

Week 7: April 4th 2005 - - The formation of gendered divisions of labor - paid-work (public sphere) and housework (private sphere)

AIM: TO ILLUSTRATE THE GENDERED DIVISION OF WORK WITHIN DIFFERENT TYPES OF FAMILIES

STEPS:

A. Each group (5 students) will interview 5 couples:

- ◆ one dual-earner couple (full time jobs both partners) with children age 0-6
- ◆ one dual-earner couple (one or both partners have part-time job) with children age 0-6
- ◆ one dual-earner couple (full time jobs both partners) with children age 7-15
- ◆ one single-earner couple (where man is the breadwinner, woman is housewife) with children age 0-6
- ◆ one dual-earner couple without children

Note: Please interview separately each respondent!

B. Questions you should asked (*Guideline*):

- ◆ Please estimate the amount of time that you spent performing housework yesterday (shopping, cooking, cleaning, home maintenance, ironing etc)
- ◆ Please estimate the amount of time per week you spend performing housework (shopping, cooking, cleaning, home maintenance, ironing etc)
- ◆ Please estimate the amount of time per week that your partner/spouse spends performing housework (shopping, cooking, cleaning, home maintenance, ironing etc)
- ◆ Approximately how many hours per week do you work at your paid job?
- ◆ Please tell me who usually is in charge of the following tasks:

| Activity | I do | My spouse/ partner | Both of us | Other family member | Other person (non- family member) |
|------------------------------|------|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Cooking daily meals | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Vacuum cleaning | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Grocery shopping | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Dusting | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Mopping the floors | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Household repairs | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Gardening | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Car | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Paying bills and taxes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Laundry | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Dishes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Caring for children | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Caring for elderly relatives | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

If children are present in the home ask the following questions:

- ◆ How do you share the duties concerning childcare? Please tell me for each of the following activity by whom it is usually carried out. (Please answer to each item)

Possible answers:

- 1 = mainly by me
- 2 = mainly by my partner
- 3 = mainly by a grandparent
- 4 = mainly by another member of the household
- 5 = mainly by another person
- 6 = by me and my partner
- 7 = by me and somebody else
- 8 = by my partner and somebody else
- 9 = the situation does not apply to me

| | Code | | Code |
|--|------|---|------|
| Changing diapers | | Bathing | |
| Assisting child/ren to do their homework | | Organizing childcare service in case of emergency | |
| Playing with child/ren | | Getting children ready for school/day care | |
| Arranging administrative affairs for the child/ren | | Dress the child/ren | |
| Driving children to activities or school/day care | | Doctor's visit | |
| Preparing the meals for the child/ren | | | |

C. Socio-demographic questions:

| | | |
|----|------------------|-------------|
| 1. | How old are you? | _____ years |
|----|------------------|-------------|

| | | |
|----|--|-----------------------|
| 2. | Marital status : | |
| | Married, respectively cohabitation (living with a partner) | 1 |
| | single, without partner | STOP INTERVIEW |
| | divorced, widow (without partner) | |

| | | |
|----|--|-----------------------|
| 3. | Number of hours spent in paid job | |
| | Working at least 40 hours a week (full time) | 1 |
| | Working minimum 20 hours per week but not 40 (part-time) | 2 |
| | Not working or working less than 20 hours a week | STOP INTERVIEW |

| | | |
|----|--|---|
| 4. | Last graduated school: | |
| | Základní | 1 |
| | ÚSO bez maturity, včetně vyučen bez maturity | 2 |
| | ŠS s maturitou, vyučen s maturitou | 3 |
| | VOŠ, vyšší odborná škola | 4 |
| | VŠ | 5 |

| | | |
|----|--|---|
| 5. | Average household income in the last month: | |
| | Up to 14 500 Kč | 1 |
| | 14 500 Kč to 22 000 Kč | 2 |
| | Above 22 000 Kč | 3 |

6. How many people live in your household including yourself? _____ persons

7. How many children are in your household?

| 0-3 years | 4-6 years | 7-15 years |
|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | |

8. Have you ever had maternity or/and parental leave?

Maternity leave

1. Yes
2. No
3. We're planning to have
4. The situation doesn't apply to me

Parental leave

1. Yes
2. No
3. We're planning to have
4. The situation doesn't apply to me

9. If yes at question 8, please tell me how long have you stayed home?

Maternity leave

_____ years

Parental leave

_____ years

D. You have to address the following questions when you are analyzing and presenting the results:

- ◆ What patterns did you notice when interviewing different types of couples?
- ◆ Did the partners agree on who is in charge of different chores? Are there any differences between what one partner thinks the other does and what the partner actually does?
- ◆ Are women typically in charge of stereotypical female household chores and men in charge of stereotypical male household chores?
- ◆ Is there a greater division of work among couples with children than among those without children, or among dual-earners and single-earners (or any other combination)?
- ◆ Please include in your presentation other interesting findings