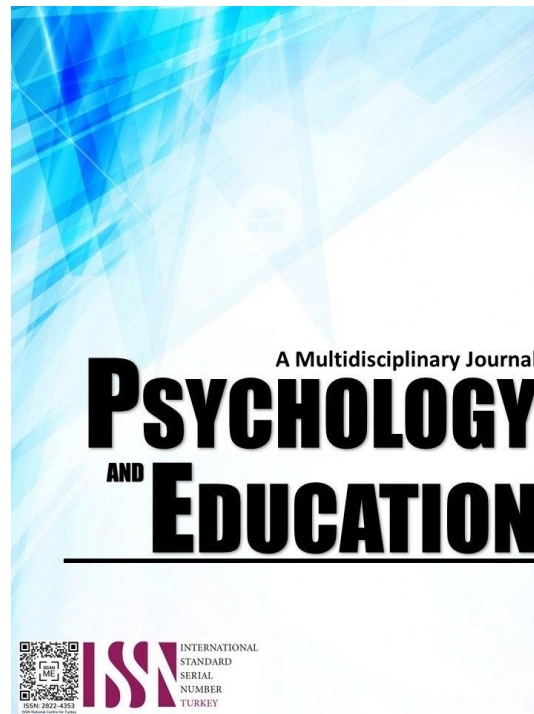


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Abstract

Cursing is a language activity that involves the use of forbidden words to express strong feelings. Cursing at your child may show them that swearing is appropriate to express anger, annoyance, or stress. At the same time, extremes can be harmful to children's mental health and cognitive functioning. In this present study, the researchers investigate the utterance of swear words by Filipino parents in their household affecting the relationships of Filipino families in Manila. Simple random sampling was used for this study which each individual in a population has an equal chance of being selected. The researchers used Likert scale self-made survey questionnaire to 200 respondents ages 16-22 resides in Manila. According to the data collected from the respondents, the level of utterance of swearing word by parents resulted average level (total mean score of 2.35) while the family relationship resulted a high level (total mean score of 3.37) which the correlation analyses revealed that the correlation is low (.346 r-value) yet the significance is highly shown (.001 p-value). The researchers conclude that the level of uttering of swearing by parents in a household has an effect on family relationships. Further research is needed in this study for complete understanding about swearing words affecting the relationships and how swearing words being utter by other people.

Keywords: *profanity, curse words, swearing, swear words, family, family relations, family relationships*

Introduction

Cursing, often known as swearing, is a language activity that involves the use of forbidden words to express strong feelings (Aitchison, 1996). In the 1980s, Yale's William Dwight Whitney was a professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology; he claims that early humans swore to relieve certain emotions but Rassin and Muris (2005) discovered that the voicing of negative emotion is the strongest reason for the swearing.

Filipinos' usage of profanity may have begun before or after colonization. Some Filipino curse phrases, according to JK Rubian (2010), are translations of English swear words, while others are a mix of Spanish and Filipino. Some Filipino curse words are literal translations of English swear words, while others are a mix of Spanish and Filipino. Filipinos, for example, have adopted the Spanish term "puta," which means "whore." Other expletives include "punyeta," "leche," "cono," and "pendejo" (from Bicol).

Cursing frequently and having poor communication skills can make building and sustaining intimate relationships difficult. It's not unexpected that people's anger and frustration often manifest themselves in the form of verbal aggression. According to Jay and Janshewitz (2008), swear words can be employed in both polite and unpleasant ways.

It believes cursing is acceptable to use as a way of dealing with anger, frustrations, and stress. On the other hand, cursing at your child may show them that swearing is appropriate to express anger, annoyance, or stress. Jim Priest (2018) stated that it is a struggle to learn more suitable ways to manage and express anger and other emotions, which could have a wide range of negative implications in the real world.

One of the most powerful socializing influences in a person's life is their family. Parenting is particularly highlighted in Philippine society, in which the family is generally seen as central to one's social world (Jocano, 1998). They assist in educating kids about how to restrain undesirable behavior, withhold gratification, and respect others' rights. On the other hand, families can also raise kids to be violent, rude, and antisocial. The best place for kids to learn is at home. It is undoubtedly the first. Children internalize the moral principles that are likely to influence their behavior through their relationships with their parents. Children flourish in predictable, stable, and nurturing environments. However, rapid and sudden disturbances and changes may be highly traumatic for children in some circumstances, affecting their emotions and security. At the same time, extremes can be harmful to children's mental health and cognitive functioning (Evans et al., 2011).

In this present study, the researchers investigate the utterance of swear words by Filipino parents in their

household and their usage affects the relationships of Filipino families in Manila.

Research Questions

The researchers conducted the study to find out the effect of swearing words on the family relations of Filipino families in Manila.

Furthermore, the researchers seek to answer the following questions:

1. What is the demographic profile of the respondents in terms of
 - 1.1 Age;
 - 1.2 Gender; and
 - 1.3 Parents' Educational Attainment?
2. What is the level of swearing words uttered by parents in the household?
3. What is the level of the family relationship of the respondents?
4. Is there a significant relationship between the level of uttered swearing words in the household and the level of family relations of the respondents?

Methodology

This section contains the research design, research locale, sample and sampling technique, research instrument, data gathering procedure, and statistical treatment of data.

Research Design

This study is designed as quantitative research that determined the success of the study. The quantitative method was the most effective method used in the study for collecting and interpreting the numerical data. The study "Filipino Parents Used Swear Words in Household Affecting Family Relations" described the phenomena and nature of parents uttering swearing words in households which affected their family relations.

The quantitative research will be used for evaluating and conducting the statistical data of 150-200 young adults ages 16-22 respondents. Researchers use correlational research to conduct in order to examine the relationship between swearing words and family relations in the chosen population. The researchers conducted the level of the utterance of swear words and the level of relationship to examine its significant

correlational relationship. A survey method was used to gather the statistical information and data needed for the study. It is a questionnaire administered by the researchers to participants who indicated their answers by themselves. Statistical data was treated conforming to the objectiveness of the quantitative research.

Research Locale

This study was conducted in Manila City. This place was selected to know if swear words used by parents affect their family relations. The 150-200 respondents who are ages 16-22 that reside in any place in Manila are being selected. This study gathered data from respondents through use of survey questionnaires via Google Forms.

Sample and Sampling Technique

In this research, simple random sampling was used. It is a type of probability sampling in which a population has an equal chance of being selected. The researchers randomly assigned the group using a simple random sample technique for data analysis and collection. The researchers collected data from 150-200 young adults ages 16-22 to ensure that every population has an equal chance of being included in the sample.

Research Instrument

A survey tool is administered to the respondents with the use of surveys with a set of questionnaires that were structured using the Likert Scale format with a five-point response scale. The Likert scale is a scale that is used to allow individuals to express how much they agree or disagree with a particular statement. The survey form is divided into 2 parts such as; (A) Utterance of swearing words in the household, and (B) The level of Family Relationship

Validity and Reliability Testing

The researchers utilized content validity and construct validity as their methods. This study used simple random sampling. Researchers developed a questionnaire that is used in this study. The questionnaire was presented to a professor to consult the content of the survey. The researchers revise the questionnaire based on the suggestions and comments that came out after the validation in order to give the researchers an appropriate instrument. After validating the self-made questionnaires, the researchers gave the questionnaires to 20 persons who met our qualifications for pilot testing. Followed by posting it on social media platform to have a final survey using



the self-made questionnaire. The researchers collected data from 150-200 young adults ages 16 to 22 to ensure that every population had an equal chance of being included in the sample. It was helpful to determine whether the 150-200 young adults ages 16 to 22 who had answered the survey had similar perspectives on parents using swearing words affecting their family relations.

According to Ghozali (2013), the questions are reliable if the respondents' responses are constant across time. According to the theory, respondents' responses are reliable if they consistently answer each question. As a result, it is critical to do validity testing. The researchers employed internal consistency reliability in this study. 150-200 young adults ages 16-22 were chosen to answer the survey. Internal consistency reliability was used to assess the correlation between the swearing words and their effect on family relations.

Data Gathering Procedure

To get the data that is needed in the study, the researchers went through a series of steps. Using simple random sampling, researchers randomly picked participants in Manila in order to have an equal chance of being selected. The researchers give a consent form to the randomly selected young adults ages 16-22 in Manila after the validation of the instrument. Then explained the purpose of the study to the selected respondents. The questionnaire has two set, the set A is about parents utter swear words in household, and the set B is about the level of family relationship and then made sure each participant corresponds to the criteria of the study. The researchers collected the data by the means of a survey questionnaire. This scale will be of use to the researcher to be able to understand and easily determine the response of the respondents to the questionnaire. Also, the data that will be collected is driven by the Likert scale and will be tallied according to the response of the sample population. The researchers used Likert scale with a verbal interpretation of 5 as Always, 4 as Often, 3 as Neutral, 2 as Rarely, and 1 as Never to acquire the frequencies of respondent's response.

Statistical Analysis

The data is interpreted, analyzed, and summarized which is collected through the survey questionnaires. The researchers used Weighted Mean Formula as the data treated in accordance with the Likert scale. Weighted Mean Formula, according to Diksha Keni, is a type of average, in order to determine the relative

importance of each observation the weights are assigned to individual values. Multiplying the weights with their respective mean and taking their sum to get the average.

To completely interpret and analyze the data, the researchers used Pearson Correlation Coefficient or also known as Pearson R. It looks at the relationship between the two variables and calculates the effects of change in one variable when another variable change. This study seeks to know the impact of swearing words on family relations.

Ethical Consideration

The study "Filipino Parents Used Swear Words in Household Affecting Family Relations in Manila" indicated some set of principles that guide the topic. The researchers composed a consent letter that included the right of the participants to participate voluntarily in the said survey. The confidentiality and anonymity of the participants are also specified in the informed consent. This study will also help the family to determine their strengths and relations, it will also help them to know how to address the swearing words whenever it is said or heard inside the house. The topic of swearing words in this study is not to harm the participants but rather to eliminate and lessen their usage in the conversation.

Results and Discussion

Demographic Profile of the Respondents

Table 1. *Age of Respondents*

<i>Age</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
16-17	23	11.5 %
18-19	20	10 %
20-22	157	78.7 %
Total:	200	100%

Based on the general results, many of the respondents are pre-teenagers to early adults ages 16 to 22 years old, and according to the gathered data, the relative quantity of respondents who express experiences on having a common household and who are developing under circumstances that resulted in the use of swear words are young adults ages 22 years old (25.5%), followed by ages 21 to 16 years old. This shows how the common practices of Filipino parents affect



adolescence and early adolescence. According to studies in relationships with parents and families, during those times, adolescents and early teenagers are more sensitive to building physical connections as well as emotional security in family relationships, which is highly significant in terms of building support, confidence, resilience, optimism, and identity as an individual in general.

Table 2. Gender of Respondents

Gender	Frequency	Percentage
Female	122	61.0%
Male	78	39.0%
Total	200	100%

According to the results gathered by the researchers, the majority of respondents are females (61.0%) than males (39.0%), who commonly experience hearing swear words inside the household, affecting their family relations. As related to the study on the difference in the relationship among family members, it suggests that an indirect effect of family function has a tendency to affect women more often than men, as it is linked with stress through health behaviors (Yeom & Lee, 2020).

Table 3. Educational Attainment of Parent's Respondents

Educational Attainment	Frequency	Percentage
Elementary	2	1.0%
Undergraduate (High school)	21	10.5%
Graduate (High school)	29	14.5%
Undergraduate (College)	96	48.0%
Graduate (College)	52	26.0%
Total	200	100%

According to the results of the study, a relative quantity of Filipino parents who are at the level of college undergraduates (48.0%) followed by college graduates (26.0%), who are supposedly around the Gen-X to Millennial generation, may have commonly experienced familial interaction patterns that include the use of swear words within their household and may have the tendency to pass on the said patterns to their own family members. In accordance with the results, studies suggest that the concept of family structures is important in terms of guiding the likelihood of children's behavior, as it is generally assumed that it influences family functioning, composition, as well as individual

behavior and expression (Van As & Janssens, 2002; as retrieved in Petzold, 1998).

What is the level of swearing words uttered by parents in the household?

Table 4. Parents Utter Swear Words in Household

	Low	Average	High
Level of Swearing Words	62	102	36
Total mean	2.35		

Figure 4 .

Based on the results gathered by the researchers from the respondents' provided data, it appears that the majority of the Filipino parents often used an average level of swear words, which includes (e.g., putangina, gago) with 102 out of 200 respondents, followed by a low level (62 respondents) to a high level (34 respondents) of swear words. According to a study on the science of taboo language: swears and curse words (2020), it suggests that there is an enormous amount of vocabulary and grammar that an individual may have the capacity to use in terms of expressing and communicating information, particularly in the use of strong to moderate words as a response to emotional arousing stimuli from its environment. Similarly, it expresses an individual's emotional discharge (cathartic effect) to its present experience. Thus, as related to the results, it is also commonly normal for Filipino parents to use an average level of swear words to express feelings of annoyance, anger, or stress, etc., as swearing can occur with any emotion that has a tendency to influence positive or negative outcomes for the receiver. However, it differs in terms of the use of extreme or high-level swear or curse words by Filipino parents to their children, which, as associated with studies, may affect the family relations within the household and further impact the children's mental health as well as their cognitive functioning.

What is the level of the family relationship of the respondents?

Table 5. Level of Family Relationship

	Low	Average	High
Level of Family Relationship	3	89	108
Total mean	3.37		

Using profanities, we are able to deliver our message with a little sense of humor, spirit of confidence, and in the exact manner as these words convey the necessary emotions understandably (Lopez, 2017). Table 3 showed a total mean score of 3.37, which indicates a neutral view of the respondents' level of family relationships. Swearing has always been viewed as an offensive use of language and yet, many people are still found to frequently swear both in formal and informal contexts just like in the case of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte of the Philippines. The presence of swear words in different societies and languages shows that this intriguing and multifarious language phenomenon have been prevalent in real-life discourse (Dynel, 2018). The act of swearing is assumed to have become possible as it may serve different communicative functions. This paper examined the use of swear words of President Duterte in his public speeches which were delivered during the first 100 days of his administration to discover the pragmatic factors and functions of his swearing behavior. In the analysis of the data obtained, numerous swear words were found in the speeches which appeared to be influenced by the topic, the speaker-listener relationship and the socio-physical setting.

Is there a significant relationship between the level of uttered swearing words in the household and the level of family relations of the respondents?

Table 6. *Significant relationship of Swearing Words and Family Relation*

	Mean	Pearson R	P-value	Remarks	Interpretation	Decision
Swearing Words	2.35					
Family Relationship	3.37	0.346	.001	Very Low Correlation	Significant Relationship	Reject Null Hypothesis

Upon treating the data using the Pearson r Coefficient, the two variables undergone to compute their weighted mean. The swearing words or the variable X acquired a 2.35 mean score and variable Y or family relationship acquired a 3.37 total mean score with the computation using the statistical method of Pearson r Coefficient, the variables mean scores resulted with 0.346 r value which is equivalent as very low correlation and p- value of .001 which interpreted of having strong evidence against the null hypothesis. The researchers come up with the decision of rejecting the null hypothesis and accepting the alternative hypothesis, thus there is a significant relationship between the level of swearing words and the level of

family relations. Despite having a low correlation, the two variables resulted in having a highly significant relationship with each other.

On accepting the alternative hypothesis, the researchers divulged to accept that the level of the utterance of parents' respondents has a significant relationship to respondents' family relationships. Asian and European languages use swearing words to express displeasure, anger, frustration, shock, pain, surprise and other emotions (Rahman, S. 2017). Its primary function is to reflect, or seem to reflect the speaker's feelings and attitudes, thus the utterance of swearing words by parents is the reflection of their feelings and behavior. Additionally, In Timothy Jay's early work "Why We Curse Neuro-Psycho- Social Theory", he explained why people curse and why they choose the words they do. He stated that a speaker uses it to determine whether a word is appropriate in a given context. Jay also mentioned each system in the NPS Theory is a set of production rules for cursing. Psychological and social rules can be congruent or they can conflict.

Conclusion

According to the summary above, the following are the conclusions made by the researchers: (1) The researchers conclude that parents' educational attainment does have an influence on how usually parents utter swearing words in their household, thus (2) Parents who are highly educated can give their children a good home environment, tend to use more complex and rich language with their children, which (3) The utterance of swearing words is used to help parents release their feelings prior to certain events.(4)The researchers observed that the level of family relationship is inversely related to how frequently the swear words are being uttered, however, (5)The results of the correlation of the two variables are weak yet highly significant, thus (6) The researchers concluded that the infrequent utterance of swearing in their household formed a strong family relationship. (7) Therefore, the researchers conclude that there is a significant relationship between the level of the utterance of swearing words of parents' respondents and their family relationship, as incorporated that swearing words affect the family relationship on any level.

The researchers specify the following recommendations based on the summary findings and the conclusion of the study for further concern.

For Administrators:(1) To understand that swearing being uttered in a household eminently affects the relationship among family members. (2) To inform that frequent usage of swear words affects the relationship that could elaborate on what environment the family has.

For the Parents: (1) To be able to use the study as a guide in understanding the effect of swearing words in family relations. (2) To develop a new further approach to understanding the behavior of the children who have the effect of swearing words

For the Students: (1) Will use the findings to enhance their relationship with their families. (2) To understand the nature of swearing words and its effect on their relationship with other people.

For Future Researchers: (1) By providing useful information, this study can help future researchers in expanding their knowledge and use the existing related literature, articles, and books that are related to swearing words and family relations. (2) Should understand the significance of the study to be able to create a new and enhanced version of the research study that will help society to have a better understanding of swearing words and good relationships with their family. (3) The usage of swear words as a disciplinary method by parents and the effect of swearing on the behavior of children recommended to be studied by future researchers. Also, knowing what kind of parental styles does have in the family is strongly recommended to be studied. (4) To have a study about parents who swear that has a lower educational attainment and parents who lived in the slum area.

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