

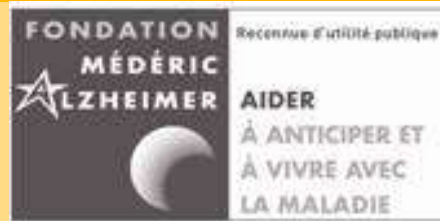
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Economic Analysis of the Intangible Impacts of Informal Care for People with Alzheimer's Disease and Other Mental Disorders

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Summary

- I. Economic analysis of informal care
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I. Economic analysis of informal care

- Three main methods to value informal care...
 - Opportunity cost method
 - Proxy good method
 - **Contingent valuation method**
- ...with advantages and defects
- Intangible impacts of caring :
 - Negative impacts : grief, anxiety, fatigue...
 - Positive impacts : strengthened family ties, feeling of accomplishment...

II. Research question

Are intangible impacts of informal care associated with caregiver's willingness to pay (WTP) to be replaced ?

III. Materials and methods

1. Data Base and sample
2. Methods

1. Data Base and sample

- BVA-Novartis – French family carers Panel data– 4th wave– 2010
- 201 informal caregivers for care recipients with Alzheimer or related disease

Table 3 - Characteristics informal caregivers (N=201)

| Characteristics | Value | Characteristics | Value |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| Informal caregivers | | | |
| Age (%) | | Education level (%) | |
| More than 50 years old | 69 | Middle* | 42 |
| Female (%) | 55 | High* | 42 |
| Mean net household income (%) | | Occupation (%) | |
| Less than €1500 | 22 | Retired | 50 |
| Between €1500 and €2499 | 36 | CR lives in institution (%) | 33 |
| Between €2500 and €3499 | 22 | Other caregiver: yes (%) | 89 |
| More than €3500 | 20 | Years dedicated to care (Median) | 5 |
| Relation to care recipient (%) | | Caregiving frequency (%) | |
| Partner | 6 | More than one hour/day | 32 |
| Child | 67 | Few hours/week | 43 |

*Middle: secondary school or technical secondary school

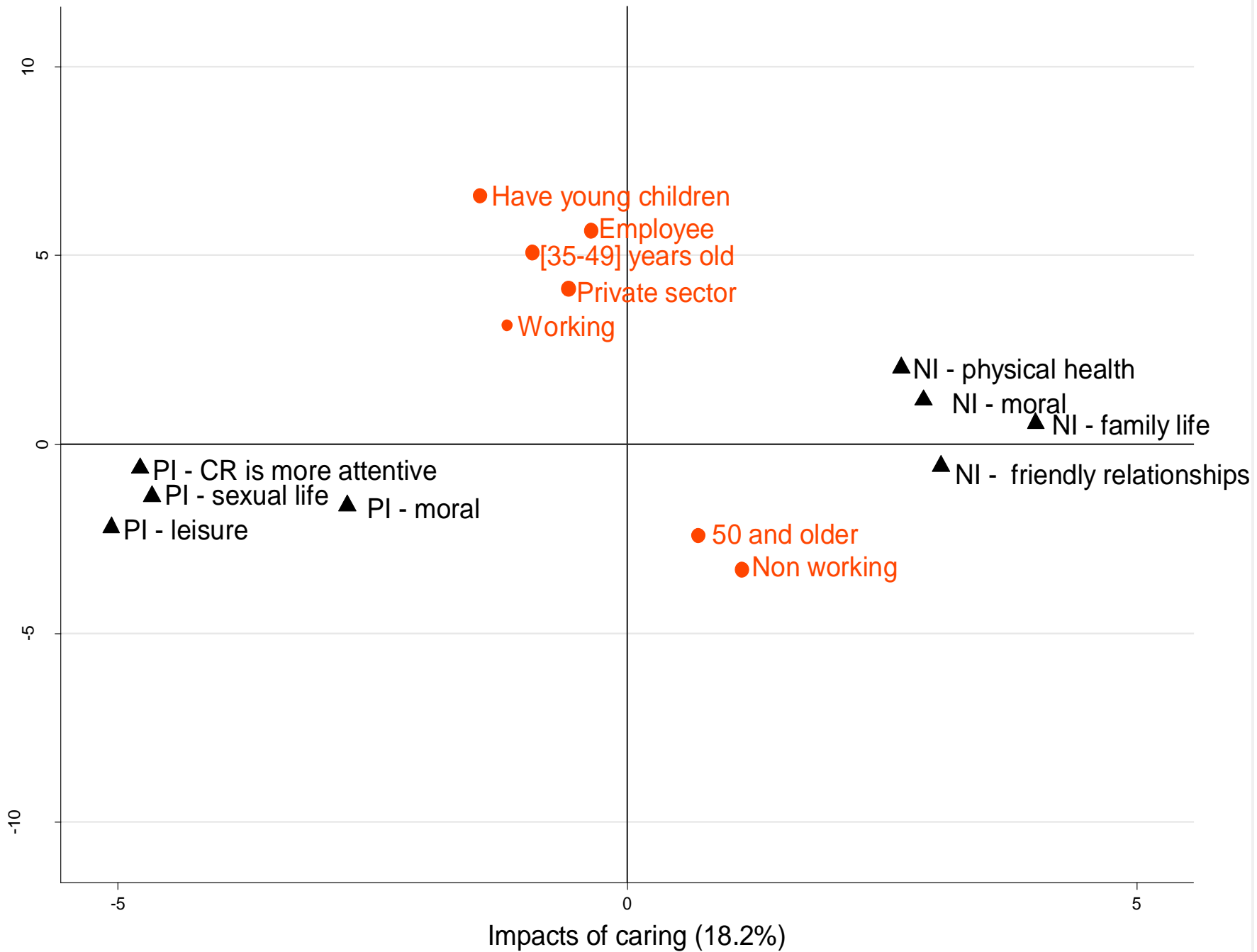
*High: University

2. Methods

- Assumptions
 - Intangible impacts of informal care affects caregiver's ability to estimate their WTP to be replaced for one hour of care.
 - Intangible impacts of informal care influence their WTP.
- Multiple correspondance analysis
- Model 1: binary dependent variable
- Model 2: dependent variable with 3 modalities

IV. Results

1. Multiple Correspondence Analysis



IV. Results

2. Binary logistic regression

Table 4 – Results logistic regression; dependent variable: informal caregiver’s ability to estimate WTP (N=201)

| | Coefficient | t-value |
|---|-------------|---------|
| <i>Intangible impacts of caring associated with ability to estimate WTP</i> | | |
| Dummy Delegating care to someone else is never possible (1 = yes) | 1.543 | 2.34 |
| Dummy Delegating care effect: sense of failure (1 = yes) | 4.585 | 2.92 |
| Dummy Caregiving effect on ICr’s moral (1 = negative) | 3.196 | 2.49 |
| Dummies Caregiving motivations | | |
| ICr’s Values (1 = yes) | 1.560 | 3.07 |
| ICr’s sense of Duty (1 = yes) | 1.809 | 3.24 |
| Dummies Caregiving’s impacts | | |
| Dummy Providing care makes CR more responsible (1 = yes) | 2.031 | 2.02 |
| <i>Intangible impacts of caring associated with inability to estimate WTP</i> | | |
| Dummy ICr doesn’t cope with his caregiver role (1 = yes) | -2.557 | -2.64 |
| Dummy Caring effect on family life: Negative (1 = yes) | -1.559 | -2.42 |
| Dummy Caregiving effect: feel valued (1 = yes) | -1.773 | -2.89 |
| Pseudo R ² | 0.4622 | |

*ICr : Informal caregiver *CR : Care Recipient

IV. Results

3. Ordered logistic regression

Table 5 – Results ordered logistic regression; dependent variable: informal caregiver’s WTP (N=114)

| | Coefficient | t-value |
|---|-------------|---------|
| <i>Intangible impacts of caring associated with a relatively lower WTP</i> | | |
| Dummy Cr’s behavioral change: makes ICr feels guilty (1 = yes) | -1.507 | -2.62 |
| Dummy ICr doesn’t cope with his caregiver role (1 = yes) | -1.356 | -1.97 |
| Dummy Since he/she receives informal care, CR became more responsible (1 = yes) | -2.089 | -2.25 |
| Pseudo R^2 | 0.2299 | |

*ICr: Informal Caregiver

*CR: Care Recipient

V. Discussion

- Assumptions validated:
 - Some intangible impacts of caring influence caregiver's ability to estimate their WTP and their level of WTP to be replaced.
- Two interesting results:
 - Some caregivers who derive utility from caring (approximated by positive intangible impacts of caring) can estimate their WTP.
 - Some caregivers who derive burden of caring (approximated by negative intangible impacts of caring) can't estimate their WTP or have a relatively lower WTP.

VI. Conclusion - Is cash for care an optimal policy ?

What do we think about burden of caring's financial compensation then?

This work questions its optimality from a societal perspective...