

**DETERMINANTS OF THE TIME ALLOCATION IN HOUSEHOLD WORK OF KOREAN COUPLES.** Moon, S.J., Huh, K.O. Department of Consumer Science and Human Development, Ewha Woman's University, Department of Family Management, Sungshin Women's University, Seoul, Korea.

This study examined the determining factors influencing wives' and husbands' time allocation in household work. Multidimensional explanatory frameworks were employed to fully capture the time allocation in household work such as the time availability perspective, the sex-role ideology perspective, the demand-capability perspective, and the resource perspective.

Two hundred forty married couples living in or near Seoul were selected as samples for this study. In the samples, both wives and husbands reported their daily time-use pattern.

According to the results, the usefulness of several theoretical perspectives were different between wives and husbands. The time availability perspective, sex-role ideology perspective, and the demand-capability perspective were supported to account for the extent of wives' household work time. However, only the time availability perspective were effective in explaining the extent of husbands' household work time. In other words, time in labor market was significantly influential in both wives and husbands' time spent in household work. However, the effect of sex-role ideology was only significant in explaining wives' time allocation in housework. For the relative contribution of husbands' time spent in household work, the effects of the time availability and the sex-role ideology perspective were significant.