Dynamics of Ideology and Institution

Probable Scenarios for Changes in Beliefs about Gender and Family in Japan

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Question

Changes in gender/family institution

- Life event patterns
- Couple specialization
- Parental duty

by population policies?
Fertility/population change in Japan (Baseline = 1970)

Population: 127083 in 2014
Proportion aged 15-64: 61.3% in 2014
TFR: 1.42 in 2014

(National Institute of Population and Social Security Research)
Policies in question

- Work-life balance (WLB)
- Child benefit
- New family planning (sex education)
Ideology-Institution Dynamics with Causal Modeling

Model → Criterion → Rule

Ideology

Real

Result ← Action
Tradition 1:
Struggles between ideologies as fixed patterns of thinking

Gender norms vs. Anti-discrimination
Familism vs. Individualism
Patriarchy vs. Social contract
Tradition 2: Perspective of policy science

Evidence -> Goal -> Policy

Outcome <- Implement
Reflexive policy research

- Normative settings
- Socially constructed “scientific evidences”
- Unexpected outcomes
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Causal modeling

Institution

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Focuses for our future

- Intrinsic constraints
- Side effects of policies
- Diverging scenarios
- Turning points?
Work-life balance

WLB is effective

TFR > 1.8
Leave
Daycare

More children
Lower opportunity cost
Continuous career
Why ineffective?

- Women want to continue career: 30%
- Women continuing career: 20%
- Children (aged 1-2) in day-care: 30%

Policy change with negative evidences?
Child benefit

Child benefit is effective

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Incentive to have child

Compensated parenthood

Patents’ duty to maintain children

Child benefit
Essentialism on parenthood

Unlimited parental duty of supporting immature children is essential for parent-child relationship

(Nakagawa Zen’nosuke 1928)

Lessons from unsuccessful 2010-2011 reform of universalized child benefit
The new family planning

Sex education is effective

TFR > 1.8

Education on fecundity etc.

Additional children

Early childbirth

Rational life plan
Pseudoscience-based policy

- Manipulated data on women’s fecundity
- Exaggeration of people’s lacking medical knowledge
- By mainstream academics since 2012

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Manipulated charts


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Turning points

WLB: Women's continuous employment

Child benefit: Parental duty

Family planning: Back to standardized lifecourse in 1970s

Other policies?