Educational Attainment and Employment Status: Their Relationship with Women's Assertiveness of their Reproductive Rights

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ABSTRACT

This study was undertaken to determine the level of assertiveness of married women of their reproductive rights. The variables were educational attainment and employment status. Eighty-five (85) married women from the barangay of Igtuba, Miag-ao,iloilo were taken as respondents. They were selected using random sampling. The researchers constructed a 17-item questionnaire asking on reproductive rights of women. Due to the sensitivity of the topic, the researchers opted to conduct a personal interview with each respondent. Frequency and percentage distributions, as well as Chi-square Test were used in the analysis of data. Most of the results showed that there were no relationship between educational attainment and assertiveness of women: employment status and assertiveness of women of their reproductive rights. Only two items proved that there was a relationship between assertiveness of women and the two socio-demographic variables. It proved that there was a relationship between educational attainment and assertiveness of women in choosing the birth attendant and it also proved that there was a relationship between employment status and assertiveness of women in deciding on what to do with the unplanned pregnancy.