Family Creating Inequality
A Quantitative Analysis of Gender Gap in Post-Divorce Life

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"Equality of Opportunity" Principle

Classification of causes of inequality:

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<td>Circumstance</td>
<td>Unjust</td>
<td>Individual’s Responsibility</td>
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Inequality due to [A]: **Unjust**
Inequality due to [B]: **Just**
Basic Law for a Gender-Equal Society (1999 Law No. 78)

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......both women and men ...... shall be able to enjoy political, economic, social and cultural benefits equally......
Family as a Distribution System

Focus on divorce
Measurement of Economic Benefits

Equivalent Household Income

\[
\text{Income} \div \sqrt{\text{Size}}
\]
NFRJ03

National Family Research of Japan 2003

- Random sample across Japan
- Age: 28–77
- Survey: Jan.--Feb. 2004
- Sample: 10,000
- Response: 6,302
Equivalent Household Income

Annual household income (×10,000 yen) before tax

400

500

Midpoint
\[ \frac{\sqrt{\text{Household Size}}}{\text{}} \]
Difference by Sex and Marital Experience

- Unmarried
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Married

Male: 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6, 6.5
Female: 5, 5.5, 6, 6.5

Comparison of mean values for each marital status by sex.
Remarriage / co-residence with parent

- Female
- Male

- Remarried
- Without parent
- With parent

0% 50% 100%
Child under 13

Female
Male

0 20 40 60 80 100

Full-time regular employee

Male
Female

0 20 40 60 80 100
Regression analysis (N=452)

- Age
- Edu.
- Remarriage
- Child
- Full
- Household Income
- Sex
- Parent
- One
Findings

Three factors of gender gap:
(1) Remarriage
(2) Young children
(3) Discontinuous career

Outcome from marital life
Law/Policy Implications

Financial provision on divorce

Suzuki [1992], Motozawa [1998]

Whether remarriage is outcome of marital life or not?
Micro-Macro Problem

Equality of opportunity

Equity

(Macro-level)

(Micro-level)
Power within family

- Selfishness
- Inequality
- Cooperation based on altruism
- Selfishness
- Divorce with great inequality
- Divorce with reduced inequality