Linguistic and Non-Linguistic Factors Influencing Name-Giving in Jordan

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Abstract

This study deals with linguistic and non-linguistic factors influencing name-giving in Jordan. The researcher tested the following hypotheses:

a. Linguistic patterns for naming a female are different from those for naming a male.

b. While male names may be selected according to certain sociocultural patterns, female names may not.

c. Linguistic and sociocultural patterns may interact to produce a name.

The study consists of four chapters: The first chapter includes a preliminary introduction that shows the linguistic and non-linguistic elements related to the study. These influencing elements are also presented in the review of related literature. The second chapter talks about the method of the study, statement of the problem, purpose of the study, hypotheses, sample and population, and data collection. The third chapter consists of two parts: data analysis and discussion. The fourth chapter summarizes the conclusions of the study. Moreover, it exposes the other indirectly intervening factors in naming. Besides, it includes some recommendations for future research.

The most important conclusion is that this study shows that there is no just one factor behind naming. It shows that all factors do interact according to the state of the namer. Moreover, the study shows that even the same name is chosen by families but for different reasons.