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III. THE REPRESENTATION OF MINOR WIFE, MARGINAL WOMEN IN THAI COUNTRY MUSIC

The study analyzed the minor wife of Thai country music, by studying the meaning of signifiers in two kinds: denotation and connotation meaning, analysis or cultural implications, which aims to define the following implicit.

1. Signified: Nang Galee(/na:ŋga:li:/)

Signifier: a vile and bad woman

1999 The Royal Institute of Kali that explains the meaning of evil, misfortune [6] is a woman with a bad image, and brings discredit to her. So women were called Kali is a social evil, nasty, demeaning behavior is socially unacceptable. That society, and made it look so disdainful minor wife. It is accepted, also relegated from the social.

2. Signified: The devil or demon

Signifier: evil sinful woman, who discourage merit

The word "devil" means a species is sinful evil angels, are excluded from merit; Giants; Killer; Breaker. In Buddhism, refers to the deprivation merit a 5, which is called the five-pin. The devil is Khan devil, Kielsomar, meta fairest devil, Mahhu devil and evil child the devil implicitly refers to hinder [7]. From the above definition enables people to derive meaning was conveyed through the songs.

3. Signified: Sinners

Signifier: the sinner and immoral

Sin is defined as a noun or an offender prohibition on religious doctrine; Evil; Impurity likeminded people sin [8]. Meaning of the above on studies implicitly sinner is one who does evil, immoral, a person convicted of lewdness. And vile was the penalty of sin and sinners of this personality type; social stigmatization, not ostracized, social exclusion and dismissive towards existed when the mistress is apparently. A mistress is a social evil and has no morals degrade society of Buddhism.

4. Signified: bad or evil

Signifier: a villainous behavior

Bad means to a lower standard, such as paper, ink and depression worse; Consequently, such a military brat, Price worse; Low, immoral, such bad manners [9] on the implications and "bad guys" refers to people with low behavior, society reprehensible by most recognized the representation of minor wife as a bitch. The song was broadcast that how society looks down on minor and their feelings about being blamed as the bad guys which is both a feeling and a call to understand the arguments against the reality of the image that is displayed, which will be explained later in the analysis of the content.

5. Signified: shameless people

Signifier: not shame people

Dictionary of the Royal Academy in 1999, described as a means to reduce the expression should not be embarrassed, but not ashamed by default means no embarrassment in what should be embarrassed [10] implied cultural. Sassy minor wife accused him of holding social monogamy, having a relationship with a man who was already married, which is a bad thing that women are not treated like this but the minor

wife to practice their cultural trend. Hence, the mistress, it was "cheeky" because all things shall be shame, but they are not ashamed although no laws criminalize but social rules were created by making penalties the representation is a problem in their own life, such as being socially condemned as brazen and so on.

6. Signified: cat burglar.

Signifier: theft, thief.

Signifiers are often used as "cat stealing fish" refers to people who like to steal other people's property when the owner falls. In this cat burglar mean minor wife because society views them as women to usurp other people's husbands is compared to a thief, which behaves as an offense against the law. Only in this cat burglar did not condone law provisions. There was only a social and cultural place sanctions only to a minor are guilty of bad women. Meanwhile, there is a role for the men. Socially acceptable and are compared to fish the parties are corrupted. The study suggests that the status of the female secondary sexual and social regime under patriarchy can cause a mismatch on the status of sex in Thailand. No true equality.

7. Signified: the arrogant, stupid and foolish woman

Signifier: a foolish woman

It will be seen viciously, minor wife was seen as a fool due to the image that society does not accept it. Most women recognize and understand the role of women as well as socially defined and recognized that to have a relationship with a man whose wife is wrong, disgraced, desperation, and social stigmatization, so women who would be the minor wife was viewed as ignorant or stupid to lose dignity in spite of a polygamist society condemned cynical recognition of the consequences was the fall in the fringe of society.

IV. CONCLUSION

Interpretive presentation marginalization of women in society through signifier's Thai country musics, the study found that the representation refers to people who are immoral, depraved, being offensive, which is defined above as Kali, devil, the bad and the front is a meaning that is sourced from the definition of society is seal and reduce the value of a person to look either unsolicited called the marginality.

Marginality women presenting the representation of minor wife in the songs, as a visual representation of a minor in a society that is a barrier to the identity of the minor wife obvious because most societies recognize the image of a woman's poorly minor wife, which look marginality and relegated to.

The author has assembled create the minor wife of reality in society. It's a live and present the truth in the song reinforces the discourse in society through music minor wife in a society convey images. Meanwhile, it has implications for the latent ideological power to sustain the society according to the guidelines set by the state is utopian to create a society and judge what should be a minor wife in a society in which a group of people who are assigned to a group in society should

not be understated because the problem is, as a violation of law and good enough.

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