



Gender Microaggression and Its Impact Towards Observers
Overt Compassion and Overt Aggression

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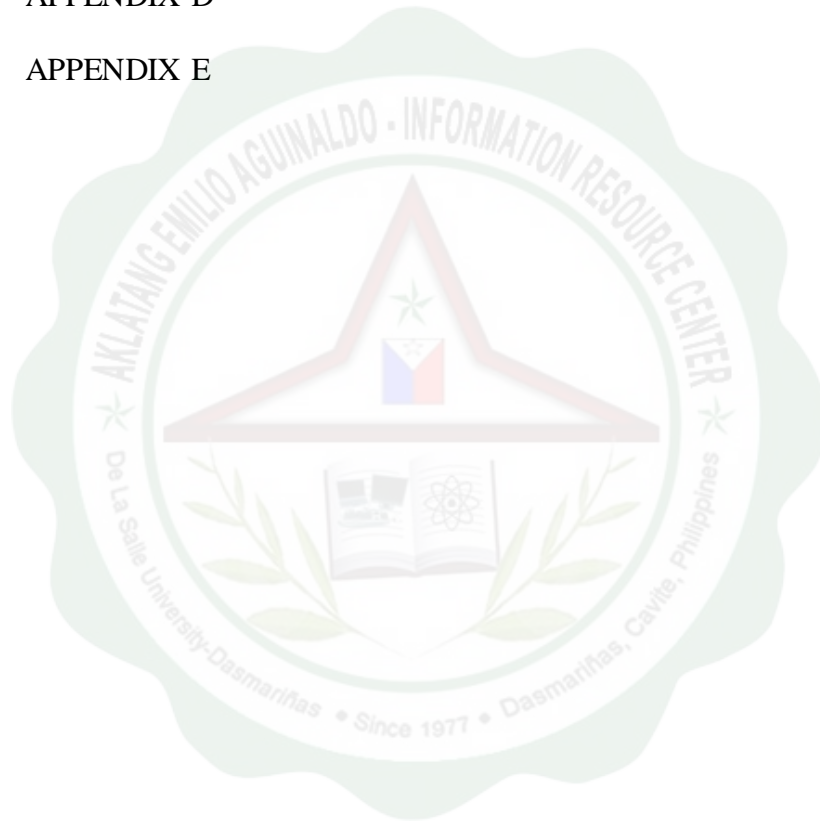


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ABSTRACT

The current study was conducted to find out the impact of Microaggression towards Overt compassion and Overt aggression of the subjects. The researchers hypothesized that the multivariate means of all treatment groups are equal to the subject's Overt compassion and Overt aggression when exposed to different categories of Microaggression. In order to test the hypothesis, an experimental study was conducted. One hundred ninety eight subjects were gathered for the study and were randomly assigned equally in the different treatment groups to control the possible threats. Upon obtaining the consent, the subjects were placed in a different study which is a cover story for the experiment. The subjects were exposed to seeing a confederate of opposite gender being microinvalidated, microinsulted, and microassaulted. The researchers measured the overt compassion and overt aggression of the subjects towards the victimized confederate using the newly developed and validated to measure the overt compassion and overt aggression. The results showed that exposure to the different categories of Microaggression would result to almost equal values of high overt compassion among the subjects; given that Filipinos are known to be naturally compassionate. Along with this, the subjects also showed higher overt aggression when exposed to microinsult and microassault which reveals that overt aggression was high yet the subject's compassionate behavior exists across all treatment groups. The findings revealed that the exposure to different categories of Microaggression can trigger the concealed construct of overt aggressive behaviour of Filipinos. The researchers concluded that Microaggression affects the overt compassion and overt aggression of an individual.

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