

Aging Society: From the Caretaker's Viewpoint

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I. Introduction:

This study focuses on how the caretakers of the elderly are influenced in an aging society in Taiwan. Particularly, the subjects are Taiwanese adults who take care of the elderly suffering from dementia. Moreover, this study also aims to examine whether relevant government policies are in keeping with the actual needs of the caretakers and how these policies can be improved.

*Prevalence of dementia by age:

Age	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	>=90
Prevalence (%)	3.40	3.46	7.19	13.03	21.92	36.88

II. Research questions:

- How caretakers are being influenced in their daily lives in terms of lifestyles, physical /and financial conditions?
- To what extent are caretakers satisfied with government care services and why?

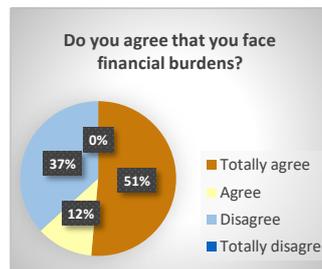
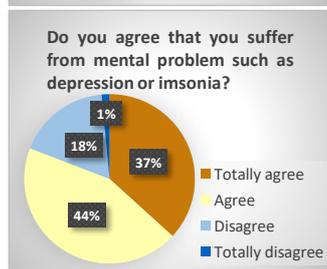
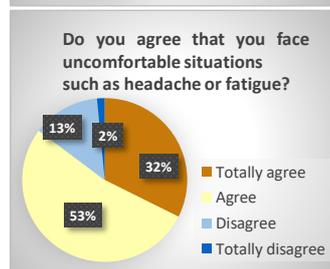
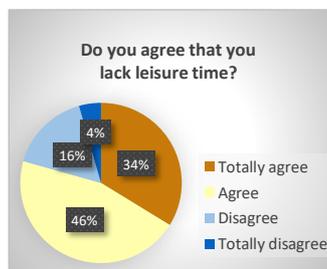
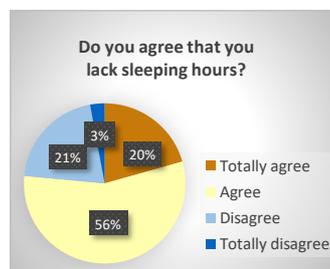
III. Methods:

A questionnaire has been conducted to obtain both qualitative and quantitative data and a total of 68 effective questionnaires were received. The questionnaire required the participants to self-evaluate their lifestyles, physical, and financial conditions and dug into their satisfaction with government care services. In the end of the questionnaire, the participants were free to add anything they wanted to comment on their conditions or the care services.

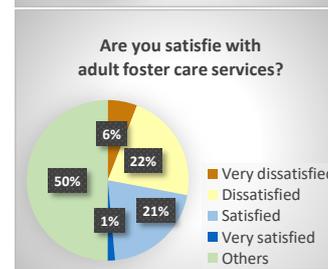
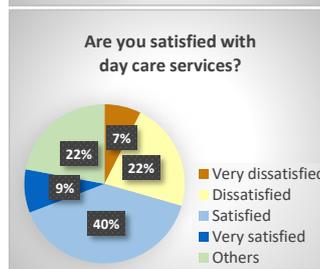
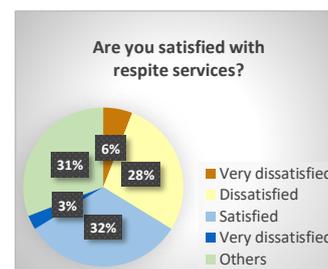
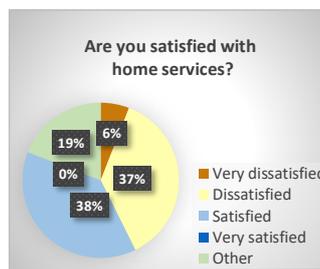
Questionnaire	Part 1	Personal information
	Part 2	Self-evaluations
	Part 3	Satisfaction with government care services
	Part 4	Free comments

IV. Results & Discussions:

1. Caretakers' self-evaluations



2. Caretakers' satisfaction with government care services



3. Caretakers' free comments

Satisfied	Dissatisfied
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving the caretakers a chance to take a break 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too high threshold for government subsidies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being able to work at daytime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking too much time to wait for a service Not enough services in remote areas and the countryside

V. Conclusion & Suggestions:

- Expand the number of social workers and enhance their profession.
- Lower thresholds for government subsidies.
- Government should put more effort in advertising care services.
- Educate the public about the prevention of dementia.

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