The Stalled Revolution?
Division of Paid and Unpaid Work in Household in 20 European Countries – Comparative Study.

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women go to work (?)

- growth of women’s engagement in labour market activities [i.e. Hakim 2000, Hakim 2004, Michoń 2008];

- Women reject their traditional role.
Unpaid work

• Women increase paid work time but do not reduce unpaid work time [Bianchi at al 2000; Fuwa 2004; McRae 2008; van der Lippe 2010]

• men increase unpaid work time but the increase remain small and started from low level [Coltrane 2000; Dribe, Stanfors 2009]
• economic theory of family [Becker 1981]
• economic dependency approach [Brines 1993]
Stalled revolution

“Women changed rapidly but the jobs they went out to and the men they came home to have not changed – or not so much”

[Hochschild, Machung 2003; XXI].
Male breadwinner model

- MBM relates to in/equality of the division of labour in household (relative approach, [Lewis, 1992; Lewis, 2001])
Relative is not enough

• relative => gender inequalities

• neglecting the overall burden with both paid and unpaid work the model;

• males’ and females’ work–life balance, well–being or time tensions.
Relative is not enough

• paid work has on average declined for both men and women [Gershuny, 2005],

• it was accompanied by the increase in unpaid work for men and the decrease for women [Gershuny, 2005; 2011]
The differences can be observed in the dimension of:
(1) overall time burden;
(2) the reasons for practicing the model
data

- European Social Survey (ESS) 2011
- respondents who: report to have a partner,
- Age: are between 18 and 65 years old.
- The individuals who reported to be retired or who reported that their partner is retired were excluded from the study. Data was collected from one member of each household.
- 20 countries
- A total of 23,874 respondents
Unpaid work time (median)

Women

Men

France

Slovenia
total working time of men comparing to women per week (median)
Working (paid and unpaid) time per week (median)