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ABSTRACT

This is an exploratory study to investigate the different factors that would account for stress and adjustment in intermarriage. The researcher focused on the perceived areas of tension, specific coping strategies and the role that each member of the Filipino-American, Filipino-Spanish and Filipino-Chinese couples played in handling problems that arose due to cross-cultural differences.

The study made use of the multi-methods approach in order to cross validate findings. It included the use of a questionnaire, interview, and of pakikiramdam. Due to the infrequency of such intercultural marriages, the researcher utilized a purposive sampling. Moreover, the ten couples in each type of intermarriage, five of them are Filipinos married to a wife who is of another culture and five of them Filipinas married to a husband of another culture. Findings show that there are no potential conflicts posed by the cross-cultural aspect.



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