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An Investigation on the Effect of Lower Birth Rate in Taiwan

(嬰兒去哪裡?-探討台灣少子化現象所造成的影響)

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I. Foreword

I.1 Motivation

In this age of low birthrate, we often see many news reports on the issue of fertility rate decline in Taiwan. We want to look into the phenomenon of lower number of children, the reasons behind lower fertility rate, and whether a wonderful family must have children.

I.2 Purposes

In recent years, the number of newborns has been gradually declining. The government has started to encourage childbirth and used some policies to raise the birth rate and to address the issue of aging and childbirth. The following are two focal points that we sort out for our study of purpose

- Discuss the influence on having less children.
- Use questionnaires to understand whether people understand the impact on having less children in Taiwan.

I.3 Methodology

I.3-1 Participants

We adopted passersby of street random and internet random to collect data.

I.3-2

Instruments

In this topic, we used tools such as using paper-based questionnaires, and electronic questionnaires. We analyzed the results with Excel and present result with WORD and POWERPOINT.

II. Content

II.1 Literature Review

The topic is concerned with the phenomenon of low fertility in Taiwan society, so we decided

to start to explore the factors that Taiwan women don't want to give birth to kids. Our study uses literature analysis and a combination of questionnaires to use literature to analyze the context in which the fertility rate is reduced year by year. We want to find out whether changes in the environment. Such as the current economic era would have an impact on the current fertility problems in Taiwan. We want to look into kinds of background and social environment, and so on. We summed up the reason that couples start to consider kids as burden:

- (1) The economic downturn, and now the salary are so low that it causes burden of parenting.
- (2) The expense of raising children is too high.
- (3) There are inadequate government subsidies for raising children.



Picture 01.The birth statistics nearly ten years
(Source:少子化嚴重今年出生數恐跌破 20 萬,2017)

Picture.02.New born baby
(Source:小妞妞嬰兒照,2004)

The following is what we have sorted out as the impact of the fewer children on Taiwan.

Population: Taiwan's population has grown negative in recent years. Some people may choose not to have kids because of the economic downturn or messy social order. This may cause inadequate labor force, the shrink in the market, and the development of naturalism education.

Education: Taiwan is facing a "fewer children" of the crisis. For example one famous primary

school used to be no popular that parents couldn't get their kids in the school if they are not registered as residents in that district. According to the CCB, the number of baby born in Taiwan last year was only 200,000 and the rate of new fertility was raised. To the findings, if the fertility rate can't be improved. Taiwan will be in an era of negative growth in the population.

Political: The lack of child power is indeed a problem faced by Taiwan. We are trying to find ways so that government officials can also promote some of the program measures and subsidies to stimulate the desire of the community. The idea of raising children and taking care of senior citizen a problem, and everyone should be concerned about this topic. Raising children can be a big burden on the modern people. A variety of factors such as economic depression have led to shrinking population of younger generation. Hope that our generation as the hero of the future will improve this situation as soon as possible.

Family: Now there are a lot of people in the country do not want children because of family factors don't want children and this caused great national issue. Now the biggest problem the country is facing now that many people don't get married. This is relevant with people's economic situation. Many people don't have long-term jobs and stable income. Though the government has given a lot of subsidies, it's not enough. Some people still dare not have children after marriage

Economic: This article is written by a double-paid mother (2017), and from the article I feel that a modern mother is dissatisfied with the government's government subsidy and some implementation plans. The article mentions (The country proposed fertility policy is let the children become quilt if we don't raise children country will fall down and we raise children our family will have economic pressure) to express now Taiwan's economic spending more than income, raising a child that is really a burden, and even become a crime. So many young family revoked the idea of a child, one of the major factors is the economy is bad!

II. 2 Data Collection and Analysis

II.2.1 Survey with Public

Here are the question and description that we have summed up by using the outcome of the questionnaires.

Totally 220 sheets of paper (including the paper version and the reply of the questionnaire on the Internet) we sent out 220 sheets of paper and took back 220 sheets of paper. There were 210 valid questionnaire sheets and 10 invalid ones.



Picture 03. The street of questionnaire



Picture 04. The street of questionnaire

Through discussion and sorting the data as follows :

According to the result of this question, the interviews come from the 15-25 years old people hold, 45% ; the 26-36 years old people,30%; 37-47 years old people,16%; over 48 years old people, 6%; under15years old,3%.

In terms of marital status, 67% of the participants of the survey are single and 33% people are married.

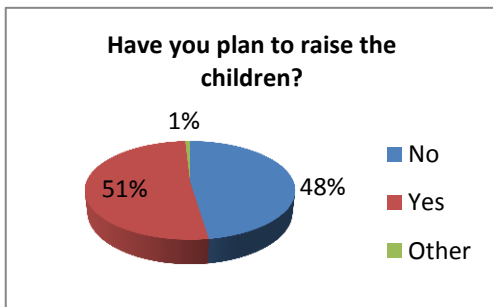
The result of the questionnaire (2-2) shows this chart that about half of the participants don't want to raise children. It's inferred that low income is the main reason, as follow Chart3.

The result of the questionnaire (2-1) shows this issue probably know the age of people now

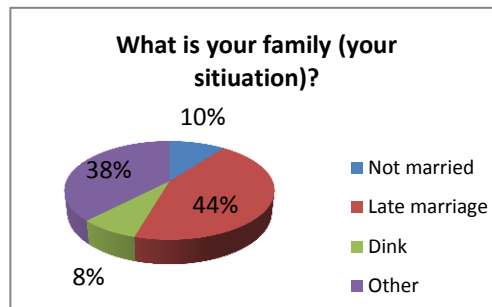
want to get married, from his statistics to see the majority of late marriage but also show that we do not want to so fast child, what is the reason that we do not want so fast children, this is what we need to discuss the problem, as follow Chart4.

The result of the questionnaire (2-3), we found that now young people may put more emphasis on quality of life. With the economic downturn, people may not be as willing to set aside part of their income for children. When a new life comes to the family, the parent may fact burden as well as the joy, as follow Chart5.

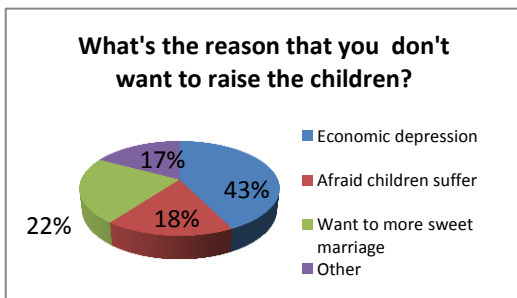
The result of the questionnaire (2-4) there are a lot of underage parents or parents who can't provide a good environment for kids. The result in parent's abandoning new born babies because they don't know what to do. Early parenthood and lack of economic foundation may cause problems. Most of our participants agree that bearing children at the twenties is most suitable, as follow chart6.



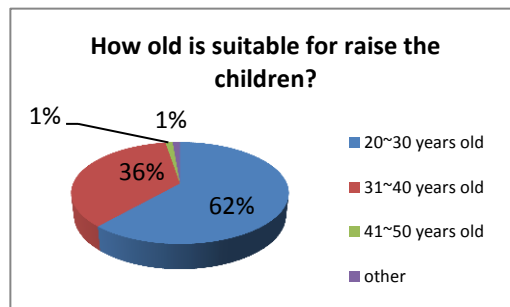
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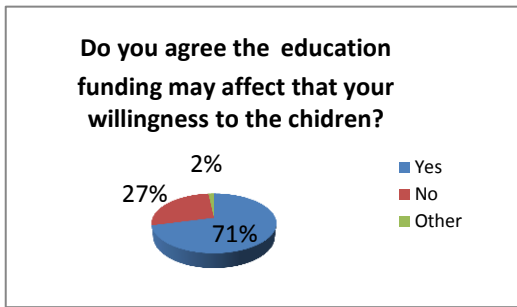
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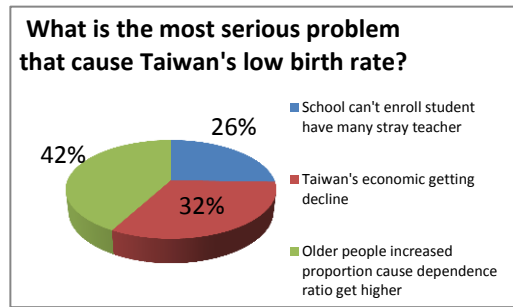
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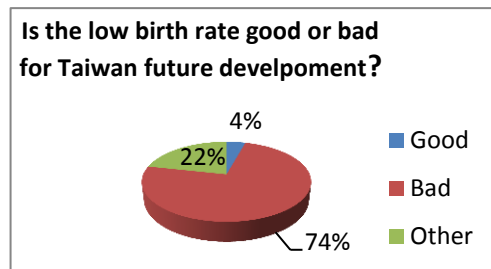
(Chart 6)



(Chart 7)



(Chart 8)



(Chart 9)

The result of the questionnaire (2-5) shows excessive burden of educational spending is a major factor affecting fertility. It is often concluded that young couple lack willingness to raise kids due to income instability. We want to find out whether it's personal interpretation or national phenomenon, as follow Chart 7.

The result of the questionnaire (2-6) shows in recent years, the problem of low birth of rate is getting more serious. We use this questionnaire to investigate the impact of the low birth of rate in Taiwan. According to our questionnaire, because of the low birth of rate, the aged society phenomenon is becoming seriously. That leads to a high ratio of dependent population in the society, as follow Chart8.

The result of the questionnaire (2-7) shows most of our participants think that lower birth rate is bad for Taiwan's development. The problem may be two-fold. On the one hand, the number of labor decreasing. On the other hand, with more elderly people and fewer young people, the younger generation's burden will become heavier, economic growth rate declining, more comprehensive threat to the future development of enterprises and countries. We think that lower birth may cause

problem in the family as well as bring population imbalance, as follow Chart9.

II. 3 Results Comparison

After our survey, we found that people do not want to give birth to the majority of children because of the economic downturn, and fear of suffering from children. We also found through the investigation of that high education expresses will affect everyone's reproductive will. Hope to give their children the most complete learning environment. These reasons lead to fewer children and aging more and more serious, leading to a decrease in Taiwan's population, the responsibility of young people is getting heavier and heavier.

III. Conclusion

In this report, we focus on the purpose of research and question of research. Based on the results of street interviews and questionnaires, and the compilation of literature and analysis, we divided our discussion into two parts: what are the reasons behind the low birth rate and what effect low birth rate have on Taiwan. Most of people have plan to bring up the children , but the economic downturn led to the decline in fertility rate. On the other hand, the Taiwan's elderly population gradually increased, and the proportion of the older population is also higher and higher. Now the concept of raising children and so on. Because the child needs a lot of Time and money to cultivate, a majority of young people are focused on the cause of people two people.

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Appendix 1 The manuscript of questionnaire(世代人口問卷調查)

親愛的先生女士:

您好!我們是景文高中的學生，正在探討跟少子化效應有關的問題，請您撥空填寫問券，您的寶貴意見，將對這份專題報告有很大的幫助，您所填寫的內容與資料僅供專題研究之用不對外公開，敬請放心填答，最後感謝你的協助。

壹、基本資料

1-1 請問您的性別是? 男女

1-2 請問您的年紀範圍在?15 歲以下16-25 歲 26-36 歲37-47 歲48 歲以上

1-3 請問您有結婚嗎? 有沒有

1-4 請問您是從事什麼職業? 服務業工商軍公教其他:_____

1-5 請問您的教育程度? 國小國中高中大學研究所其他:_____

貳、您對少子化的了解

2-1 請問您是? 不婚族 晚婚族 頂客族 其他:_____

2-2 有養育小孩的規劃嗎? 有沒有

2-3 您不想養育小孩的原因是? 經濟不景氣怕小孩受苦想要多享受甜蜜婚姻

2-4 您認為最適合生育孩子的年齡在? 20-30 歲 31-40 歲 41-50 歲

2-5 請您是否同意教育經費太高會影響生育意願? 是否

2-6 請問您覺得少子化對台灣所造成最嚴重的問題是?(可複選)學校招不到學生，很多流浪教師台灣經濟發展萎縮衰退 老年人口比例增加，導致壯年人口扶養比提升

2-7 您認為少子化對台灣未來發展的影響是好或是壞? 好壞沒有意見

感謝您的填寫☺