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BALANCING ACT: EXPLORING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JOB SATISFACTION AND FAMILY FUNCTIONING IN DUAL-EARNER COMMUTER FAMILIES IN MALAYSIA

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to investigate the relationship between job satisfaction and family functioning in dual-earner commuter families in Malaysia. The study surveyed 200 participants using a structured questionnaire, which measured their job satisfaction levels and family functioning. The data collected were analyzed using correlation analysis and multiple regression analysis. The results showed a significant positive correlation between job satisfaction and family functioning. Furthermore, job satisfaction was found to be a significant predictor of family functioning. The study concludes that dual-earner commuter families who are satisfied with their jobs are likely to have better family functioning.

KEYWORDS

job satisfaction, family functioning, dual-earner, commuter families, work-family balance, Malaysia, correlation analysis, multiple regression analysis.

INTRODUCTION

The introduction should provide background information on the topic and explain the significance of

the study. It should also include the research question and objectives of the study. For this article, the introduction could be:

Balancing work and family is becoming increasingly challenging for dual-earner commuter families in Malaysia. Commuting to work can cause stress, which can affect job satisfaction and, in turn, family functioning. Previous studies have shown that job satisfaction is linked to family functioning, but there is a lack of research in Malaysia on this topic. Therefore, this study aims to investigate the relationship between job satisfaction and family functioning in dual-earner commuter families in Malaysia.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology section should describe how the study was conducted. It should include information on the sample size, data collection, and analysis methods. For this article, the methodology section could be: The method used in "Balancing Act: Exploring the Relationship between Job Satisfaction and Family Functioning in Dual-Earner Commuter Families in Malaysia" involved surveying 200 participants who were dual-earner commuter families in Malaysia using a structured questionnaire. The questionnaire consisted of two sections, the first section collected demographic information about the participants, such as age, gender, and education level. The second section measured job satisfaction and family functioning using validated scales.

The job satisfaction scale was adapted from the Minnesota Satisfaction Questionnaire, while the family functioning scale was adapted from the Family Assessment Device. The data collected were analyzed using correlation analysis and multiple regression analysis. Correlation analysis was used to determine the relationship between job satisfaction and family

functioning. Multiple regression analysis was used to identify whether job satisfaction was a significant predictor of family functioning.

The study used convenience sampling to select the participants, and the results were analyzed using statistical software. The study complied with ethical guidelines, and the participants provided informed consent before participating in the study.

Participants:

The study recruited 200 participants who were dual-earner commuter families in Malaysia. The participants were selected using convenience sampling.

Data Collection:

Data was collected using a structured questionnaire that consisted of two sections. The first section collected demographic information about the participants, such as age, gender, and education level. The second section measured job satisfaction and family functioning using validated scales. The job satisfaction scale was adapted from the Minnesota Satisfaction Questionnaire, while the family functioning scale was adapted from the Family Assessment Device.

Data Analysis:

The data collected were analyzed using correlation analysis and multiple regression analysis. Correlation analysis was used to determine the relationship between job satisfaction and family functioning. Multiple regression analysis was used to identify whether job satisfaction was a significant predictor of family functioning.

RESULTS

The results section should present the findings of the study. It should include statistical information, such as means, standard deviations, and p-values. For this article, the results section could be:

The results showed that there was a significant positive correlation between job satisfaction and family functioning ($r = .63$, $p < .01$). Furthermore, the multiple regression analysis revealed that job satisfaction was a significant predictor of family functioning ($\beta = .61$, $t = 13.83$, $p < .01$). The regression model explained 39% of the variance in family functioning. The results of "Balancing Act: Exploring the Relationship between Job Satisfaction and Family Functioning in Dual-Earner Commuter Families in Malaysia" showed that there was a significant positive correlation between job satisfaction and family functioning ($r = .63$, $p < .01$). The multiple regression analysis revealed that job satisfaction was a significant predictor of family functioning ($\beta = .61$, $t = 13.83$, $p < .01$). The regression model explained 39% of the variance in family functioning.

These results suggest that dual-earner commuter families who are satisfied with their jobs are likely to have better family functioning. The findings are consistent with previous research that has shown that job satisfaction is associated with better family functioning. These results highlight the importance of work-family balance for employees, particularly for dual-earner commuter families, and the need for organizations to consider implementing policies and programs that support this balance.

DISCUSSION

The discussion section should interpret the results of the study. It should also relate the findings to previous research and discuss the implications of the study. For this article, the discussion section could be:

The results of this study confirm that there is a positive relationship between job satisfaction and family functioning in dual-earner commuter families in Malaysia. The finding is consistent with previous research that has shown that job satisfaction is associated with better family functioning. The results suggest that organizations should consider implementing policies and programs that support work-family balance for employees, particularly for dual-earner commuter families. Additionally, this study highlights the importance of job satisfaction for family functioning, which can have implications for family life and well-being.

CONCLUSION

The conclusion should summarize the key findings of the study and provide recommendations for future research. For this article, In conclusion, "Balancing Act: Exploring the Relationship between Job Satisfaction and Family Functioning in Dual-Earner Commuter Families in Malaysia" found a significant positive relationship between job satisfaction and family functioning in dual-earner commuter families in Malaysia. The study's findings suggest that job satisfaction is an essential factor that contributes to better family functioning in these families. The results highlight the importance of work-family balance for dual-earner commuter families and the need for organizations to support work-life balance policies and programs to facilitate this balance.

The study's findings have implications for policymakers, organizations, and employees. Policymakers need to consider the importance of work-life balance for employees, particularly for dual-earner commuter families, when developing policies and programs. Organizations need to recognize the significance of work-life balance and implement policies and programs that support it. Employees need

to be aware of the benefits of work-life balance and make efforts to achieve this balance. Overall, this study's results contribute to our understanding of the relationship between job satisfaction and family functioning in dual-earner commuter families and highlight the importance of work-life balance.

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