



Abstract

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Title: “Care mo? Eh love ko siya!” Implication of Age Difference in a Marital Relationship

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Objectives:

- A. General: This study sought to determine the implication of age difference in a marital relationship Specifically the profile of the respondents according to number of years of age difference, length of marriage, age of each partner, number of children, religion, educational attainment, occupation and Number of years working, the level of Marital Satisfaction and the advantage and disadvantage of having age difference in a marital relationship
- B. Specific: To know if there is an implication of having big age difference in a marital relationship.



Scope and Delimitation: This study is designed and was conducted among the nine respondents to investigate the implication of age difference in a marital relationship. This study is limited only to nine couples living in the province of Cavite such as in Bacoor, Dasmariñas, Imus and some part of Las Piñas City who are married for at least five years have ten years or more age difference with the male being the older one. The study covered only the level of marital satisfaction, conflict handling and resolution, child rearing and handling of responsibility

Methodology: This study used a descriptive type of research design because it involved description, recording, analysis, observing, action and interpretation of data from the chosen respondents. The researchers made use of a case study since this study focused on the respondents' direct response regarding the issue through their personal experiences. The research instrument used to gather the information needed in this study is a standardized test, which is the Marital Satisfaction Inventory (MSI) by Douglas Snyder, Ph.D.

Major Findings: Based on the results of the study, age difference is not a main source of conflict in a marital relationship. As shown on the MSI results, the overall response of the couples having a 10-year or more age difference ranges from low to moderate. However, there are instances when the response of one spouse is higher than the other. This may be one source of misunderstanding but it does not necessarily follow that they will not attain satisfaction in their relationship.



Conclusion:

1. Age difference in a marital relationship does not often lead to unhealthy or poor relationship; it merely depends on the situation and it's a matter of understanding each other's needs and strengths.
2. The success of the relationship of couples with age difference depends on how they handle their relationship and on how they value one another
3. Age does not measure the maturity level of an individual.
4. The over-all level of marital satisfaction falls under low to moderate level.

Most of the respondents are satisfied with their marital relationship

Recommendations:

1. Couples should maintain their good marital relationship in spite of age difference.
2. Future researchers must get a larger sample with different number of married persons to be able to make a comparison and to be able to generalize the results of the whole population.
3. Future researchers should also employ a different method in doing the study. A correlation study or a survey may be used to gather more details and data.