



Are We There Yet: A Look into the Vacationing Process & Meaningful Experiences for an Interracial Family

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Introduction

- Occupational science recognizes the importance of doing together
- Family occupations like vacationing together can be beneficial for families¹
- Research within these areas has failed to include interracial families
- Interracial families may have a unique perspective and negotiation process worth investigating^{2,3}

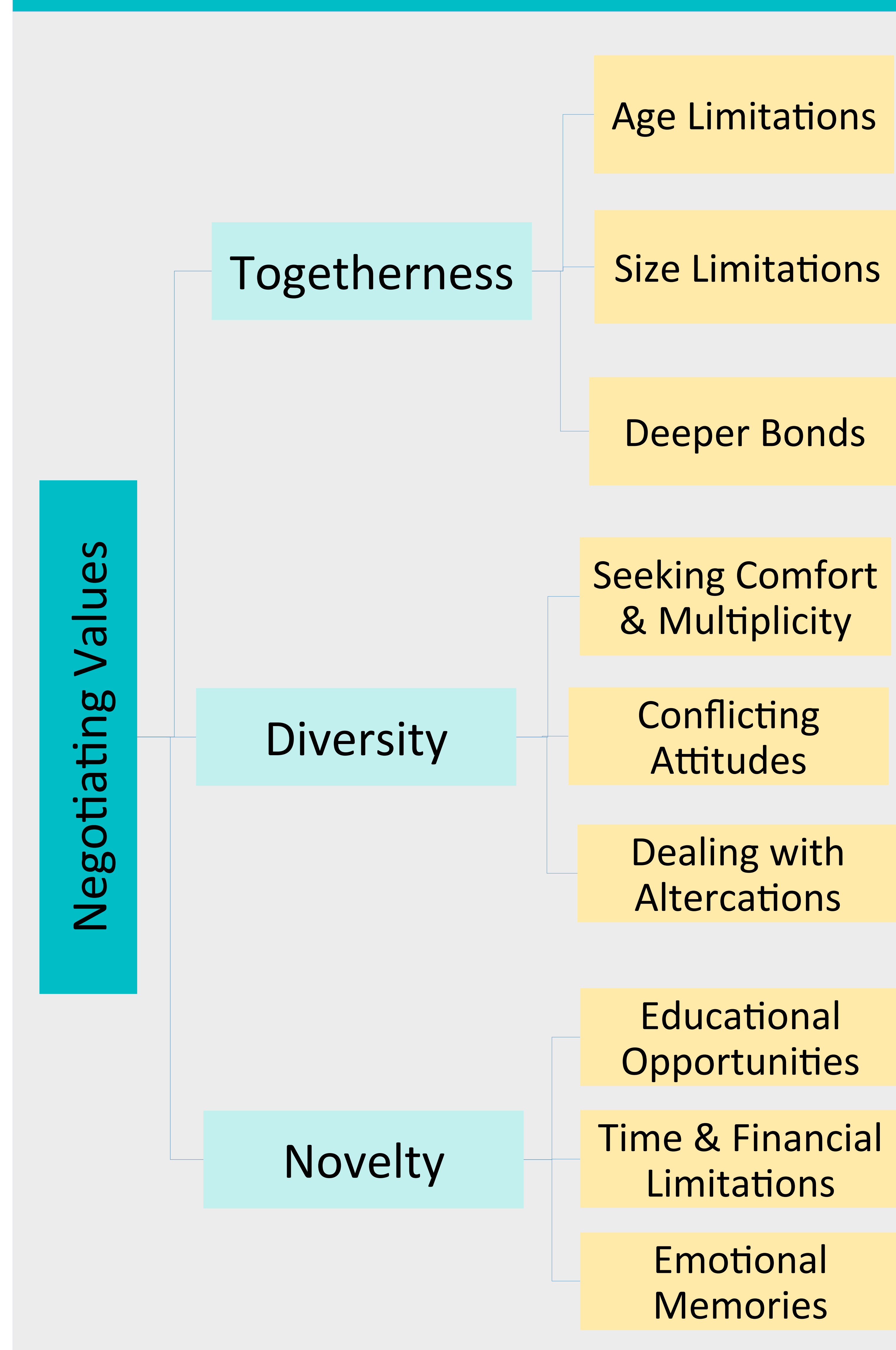
Area of Inquiry

To understand the vacationing experiences for members of an interracial family

Methods

- Qualitative research design
- Semi-structured interviews with 4 members of an interracial family
- Interviews were transcribed and coded and themes were analyzed

Results



Discussion

- A family's unique traits such as age, size, income, and personal values impact the vacationing process
- Interracial families have an additional factor to consider (i.e. race) but this is not the only factor considered
- Benefits and outcomes from vacationing override the obstacles and make the entire process "worth it."

Conclusion & Implications

Practitioners can use these findings to improve their cultural competence and family-centered practice.

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