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Active Family Participation Versus Role Conflict on Household Tasks in Relation to The Wives' Feeling of Life Satisfaction

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ABSTRACT

The current study aimed at evaluating the participations of the Egyptian family members from Qualubia governorate in the household tasks in relation to the wives' feeling of life satisfaction. Two measures of participations were used in this study i.e. "positive or active participation" where the roles of family members integrate with the corresponding ones of the wife (organized tasks), and "role conflict" where family participations are randomized (unorganized tasks). Such unorganized tasks could negatively affect the usual domestic roles of the wife. The study also measured the implications of the usual wife practices to decrease household expenditure on rooting positive posts, or deepening role-conflict between family members. Three hundred working and non-working wives were selected from Qualubia to take part in the study. Each wife had at least an adolescent son/daughter and her husband was alive. This study followed a descriptive analytical approach. Results reveal that family active posts had significant positive impacts on the wives' feeling of life satisfaction, whereas role-conflicts had negative impacts on life satisfaction. With improving family socioeconomic status, active posts increased; however, role-conflicts decreased. The active posts were inversely correlated with role-conflict. Rationalization of household expenditures recorded no significant effect on either the family's active posts, or role-conflict. Father's educational level and his job-career had considerable impacts on his active posts. On the other hand, the household income had the highest impact on sons/daughters participations or role-conflict. In conclusion, active participations, especially in families of low socioeconomic status, are considered effective means for reducing the family's role conflict. Gaining trust and confidence between family members are needed to lessen role conflicts. Consequently, family's active participations improve the performance of home management practices on one hand and increase the wives' feelings of life satisfaction on the other hand.

Keywords: active participations; domestic labor; passive participations; socioeconomic status; life satisfaction. 