

Challenges to tradition family System in Current Era

1 Introduction

Thesis statement

In the current era, the traditional family system is facing many grave challenges. This has raised the concerns because family is the basic unit of society. This system can be strengthened by giving social training and education to people.

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According to Jim Butcher, "when everything goes to hell, the people who stand by you without flinching—they are your family". From this quote, it is clear that family is an agent which supports its member in every thick and thin. But, in the current era, the traditional family system is facing many grave challenges. This has raised the concerns because family is the basic unit of society. That system can be strengthened by giving social training and education to people. In the current era, same sex attraction has increased and governments of some countries had legalized it, which had made the traditional family system upset. In addition to government decisions of legalizing same-sex or homosexuality,

war and conflict is also a challenge to family system. Similarly, increasing prostitution for earning money and rise in population are challenging family system. Furthermore, lack of patronage by parents on children and increase in the number of pre-marital children have devastated the traditional family system. In addition to lack of patronage by parents, drugs addition in some families is a major problem. Moreover, increasing divorce rate is breaking traditional family system. This family system is also affected by the lack of education and social training of individuals. In the modern developing modern world, access to adult websites had become easy, which has devastated the traditional family system. Also the rise of technology created distance within the family and is challenge for traditional family system. However,

traditional family system can be strengthened by proper patronage of parents on children and educating people about family and society needs. Therefore, traditional family system is facing challenges in the current era.

The traditional family system is facing huge challenges in the current era. These challenges are socio-economic and socio-political in nature. Family is the basic unit of society. Family is formed by a male and female, through which it flourishes by fertilization. But, in some countries' governments had legalized homosexuality, which is a challenge for family system. "Same sex marriages were legalized in France on May 17, 2013." (Marriage for all in France, 2013). This shows, that, however, France had given the due rights to people but the sense of family is lost.

Similarly, increasing No. of divorces globally has devastated the traditional family system. According to a report, "Maldives has the highest divorce rate with 10.97 divorces per 1000 people".

(35 stunning states, divorce rate, Nov:2022).

This example shows how devastating effect, the divorce has on the traditional family system. In addition to increasing divorce rate and homosexuality, traditional family system is also challenged by prostitution for money, drug addiction and negative effects of technology's rise. In this way, there are many challenges to traditional family system.

A traditional family has been defined as two or more people who are related by blood and marriage. The most standard form of traditional family has been the two parent family.

"two or more people who

are interrelated by marriage, blood and occasionally adoption."

(Murdock, 1949). According to Murdock, family is a blood relation.

Some traditional families structures include single parent family, step family and extended family. The moral and ethical principles of the traditional family include honesty, truth and faith. The traditional family strictly follows ~~his~~ principles and has many advantages of stability, sense of familiarity and safety. These things are important for children, as children growth is important for growth of society. In this way, family would grow in a proper way.

In the current era, the traditional family system is facing huge challenges. The major among them is the increased sex-same sex attraction and the government policies which

has legalized this. Same sex attraction or homosexuality is a marriage or relation between 2 persons of the same sex, either males or females, which can live together. The major concern is that many governments have legalized it which is a danger for traditional family system. For example, US Supreme court declared same-sex legal in its all 50 states. (The two way, 2015). This examples shows that, after increased demand, government legalized same sex. This legalization further increases the homosexuality. In this way, government policies in favour of homosexuality, is a challenge for traditional family system.

In addition to government policies to support homosexuality, war and conflict is also a challenge to traditional family system. War and conflict destrubs the economic, social, political and

communal balance of the society and affects the traditional family balance/system. The war and conflicts occurring in many parts of the world caused many issues for families. After 8 years of war in eastern Ukraine and escalation of violence in Feb, 2022, families need access to essential services as well as life saving supplies. (War in Ukraine, UNICEF, 2022). This shows that war and conflict in any part of the world affects the family and its needs. Therefore, war and conflict is a challenge for traditional family system.

Not only war and conflict is a challenge for traditional family but also the increasing prostitution due to economic issues is (also) a challenge for traditional family system. Prostitution is the practice or occupation of engaging in a sexual activity for

Payment: Due to economic issues, people, with needs, are attracted towards sexual activities to gain some cash. These activities are seen very bad in a society like Pakistan. Therefore, people in Heera Mandi, the traditional brothel quarter of Lahore, have developed their own complex and strict Moral code. (Louise brown, Pakistan culture and conscience).

This examples illustrates, that, people have made their own moral code to make money by prostitution. Due to which, family in its natural direction would not develop. In This way, prostitution is a challenge to traditional family system.

Furthermore, the governmental policies to control increasing population has devastated the tradition family system. A family grows and exists by its population. If this population is controlled by government or

an external agent, then its generation would be vanished. Many countries have adopted the population control policies to reduce the population and some social issues. For instance, China has adopted one-child policy for a number of years. Despite some good results, this policy resulted in 129 million people over the age of 60. (population growth, faculty of public health, 2016). This illustrates the negative effects of government's policies to control population which directly affects traditional family system. In this way, increasing population and government policies to control it is a challenge for traditional family system.

Similarly, in addition to governmental policies to control population, the lack of parents' patronage on children is a issue for traditional family system. Parent's look after

on children has reduced due to busy working routine and competing environment. Due to lack of parent's patronage children became misguided. For example, Lack of parental guidance is mainly responsible for children being violent and aggressive in school" (USA SPCC, 2018). This explains the effect of parent's lack of focus on children. If the children are misguided, they would follow immoral path and create mess for society. In this way, lack of parent's patronage is a challenge for traditional family system.

Moreover, Pre-marriage borning of children is a grave challenge to traditional family system. Due to fertilization of male and female before marriage, many children born every year. These children are called illegitimate child and many people

think bad about them. These children are unacceptable in a country like Pakistan. According to 'Lahore high court, "Islam has put great emphasis on sacred right of a person, but according to one religious school of thought, any children born before marriage is attributed to man instead of women"

Thus, attribution of child to one (family) parent would disturb the balance. In this way, pre-marital children are posing a challenge to traditional family system.

In addition to pre-marital children's increase number, drug addiction in family members is also a challenge for traditional family system. A drug addict person not only play with his own life but also affects its surrounding. The persons and children living in the surrounding of drug addicts are more affected. For instance,

"1 in 5 children grown up in a home where a parent abuses drug or alcohol, are at great risk"

(Addiction is a family disease report). This

interprets children growing in drug addictive environment are posed to more risks. Similarly, according

to US census, children living with grand fathers has increased from 2.4m

to 4.9m in 2010. This shows

children shift from their homes to grandfather's home to save them from drug addictive environment.

This has created huge challenges for family system.

Beside drug addiction, increasing

divorce rate is breaking tradition family system. Divorce is the process of separation of male and female members which were previously in relation through marriage. Divorce

rate is increasing day by day in the world. In 2019, 2000 women

were divorced in Karachi which

affected 2100 children. (divorce in Pakistan, Wikipedia, 2019). In addition, globally divorce rate is also increasing. "The global divorce rate is 4.08 per 1000 person as of May of 2022."

(35 stunning states, 2022). This shows that increasing divorce rate not only affects the children growth but it is also a challenge for traditional family system. In this way, divorce is breaking traditional family system.

Moreover, lack of proper education and social training is also a cause of issue for traditional family system. Many developing countries have a lack of educational infrastructure. These countries are unable to give education and social training to build a strong family system.

"Lack of education and social training in Pakistan, lead people toward deviation. This

situation is still better in urban cities but the conditions in rural areas is worst. Therefore, lack of education and social training is causing challenges for traditional family system.

In the current era, access to internet enabled people to use adult websites. These websites are creating social problems and evil issues. These websites not only deteriorate the family system but also the society as a whole. According to a study from American association 25% married men and 15% of married women have had extra merital affairs. This illustrates that people have started to give less importance to family. Also, these websites not only affects single people but also married people have become its prey. In this way, access to adult websites

increased which result in affecting the traditional family system.

Additionally, rise of technology is becoming a challenge for traditional family system. Due to rise in technology, people have interconnected worldwide but the social distance within the family has increased. The number of people on the social media are increasing but the interaction among people within a family has decreased. Thus, interaction among family members has reduced. Similarly, people started to use technology for producing their children. Over 6 million babies world wide have been born through in vitro fertilization (IVF) throughout the world. (science Museum, 2018). This shows that people have started to reject the

natural process of fertilization which has affected the tradition family system.

However, the traditional family system can be strengthened by the proper patronage of the children by the parents and guardians. Parents are the guide and model for their children. If they direct them well, they would produce positive result otherwise opposite. Effective parenting involves, effective discipline and there are 3Fs which make it easy and they are Fair, Firm and friendly. (The healthy journal).

This shows parents should be fair, firm and friendly with their children. In this way, parents bond with children and between themselves would become strong and make the traditional family system robust.

In addition to parent's

Patronage, people should be given proper education and social training about social institutions. The family is an important social institution and its importance should be realized.

Gender roles should be defined that partners share household chores, how family members interact with each other and how parents interact with each other. (Gender roles in family, 2020). Thus, gender roles should be defined and this could be done by proper education.

In this way, proper education and social training of people can strengthen the traditional family system.

Moreover, parents should think about the future of their children before taking divorce. The future of the children is related to the relation between their parents. When the

Parents take divorce, it has socio-economic and socio-political effects on the behaviour of their children. More than 2100 children were affected due to 2000 divorce in Karachi in 2019.

Thus, parents should cooperate with each other for the sake of their children's future.

In this way, family would remain intact and add to the strength of traditional family system.

Last but not the least, technology should be used for the benefits of humanity and strengthening family system. With the rise of technology, distance between members within a family is increased. People should use the modern and innovative technology to reduce their work burden. By reducing the work burden, the saved time should be

given to family. When the time for family increases, interaction between members would increase and family bond ^{would} become strong. In this way, technology can play its role in strengthening the traditional family system.

In a nutshell, in the current era, the traditional family system is facing grave challenges. These challenges have created concerns for the society as a whole. These challenges include legalizing homosexuality and increasing intensity of wars. Also, prostitution and controlling rise in population have posed challenges to traditional family system. Moreover, increasing drug addiction and divorce rate added to its challenges. Lack of education and parental guidance made people deviated. Last but not the least rise in technology and access to adult

websites have posed challenges for traditional family system. However, this traditional family system could be strengthened by proper parental patronage and giving education to people. If this could not happen, the factors discussed continue to pose challenges to traditional family system.

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