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Associate Editor Comments

Associate Editor Gestalt Comment:

I received reviews from the same two experts who reviewed your initial submission. I also independently read your revised manuscript and response letter prior to examining the reviewers' comments. The reviewers were very positive about various improvements in the manuscript and commented the effort that you put in the revisions and response letter.

Although Reviewer 1 was satisfied with your manuscript and revisions, Reviewer 2 raised a few remaining issues. I share the positive sentiment about your manuscript, but I think that it is possible to further improve your introduction and theoretical precision. I would like to offer another round of revisions for you to further strengthen the manuscript.

Similar as to how you prepared the last revision and response letter, please explain in this new round how you handled each concern in your response letter and why you chose this strategy. Below, I summarize what I see as the core issues.

Our Response to Associate Editor Gestalt Comment

We sincerely thank you and the reviewers for your positive remarks and insightful comments and suggestions on our manuscript. We have carefully considered your remaining concerns and incorporated them in our revision. In particular, in this revised manuscript, we strengthen our introduction and theoretical precision. In addition to this, we also made other minor changes following your suggestions. In what follows, we specifically respond to your remarks: we list your comments, and our responses immediately follow.

Associate Editor Comment #1:

Introduction

I can see a clear improvement in your introduction. That being said, I think it is possible to build an even stronger case for your model. I hope the following three (related) observations are helpful.

The story now revolves around two arguments. First, you argue that the work thriving literature has never considered the influence of family factors, but that this is important. This argument is valid but can be described more clearly and completely. The opportunity to do so starts in your second sentence. You argue that thriving is deeply rooted in social systems. Can you explain this better? Does this mean that thriving at work is inherently a result of all the life domains an individual is part of? Or is thriving at work a broader concept that in fact measures the individuals overall self development in life, which expands beyond work? If so, this would give

you a very compelling argument for why we need to examine family antecedents. In short, the idea that thriving is heavily influenced by a person's social network could provide a perfect reason for your focus on one particular social network, the family, but more is needed to explain how exactly thriving is embedded in socials systems.

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #1:

This is a great observation, which we have taken on board. In the revised manuscript, we develop a clearer and more explicit account of thriving at work that is rooted in social systems. This also helps us to justify why the social context, particularly the family context, is important for thriving, in response to your Comment 2 below.

Specifically, we added:

"Accordingly, the socially embedded nature of employee thriving at work builds upon a relational view of human growth in which when individuals grow, the development of the self occurs through interactions with others in a social system (Carmeli & Spreitzer, 2009; Maurer et al., 2013; Porath et al., 2012). The social system includes both work and non-work domains where social-relational norms may differ (Allen et al., 2014; Parsons & Shils, 2001). For instance, relational norms are more ambiguous and implied in the family domain than in the work domain, where expectations are better-defined and more formalized (Lim & Tai, 2014; Sarwar et al., 2021). This feature of the social system brings complexities to interactions in the family domain, making it an important context to understand work-home processes and the antecedents of thriving at work." (p. 2).

Associate Editor Comment #2:

The second argument is that work-family research has not examined the influence of these two particulars antecedents (family incivility and support), and has not focused on thriving as an outcome. Both arguments are not very convincing per se as they heavily rest on the idea that "this has never been examined before" (for which good reasons might exist). Stronger arguments for a study underscore why it is important that we gain the insights of the proposed model. For instance, why is it important that we learn more about thriving? Why would the implications of family life be different for thriving than for work performance? Your inclusion of incivility at home is novel, and I think more can be done to use this to your advantage. Could you for instance pitch family incivility and family support as a logical operationalization of the social context of the home domain? Especially if you explain better why the social context is so important for thriving (see comment 1a), this strategy could solve two problems at once.

Furthermore, you might be able to back up your choice for family incivility and family support by theory, arguing that the W-HR model examines family-to-work processes by including both demands and resources in a domain to then examine how they affect an outcome in the other domain. Hence, you model a family demand (related to social interactions at home) and a resource (related to social interactions at home) to then examine how they affect a work outcome (thriving).

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #2:

We incorporated both of your suggestions in the revision by (1) adding why the social context is important for thriving (Comment 1a); and (2) adding the theoretical rationale for our choice of family incivility and family support. In addition, we also elaborated on the importance of learning more about thriving and the implications of family life for thriving than for work performance. Please kindly refer to our pp. 2-4 in the revised manuscript.

Associate Editor Comment #3a:

There are several instances in your introduction that would benefit from more logical precision. I will give several examples. It is not my intention to micro-edit your manuscript. Rather, my goal is to give you concrete examples of where improvement is possible.

P. 2 "Addressing the long reach of family interactions is theoretically important because it extends knowledge of thriving as people develop relationships in multiple areas of life." Although I think I know what you mean, more precision can be used in describing what knowledge of thriving your research produces. Do you mean that you examine new antecedents that contribute to thriving? This likely can be described more explicitly once you address comment 1a and 1b, as you might then simply describe that your study extends knowledge of possible antecedents outside of work of work thriving.

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #3a:

In addition to incorporating changes in response to your Comments 1a and 1b, we tightened up the language and revised the sentence as:

"..addressing the long reach of family interactions on employee thriving at work is needed to extend knowledge of its possible antecedents outside of work." (pp. 2-3).

Thank you for your guidance!

Associate Editor Comment #3b:

P. 2. "It also compliments the available literature by underscoring a work-home perspective and recognizing that family not only constitutes an important facet of human existence but also affects resource allocation in non-work domains". Based on existent work-home research, we know that family affects resource allocation in the non work domains. Can you be more specific on how your study advances what we already know about the influence of family factors on work outcomes?

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #3b:

We revised this sentence to be more precise of how our study advances what is already known about the influence of family factors on work outcomes. Specifically, we wrote: "This approach is essential, as it will also complement the available literature by underscoring a work-home perspective that recognizes the multi-faceted nature of family interactions." (p. 3). We then proceeded to elaborate on this point by arguing that "a deeper understanding of how family life

can affect thriving at work requires the systematic investigation of both impeding and facilitative family factors that may co-occur but have opposite effects on employee thriving." (p. 3).

Associate Editor Comment #3c:

P. 3. "Research on family incivility, to date, has primarily focused on its performance implications at work (i.e., in-role and extra-role performance, De Clercq et al., 2018; Lim & Tai, 2014; counterproductive behavior, Bai et al., 2016). However, unintentional harm like family incivility can occur even among supportive family members (Menaghan, 1991). Thus, focusing only on family incivility without acknowledging the role of family support (i.e., the availability and quality of helping relationships from family members, Lim & Lee, 2011) is theoretically inadequate". The first two sentences do not logically follow each other. The first argument relates to the outcome variables – previous research has focused on work performance, whereas you focus on thriving. The second argument focuses on the dynamic between your antecedents. This illustrates that more precision is needed in determining where exactly your contributions lie, how you advance previous resource, and why these advancements matter. I think the argument that previous resource has not examined thriving as an outcome of family factors is the least convincing. A much more interesting argument is that we need to include both impeding and facilitating factors in the home domain (incivility & support) if we want to get a complete understanding of how family life can affect thriving at work because these impeding and facilitative family factors can co-occur but have opposite effects on thriving. Related to this, your argument on page 3 ("different social interactions at home are often examined in isolation, overlooking the multi-faceted nature of family interaction where different, or even contradicting, interpersonal treatments can co-exist") is mentioned as an after thought, but I think this could be an important element in building the case for your model.

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #3c:

We agree with you on strengthening the precision of our contributions. We have taken two measures to address this issue. First, following the first sentence mentioned here (i.e. the argument about the outcome variables), we added a brief explanation of why is it important that we learn more about thriving? This also helps to address your Comment 2. Specifically, research shows that thriving at work is positively associated with task performance, organizational citizenship behavior and creative performance (Kleine et al., 2019). With the crucial role of positive psychological states for these work performance outcomes (Kleine et al., 2019), thriving at work provides an important employee outcome for the family-work literature. Second, we further strengthened the more important argument that both impeding and facilitating factors in the home domain need to be included. Please kindly refer to page 4.

Associate Editor Comment #3d:

P. 5. Possibly as a result of the previous issues, I don't understand the second contribution pitched here. Do you mean that you also look at support as an enriching process in addition to the conflicting process? Or that you look both at demanding and supporting family aspects that can undermine and facilitate thriving at work?

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #3d:

We have now clarified our second contribution on page 5. Specifically, we note: "Second, we provide a more comprehensive account of why employee thriving at work occurs in a domestic context characterized by family incivility and family support. In particular, we provide a W-HR model-based explanation to show that thriving at work is influenced by impeding and facilitating family factors via FWC and FWE, respectively".

Associate Editor Comment #3e:

Throughout the manuscript, you mention twice (also in the discussion) that previous research has assumed that thriving can be established by removing stressors. This is described in a rather implicitly way, and it is even more implicit how your study is different from this approach. Do you mean that in addition to examining the impediments of thriving (stressors or demands) you also examine the possible facilitators of thriving (contextual resources)?

Overall, I think it might be helpful to list how your study advances prior research on thriving or the work-home literature, and why they are important contributions. You can then more carefully build the case for how you extend the thriving literature by examining family antecedents, and why you focus on those particular antecedents.

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #3e:

Thank you for pointing this ambiguity to us. We deleted the first statement about removing stressors (i.e. the second contribution stated in our introduction), as a result of our response to your Comment 3d). In the place where we mentioned about removing stressors the second time (i.e. in the discussion), we clarified that "A fundamental assumption of thriving is that removing the influence of stressors does not automatically cultivate its occurrence (Kleine et al., 2019; Spreitzer et al., 2005)." (p. 25). We made it more clearly that "Our investigation of both family incivility and family support enriches the understanding of this assumption by providing empirical evidence that considers both impeding and facilitating factors in the home domain for the experience of thriving at work." (p. 25).

Associate Editor Comment #4a:

Theory

Although your theoretical framework is much better streamlined, some concerns remained.

Your theoretical arguments heavily rely on personal resources. This logic is in line with the Work-Home Resources model, but it is not what you measure. I think it is possible to use the W-HR model as the general framework, as long as you don't forget about your mediating mechanisms. More specifically, when building Hypothesis 1, you explain how family incivility affects thriving, whereas in fact, your model predicts a relationship between family incivility and FWC and then a relationship between FWC and thriving. Looking at the measurement of FWC, these items suggest resource depletion, but resource depletion that is directly related to family

demands. More precision is needed when you explain how family incivility might result in an employee feeling that "stress at home makes me more irritable at work" and "family worries distract me when I am at work". You balance this tightrope better in the first part when you build Hypothesis 2 (p. 9 and p. 10 first paragraph) but also for this hypothesis, you then argue how family support affects thriving. It will be important that you explain better how family incivility and support affect FWC and FWE respectively, and then, how FWC and FWE affect thriving.

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #4a:

Thank you for this observation. We went over Hypotheses 1 and 2 and strengthened/organized our arguments following your suggestion. In particular, in theoretical arguments for both hypotheses, we first explain how family incivility and support affect FWC and FWE respectively, and then, how FWC and FWE affect thriving. We appreciate this suggestion, as it has helped to make our hypothesis development clearer (see pp. 7-11).

Associate Editor Comment #4b:

Related to the previous comment, it might be good to go through your introduction and discussion again, to tone down statements that are related to personal resources. For instance, on p. 3 you write "We thus aim to extend current research on the socio-relational antecedents of thriving by focusing on complex social interactions at home and highlight their respective roles in influencing personal resources in ways that ultimately reduce or boost thriving at work". In the end, you don't examine how the two family antecedents affect personal resources. You examine how they affect FWC and FWE, which are indicators of the process whereby family life undermines or benefits functioning at work, but whether this is due to a lack/abundance of personal resources remains unknown based on your model.

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #4b:

As per your recommendation, we toned down statements in relation to personal resources in the introduction and discussion. Thank you for urging us to do so.

Associate Editor Comment #5:

Discussion

The start of your discussion (pp. 23 - 24 of theoretical contributions) still reads somewhat like a second introduction. This provides an opportunity to prune the manuscript, and describe more succinctly and precisely what your theoretical contribution is. I suspect this will be much easier once you adjust your introduction based on my previous comments.

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #5:

We revised this part of the discussion by aligning it more closely with the revised introduction that is based on your previous comments. Thank you!

Associate Editor Comment #6a:

Minor

It might be helpful to include one or two examples of family incivility in the introduction. This might help readers to immediately get an idea of what this inconspicuous family behavior is.

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #6a:

We added a brief example of family incivility in the introduction: "For instance, one can be ignored and receive little attention for certain acts or opinions by family members who do not realize their acts as uncivil and still offer support in other instances (Bai et al., 2016; Lim & Tai, 2014)" (p. 3).

Associate Editor Comment #6b:

P. 13. "Because of their preference for segmentation, these individuals are more likely to prioritize work and attach values to doing well in their work and hence are less likely to experience the depleting effect of family incivility via FWC". Segmentation does not equate to role salience per se, and does not necessarily imply that one performs well in a role. Could you please reformulate, because I don't think you need the argument of whether someone who segments prioritizes this role or does well in this role; they simply block influences from family and focus on work only while at work.

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #6b:

Thank you for this observation. We have now eliminated the "doing well" argument. Instead, we reframed the argument as below:

"Moreover, these individuals are more likely to focus their attention on work only while engaged in their job rather than their family situations. Hence, they are less likely to experience the depleting effect of family incivility via FWC." (p.13).

Associate Editor Comment #6c:

Did all participants in Study 1 and 2 have either a partner or children? You mention that about three quarters of both samples were married, but was it possible to participate in the study if an employee had no partner and no children? If so, how should we interpret family incivility and family support among single employees without children?

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #6c:

Indeed, all participants in both studies were married and most of them had children. In the previous version, we mentioned that three quarters of both samples were married for up to 5 years, which referred to the duration of their marriage. To eliminate any confusion, we have now clarified this in both samples.

Sample 1: All participants were married and around 71.3% of them had been married up to five years.

Sample 2: All participants were married and around 72.8% of them had been married for up to five years.

Associate Editor Comment #6d:

Although I appreciate the supplementary analysis, I was mainly interested in it in case you would build your study more around the possible dynamic between incivility and support at home. Since your model is nice and streamlined as is, you can remove the supplementary analysis. Thank you for giving the review team insight in the result of these interaction effects.

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #6d:

Thank you! The supplementary analysis has now been removed.

Associate Editor Comment #6e:

P. 23. Theoretical contribution (last paragraph p. 23). This comment is related to comment 1a. Do you mean here that work thriving is not solely work related but that it is about personal development in general?

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #6e:

The range of changes implemented in the revised manuscript in response to your previous comments has helped to make this point clearer. For instance, in the introduction, we clearly stated that employee thriving at work is defined as "the joint experience of vitality and learning, which communicates a sense of progress or forward movement in one's self-development" (Spreitzer et al., 2005, p. 538). This helps to clarify work thriving vis-a-vis personal development. We also elaborated on the social embeddedness of thriving in the introduction to build a stronger case for investigating the social context (i.e. the family context in this study) for work thriving (p. 2). In addition, we revised the sentence mentioned here in our discussion section to be more precise.

Associate Editor Comment #6f:

P. 25 line 10. There might be a word missing after "affective based". Perhaps "outcomes"?

Our Response to Associate Editor Comment #6f:

You're right! We have now included "outcomes" after "affective based". We apologize for this omission. Please kindly refer to page 25.

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Reviewer 1 Comments

Reviewer 1 Comment #1

Comments to the Author

I am so pleased to see that the authors have put in so much effort re-shaping the manuscript.

Well done!

Our Response to Reviewer 1 Comment #1:

Thank you very much for your positive commendation.

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Reviewer 2 Comments

Reviewer 2 Gestalt Comment:

Thank you for the revised manuscript. I enjoyed reading it. I felt the authors took care in responding to the editor's and the reviewers' feedback, even if they did not always agree with it. Among other things, the authors strengthened the theoretical rationale leading to each of the hypotheses and offered a reasonable justification for conducting two studies in such culturally different parts of the globe. The authors also justified the controls included and offered relevant practical implications.

I have few additional, minor observations.

Our Response to Reviewer 2 Gestalt Comment:

Thank you for your positive remarks on our manuscript and for providing us with developmental feedback to strengthen our work. We have now addressed your remaining observations.

Reviewer 2 Comment #1:

Although the authors state '... our consistent results in Study 1 and 2 increase confidence in the generalizability of our findings,' I feel this statement is not wholly accurate. The authors controlled for POS in Study 2 but not in Study 1. I assume this is because POS was not measured in Study 1 but do not really know. Please include an explanation for not controlling for POS in Study 1 and how this may affect the consistency of the results across the two studies in the Limitations section.

Our Response to Reviewer 2 Comment #1:

You are right – POS was not measured in Study 1. We apologize for not making this point much clearer. In the last round of review, we mentioned that POS was not measured in Study 1 because our focus was to explore the role of family incivility in employee thriving at work, while using Study 2 to extend our findings. As such, not controlling for POS in Study 1 is not necessarily a limitation.

Nevertheless, we have now incorporated your comment in our limitation and future research direction section (see p. 29).

"While this study is not cross-cultural research per se, our consistent results in Study 1 and Study 2 strengthen the generalizability of our findings. We should, however, note that we did not explore the role of family support on thriving in Study 1, which may still ultimately raise some concerns about overall generalizability. Nonetheless, we believe

that an avenue for future research is to consider cultural variables and develop cultural-specific research models explicitly." (p. 29).

Reviewer 2 Comment #2:

Although improved, the manuscript will still benefit from further careful proof-reading to fix inconsistent citation and minor careless errors (e.g., '... cognitive capabilities in performance the job better ...', p.10).

Our Response to Reviewer 2 Comment #2:

We have taken this opportunity to carefully proof-read our manuscript for potential inconsistent and minor errors.

Reviewer 2 Comment #3:

Similarly, references are still missing (e.g., Wingard, 2020).

Our Response to Reviewer 2 Comment #3:

We have reviewed and included missing references. Thank you for your observation!

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ABSTRACT

Thriving at work has been linked to a wide range of positive individual and organizational outcomes. However, research to date has primarily focused on its individual and work-related antecedents, overlooking family-related issues that constitute an essential part of social interactions. To advance our understanding of socio-relational sources of employee thriving at work, we investigate the differential effects of family incivility and family support on thriving at work. Integrating the work-home resources (W-HR) model with boundary theory, we develop and test a research model where family incivility and family support influence thriving at work via family-work conflict (FWC) and family-work enrichment (FWE), respectively. We further propose that employee segmentation boundary management preference moderates these mediating processes. Results from two survey data collected from employees working in Nigeria and the United Kingdom provide support for our hypothesized relationships. The findings contribute to a richer understanding of how and when thriving at work is influenced by social relationships in family life. We discuss implications for theory and practice, limitations, and avenues for future research.

Keywords: Thriving at work; family incivility; family support; family-work conflict; family-work enrichment; segmentation preference.

Employee thriving at work, defined as "the joint experience of vitality and learning, which communicates a sense of progress or forward movement in one's self-development' (Spreitzer et al., 2005; p. 538), is a desirable state that fosters important health, attitudinal, and performance-related outcomes (see recent meta-analysis: Kleine et al., 2019). According to Spreitzer et al. (2005), it is "deeply rooted in social systems" (p. 539). Accordingly, the socially embedded nature of employee thriving at work builds upon a relational view of human growth in which when individuals grow, the development of the self occurs through interactions with others in a social system (Carmeli & Spreitzer, 2009; Maurer et al., 2013; Porath et al., 2012). The social system includes both work and non-work domains where social-relational norms may differ (Allen et al., 2014; Parsons & Shils, 2001). For instance, relational norms are more ambiguous and implied in the family domain than in the work domain, where expectations are better-defined and more formalized (Lim & Tai, 2014; Sarwar et al., 2021). This feature of the social system brings complexities to interactions in the family domain, making it an important context to understand work-home processes and the antecedents of thriving at work.

However, research exploring the socio-relational antecedents of employee thriving at work has primarily focused on the proximal local work context, including, for instance, leadership (e.g., Babalola et al., 2020; Hildenbrand et al., 2018; Rego et al., 2020), leader-subordinate relationship (e.g., Xu et al., 2019; Walumbwa et al., 2020), and organizational practices (e.g., Guan & Frenkel, 2020; Jiang et al., 2019; Rahaman et al., 2021). Notwithstanding their contributions, research on the work context alone is insufficient to fully capture the socially embedded nature of thriving (Spreitzer et al., 2005). Given the aforementioned differential features of the family and work domains, addressing the long reach of family interactions on employee thriving at work is needed to extend knowledge of its possible antecedents outside of

work. This approach is essential, as it will also complement the available literature by underscoring a work-home perspective that recognizes the multi-faceted nature of family interactions.

In the family domain, different, or even contradicting, interpersonal relationships can co-exist (e.g., Ilies et al., 2020; Menaghan, 1991). For instance, one can be ignored and receive little attention for certain acts or opinions by family members who do not realize their acts as uncivil and still offer support in other instances (Bai et al., 2016; Lim & Tai, 2014). Along this line, research indicates that negative (e.g., family hassles or home demands) and positive (e.g., having a conscientious spouse) family experiences may inhibit or enhance employee functioning, respectively (e.g., Chen & Ellis, 2021; Du et al., 2018; Haun et al., 2020; Li et al., 2015; Solomon & Jackson, 2014).

However, extant research has typically examined different social interactions at home in isolation, limiting the potential to fully understand the family-to-work processes that may influence employee thriving at work. For instance, at the work-home interface, the work-home resources (W-HR) model theorizes that contextual demands and resources in one domain can affect outcomes in others (Ten Brummelhuis & Bakker, 2012). Thus, a deeper understanding of how family life can affect thriving at work requires the systematic investigation of both impeding and facilitative family factors that may co-occur but have opposite effects on employee thriving.

Accordingly, the primary goal of this research is to explore the differential effects of both *negative* (viz. family incivility) and *positive* (viz. family support) family social experiences on employee thriving at work (Masterson et al., 2021). Family incivility, which represents "low-intensity deviant behaviors with ambiguous intent that violate the norms of mutual respect within the family" (Lim & Tai, 2014, p. 351), has been found to harm employee work performance (i.e.,

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in-role and extra-role performance, De Clercq et al., 2018; Lim & Tai, 2014; counterproductive behavior, Bai et al., 2016). Examining its implication for employee thriving can move forward our knowledge of work-home processes because thriving presents positive psychological states that predict these work performance outcomes (Kleine et al., 2019). Further, unintentional harm, like family incivility, can occur even among supportive family members (Menaghan, 1991). Thus, to offer a fuller picture, it is necessary to simultaneously model a family demand (i.e., family incivility) and a family resource related to social interactions at home to examine how they affect thriving at work. Focusing only on family incivility without acknowledging the role of family support (i.e., the availability and quality of helping relationships from family members, Lim & Lee, 2011) is theoretically and practically inadequate.

We advance research on the socio-relational antecedents of thriving by focusing on complex social interactions at home and highlighting their respective roles in ways that reduce or boost thriving at work. At the intersection of work and family life, the W-HR model (Ten Brummelhuis & Bakker, 2012) explains positive and negative work-home processes integrally. Accordingly, we consider family incivility as a contextual demand that impairs the completion of work-related activities (termed family-work conflict, FWC, Greenhaus & Beutell, 1985). This reality, in turn, creates an emotionally stressful experience that inhibits thriving at work. We also examine an enrichment pathway whereby family support, as a contextual resource, promotes positive resource transfer in the work domain (termed family-work enrichment, FWE, Greenhaus & Powell, 2006). This, in turn, creates an enriching experience that enhances thriving at work.

For a more nuanced understanding, the work-home literature notes variability in the consequences of experienced contextual demands and resources (e.g., Mehmood & Hamstra, 2021; Rothbard et al., 2005). Consequently, there is a need to understand why some people are

more likely to thrive than others in the presence of family incivility or family support. Boundary theory "provides an interesting extension to the W-HR model, suggesting the boundary conditions under which depleting and enriching processes actually reach the other domain" (Greenhaus & Ten Brummelhuis, 2013, p. 28). According to boundary theory, individuals differ in preferences to integrate or separate lines between work and family boundaries (Ashforth et al., 2000). Those who prefer to maintain firm boundaries by partitioning one domain clearly from the other prefer segmentation, enabling them to navigate work-home boundaries more effectively (Kreiner, 2006; Koch & Binnewies, 2015). We thus integrate boundary theory with the W-HR model, arguing that segmentation boundary management preference moderates the respective indirect effects of family incivility and family support on thriving at work. We test our hypotheses progressively in two studies where Study 1 establishes preliminary support for the depleting effects of family incivility on thriving at work via FWC. Study 2 tests the full research model by adding the enriching effects of family support on thriving via FWE (see Figure 1).

Our study contributes to the thriving at work literature in at least three significant ways. First, we introduce two family-related socio-relational antecedents (i.e., family incivility and family support) of employee thriving at work. In so doing, our research departs from past studies on work-related predictors by incorporating the social embeddedness of thriving in this domain (Spreitzer et al., 2005). Second, we provide a more comprehensive account of why employee thriving at work occurs in a domestic context characterized by family incivility and family support. In particular, we provide a W-HR model-based explanation to show that thriving at work is influenced by impeding and facilitating family factors via FWC and FWE, respectively. Third, integrating insights from boundary theory, our investigation of segmentation boundary management preference clarifies the boundary conditions of the phenomena under study.

Relatedly, we enrich the work-home literature about the long reach of family social relationships on the employee-relevant conjoined experience of vitality and learning.

THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

Work-Home Resources Model: A Resource Perspective on the Work-Home Interface

Scholars and practitioners have long been interested in the permeability of physical and temporal boundaries between work and home domains (Guest, 2002). Integrating both positive and negative work-home processes, Ten Brummelhuis and Bakker (2012) developed the W-HR model drawing from the general resource loss and gain processes described in Conservation of Resources (COR) Theory (Hobfoll, 1989). Central to the W-HR model is a resource-based explanation of how contextual demands and resources influence the depleting and enriching outcomes of work-home processes (Greenhaus & Ten Brummelhuis, 2013).

The W-HR model maps a depleting process through which a contextual demand in one domain influences attitudinal or behavioral outcomes in another. Contextual demands refer to the various physical, emotional, family, or organizational aspects of the social context that require sustained physical or mental effort (Ten Brummelhuis & Bakker, 2012). In dealing with such demands, individuals expend finite personal resources. Utilization results in a loss cycle (Hobfoll, 2001; Wehrt et al., 2020) that impedes optimal functioning in the other domain. The loss of personal resources explains the conflict between work and home roles, i.e., work-to-family conflict or vice versa (Greenhaus & Ten Brummelhuis, 2013). Family incivility is a family-based contextual demand (Lim & Tai, 2014). Accordingly, we focus on conflict that occurs in the family-to-work direction (i.e., FWC; the extent to which demands from the family domain deplete an individual's resources and ability to fulfill the demands of the work domain (Greenhaus & Beutell, 1985) to explain the link between family incivility and thriving at work.

In addition, the W-HR model maps an enriching process linking contextual resources in the originating domain to outcomes in the other domain. Family support, for example, is a family-based contextual resource, as it concerns social support received from significant others, i.e., family members (Adams et al., 1996). Such contextual resources generate a gain cycle of resources that are added to personal resource supply. According to the W-HR model, personal resources developed in the originating domain can facilitate optimal functioning in other environments (Greenhaus & Ten Brummelhuis, 2013). "The process whereby contextual resource from the home and work domains lead to the development of personal resources" is captured in the work-home enrichment process (Ten Brummelhuis & Bakker, 2012, p. 5). Accordingly, we focus on enrichment that occurs in the family-to-work direction (i.e., FWE; Oren & Levin, 2017) to explain the link between family support and thriving at work.

Linking Family Incivility and Thriving at Work through FWC

Based on the W-HR model, we propose that family incivility, as a contextual demand, will result in FWC that inhibits thriving at work. As mentioned earlier, FWC refers to the extent to which demands from the family domain deplete an individual's resources and ability to fulfill the demands of the work domain (Greenhaus & Beutell, 1985). We suggest that family incivility can potentially threaten or deplete targets' resources (e.g., positive family ties, time, energy, and emotional resources) and impair their ability to fulfill work responsibilities.

First, family incivility undermines mutual respect between family members, manifested in disrespectful interpersonal treatments, such as excluding, demeaning or ignoring family members (Lim & Tai, 2014). The need to maintain positive interpersonal relationships is a basic human need, the loss of which correlates with a reduced sense of control and poor health (Baumeister & Leary, 1995). Neuroscience research shows that the brain bases of social and

emotional feelings of pain from exclusion or disrespectful social engagement are similar to the physical feelings of pain (Eisenberger, Lieberman & Williams, 2004). In this regard, family incivility represents an unpleasant family-based contextual demand that infringes on positive family ties and a sense of self-worth, creating negative emotions and psychological distress (Estes & Wang, 2008; Lim & Lee, 2011; Lim & Tai, 2014). Targets of family incivility are therefore inclined to direct considerable resources (e.g., energy and time) toward their family roles in the hope of restoring positive ties. Investing excessive resources in the family due to family incivility leaves the target feeling stressed and unable to contribute to or fulfill work activities, resulting in FWC.

Second, family incivility is ambiguous. Those who enact it do not necessarily intend to harm others but do so, perhaps due to ignorance, oversight, or insensitivity (Lim & Tai, 2014). Unlike social interactions in the work domain, where the norm of mutual respect is often well-defined, the norm at home is more implicit (Bai et al., 2016; Lim & Tai, 2014). Considering this ambiguity, targets of family incivility likely devote additional emotional and cognitive resources to processing why it happens to them, the intention behind it, and how to cope (Lazarus & Folkman, 1984; Lim & Tai, 2014). The vague and often unpredictable reasons for being the target make it more likely for targets of family incivility to think of the possibility of being mistreatment in the future (Cortina, 2008), thus distracting them when at work. Indeed, research shows that ruminating about negative family experiences depletes one's ability and energy to concentrate on work-related activities (Anderson et al., 2002; Babalola et al., 2021), making FWC a likely result of family incivility.

In turn, as employees experience increased FWC, we argue that they are less likely to thrive at work. From a resource perspective, employee thriving reflects a self-adaptive effort to

harness workplace opportunities or threats in one's pursuit of long-term goals, which requires resource access (Rego et al., 2020). The affective (i.e., vitality) and cognitive (i.e., learning) dimensions of thriving make emotional and cognitive resources essential to foster its occurrence. First, vitality describes the positive state of feeling alive and energized while doing one's job (Porath et al., 2012), representing a hedonic component of wellbeing (Kleine et al., 2019).

Undertaking meaningful activities increases positive feelings and enhances the experience of thriving (Spreitzer et al., 2005). As FWC emotionally and cognitively overextends individuals to strain resource access and allocation, they likely face loss of energy and zest for work. Second, learning describes one's sense of improvement in knowledge, skills, and abilities while performing work (Spreitzer et al., 2005), thus representing a eudaimonic component of wellbeing (Kleine et al., 2019). Employees who expend excessive energy worrying about family-related issues at work exert less effort to learn new skills and have less momentum for moving forward in their development (Witt & Carlson, 2006). As learning and vitality work together to produce the experience of thriving (Porath et al., 2012), the experience of FWC may disrupt the supply of personal resources over work roles, making it less likely to thrive at work. In sum, we expect family incivility to heighten FWC that, in turn, inhibits thriving at work.

Hypothesis 1: Family incivility will be negatively and indirectly associated with thriving at work through family-work conflict.

Linking Family Support and Thriving at Work through FWE

Drawing further on the W-HR model, we recognize that family support is resource-enhancing. It helps develop personal resources that facilitate employees' experiences in the work domain, a process captured by FWE. As Carlson et al. (2006) note, FWE reflects "the perception that resources are acquired in the family domain which help an individual's functioning in the

work domain" (p. 150). Here, we propose that family support can lead to more FWE, facilitating thriving at work. The W-HR model extends existing models on positive work-family interdependencies by distinguishing the source of resources and clarifying how characteristics of contextual resource influence outcomes in other domains through resource gains (Greenhaus & Ten Brummelhuis, 2013; Ten Brummelhuis & Bakker, 2012).

Family support is a critical contextual resource in the family domain, characterized by practical or emotional aid received from significant others, i.e., family members (Ten Brummelhuis & Bakker, 2012). It manifests empathy and provides tangible assistance in problem-solving and decision-making (Adams et al., 1996; Zimet et al., 1988). Research shows that individuals who receive supportive encouragement, respect, and praise from family members use these contextual resources to acquire personal resources (e.g., positive feelings about oneself and self-esteem) (Karademas, 2006; Wayne et al., 2006), thus making FWE likely.

The gain cycle of resources is also likely. Specifically, supportive family members may provide information, advice, and contingent feedback that help employees gain additional resources, such as developmental opportunities (Madjar et al., 2002), or personal resources, such as skills, flexibility, and energy (Tang et al., 2017; Wayne et al., 2019). These accumulated resources can be invested in the work domain to engender FWE. When individuals invest the acquired resources in the other domain, FWE occurs (Ten Brummelhuis & Bakker, 2012). For example, employees who receive assistance from family members in managing household and child-care responsibilities (the contextual resource) can acquire time, positive mood, and attention (personal resources) needed to enrich work domain functioning.

In turn, as employees experience greater FWE, the likelihood of thriving at work is enhanced. According to the W-HR model, those resources acquired in the family domain can be

transferred to the job context and improve employees' functioning at work (Ten Brummelhuis & Bakker, 2012). We suggest that FWE will make employees capable of thriving at work because FWE refuels the energy and positive emotions needed to devote to the job domain (Greenhaus & Powell, 2006), which is critical to enhancing work vitality (Porath et al., 2012; Nix et al., 1999).

Learning can also be enhanced because the greater the personal resources employees gain in their family life, the greater the resources invested in their self-development at work. For instance, when employees bring a positive mood from their family life to work, they feel vital and enthusiastic about learning on the job. This is consistent with research linking FWE with a range of job resources and attitudes (e.g., autonomy and engagement, Haar et al., 2018; McNall et al., 2010; Ten Brummelhuis et al., 2014) speculated to "fuel the learning and vitality inherent in thriving at work" (Spreitzer et al., 2010, p.140). Thus, when employees experience greater FWE, they are likely to capitalize on the enhanced FWE and ultimately thrive at work. In sum, we expect family support to foster employees' FWE that, in turn, facilitates thriving at work.

Hypothesis 2: Family support will be positively and indirectly associated with thriving at work through family-work enrichment.

The Moderating Role of Segmentation Boundary Management Preference

Thus far, we have employed the W-HR model in theorizing pathways (i.e., FWC and FWE) through which contextual demands (viz. family incivility) and resources (viz. family support) in the family domain influence employee thriving at work. However, the work-home literature emphasizes that individual differences exist in the degree to which individuals can transfer contextual demands and resources from one domain to the other (Ten Brummelhuis & Bakker, 2012). A merit of the W-HR model is its flexibility to be extended and combined with insights from other work-family models (Greenhaus & Ten Brummelhuis, 2013). According to

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Ashforth et al.'s (2000) boundary theory, individuals differ in their preference for the permeability and flexibility of physical, cognitive, or behavioral boundaries around life domains. This difference represents where one falls on a continuum ranging from integration (the allowance of overlap between domains) to segmentation (aspects of one domain being kept separate from the other domain, Ashforth et al., 2000; Koch & Binnewies, 2015).

Segmentation boundary management preference is a coping response characterized by a preference to build up and maintain a clear line between work and family lives (Nippert-Eng. 1996). Individuals high on this characteristic can easily differentiate work and family roles (Paustian-Underdahl et al., 2016) and therefore prevent the various experiences they have at home from entering their work domain, and vice versa (Koch & Binnewies, 2015; Liu et al., 2013). Thus, while at work, employees with segmentation boundary management preferences focus on work-related issues rather than thinking about family or sharing family experiences with co-workers (Kossek et al., 1999). In so doing, segmentation preference helps individuals reduce ambiguity around what responsibilities or behaviors they should enact in specific domains (Ashforth et al., 2000).

Because these employees prefer a distinct boundary with no conceptual, physical, or temporal overlap, they experience low flexibility and permeability, allowing family issues to creep into their work lives (Bulger et al., 2007). The transitions of strains between home and work are thus hindered (Kreiner, 2006). In this regard, the cognitive and emotional demands brought about by family incivility are less likely to produce conflicting home-work processes via FWC. While employees may feel worried, stressed, and lose self-worth at home, those with a higher level of segmentation boundary management preference are less likely to feel the same way when they are in the work domain. Moreover, these individuals are more likely to focus

their attention on work only while engaged in their job rather than their family situations. Hence, they are less likely to experience the depleting effect of family incivility via FWC.

Hypothesis 3: Segmentation boundary management preference moderates the relationship between family incivility and family-work conflict. Specifically, the relationship is weaker for individuals with higher levels of segmentation boundary management preference.

Because segmentation preference limits employees' flexibility to transition back and forth between domains (Ashforth et al., 2000), it may not allow the positive resources obtained from family support to flow easily to the work context. For employees with segmentation preference, their coping strategy is to treat family and work domains as disparate boundaries, making it challenging to transfer personal resources across settings (Allen et al., 2014). In this vein, the resources generated by family support are primarily constrained to one's family, not portable when employees deal with work-related issues. This reality reduces, rather than broadens, the stock of personal resources that facilitates FWE. Therefore, the enriching advantage of receiving social support from family members is likely attenuated.

Hypothesis 4: Segmentation boundary management preference moderates the relationship between family support and family-work enrichment. Specifically, the relationship is weaker for individuals with higher levels of segmentation boundary management preference.

Building upon the underlying reasoning for the mediated (Hypotheses 1 and 2) and moderated (Hypotheses 3 and 4) relationships, respectively, we hypothesize an integrated moderated mediation model described below. As prior research suggests, preference for keeping roles and boundaries separate makes individuals less susceptible to stress and depression (Rothbard & Dumas, 2006). When employees prefer segmentation, it buffers them against the flow of negative emotions and experiences (viz. FWC) from family incivility to thriving at work.

Likewise, greater segmentation preference should also reduce the amount of flow regarding positive emotions and experiences that family support generates (viz. FWE), which hinders employee thriving at work.

Hypothesis 5: Segmentation boundary management preference moderates the negative indirect effect of family incivility on thriving at work via family-work conflict. Specifically, this indirect effect is weaker for individuals with higher levels of segmentation boundary management preference.

Hypothesis 6: Segmentation boundary management preference moderates the positive indirect effect of family support on thriving at work via family-work enrichment. Specifically, this indirect effect is weaker for individuals with higher levels of segmentation boundary management preference.

STUDY 1

Participants and Procedure

We surveyed 215 front-line employees in 28 hotel establishments in the economic capital of West Africa (Lagos, Nigeria). Nigeria provides an ideal setting to examine how family relationships influence thriving at work. First, it is a highly collectivistic society, where individuals generally appreciate family relationships (Hofstede, 2001). Second, focal employees work in an industry that the country's economy depends upon, namely hospitality (Babalola et al., 2018; Garba et al., 2018). As such, understanding factors that influence thriving in a fast-growing economy is essential. Third, African countries are an under-explored context for management researchers as few studies have examined how Western-based theories play out in previously unexamined environments (George et al., 2016).

Two trained research assistants went onsite and obtained permission from the managerin-charge for data collection. On their day of the visit, they randomly selected 4 to 9 front desk officers, room service personnel, and customer service representatives per hotel. They explained that participation was voluntary. Moreover, questionnaires were administered in three rounds, separated by two-week intervals. Responses were returned to the researchers via reply-paid envelopes. At Time 1, participants received the invitation package with the measures of family incivility, demographic and control variables. At Time 2, they received the second survey with the measure of FWC. Finally, they received the final questionnaire, including the measure of thriving at work at Time 3. Participants created six random codes containing two digits of their first names. two first alphabets of the hotel names, and two digits of the place of birth. This code was used to match surveys across time. A total of 157 participants completed the three surveys, a response rate of 73%¹. Among them, 17.8% less than 30 years old, 52.3% were between 31 and 40 years old, and 29.9% above 41 years old. The proportion of men in the sample was 69.4%, with 86% of respondents working in 3-star hotels (the rest worked in 2-star hotels). Approximately 10% of respondents had a secondary school education, 54.8% had national diplomas, while 32.5% and 3.2% had attained undergraduate and post-graduate degrees, respectively. The proportion of participants with no child in the household was 12.1%, 4.5% had one child, and 83.4% had two or more children. All participants were married, with 71.3% being married for up to five years.

Measures

Surveys were administered in English, as this is Nigeria's official language of commerce (Babalola et al., 2018). Unless otherwise noted, our variables were measured using a five-point

¹ We undertook a survey wave analysis (Armstrong & Overton, 1977) by comparing early 30 respondents and the last 30 respondents who represent reasonable proxies for respondents and non-respondents, respectively (Rogelberg & Stanton, 2007). Independent sample t-test for the two groups showed no significant differences across demographics and study variables, indicating non-response bias not an issue here.

Likert-type scale (1 = Strongly agree; 5 = Strongly disagree). We averaged items to represent the respective study variables.

Family incivility. Family incivility was measured by Lim and Tai's (2014) 6-item scale, which assessed the extent to which any participants' family members engaged in uncivil behaviors towards them (α = .84). Sample items include "Made demeaning or degrading comments about you" and "Put you down or condescended to you" (1 = not at all and 5 = many times).

Segmentation boundary management preference. Segmentation boundary management preference was measured by Kreiner's (2006) widely adopted 4-item scale (e.g., Park et al., 2011; Hahn & Dormann, 2013; Liu et al., 2013; Derks et al., 2016; Xin et al., 2018) (α = .94). Sample items include: "I don't like family issues creeping into my work life" and "I don't like to have to think about family while I am at work".

Family-work conflict. Family-work conflict was measured by Grzywacz and Marks' (2000) 4-item scale (α = .91). Sample items include: "Family worries and problems distract you when you are at work" and "Stress at home makes you irritable at work".

Thriving at work. Thriving at work was measured by the 10-item scale validated by Porath et al. (2012) (α = .93). Sample items include: At work..."I feel alive and vital" (vitality) and "I find myself learning often" (learning).

Control variables. We first controlled for gender (0 = male, 1 = female) as it represents a possible confounding variable on performance and stress outcome (e.g., Chen et al., 2013; Chiang et al., 2010; Niessen et al., 2012). We also controlled for education (0: secondary school and below; 1: diploma or vocational education; 2: bachelor's degree; 3: post-graduate education and above), given its potential influence on thriving (Kleine et al., 2019). In addition, we

controlled for relationship duration (measured as the length of marriage) and the number of children living at home, which are often considered in the work-home literature (e.g., Bolino & Turnley, 2005). We controlled for marital conflict because the quality of marital relationships might influence overall life experience (Greenhaus et al., 1987). The 6-item conflict scale measured marital conflict in the Love and Relationship Instrument (Braiker & Kelley, 1979). A sample item is "How often do you and your partner argue with each other?" (α = .70). Given its likely influence on thriving (Mushtaq et al., 2017; Nawaz et al., 2018), we controlled for workplace incivility, measured by the Cortina et al.'s (2001) 7-item scale (α = .83).

While the magnitude of some relationships shifted slightly with the inclusion of these controls, statistical significance levels remain unchanged. In light of the recommended treatment of control variables (Becker et al., 2016) and recent approaches in the relevant literature (e.g., Babalola, Mawritz et al., 2021; Tepper et al., 2011), we report our results without these control variables. The results with control variables are available from the authors upon request.

Analysis

Before hypothesis testing, we undertook confirmatory factor analysis (CFA) in Mplus Version 7 (Muthen & Muthen, 2007) with our focal variables in Study 1: family incivility, segmentation boundary management preference, FWC, and thriving at work. We compared our hypothesized model with a series of alternate models. We then proceeded to test all our hypothesized relationships simultaneously using a path analytic approach in Mplus Version 7. We constructed 95% confidence intervals (CIs) around the observed indirect effects using biascorrected bootstrapping based on 5,000 bootstrapped samples. We conducted a simple slope analysis to examine the nature of the interaction at the higher (1 standard deviation above the mean) versus lower (1 standard deviation below the mean) level of the moderator. Finally, to

support that mediation is statistically different for the high and low conditions of the moderator, we assessed the index of moderated mediation using 95% CIs.

Results of preliminary analysis

Table 1 reports the CFA results. Given the number of parameters in this measurement model, relative to sample size, we created two parcels for the longest scale (i.e., thriving with ten items) based on presumed theoretical dimensions. This approach has been previously to reduce model complexity vis-a-vis sample size (Landis et al., 2000; Ogunfowora et al. 2021). The proposed measurement model demonstrated a good fit with the data: χ^2 (113) = 167.517, CFI = .973, TLI = .967, RMSEA = .055, SRMR = .052 and performed better than alternative models.

While temporal separation of measurement helped reduce common method variance (CMV), we undertook the CFA marker technique (Podsakoff et al., 2012; Williams et al., 2010). We used the four items of moral exporting (Peterson et al., 2009, e.g., "I believe moral values of giving and donating should be reflected in this country's legal system") as a marker variable. The comparison of the model where the indicators of focal variables loaded onto the marker variable ($\chi 2 = 201.084$, df = 130) and the model where they did not load onto the marker variable ($\chi 2 = 208.459$, df = 142) showed a non-significant chi-square difference test ($\Delta \chi 2 = 13.232$, $\Delta df = 12$, p = .352), indicating that CMV did not bias model parameters.

Hypothesis testing

Table 2 presents the means, standard deviation and correlation of study variables. As shown in Table 3, the association between family incivility and FWC is positive and statistically significant: B = .841, se = .152, p = .000, and the association between FWC and employee thriving at work is negative and statistically significant: B = .256, se = .098, p = .009. The

indirect effect of family incivility via FWC is also significant (Table 4): estimate = -.215, se = .091, p = .018, 95% C.I. [-.427, -.063], thereby supporting Hypothesis 1.

Regarding the moderating role of segmentation boundary management preference proposed in Hypothesis 3, the interaction term between family incivility and segmentation preference is negatively associated with FWC: B = -.407, se = .120, p = .001. The nature of this relationship is shown in Figure 2. At a lower level of segmentation preference, the relationship between family incivility and FWC was significant and stronger (simple slope = 1.353, se = .201, p = .000) whereas at a higher level of segmentation preference, the relationship between family incivility and FWC was weaker and not significant (simple slope = .329, se = .226, p = .146). Altogether, Hypothesis 3 was supported. Regarding Hypothesis 5, a moderated mediation model analysis concerns when a mediating effect is stronger or weaker depending on the level of the moderator. The index of moderated mediation was significant (index = .104, se = .053, 95% C.I. [.020, .234]). At a lower level of segmentation preference (1 standard deviation below the mean). the indirect effect of family incivility on employee thriving at work via FWC was -.346, se = .146, 95% C.I. [-.675, -.088]. In contrast, at a higher level of segmentation preference (1 standard deviation above the mean), the indirect effect was -.084, se =.065, 95% C.I. [-.255, .013]. The results, therefore, supported Hypothesis 5.

STUDY 2

Participants and Procedure

Unlike Study 1, where we collected data from a sample of employees working in a collectivistic culture (i.e., Nigeria) and single industry (i.e., hospitality), we collected data from employees working in different industries in the United Kingdom, a less collectivistic society (Hofstede, 2001) in Study 2. Doing so helps rule out the possible contamination from only

observing a collectivistic culture. Moreover, collecting data from individuals working in multiple industries helps strengthen the generalizability of our findings.

Accordingly, we surveyed 300 UK professionals who were approached through business graduate student contacts. With the help of these students, participants received the invitation package, including a cover letter outlining the details of the research, the voluntary nature of participation, an assurance of anonymity, and the questionnaire, along with a return envelope. Participants worked in various professions such as office administration, sales, IT support, and human resource management. We assumed a similar approach as in Study 1 to collect data from employees at three different periods, separated by two weeks. A coding system was also used to ensure accuracy and to match the data across multiple time periods.

Time 1 survey assessed ratings of family incivility, family support, segmentation preference, demographics, and other control variables. The Time 2 survey asked experiences of FWC and FEW. Lastly, the Time 3 gathered thriving at work. The final sample included 184 participants, representing a response rate of 61.33%². Among them, 51.6% were men, 20.7% were aged 30 or below, 57.6% between 31- 40, and 21.7% were aged above 41. Regarding their highest qualification, 33.7% graduated from diploma or vocational education, 62.0% undergraduate studies, and 4.3% post-graduate programs. All participants were married, while 72.8% had been married for up to five years. Approximately 16% had no child in the household, 32.1% had one child, and 51.6% had two or more children.

Measures

² The survey wave analysis (Armstrong & Overton, 1977; Rogelberg & Stanton, 2007) that compares early 30 respondents and last 30 respondents, representing respondents and non-respondents respectively, showed no significant differences across demographics and study variables indicating non-response bias not an issue here.

We used the same measures for family incivility (α =.89), segmentation boundary management preference (α =.948), FWC (α =.92), and thriving (α =.94). We measured family support (α =.86) with the four-item scale developed by Zimet et al. (1988) with sample items: "I can talk about my problems with my family" and "I get the emotional help and support I need from my family". We measured FWE (α =.94) with the nine-item scale developed by Carlson et al. (2006) with sample items: My involvement in my family.... "Helps me expand my knowledge of new things and this helps me be a better worker" and "My involvement in my family puts me in a good mood and this helps me be a better worker". As with Study 1, we measured the same control variables, including relationship, gender, the number of children living at home, marital conflict (α =.88), and workplace incivility (α =.939). Because POS may influence employee thriving at work (Abid et al., 2015), we included perceived organizational support (POS; α =.948), measured by Rhoades et al.'s (2001) 8-item scale to further enhance the robustness of our study. Given that the significance level of hypothesis testing remained unchanged with the inclusion of these control variables, we reported our results without them (see Becker et al., 2016).

Preliminary analysis

Using a similar approach as in Study 1, we conducted confirmatory factor analysis in Mplus Version 7 with focal study variables: family incivility, family support, segmentation boundary management preference, FWC, FWE, and thriving at work. To reduce model complexity vis-a-vis sample size, we also created two parcels for the longest scale (i.e., thriving with ten items) based on presumed theoretical dimensions (e.g., Jo et al., 2020). The proposed model demonstrated a good fit with the data: $\chi^2(362) = 661.722$, CFI = .929, TLI = .920, RMSEA = .067, SRMR = .062 and performed better than alternative models (Table 1). To ensure

our instruments were interpreted similarly across Studies 1 and 2, we performed measurement invariance analysis for our key study variables (family incivility, FWC, segmentation preference, thriving). Following Vandenberg and Lance (2000), we found evidence for measurement invariance.³. In addition, the CFA marker variable analysis showed that CMV was not present⁴.

Hypothesis testing

Table 5 presents descriptive statistics of study variables. Tables 6 and 7 present results of hypothesis testing we undertook in Mplus, using a similar approach as in Study 1. Regarding the hypothesized mediation relationships, the indirect effect of family incivility via FWC on thriving was significant: estimate = -.246, se = .077, p = .001, supporting Hypothesis 1; and the indirect effect of family support via FWE on thriving is also significant: estimate = .059, se = .029, p = .041, supporting Hypothesis 2. Regarding the hypothesized moderation relationships, the interaction term between family incivility and segmentation preference was negatively associated with FWC: B = -.357, se = .135, p = .008. As depicted in Figure 2, at a lower level of segmentation preference, the relationship between family incivility and FWC was significant and stronger (simple slope = 1.318, se = .257, p = .000) whereas at a higher level of segmentation preference, the relationship was weaker (simple slope = .474, se = .153, p = .002). Altogether Hypothesis 3 was supported. The interaction term between family support and segmentation preference is negatively associated with FWE: B = -.179, se = .053, p = .001. Shown in Figure 3,

³ We started with a baseline model for configurational invariance $\chi 2$ (196) = 372.569, p = .000, CFI = .952, TLI = .941, RMSEA = .073, SRMR = .055. We then tested metric invariance by constraining corresponding factor loadings to be equal across two samples: $\chi 2$ (208) = 373.766, p = .000, CFI = .955, TLI = .948, RMSEA = .068, SRMR = .056. We tested scalar invariance by further constraining items' intercepts on the respective constructs to be invariant across both samples: $\chi 2$ (224) = 375.707, p = .000, CFI = .959, TLI = .956, RMSEA = .063, SRMR = .056. We then tested strict invariance by further constraining factor variance to be invariant across two samples: $\chi 2$ (231) = 499.404, p = .000, CFI = .927, TLI = .924, RMSEA = .083, SRMR = .202.

⁴ The model where the indicators of focal variables loaded onto the marker variable of moral exporting ($\chi 2 = 708.795$, df = 420) and the model where they did not load ($\chi 2 = 733.168$, df = 443) showed a non-significant chi-square difference test ($\Delta \chi 2 = 24.373$, $\Delta df = 23$, p = .383).

at a lower level of segmentation preference, the relationship between family support and FWE was stronger (simple slope = .442, se = .091, p = .000) whereas at a higher level, the relationship was weaker (simple slope = .020, se = .108, p = .855). Thus Hypothesis 4 was supported.

Regarding the hypothesized moderated mediation relationships, the index of moderated mediation was significant for family incivility (index = .098, se = .046, 95% C.I. [.009, .187]). At a lower level of segmentation preference (1 standard deviation below the mean), the indirect effect of family incivility on employee thriving at work via FWC was -.362, se = .121, 95% C.I. [-.599, -.125] whereas at a higher level of segmentation preference (1 standard deviation above the mean) the indirect effect was -.130, se = .055, 95% C.I. [-.238, -.022]. The results, therefore, supported Hypothesis 5. The index of moderated mediation was also significant for family support (index = -.046, se = .021, 95% C.I. [-.087, -.004]). At a lower level of segmentation preference (1 standard deviation below the mean), the indirect effect of family support on thriving via FWE was .113, se = .046, 95% C.I. [.023, .203] whereas at a higher level of segmentation preference (1 standard deviation above the mean) the indirect effect was .005, se = .028, 95% C.I. [-.049, .059]. The results, therefore, supported Hypothesis 6.

DISCUSSION

Integrating the W-HR model with boundary theory, we theorized and tested how and when social relationships in the family domain influence employee thriving at work across two field studies. Our results showed that, even after controlling for workplace incivility and perceived organizational support, family incivility (a contextual demand) and family support (a contextual resource) negatively and positively relate to employee thriving at work via their influence on FWC and FWE, respectively. Furthermore, we found that these indirect effects were moderated by employee segmentation preference. We discuss the implications of our findings.

Theoretical Contributions

The novelty of our work first lies in advancing the thriving literature (Porath et al., 2012; Spreitzer et al., 2005) by exploring how non-work, family-related factors influence employee thriving at work. Research documents that growth in aliveness and enhanced knowledge (the two components of employee thriving at work) is contextualized in social connections with others outside of work (e.g., Maurer et al., 2013). By bringing family-related experiences to the forefront of the thriving literature, we extend current theorizing from proximal local work contexts to the broader social context outside the work environment. Specifically, we illustrate how contextually impeding (e.g., family incivility) and facilitating (e.g., family support) factors occurring in the family domain respectively hinder and enhance employee thriving at work. The findings are a timely contribution to the social-embedded conceptualization of thriving (Spreitzer et al., 2010) and suggest that a social context, such as the family, influences growth in one's job broader than the immediate environment employees work.

Our research, therefore, provides a relatively fuller picture of distinct family-related antecedents of employee thriving. In so doing, we consider the different complexities and nuances involved in employees' family interactions. The prolonged interaction with a limited set of same members in the family domain means that people are subject to different interpersonal treatments that are not necessarily intended with a clear purpose but are enduringly hurtful. Unlike the workplace, where organizations' formal rules and policies regulate behaviors, family interpersonal norms are more ambiguous and less likely to be formally regulated or monitored.

Subtle, unintentional harm can occur even among supportive family members (Menaghan, 1991). For instance, research suggests that feeling happy may promote incivility towards the spouse (Ilies et al., 2020). Therefore, there is a possible co-existence of uncivil and

supportive family interactions. A fundamental assumption of thriving is that removing the influence of stressors does not automatically cultivate its occurrence (Kleine et al., 2019; Spreitzer et al., 2005). Our investigation of both family incivility and family support enriches the understanding of this assumption by providing empirical evidence that considers both impeding and facilitating factors in the home domain for the experience of thriving at work. Based on the progressive development of two studies, we provide supporting evidence that thriving at work can be inhibited by one's negative experience at home, in the form of family incivility, and also enhanced by the supportive aspects of family relationships (viz. family support).

Our study enriches the work-family interface literature by introducing the W-HR model to the study of thriving and exploring underlying mechanisms through which family-related impeding and facilitating factors influence employee thriving at work (Paterson et al., 2014; Porath et al., 2012). Typical work-related outcomes in the work-family context include job performance (e.g., in-role performance, Lim & Tai, 2014; counterproductive work behavior, Bai et al., 2016; organizational citizenship behavior, De Clercq et al., 2016) and affective-based outcomes (e.g., satisfaction, Lapierre et al., 2016; commitment, McNall et al., 2010). Exploring the potential impact of the family on employee thriving at work helps to further enrich our knowledge of work-home processes because thriving presents positive psychological states that predict these performance outcomes (Kleine et al., 2019). Our study showed that an impeding factor, in the form of family incivility, could increase FWC and inhibit thriving at work. In contrast, the facilitating influence of family support increased FWE and improves thriving at work. These dual pathways remained even with the inclusion of control variables typically included in the work-family literature (such as the number of children in the household, perceived organizational support). Along these lines, our study offers a valuable addition to the

available literature, which primarily draws on the stress or exchange perspectives in accounting for the influence of family experiences on work (Lim & Tai, 2014).

In addition, our work highlights a critical boundary condition that makes the relationships between family social relationships and thriving at work possible (Park et al., 2020). Drawing on insights from boundary theory, we argued that employees who prefer segmentation between activities in their work and family domains might particularly benefit from less disruption across domains (Zhao et al., 2019). More directly, the negative indirect effect of family incivility on employee thriving at work via FWC was significantly weaker for individuals with higher segmentation boundary management preference levels. Similarly, the positive indirect effect of family support on thriving at work via FWE was significantly weaker for individuals with higher levels of segmentation preference. These results are akin to Liu et al.'s (2013) suggestion that employees' individual preference for segmentation may indeed moderate the work-family spillover effects of workplace ostracism (Peng & Zeng, 2017). In this light, our study brings a fresh boundary perspective to the thriving literature, which has so far tended to draw on self-determination or social exchange theories, leaving other theoretical perspectives underexplored (Kleine et al., 2019).

Practical Implications

The outcomes of our research have practical implications for ways to manage employee thriving at work. First, our results highlight the need for organizations to recognize that factors related to employees' vitality and learning at work are not confined to employees' individual experiences in the workplace alone. Instead, their family-related experiences and interactions have a significant role as well. Thus, we recommend a more balanced approach when developing programs to foster a thriving workplace. Such an approach should recognize the

relevance of family-related interactions as important determinants of employees' conjoined experience of vitality and learning at work. This awareness is critical considering current circumstances where working from home is becoming "the new normal" (Wingard, 2020). Moreover, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to compel a large section of the workforce to work from home (Chadee, Ren & Tang, 2021), it is incumbent for organizations to review their policies at the work-family interface (Nielsen et al., 2020).

Second, organizations need policies, programs, and systems to help employees recover from depleted resources due to familial mistreatments. Research shows that an employee assistance program (EAP) can be a viable way to assist employees with personal issues (Nunes et al., 2018). EAP offers individualized counseling to support employees to identify effective coping strategies for personal and professional stressors. As noted, employees differ in how they bring family matters to work and discuss them with co-workers due to privacy issues, fear of stigma, or embarrassment. For example, those with a high segmentation preference may feel particularly uncomfortable or worried that their personal information would be shared with their bosses and held as part of their employer's human resource records. Therefore, a key message for organizations is to engage with an external EAP provider, rather than running an internal EAP, to ensure employees' issues are held in strict confidence.

Relatedly, it is also advisable that organizations make employees aware that above and beyond work resources, family support is a vital resource that can promote their thriving at work via positive resource transfer (viz. FWE). Similarly, employees also need to realize that family incivility is a negative experience that could negatively affect their thriving at work via negative resource transfer (viz. FWC). As such, they should be encouraged to seek help from their EAP service. Raising this awareness is essential because, compared to other commonly investigated

family abuse or aggression (Pearson et al., 2001), family incivility is often tolerated, easily ignored, understood as acquiescence, and seldom restrained effectively (Lim & Tai, 2014; Bai et al., 2020). Organizations could communicate with employees using various platforms (e.g., communication bulletin, OH&S training) that experiences at home impact their thriving at work.

Limitations and Future Research Directions

Despite endeavors we took to improve the reliability and validity of our results, we acknowledge that this study has limitations, which we see as signaling opportunities for future research. First, we draw mainly on a time-lagged research design and thus caution against making causality claims. Future research could take an experimental approach to strengthen causality. Second, although we followed procedural and statistical recommendations to account for CMV, we acknowledge that our measures were self-reported. However, to the extent that our research concerns one's family experiences and that thriving is an individual's psychological state (Porath et al. 2012), self-reported data are appropriate. In addition, Chan (2009) found trivial or no effects of CMV in self-ratings and addresses the preconception that CMV plagues self-ratings. Similarly, research shows that CMV is less an issue when research concerns interactions (Evans, 1985; Siemsen et al., 2010).

Third, this study concerns the effect of the work-home resource of family incivility and family support on thriving at work because of the importance of thriving for one's vocational and career success (Jiang, 2017; Kleine et al., 2019). We, however, acknowledge that the effect may have implications for other employee outcomes and hence encourage future research to expand the scope of research to investigate whether and how these family experiences influence a broader range of employee-related outcomes.

Managing the work-home interface can be a challenge for employees in different countries, and hence it may be valuable to study associated societal norms or cultural values (Powell et al., 2009). While this study is not cross-cultural research per se, our consistent results in Study 1 and Study 2 strengthen the generalizability of our findings. We should, however, note that we did not explore the role of family support on thriving in Study 1, which may still ultimately raise some concerns about overall generalizability. Nonetheless, we believe that an avenue for future research is to consider cultural variables and develop cultural-specific research models explicitly. In addition, our investigation of family incivility and family support as predictors in the research model is an initial effort to extend the thriving literature by explicitly considering the complex family life. Future research could take the multi-faceted nature of family interactions further to uncover more nuances. For instance, an intervention in which family support is given could be introduced to examine the interplay between family incivility and family support. Subsequent analyses could explore whether receiving family support attenuates the harm caused by family incivility, or perhaps, it creates mixed messages at home and thus amplifies the effects of family incivility.

Conclusion

This study sheds light on why and when social relationships in the family domain contribute to employees thriving at work in functional and dysfunctional ways. In particular, we found that family incivility impedes thriving at work by increasing FWC, whereas family support enhances thriving by increasing FWE. Furthermore, we found that employees' segmentation boundary management preference attenuates family incivility. In light of these findings, we hope future research will continue to delve into factors outside the workplace that positively or negatively influence individuals thriving at work.

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TABLE 1

Results of Confirmatory Factor Analysis (Study 1 and Study 2)

Model (Study 1)	$\Delta \chi 2(df)$	p	χ2 (df)	p	CFI	TLI	RMSEA	SRMR
1. 4-factor model: FI, SP, FWC, TH	/ C (/	<u> </u>	155.648(98)	0.000	0.963	0.955	0.061	0.053
2. 3-factor model:FI+SP, FWC, TH	304.074(3)	0.000	459.719(101)	0.000	0.771	0.728	0.150	0.169
3. 2-factor model: FI+SP+FWC, TH	835.569(5)	0.000	991.214(103)	0.000	0.433	0.339	0.234	0.197
4. 1-factor model	965.386(6)	0.000	1121.031(104)	0.000	0.350	0.250	0.250	0.203
Model (Study 2)	$\Delta \chi 2(df)$	р	χ2 (df)	р	CFI	TLI	RMSEA	SRMR
1. 6-factor model: FI, FS, SP, FWC, FWE, TH 2. 5-factor model: FI+FS, SP, FWC,			661.722(362	0.000	0.929	0.920	0.067	0.062
FWE, TH 3. 4-factor model: FI+FS, SP,	569.422(5)	0.000	1231.144(367)	0.000	0.796	0.774	0.113	0.138
FWC+FWE, TH 4. 3-factor model: FI+FS+SP,	1140.174(9)	0.000	1801.896(371)	0.000	0.661	0.629	0.145	0.165
FWC+FWE, TH 3. 2-factor model:	1712.215(12)	0.000	2373.937(374)	0.000	0.527	0.486	0.170	0.188
FI+FS+SP+FWC+FWE, TH	2964.993(14)	0.000	3626.715(376)	0.000	0.231	0.169	0.217	0.264
4. 1-factor model	3262.773(15)	0.000	3924.495(377)	0.000	0.161	0.096	0.226	0.267

Note: Study 1: n = 157; Study 2: n=184. FI = Family incivility; FS = Family support; SP = Segmentation boundary management preference; FWC = Family-work conflict; FWE = Family-work enrichment; TH = Thriving at work.

TABLE 2
Means, Standard Deviations, and Correlations of Study Variables (Study 1)

Variables	Mean	SD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Thriving at work	3.14	.92										
2. FWC	3.09	.93	30**									
3. Family incivility	2.13	.46	23**	.34**								
4. Segmentation preference	3.69	1.26	.09	14	21**							
5. Gender	.30	.46	18*	.08	.09	17*						
6. Education	1.29	.68	.01	.01	.04	15	.20*					
7 Relationship duration	5.05	.89	.14	04	.04	.05	13	27**				
8. No. of children	1.71	.67	15	.14	.03	13	09	04	03			
9. Marriage conflict	1.55	.34	04	.10	.18*	12	12	.14	.063	.01		
10. Workplace incivility	1.66	.60	16*	01	.03	05	10	.11	.18*	.16	.12	

Note: Study 1: n = 157; *p < 0.05 ** p < 0.01 Cronbach's alpha in the diagonal in bold. FWC: family-work conflict.

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TABLE 3 **Unstandardized Regression Results of Hypotheses Testing (Study 1)**

Study 1	Family-v	work cor	ıflict (FWC)	Employee thriving at work				
	В	SE	95% C.I.	В	SE	95% C.I.		
Predictor variable								
Family incivility	.841**	.152	.532, 1.134	297	.202	697, .091		
Moderator variable								
Segmentation preference	.019	.057	088, .138					
Interaction								
Family incivility * Segmentation preference	407**	.120	639,170					
Mediator variable								
FWC				256**	.098	457,061		
R^2	.168			.113		,		

Note: n=157; *p < .05, **p < .01. Variables involved in the product term were mean-centered. SE. = standard error. CI = Confidence Interval; FWC = family-work conflict.

TABLE 4
Indirect and conditional indirect effects (Study 1)

Indirect effect	В	SE	95% C.I.
Family incivility–FWC–employee thriving	215*	.091	427,063
Conditional indirect effect			
Indirect effect when segmentation preference is low	346*	.146	675,088
Indirect effect when segmentation preference is high	084	.065	255,.013
Index of moderated mediation	.104	.053	.020, .234

Note: n=157; *p < .05, **p < .01. SE. = standard error. CI = Confidence Interval; FWC = family-work conflict;

TABLE 5
Means, Standard Deviations, and Correlations of Study Variables (Study 2)

Variables	Means	SD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1. Thriving at work	3.21	.98													
2. FWC	3.03	.99	30**												
3. FWE	2.37	.77	.24**	12											
4. Family incivility	2.12	.54	13	.40**	10										
5. Family support	2.33	.70	.07	.01	.25**	24**									
6. Segmentation preference	3.77	1.18	.09	12	02	12	.04								
7. Gender	.48	.50	08	.17	11	.17*	12	13							
8. Education	1.71	.54	.14*	.19*	02	.25**	10	15*	02						
9. Relationship duration	4.87	4.63	.04	01	01	01	.042	.05	07	.01					
10. No. of children	1.35	.74	05	03	.05	27**	.25**	.19*	12	21**	.11				
11. Marriage conflict	1.56	.48	.06	.09	.02	.24**	.01	.06	04	.17*	.13	.02			
12. Workplace incivility	1.83	.94	13	.13	07	.14	14	24**	.03	.18*	01	23**	.04		
13. POS	3.33	1.10	.15*	12	10	20**	.13	.20*	.03	08	.01	.04	.09	13	

Note: Study 2: n=184. *p < 0.05 ** p < 0.01 Cronbach's alpha in the diagonal in bold. FWC: family-work conflict. FWE: family-work enrichment. POS: perceived organizational support.

TABLE 6 Unstandardized Regression Results of Hypotheses Testing (Study 2)

Study 2		FW	/C		FW	E	Emplo	yee thri	ving at work
	В	SE	95% C.I.	В	SE	95% C.I.	В	SE	95% C.I.
Predictor variable									
Family incivility	.896	.139	.623,1.169				.016	.141	260,.291
Family support				.231	.078	.078,.384	.028	.103	173,.229
Moderator variable									
Segmentation preference	.011	.063	112,.135	016	.046	105,.074			
Interaction									
Family incivility * Segmentation preference	357	.135	621,093						
Family support * Segmentation preference				179	.053	282,075			
Mediator variable									
FWC							274	.075	421,128
FWE							.256	.090	.079,.432
R^2	.197			.117			.124		

Note: n=184. *p < .05, **p < .01. Variables involved in the product term were mean-centered. SE. = standard error. CI = Confidence Interval; FWC = family-work conflict; FWE = family-work enrichment.

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TABLE 7 Indirect and conditional indirect effects (Study 2)

Indirect effect	В	SE	95% C.I.
Family incivility–FWC–employee thriving	246	.077	397,095
Family support–FWE–employee thriving	.059	.029	.003,.115
Conditional indirect effect			
Indirect effect of family incivility when segmentation	362	.121	599,125
preference is low			
Indirect effect of family incivility when segmentation	130	.055	238,022
preference is high			
Indirect effect of family support when segmentation	.113	.046	.023,.203
preference is low			
Indirect effect of family support when segmentation	.005	.028	049,.059
preference is high			
Index of moderated mediation for family incivility	.098	.046	.009, .187
Index of moderated mediation for family support	046	.021	087,004
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Note: n=184. *p < .05, **p < .01. SE. = standard error. CI = Confidence Interval; FWC = family-work conflict; FWE = family-work enrichment.

FIGURE 1

Proposed Model

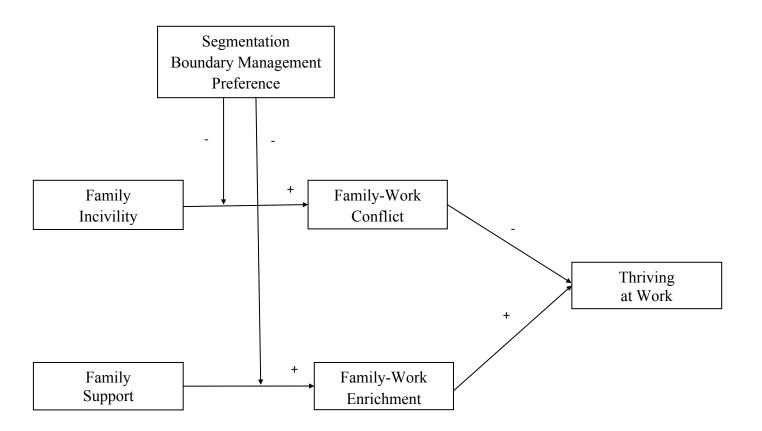
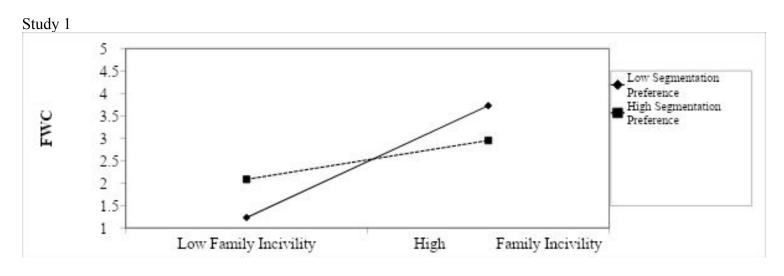
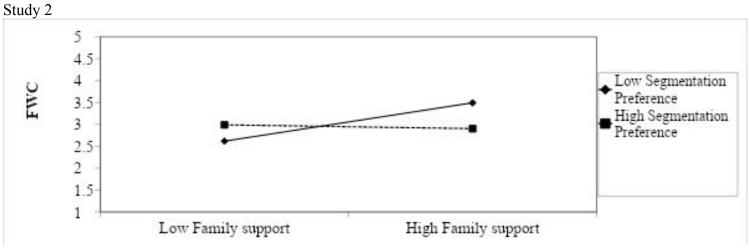


FIGURE 2

Interaction of Family Incivility and Segmentation Boundary Management Preference (Study 1 and Study 2)

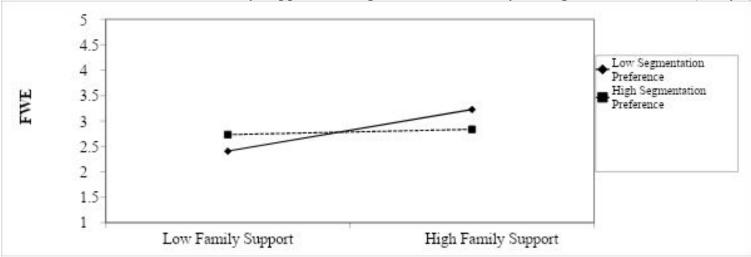




Note: FWC = Family-work conflict

FIGURE 3

Interaction of Family Support and Segmentation Boundary Management Preference (Study 2)



Note: FWE = Family-work enrichment