

Occupation of fathers and child socialization techniques

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ABSTRACT

Little has been known about the occupation of fathers and their behaviour regarding the child socialization in the basis of fathers' occupational nature and status. Aims of the study were: to determine demographic characteristics of the respondents whose occupation was white collar (Government officers, doctors, teachers and businessmen and others); to study the parental socialization value; to study the relationship between the nature of father's occupation and child socialization techniques. The study was conducted on a purposive sample of 200 fathers in white-collar jobs. Fathers socialization value was assessed by the Fathers Socialization Value Scale and Fathers' Occupation Socialization Techniques were assessed by the Socialization Techniques scale developed by the investigators. Fathers in white collar job (93 %) emphasized on uniqueness of the child by listening and talking to them whenever their child feels like, child's where about (90 %) and (71 %) used mainly logics and explanation to socialize their children whereas fathers in white collar jobs (64 %) opined that children should not get away with misbehaviour. Doing well in school is important (54 %). There were no statistically significant scores between the age of the fathers and child socialization techniques and educational qualifications and child socialization techniques but there has been statistically significance between the occupation of father and child socialization. The findings presented here indicated that father with white collar job use two technique such as permissive as well as authoritative patterns in socializing children. Results revealed that the most of the respondents (71 %) primarily depended on reason and explanation for socializing children. However, a significant number of fathers (80 %) also punished their children for their undesirable behaviour. Result also showed that fathers were very concerned about child's friends.