

Women alienation from job : husband-wife partnership in household financial management

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Abstrak

Household culture in Indonesia determines that men are the breadwinners and women take care of the family and home. Increasingly many women are helping to meet the economic needs of the family. However their involvement in the fulfillment of family income is not met with reduced household duties. This paper is the result of a qualitative study female civil servants (PNS) in Ketapang District, West Kalimantan. Sixteen informants were interviewed in depth. The results show that the civil servants, whose husbands have a steady income, managing and using their earnings for their families, do not benefit from the situation. It is obvious from the results that household work is left more to the women and less to the men, even if both spouses maintain a full time job. This study recommends efforts to change the mindset and worldview of women and men towards income and responsibilities concerning the role and position of husband and wife in the family. In addition, there should be efforts to sensitize the general public about the importance of the division labor, power relations and bargaining power of women to create a gender-just society.