Title of Article: Interaction of Socio-Demographic Background Variables with Inter-Spousal Communication among Married Couples in Alimosho Local Government Area of Lagos State.

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Abstract: The paper empirically examines the interaction of socio-demographic background variables with inter-spousal communication among married couples in Alimosho Local Government Area of Lagos State, Nigeria. However, the socio-demographic background variables of focus in this study include: the age of respondents, educational levels of the couples and occupation respectively. A total sample size of 250 couples was interviewed through administration of questionnaires in Lagos State, Nigeria. Frequency table, linear regression analysis and Analysis of variance were used to analyze the data collected from the field of survey. Three hypotheses were tested in this study. The key findings of this study are: firstly, the results obtained from linear regression analysis used for testing the three hypotheses showed that the age of respondents, educational levels of the couples and occupation will not interact with spousal communication in Lagos state. Secondly, F-tests derived from analysis of variance (in table 3, 6 and 9) agreed with the outcomes of the three hypotheses tested in this study. Thirdly, the p-values are highly significant throughout this study which indicated that the age of respondents, educational levels of the couples and occupation have strong interactions with spousal communication. Thus, the paper recommends the following: Firstly, that the couples in oil companies should improve on their weekly spousal communication despite their tight and busy working schedules. Secondly, there is a serious and urgent need for couples who acquired primary education to pursue further studies gradually until they attain tertiary educational status. In effect, the age at marriage will increase from 20-24years to 25-29years due to the number of years of couple’s educational pursuit in Lagos state of Nigeria.

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