

Volunteering acts in late midlife: Patterns and Predictors

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The resource theory identifies three categories of resource (human, social, and cultural capital) as determinants of volunteering. However, since researchers have overlooked specific volunteering acts and the combinations of these acts, how different resources are related to such combinations remain unknown. Moreover, while volunteering can be important to late middle-aged adults, data focusing on this age group is lacking. Using data from Singaporeans aged 50-59 years ($n=1620$), the present research adopted latent class analysis to examine 18 volunteering acts. Results revealed three prevalent volunteering profiles: *Low*, *Informal Instrumental*, and *Diverse*. With *Low* profile as the reference group, *Informal Instrumental* profile was only predicted by strength of social networks (social capital). *Diverse* profile was predicted by several resources including depressive symptoms (human capital), social participation (social capital), and religious affiliation (cultural capital). These findings shed light on the resource theory. They also reveal population heterogeneity in volunteering, and inform aging policies that are relevant to volunteering participation.

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