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Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research

CALL FOR PAPERS

Blood Ties and Politics: The Influence of Political Polarization upon Family Life

Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research, an annual series which focuses upon cutting-edge topics in family research around the globe, is seeking manuscript submissions for a special volume which will focus on the theme of: ‘Blood Ties and Politics: The Influence of Political Polarization upon Family Life.’ Over recent years, the nature of politics in nations around the globe has become increasingly heated and polarized, with much of this change being attributed to a variety of sources, including news outlets, online websites, social media, and various forms of communication technology. However, discussions about politics, along with debates and arguments, often occur with the familial context. Sharp divides in the political attitudes of family members can result in open arguments, and even the termination of relationships. While researchers have long recognized how political beliefs are often passed on from one generation to the next within families, little is known about how the more disruptive and turbulent nature of contemporary politics is affecting families and family relationships. For instance, in the 2020 US primary elections, daughter of Republican candidate Robert Regan told voters via Twitter to not vote for her father. Robert Regan blamed Colorado University for instilling communist beliefs to his daughter. In the Philippines, the son of senatorial candidate Loren Legarda published an open letter to the voters, stating that his mother is an enabler and fascist for running under the slate of Bong Bong Marcos.

In this session, we invite submissions from scholars around the globe which address the relationship between politics and the family. Topics of interest may include, but are not limited to: political socialization within the family, the influence of extremist online websites, marital quality and political ideologies, political disagreement and family relationships, the impact of propaganda upon family relationships, intergenerational patterns of political beliefs, and other related issues. Given the vast array of political beliefs, governmental forms, along with the multitude of family structures and relationships, we seek submissions from all regions of the world, and we welcome submissions from all theoretical and methodological perspectives.

This volume of CPFR will be coedited by Louie Benedict R. Ignacio of the University of Santo Tomas (Manila), Veronica L. Gregorio of the National University of Singapore (Singapore), Clarence M. Batan of University of Santo Tomas (Manila), and Sampson Lee Blair of The State University of New York (Buffalo), and Manuscripts should be submitted directly to the editors (lignacio@ust.edu.ph, socvdlg@nus.edu.sg, cmbatan@ust.edu.ph, and slblair@buffalo.edu), preferably in MS WORD format. Manuscripts should not exceed approximately 40 double-spaced pages (not including tables, figures, and references). Submission of a manuscript implies commitment to publish in CPFR. Manuscripts should adhere to the APA format. Manuscripts should represent previously unpublished work. An abstract of 150-250 words should be included at the beginning of each manuscript. All manuscripts will undergo peer review. There are no fees, and all authors will receive hard copies and electronic access to the volume. The deadline for initial submissions is **April 15, 2024**. Any questions may be directed to the editors.