

## Quantitative Methods Annotated Bibliography

Huang, Yun-Chen and Shu-Hui Lin 2014. "Attitudes of Taiwanese College Students toward Marriage: A Comparative Study of Different Family Types and Gender". *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, Vol. XLV, Number 3, pp. 425-438.

In this cultural anthropology article, the authors examined the attitudes of Taiwanese college students about their parental relationships to determine if there was a correlation with their attitudes toward marriage. The study was conducted to further understand and explain declines in marriage and birth rates, and increases in cohabitation, single parent households and births to unmarried women in Taiwan.

The *research question* is: "does the quality of the parent's relationships and the degree of conflict between the parents, whether married or divorced", influence attitudes of their children about marriage?" The *data used* was a questionnaire administered to 1,113 randomly selected college students from 4 universities in Taiwan. SPSS was used to generate descriptive statistics, Pearson's Correlation Coefficients and regression analysis to analyze the data.

The *conclusion* shows a relationship between parental conflict and attitude toward marriage – the higher the conflict, the less positive the student's attitude, and differences between male and female attitudes (males had a more positive attitude in general about marriage). The depth of the analysis and use of multiple methods to test the hypothesis is the *strength* of the article. There does not appear to be a *weakness* in the methodology that was used for this study.