Sacrificing Something Important: The Lived Experience of Compensated Kidney Donors in the Philippines

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## Demographics

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<th>Characteristic</th>
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<td>Age at interview (years)</td>
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<td>Age at nephrectomy (years)</td>
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<td>Approximate monthly income (USD)</td>
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<td>Number of household</td>
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<td>Amount paid for kidney (USD)</td>
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Themes
The Extrinsic Intent

• Poverty and adversity
  – PHL poverty threshold 47.52 PHP (1.08 USD) per person per day to meet basic need for food and non-food to have a tolerable standard of living
  – Subjects: (0.88 USD) for a family of six
  – No stable job
  – Elementary education
The Intrinsic Intent

• Altruism (unselfish concern for the welfare of others)
  – Unidirectional (tainted by the act of trading)
The Struggle

• Autonomy (self-governing, having the freedom to make choices about issues that affect life)
  – Individuals autonomy was violated
  – Not subjected to highest ethical standards
  – Tainted decision-making process because of dire financial situation (nullifies individuals free will to decide)
The Act

• Reciprocation (giving up their kidneys for money)
  – Trading – commercial exchange of goods
  – Act of making or doing something in return
  – Involves a broker
  – Coercion
The Consequences

• Health deterioration

• Loss

• Bouncing back
Structure of Sacrificing Something Important

- The Struggle
- The Consequence
- The Act
- The Extrinsic Intent
- The Intrinsic Intent
Conclusion

Sacrificing something important among compensated kidney donors in the Philippines emerges from the *extrinsic intent* of adversity and the *intrinsic intent* of altruism, which is instrumental to the *struggle* of making a difficult decision, emerging in the *act* with reciprocation, and although resulting in the *consequences* of health deterioration and loss, resilience makes bouncing back possible.