

# **Comparative study on Intergenerational support for parents and parents-in-law**

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Using data from the third wave of Chinese Longitudinal Healthy Longevity Survey, and the extended sample survey of children about dynamic information of families, conducted by center for healthy aging and family studies Peking University in 2002, this paper make a comparative study on international support in Chinese families for parents of husband and wife respectively. In our paper we employed linear regression model to analyze the gender difference in family intergenerational support resources distribution from the point view of husbands, and characteristic of parents (or parents-in-law) and children have been introduced into the model.

Determinates of intergenerational support for parents and parents-in-law has been analyzed respectively, comparative analysis has been conducted to investigate the relationships between economic status of wives and family resources distribution among parents and parents in-law, as well as the differences relations between parents' demands for intergenerational support and SES of children including education attainments, occupation of

children etc, as well as the composition of families of parents. The association between household help and financial support for parents and parents-in-law is also been analyzed. All above comparative investigation can provide a clear description of intergenerational transfer pattern/motivation for parents and parents-in-law. Our results suggest that the financial support distribution among parents of husbands and wives is highly related to the economic status of wives and parents, which indicated that the family resource distribution for aging support is more likely to be a budging model, yet the personal care for old parents is based on their health status, and parents of husbands are predominant care receivers, especially in rural areas. The intergenerational transfer between couples and husbands' parents is based on altruistic motivation, highly related to the demands for support of both sides. However, the intergenerational transfer between couples and wives' parents is more likely to be a mutual aid model, financial support for the elderly is highly related to the household helps they currently provide.