DIFFERENCES IN HOUSEWORK CONTRIBUTION OF COUPLES IN DUAL-EARNING FAMILIES IN SAN MIGUEL, ILOILO

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ABSTRACT

This study described the nature of housework by husbands and wives in dual-earning households. Specifically, this study described the differences in housework in terms of age, income, educational attainment, occupation, and work schedule; examined the extent that housework contributions conform to the traditional gender role expectation; and described other influences on housework contributions such as household size and composition.

The primary instrument used to gather data was a survey questionnaire. The participants of the study were taken from 30 dual-earning households in Brgy. 1 and Brgy. Sto. Niño, San Miguel, Iloilo. The information was gathered from data reported by the wives only.

The findings showed that despite age, relative income, and number of work hours having a relationship with men's participation in housework to a limited extent, traditional gender role expectations have a stronger influence with both men and women.

The researcher recommend using a larger sample of participants for more reliable results, as well as an exploration as to how couples negotiated division of housework and other coping strategies.