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H 4.1 - HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

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NUMBER / PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME		Reported for females only	HAPP 2.1	D%	+ 0	ns	Middle-aged, middle class married couples, U.S.A. Non-probability accidental sample of couples N: 416, date: 1952 - 1953	ROSE 55 p. 16	
POSTPARENTAL STAGE	Children still living with parents vs 'empty nest'	Stronger among those of age 40-49: G' = +.29 (01) Reversed among those of age 50-59: G' = -.11 (ns)	HAPP 1.1	G'	+.16	Gt'	05 Non-institutionalized middle-aged females, U.S.A. Pooling of 3 Gallup surveys N: 902, date: 1963, 1966	GLENN 75 A/1 p. 106	
POSTPARENTAL STAGE	See above	Lower among those of age 40-49 : G' = +.10 (ns) Stronger among those of age 50-59: G' = +.27 (ns)	HAPP 1.1	G'	+.12	Gt'	ns Non-institutionalized middle-aged females, U.S.A. Pooling of NORC surveys N: 425, date: 1972, 1973	GLENN 75 A/2 p. 106	
POSTPARENTAL STAGE	See above	Lower among those of age 35-49 : G' = +.19 (ns) Stronger among those of age 50-64: G' = +.32 (ns)	COMP 1.1	G'	+.12	Gt'	ns Non-institutionalized middle-aged females, U.S.A. Roper survey N: 319, date: 1971	GLENN 75 A/3 p. 107	
CHILDREN IN OWN HOUSE	Number of children		HAPP 2.1	G	+.06	Chi ²	002 Male employees of age 40+, The Netherlands Non-probability chunk sample N: 13000, date: —	SONDE 75	
LIVING ALONE	Living with parents vs living alone	Computed for singles only. Males : r = -.21 (ns) Females: r = -.03 (ns)	HAPP 2.1	r _{pm}	-	Chi ²	ns Adults, Amsterdam, The Netherlands Probability systematic random sample stratified by sex and marital status N: 600, date: September - December, 1965	JONG 69 p. 203	
LIVING ARRANGEMENT	alone / with a spouse / with a child / some other arrangement	When controlled for level of health and level of income no relationships among those in poorer health or with lower incomes. Among those with better health and with incomes over \$ 4,000.- per year Ss living alone reported the highest morale and those who are unmarried and living with a child reported the lowest morale.	AFF 1.1			Chi ²	ns Aged persons, Metropolitan Boston, U.S.A. Probability area sample N: 1335, date: 1965	FOWLE 69 p. 733	
<u>HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION :</u>		Analysis on the basis of a comparison between the happiness of the category mentioned and the happiness of the entire population							
- LIVING ALONE			HAPP 2.1	G'	-.14	Gt'	ns	Aged chronically-ill patients, U.S.A. Probability sample N: 167, date: 1959	HENLE 67 p. 71
- LIVING WITH SPOUSE			HAPP 2.1.	G'	+.09	Gt'	ns		

- LIVING WITH SPOUSE AND CHILDREN			HAPP 2.1	G'	+48	Gt'	ns		
- LIVING WITH CHILDREN			HAPP 2.1	G'	-27	Gt'	ns		
- LIVING WITH OTHER COMBINATION OF RELATIVES			HAPP 2.1	G'	+48	Gt'	ns		
LIVING ALONE	Living with others vs living alone		HAPP 2.1	G'	-22	Gt'	ns	Aged chronically-ill patients, U.S.A. (see last page)	HENLE 67 p. 71
QUALITY OF CONTACTS WITH HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS	Closed question: generally troubled / sometimes one, sometimes the other / generally pleasant	Computed for those who are living with others only	HAPP 2.1	G'	+42	Gt'	01	See above	HENLE 67 p. 71
OBJECTION TO LIVING ALONE	Closed question: no vs yes	Computed for those who are living alone only	HAPP 2.1	G'	-56	Gt'	01	See above	HENLE 67 p. 71

H 4.2 - HOUSEHOLD WORK

AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT ON HOUSEWORK	Number of hours usually spent on housework per week	Computed for females only 24% of the relatively dissatisfied and 9% of the satisfied women spend 60 hours or more a week on housework. About an equal percentage of satisfied and dissatisfied women spend less than 20 hours a week on housework.	HAPP 2.1	D%	-			Middle-aged, middle class married couples, U.S.A. Non-probability accidental sample of couples N: 416, date: 1952 - 1953	ROSE 55 p. 16
HAVING PAID HOUSEHOLD HELP		Computed for females only	HAPP 2.1	D%	+	s		See above	ROSE 55 p. 16
GETTING HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE FROM CHILDREN OR HUSBAND		Computed for females only	HAPP 2.1	D%	+ 0	ns		See above	ROSE 55 p. 16
WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME ON WORK AROUND THE HOUSE		Unaffected by sex	HAPP 2.1	D%	+	s		See above	ROSE 55 p. 18
WANT TO SPEND LESS TIME ON WORK AROUND THE HOUSE		Among females 44% of the dissatisfied and 27% of the satisfied want to spend less time on work around the house. No relationship among males	HAPP 2.1	D%	-	s		See above	ROSE 55 p. 18
SATISFACTION WITH HOUSEWORK	Closed question: very little / a fair amount / a lot of pleasure and satisfaction	Computed for unemployed women only	HAPP 1.1	G'	+38	Gt'	01	National adult population, U.S.A. Non-probability quota sample N: 2377, date: February, 1946	WESSM 56 p. 198
SATISFACTION WITH HOUSEWORK, work around the house	Closed question: 'How do you feel about . . .' terrible / unhappy / mostly dissatisfied / mixed / mostly satisfied / pleased / delighted	Unaffected by sex	HAPP 3.1 (1st instr.)	h^2	.26			National adult population, U.S.A. Probability area sample (first sample) N: 1297, date: May, 1972	ANDRE 74 p. 17
ENJOYING DOMESTIC WORK	Closed question: a little / much / very much		HAPP 1.1	r_{pm}	+34			Housewives, The Netherlands Probability area sample N: 450, date: autumn, 1964	PHILI 66 p. 66