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WORK-LIFE BALANCE

IS IMPERATIVE FOR HOW WE SPEND OUR TIME AT WORK AND WITH FAMILY, OUR ANNUAL INCOME, AND WHETHER WE VIEW WORK AS A JOB OR A CAREER.

Archival Data Analyzes Based on Data Collected by Dr. Jillene Grover Seiver and Elisa Pope, MS



- →Work-family conflict/Family-work conflict (Dupuis et al., 2008).
 - → Examined through the lens of role commitment
 - → Roles were employee, parent, and romantic partner.

→Two cohorts

- → 2018-2019 (n=372)
- → January-June 2021 (n=136)
- → (COVID work-from home and homeschool orders were in place in much of WA state).

→Participants

- → Snowball recruitment through students enrolled in lower-division psychology classes
- → To be eligible at least partial custody of a minor child.
- → An employee working at least 20 hours a week
- → Living with their romantic partner.

Current Study

- H 1: CSE will be affected by the amount of time spent at work and the role that the participant values most.
- H 2: CSE will be higher among those who consider their paid work to be a career.
- H 3: CSE as a function of hours worked per week and role that the participant values most.

Core Self-Evaluation Scale (Judge, et al., 2003) 12-item scale

- Assesses self-esteem, locus of control, generalized self-efficacy, and emotional stability
- Sample item: "I complete tasks successfully"

5-point Likert scale
Higher scores indicated positive core
self-evaluation

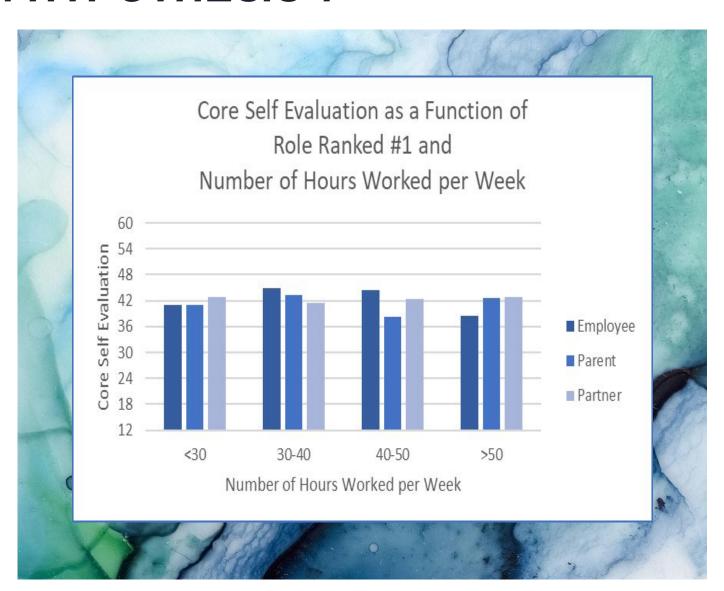
Scores range from 12-60





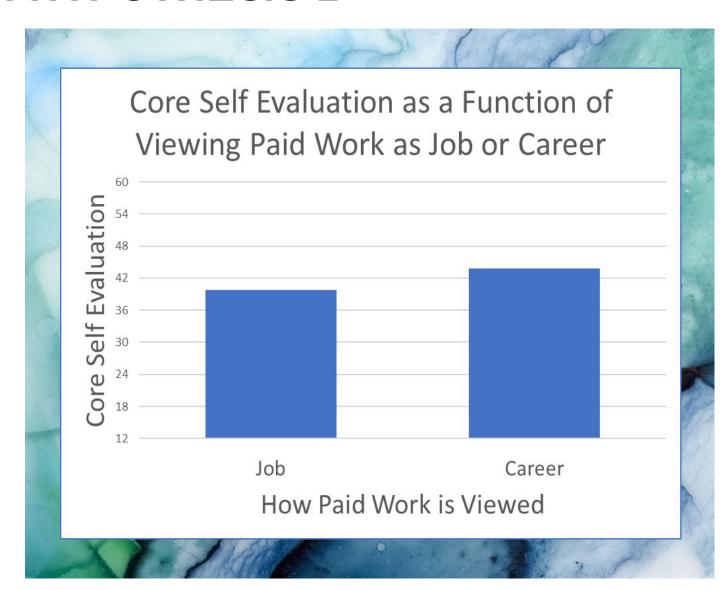
RESULTS: HYPOTHESIS 1





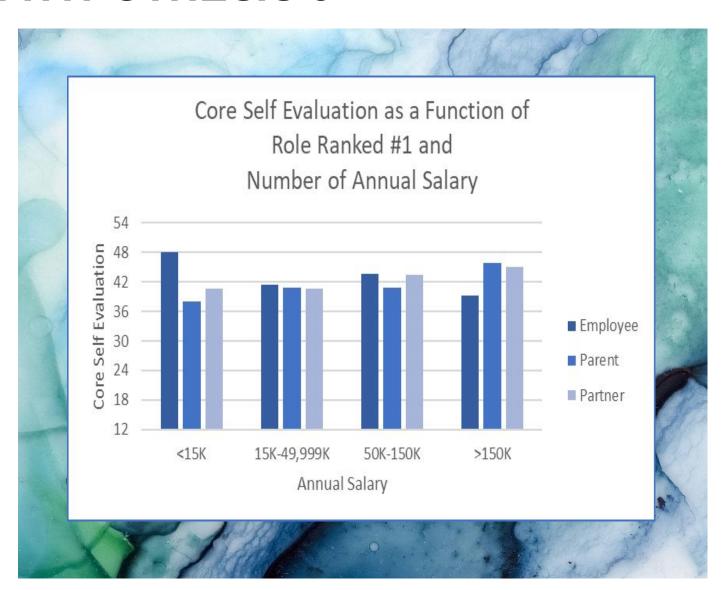
RESULTS: HYPOTHESIS 2





RESULTS: HYPOTHESIS 3







CONCLUSION

- It seems that how participants considered their work (as a job or a career) and their annual salary affected their CSE.
- Role Ranked # 1 and Hours Worked per Week:
 - Employees who work over 50 hours per week ranked low CSE.
- Role Ranked # 1 and Annual Salary:
 - Differences in the #1 roles produced contrasting CSE based on annual salary.
 - Participants who considered their #1 role to be parent had different effects at different salary ranges.





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