



Abstract

Marital satisfaction is a subjective evaluation of an individuals' experience in their marriage (White & Klein, 2008). There are a number of reasons behind spouses' marital satisfaction. This paper specifically looked at income and gender roles as determinants of marital satisfaction. These variables have commonsensically been viewed as affecting an individuals' view of marital relationship. This study aimed to determine the relationship among income, gender roles and marital satisfaction. A quantitative design, and purposive sampling technique was utilized for this study where 215 married couple (n=430) were respondents. Access Research Knowledge's Gender Role Questionnaire, and the Couple Satisfaction Index were the two standardized instruments used to measure gender roles and marital satisfaction, respectively. The respondents simply stated their monthly income on the spaces provided on the questionnaire, which later were categorized or coded. The results indicated a weak negative correlation between Income and Gender Roles, and a weak positive correlation between Income and Marital Satisfaction, but there was no correlation found between Gender Roles and Marital Satisfaction.

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