

## **The Role of Cultural Capitals in the Female Power among Family**

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**ABSTRACT**— The method used in this study for collection of data is qualitative method. The tool for data collection was structured interview. So a researcher-made questionnaire was used. Purposive samplings used. For this purpose, 12 female with the different cultures were randomly selected in an easy access from Tehran and were interviewed. Interviews, after transcribing on the paper were analyzed using content analysis. Elements such as level of education, activities and skills such as reading, watching TV, going to the cinema and theater, reading books, spending leisure time, membership in various classes and associations were considered as cultural capitals. Based on these results, the women with an average and high levels of cultural capitals had higher levels of female power in comparison with the females who their cultural capitals were low.

**KEYWORDS:** cross-cultural, cultural capital, family, Female power

### **Introduction**

Family as a social unit with different dimensions due to its particular importance has long attracted the attention of scholar's community. On the one hand, communication and interaction with constituents and other community institutions that are dynamic and developing countries led, and on the other hand, it's durable through the ages and centuries, cause many scholars on different discipline and a different approach to study this crucial social unit after deciding (Najafi, 1382) Undoubtedly, the success of every family to a large extent depends on the ability of the couple to create a successful relationship. In fact, under the system of husband and wife is the basis and center in the early years of the formation of life. Each of Marriage is a hierarchy of values and expectations that are clear and unclear. This set of values and expectations during to the time of review and evaluation are provided to allow the continuation of marital life. (Goldenberg, Goldenberg1 1988) Family structure means family 's the state of quality and quantity that is The relationships within the family, the fields of family values. The number of people in the family and so on, which form the family structure together. (Sheikh, 1380) maintain order and Domestic arrangements of the responsibilities of the family that is based on decision-making power at the household level. Characteristics of this order, Based on patterns of patriarchy, Matriarchy. Families generally based on the power of the head of household and descent for the name of democracy and ethnic groups will use suffixes of the patriarchal family (patriarchal) to Refers to families in which power is in the hands of husbands or fathers and paternal ancestry. Matriarchal family (feminine) to Family, group or community is known that the power is in the hands of women and men have dominated them (Fkuhy, 1392) patriarchal form of the family and human societies has been used from the beginning until today. (Ibid., 173) in a today's complex world ,Power is complex dimensions and has found new meaning and relationships between men and women and the role they undergo has changed, as far as the status and importance and their power has also changed. More The male-dominated societies are moving towards matriarchy and democracy and equality of both men and women through continuing education of women .His academic levels and aware of their rights on the one hand and on the other hand the thoughts of men is changed. Hence, Check the status of the family or the family's power and its effect analyses and reflection is important .meaning of power of Family is the opportunity and ability to make decisions on individual spending, buy plants for the family, raising children, Commutes, located consulted during the various members of the family issues. (Saroukhani, 1381) in Indeed, the relationship with the woman, his legitimacy at home that leads to his power derives from the fact that men work outside the home he told her, talk to him about different things in the house, the woman and allow decision-making power in different cases.to reach this goal Of the House and its members have the power, due to several factors, for example climbing Could be involved in this educational level. Today, women are at a higher education level than their mothers with increasing levels of education, have enjoyed and sought to redefine its role in past. (Sgaln 1 1385)Among women, they that have better level in education transform social relationships and consequently are demanding change their position in the family. Liberal feminist believes that women should go to the public from the private house scene and life rewards, but it's the education part of the capital and, true to occur in the public sphere (Ritzer 2 1382) Such that a person can acquire life .Monady According to Bourdieu (1380) in this regard, believes that Human capital has several, including: economic capital (income, etc.), cultural (level of education, etc.), Social (social networks, etc.) and physical (beauty face and body) is. But among all these assets, the most effective in comparison with others is capital cultural that is in human works and thoughts and then introduced him to society. (Harbinger, 1385) for the according to Bourdieu's cultural capital in the first dominate is control on language, then the combination of knowledge, expertise, and training and is qualifications. This understanding and knowledge

can be acquired for classical and academic schools are self-taught or non-classic learned. (Bourdieu, 1989) The cultural capital women: awareness, knowledge, general and specialized information (such as painting, novel, literature, religious studies, etc.) Preoccupations of them (or the Koran reading books, works of art, cultural and religious activities, etc.) and the (Their education (degree) is. (Harbinger, 1385) The aim of this study is to position (power) women in the family is the basis of cultural capital that studied 12 women were among the city which will play an important role in improving the quality of family life the ultimate goal is research.

#### **Research question:**

1. Is differences in cultural capital status of women (power) linked their families?
2. Do with increasing cultural capital (education and cultural activities, art) the status of women (power) they family change?

#### **Theoretical foundations**

Two important words "power" and "cultural capital" to explain the results, constitute the principal theories of the present article

##### **A: Power**

Foucault's theory:

Foucault power is so fragmented and dispersed and only in the form of domination is not. Foucault manifestation of power at all levels Sees life. Efficacy in terms of mentality and knowledge of Foucault's work is essential, he believes in Power to the social sphere is the sphere of human life (audit, 1381) Foucault believes that in the present era of knowledge and power Instead of seeking subjects of power, you must be examined power. In his opinion the advent of power at all levels of society. However, each element is assumed to be incapable of self-generating power. Therefore, instead of examining the sources of power for women on children, psychological and cultural space and form of communication inside the house with his wife and other members of the House be ignored because in Much of Foucault's work to date of the study subjects during power production is dedicated. (Barker, 1387) The Foucault with people like Wilhelm Reich, that power does not agree with the suppression of counts. He believes if the mechanisms and consequences of power to suppress subtract the productive role of power relations in the field of neglected will be. As stated previously, the power generating knowledge and reciprocal relationship with each other. It Foucault power and knowledge essential to one another, according to him, all kinds of knowledge are related to an aspect of power and Photos well as to the emergence and spread of knowledge, man power regimes carry (Immediate, 1382) Foucault Unlike other experts Political science in the sense of the power pyramid in which the apex of the pyramid (ruler) to the bottom (serf) the exercise of power itself Not limit. According to him, the power of the network where everyone busy. No one person owns and for no one Not apply but the power is transmitted through people. According to Foucault, power operates through a network organization could bear to power and apply it. (Tajik, 1378)Power relations is targeted and has a direction. There is no power that have the orientation and direction. The power Merchandise, website, booty or map and good management strategies but political technologies in the body of society. (Pronoun, 1378)In general, Foucault sees power everywhere and considers it a major factor in relations between individuals. He believes be sure to power there was anywhere that relationship. Power is allocated. (Barker, 1387), i.e. the women at home are eligible for status and power that will be effective in the space inside the house. However, according to Foucault "Where there is power, resistance also emerge, because the power is subject to Thea series of resistance points "(ibid., 156) of the resistances seen by family members, especially spouses Foucault will consider what is important in relation to power, the wisdom and knowledge ", he said, should power Be attributed solely to a specific individual or class tyrant, but the power of community impersonal factors, including the institution, Norms, rules, laws and discourse stems and structure is established and with the knowledge undeniable"(Ibid., 156) Elsewhere he emphasizes that this" policy of socialism and Western democracy both from a water point, the system of modern knowledge be watered. "(Ibid., 197) to Foucault's notion of the" knowledge essential role in The institutions of power production environments such as nursing homes, hospitals, prisons and psychiatric clinics visible Is "(ibid., 176)Bourdieu's terms in line with the concept of the rule of exploitation, Marx and Foucault's concept of power is not used. Concept Domination, exploitation concept is broader than that in Marx's view is effective only in class relations. "The concept of domination is possible especially to the male domination, the relationship between teacher and student in school, director and employee, and the like to think "(Shykh, 1385). Thus Bourdieu about the death of male domination or domination of television TV (Bourdieu, 1387) or in Journalists from the domination of journalism (ibid. 88) speaks. Thus Bourdieu's concept of the rule in a way that has partly free other side will be lost, in this case, the concept of power Foucault harder and heavier More. According to Bourdieu, if someone has a significant amount of capital is the result of power or hegemony as well. Bourdieu believes that Investors also having a set of relations and the economic and cultural. Most of those the amount of capital available, they are in the sense that Bourdieu calls it right power. Right of power from one united ruling class, but also the elite strata of disparate been formed on the basis of their status

Capital is different. For Bourdieu, who has power in the field of economic and cultural capital?

Have more. In fact, Bourdieu believes the financier (whether economic or cultural) can be converted to power and in this regard considers the symbolic capital. He symbolic capital "refers to any property (For each type of capital, whether natural, economic,

cultural, social) when the assets by those we all community members understand that the issue is such that enables them to recognize this asset (ie,(To see and recognize (i.e. for the value it) "(Bourdieu, 1380)

### **Theory sources**

This theory was first developed by "Bdadvvlf" was introduced in the 1960s. According to this theory, it was assumed that the Men usually have more resources at their disposal additional power. To verify this theory eight areas were the decision of the respondents (women) husband or both jointly, decisions are responsible. Eight areas were: automobiles, Order means of life, the type of houses, employment Women in the outdoors, her husband's job, the amount of money each week to buy food, and how to choose your doctor and Place leisure. The results support the hypothesis that any men that is in job status, income level, higher education level, family history of strong will be more powerful. Other studies, indicates that an important role in the distribution of power in family decision making. (Good 1 1989)

### **Cultural Property**

#### **Bourdieu:**

Cultural capital is the most important, most complex and perhaps most hidden part of human beings is loving. However, Began to Bourdieu cultural capital in connection with the students was considered. Therefore, the quality of, On the basis of their scientific progress was better. However, "having cultural capital (facilities), Action by educational culture that is transferred to the children of the family. (Bourdieu, 1971) capital Cultural According to Bourdieu has three parts. According to him, the coordination of this language school makes better progress in their language be educated. He believes cultural characteristics that lead to such language proficiency and, in some Summary elements that are internalized cultural capital, cultural capital and cultural capital objective Institutionalized .Internal cultural capital show that people know and can do things in this capital Internalized cultural potential that has gradually become a part of is called habitus is manifested. On the other hand habitus "structure structures makes" (Bourdieu, 1989) On the other hand "intellectual resources is controlling human thought and behavior" (ibid., 78) In other words, "habitus, productive Human actions in accordance with cultural hierarchy similar to the storage of genetics in the field of culture Biological hierarchy "(Bourdieu, 1971) In fact," habitus this principle and the only building productive behaviors and thoughts (ideas) Also explain that as well. The effort that at any moment a biography academic, intellectual and conditions system Objective that it is the product itself, create "(ibid. 198) Objective cultural capital of cultural goods and material objects such as books and libraries, sculptures, paintings, works Art and antiquities is. Institutionalized cultural capital in the form of documents, including educational qualifications and the qualifications of formal education. Political knowledge can be also institutionalized the concept of cultural capital and the issue of capital Internal culture that has been in the family or his surroundings, is. Bourdieu believes that three important asset, and with each other. This investment will translate into even somewhat they are also, of course, the power of social capital, cultural capital less the power of cultural capital But social capital is the cultural capital is more important than the other two capitals. In this regard, he believes that" Some funds transfer represents the most effective form of cultural capital hereditary transfer of capital, largely because Conducted objectively and is therefore less controllable. While the economic wealth of the inheritance tax Inhibited. "(Field, 1386) since the guiding and productive habits and behavior of human acts, on the other hand habitus in the center of capital one is cultural. Therefore, the cultural capital will drive the behavior and actions of people.

### **Research method**

In this study, qualitative methods are used to gather information about the family and deep natural the couple's marital satisfaction of having paid the other hand, the researchers tried to prove the hypothesis I'd rather not achieved. In this study purposefully, 6 pairs of couples that are chosen cultures are different. The research instrument of the type of interview questions open questions in a position to do normal it is possible. However, in the face of the interviewees are flexible to adjust dialogue with desire in addition to the flexible lead researcher technique General, to conduct interviews to provide information to and the main theme of research, also uses. In this study, after analyzing the information gathered through interviews .Interview questions conducted deep content data has been collected and confirmed its validity teachers consulting and real guide, and after the interview findings are content analysis. Content analysis of the "Survey Depth data collected in all human sciences be applied even in literature, could the relationship between variables. And communication network, not on the surface but in the depth of observation and investigation "in fact content analysis inference, deduction and Recognition of production conditions can be indicators help topics. (Burden to the caller, 82: 1388) Analysis Content, communications, and to describe the study of social behavior and test the hypothesis that it is prepared to run it is possible. In other words, content analysis is a research method that on a regular basis and objective description of some Manifest content of communications to be used. Content analysis refers to any analytical method on a regular basis and Objective To determine the characteristics of messages used in this method of coding messages on a regular basis and to classified so that the researcher can analyze them quantitatively "(Delaware, 275:1388) Sanders quotes from Delaware (1388) believes that "content analysis is the insight into that in order to study changes Used social because an individual's personal writings printed, changing values, beliefs and behavior(Reflect ibid: 278)"

**Findings:**

**Table-1** In order to better understand the full identity of couples in the table below:

Characteristics Number	Gender	Age	Education	Job	Length of Marriage	Number of Children
1	Female	29	Ph.D.	Professor	10	2
2	Female	43	B A	Housewife	10	1
3	Female	40	Diploma	Driver	21	2
4	Female	36	M A	Housewife	16	2
5	Female	35	Diploma	Housewife	11	2
6	Female	30	Diploma	Actress	7	1
7	Female	41	M A	Housewife	16	2
8	Female	36	M A	Boss Of A Company	10	1
9	Female	42	Ma	Housewife	16	2
10	Female	30	Diploma	Employee	10	-
11	Female	42	M A	Housewife	22	2
12	Female	42	M A	Housewife	21	2

In this study, a number of important entries to the main subject, such as: position (power) women in the family, the finally, the effect of cultural capital and cultural capital of the position (power) women in the family was divided. For this purpose, the questionnaire was designed by the researchers, which included 40 questions, 17 questions the power (position) and 16 questions7 questions about the field of cultural and general information. To examine any questions about factors considered was. Cultural capital components include: a) Education b) cultural and artistic activities and skills such as: Reading, sports, art, watching TV, going to the cinema and see theater, spending leisure time and religious beliefs is. And power components include: employment, economic status, participation in important situations, consultation in matters of life, The existence and size of the dialogue between men and women, are in the process of negotiation and placement of women in the work outside the home of his wife, having decision-making power in the household and the duties of members of the House (childrearing, spending money, Travel and more ...) indicates the status and power of women in the home.

**Cultural Property**

Cultural capital includes categories: watching TV, going to the cinema, theater or go to concerts, religious beliefs, Activities, sports, leisure, the study was based on the scores for each individual example: a person who a person who regularly watched television for a score of 2: 1 score and a person who sometimes watched television at all the score was 5 not watch television. Or as in the case study, two hours more per day, 1The average number of hours per week or less, sometimes not at all, not when the study was the rate of 0 to 3 score made. The score was calculated for each individual and the individual scores of each individual were compared with the scores obtained .the lowest the number was 30 and the highest number was 66.

**High cultural capital**

The high cultural capital of this study is that subjects with higher levels of education than average and also has cultural and artistic activities such as going to the cinema, theater, sports, reading, and so was the number of 12 women4 people were interviewed with high cultural capital. "Before I went to the cinema and to the theater and I have plenty of interest, but are because of my job I have to Meyrick companies and others are read by the time I graduate i am a wife for my husband and mother for my child, I cannot even limited-time activities that sport has to pay her before, I'm a volleyball tournament referee, and I cannot do and wait to finish my lesson and go back into these activities."(Code 9)

**The average cultural capital**

Women who had an average of cultural capital, in terms of average education and cultural and artistic activities in average, for example, had an interest in music, and their wives were consulted, but only in generalities. Than understanding and respect, and is currently satisfied with their lives, but were tensions with the past trying to reap satisfaction. For example: one of the women with the average degree of cultural capital BA, but many studies in philosophy, psychology and sociology that he stated that "TVs Look at the satellite, the study, interested and familiar music but in terms of religion not religious cinema and theater was not active in terms of exercise and sometimes are paid to exercise. (Code 2)

**Low cultural capital**

But women with different life style. In spite of couples who live together, had a different lifestyle2 individual character that despite being together, had a different character and interest only for appearance while they were together, like two different worlds: with a husband that has a two year diploma, hikers and those who had studied with style Have a high school diploma was familiar music while she was sporty and I was not familiar with the music of the couples were interviewed between 2 couples in the group. It was, for example, tells her about leisure "time Not active all day busy "(code 3) studied the expression of the person in the coffin" I do not study at all when I have the logo "(code 3) or about going to the theater and cinema that" if the place Husband owe get invited to the movies and see "(code 3) membership at the center of scientific, literary and states that"Not at all

the sort of place I was now a member of "(code 3) The results of this section can be said that women who had high cultural capital: 1. higher education (bachelor and higher) respectively. 2. In other words the higher level of cultural and artistic activities and those investments had 1. A Study women who were middle-class culture medium (Diploma to BA) enjoyed it all cultural activities were components of ketosis. This means that there was interest in some components as was done in some other components Despite the interest in cultural and artistic activities (in spite of interest) Was low, and women who had low cultural capital 1. thsylat of women who had a high school diploma, in components Cultural activities and artistic interest but there was no activity was not performed. For Bourdieu similarities in lifestyle, because of certain habits in life that while scientific, dynamic respectively. Based on scientific, cultural needs and produce results upbringing and education. Actions and preferences cultural education level and social origin, closely linked with fields and backgrounds woman formal education and its impact depends heavily on family and social origin together with the legitimate the higher education system is determined based on cultural practices and while controlling for other factors, the influence of social origin superior culture is higher. (Labib, 1388)

#### **Position (power)**

After analyzing the responses, the results were (no, low, low, high) were coded from 0 to 3. To investigate position (power) the existence and size of the components of dialogue between men and women, are in the process of negotiation and placement of women in the work outside the home, his wife, having decision-making power in the household and the duties of members of the House (training children, spending money, travel, etc.) indicate the power status and the woman was at home. Since the open response questions were compared. For example, if one of the women from talking with his wife and issues to agree with him among the he was awarded his third score, if most of the time the conversation took place and in many cases 2 and if at all there was no dialogue score was 0 belong to the score obtained for each individual. The resulting score anyone with scores obtained from another person than lowest was 40 score and the highest score was 84.

#### **High power**

Women who had high authority in all cases and at all times in the course of their husbands and in all cases were consulted and their response was positive in all components in general and in this case, a woman says, "we Consult together on all matters that even in the most trivial things and we decide together." (Code 4) the same person or expressing the day or after work they may not tell the difference now that it was good or bad. "(K).

#### **Average power**

During all aspects of women felt that their wives are not. Their spouses all their problems for them. Do not define and generally are more or less aware of the time involved in decision-making cases average and power. One of the interviewees stated that the class was "to switch home or if this thing was supposed to go somewhere and bought it or wants to charge for score, we consult together, but in general you decide the kind of things my wife and I prefer the most and then I'm being told and tell us he did speak often and very often also reached the conclusion that, like all couples do not reach a conclusion together and usually in these cases, short-Miami and finally say I accept it." (Code 6)

#### **Low power**

Women who reported low power, they speak with their wives, their counsel and the flow of wife but they are limited. "I consulted with my husband when he had to see past that 1.nyazy to consult. 2. Bored to have her be. If the patient does not have or need sees, rather, does not consult. "In general, my wife own culture because of her great patriarchy and this is how her father was, typical. Into these very difficult years. I pulled up morally changed and the things I grew up with him so that changes can Sometimes I That I'm against this quality and low ethics and become crazy. (Code 4)

#### **Lack of power**

In the end, the women who did not have any status and power. Although seemingly in the family and with the family9 pm, when I'm tired of coming to work and sleep Yam. / Did not talk because my wife goes from morning to 5 to work You do not see each other until tomorrow morning, we got separated just Thursday and fry day, which he assembled together and we are just grumbling .husband constantly bending in the breeze and perhaps this wish of mine who came only silence. Always so efficient and duties be complaining quiet "or somewhere else this is an individual expression of their go to work in the morning, until noon and make lunch and I'll make the kids go back to school to route their home evening when I'm so tired I'll be back. Do internships rapid tail and evening sleep until tomorrow morning? This person stating that my wife did not care at all to my comments about ten, even education has taken his kids and me do you understand nothing says you are "(code 3?)

Generally, after studying and analyzing the responses about the elements raised, women who are their response to all questions it was a clear positive, "with great power" Those who feel that they are more or less aware of the time decisions involved, "medium power", people who think they are actually consulted occasionally and are not aware of everything "low power" Some believed that at no time during what was a family home not going in no way have not power.

#### **And cultural capital position (power) Women**

This section describes the relationship between cultural capitals (power stations) of women surveyed. As shown in the following table:

**Table-2** compare couples relationship between cultural capital and marital satisfaction.

<b>cultural capitals</b>	<b>high</b>	<b>average</b>	<b>low</b>	<b>No thing</b>
<b>Marriage satisfaction</b>				
<b>High</b>	<b>4</b>	-	-	-
<b>Average</b>	-	<b>5</b>	-	-
<b>Low</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>	-
<b>nothing</b>	-	-	-	<b>2</b>

**Conclusion**

According to Bourdieu "functions of capital as a social relation within a series of transactions, and the term to all Normal and symbolic goods is expanded, the volume and value of an existing character as a word A show for his place in the social structure "(quoted adorned marker3: 1384.) In general, the position of the people (The Women) in terms of volume and type of their capital, will be determined. Their position the family and in society makes. (Bourdieu, 1380) Also Bourdieu believes that cultural capital among all funds, more effective than others in human thoughts and behaviors and then introduced him to the community. Based on the obtained results it could be stated that the level of cultural capital can be in the (power) women Houses have a significant effect. This means that all women who have a high cultural capital, has good power in the house. Are. The majority of women with moderate cultural capital, with average power and are good at home a few of them have low power or no power. While most women who have little cultural capital, has little power at home. But what is important, achieving the conclusion that the cultural capital The higher women as men develop democracy in order to the woman's family democracy is usually She (the three) had a special place in the family (even a semblance) so that he would have the right to express Your opinion and demands for more direct and in the path of life and the issues House is involved. (Harbinger, 1388), ie low as cultural capital promotes patriarchy, in this case, the role of men is diminished. But when cultural capital is at an average level, when making considers that greater consultation and low cultural capital, patriarchy to follow. The Patriarchy and it seems that the beliefs, opinions and expectations of the men executed. (Ibid: 255) These three types of power structure in the family mentioned that this study could Mahdavi results and Khosroshahi (1382) to confirm. Their research also three kinds of models of governance father, mother and sharing sovereignty indecision by the couple pointed out. (Khosroshahi and messianic, 1382) Bourdieu believes that "the owners of capital, skills and confidence needed to accommodate changing gifts have fallen, while the middle strata, are more likely to accept conventional tastes ratios. In this sense, the cultural and economic capital owners, who are in a higher class, are able to Individuals who are deprived of the capital or economic capital is low not impose. "(Chavoshian, 1382) and approved.

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