

Trouble in paradise how women's intra household bargaining power affects marital stability = Pengaruh bargaining power wanita terhadap stabilitas pernikahan

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Rumah tangga terdiri atas sekumpulan individu dengan preferensi yang berbedabeda yang mana terkadang memicu terjadinya konflik. Melihat semakin tingginya independensi kaum wanita, studi ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui bagaimana hubungan antara semakin tingginya bargaining power wanita terhadap stabilitas pernikahan. Hipotesis dari studi ini diuji menggunakan data survei dari 752 wanita yang sudah menikah mengenai siapa yang menentukan pengeluaran dalam rumah tangga dan kejadian konflik. Pendekatan game theory dan estimasi ekonometrik digunakan untuk menganalisis pengaruh dari bargaining power wanita terhadap instabilitas dalam rumah tangga. Berdasarkan Nash Equilibrium, hubungan antara bargaining power wanita dan instabilitas pernikahan bisa positif maupun negatif bergantung dari tingkat bargaining power wanita. Studi ini menemukan bahwa hubungan antara bargaining power wanita dan instabilitas pernikahan mengikuti pola kurva berbentuk U. Studi ini juga menemukan bahwa instabilitas cenderung lebih tinggi pada rumah tangga di mana isteri pernah bercerai sebelumnya, pasangan memiliki perbedaan agama dan suku, dan pernikahan terjadi karena alasan-alasan lain seperti menikah karena kecelakaan. Penemuan dari studi ini diharapkan dapat memberikan pemahaman yang lebih mendalam seputar hubungan antara bargaining power pria dan wanita karena hal tersebut dianggap sebagai perilaku rumah tangga.

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Household is a collection of individuals with differing preferences which often results in cooperation at one end and conflict at the other end. Considering the growing independence of women, this study seeks to examine the relationship between higher women's bargaining power and the instability within family. The hypotheses from this research are tested using a survey from 752 married women regarding who decides over the use of household expenditure and the occurrence of conflict. Both game theoretic model and econometric estimations are applied to analyze the relationship between women's intra-household bargaining power and conflict. According to Nash Equilibrium derived from mixed strategy, the relationship of women's relative intra-household bargaining power can be both positive and negative depending on the level women's bargaining power index.

This study confirms the U-shaped curve relationship between women's intrahousehold

bargaining power and conflict. Other substantive findings are instability tends to be higher when the wives? have experienced divorce, spouses have different ethnicity and religion, and marriages were united because of other possible reasons (e.g. married by accident). The findings of this research are expected to give deeper understanding regarding the relations of bargaining power between men and women as it considered as household behavior.