

Appendix B

An Example of Data Reduction Chart

Rashmi – love cum arranged marriage, 26 yrs, 1 ½ yrs of marriage, Mass Communication, stayed in hostel, working as a journalist, staying with parents-in-laws

Changes in identity after marriage

Changes are more because of staying in joint family

- Became little subdued, No more short tempered person
- Slightly more formal in front of relatives, Fulfill social obligations
- Think about in-laws, Told lie about eating non-veg food
- More responsible about spending money
- Start seeing own parents in new light

Coping: Learnt to ignore people who are orthodox, doesn't voice opinion

(Even in-laws have adjusted, good support of sister-in-law, still uses maiden name as a byline in journalism)

"A daughter-in-law remains a daughter-in-law. She can't really be a daughter. Even if they don't want to intentionally let that happen but it is very subconscious."

Influence of higher education on identity

Mass communication was an eye opener

- Helped to reflect on daily life issues (e.g. child labor)
- Learnt to stand on my ground, Gained lot of confidence
- Started to question (e.g. karvachauth)

Impact of higher education on married life

- Education helps to avoid conflicts because you know when and how to express your displeasure or avoid making an issue out of it. You know what is important and what is not.
- Education makes you very independent and you start questioning a lot of things which is not appreciated in family and creates conflicts.