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DELAYED MARRIAGES: Causes And Consequences

Outline

1- Introduction

a- Hook.

b- Background

c- Thesis Statement: In developing countries like Pakistan, delayed marriage is emerging as a social issue due to number of reasons including the desire of perfect matchmaking, economic pressure on men, extended span of education and unrealistic demands for dowry. It is posing negative consequences in the form of emotional frustration at individual level, lack of companionship among spouses, loss of fertility in women leading to demographic changes and deviation at society level.

2- Causes of Delayed Marriages.

2.1. Desire of perfect match making leading to delayed marriages.

a- Rishtha hunt culture with unrealistic expectations.

b- Beauty and wealth: standards of matchmaking.

2.2. Economic Pressure on men for marriage.

a- Men are required to be economically strong for marriage.

b- Demands of house, land and luxuries as a guarantee and haf mehr from women family.

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c- Men need to fulfill economic needs of own family and siblings to get permission for marriage.

2.3. Extended span of Education delays marriage

a- Inflation and urge of financial independence has caused both men and women to get education or skills.

b- 16 to 18 years long span of formal education.

c- The struggle to get good job add more years for marriage.

2.4. Unrealistic demands of dowry causes delayed marriages.

a- Economic burden on bride's family to prepare an expensive dowry and meet the demands of groom's family.

b- The demand of fancy wedding causes delay in marriage.

c- Pre- and post wedding rituals to fit in society leave family in debt.

3 - Consequences of Delayed Marriages

3.1. Emotional frustration at individual level

a- Men and women suffer lack of confidence due to rejection in the name of rishta hunt culture

b- Social pressure to get marry

c- Mocking in gatherings reinforces the feeling of "invalidation".

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3.2. Lack of companionship among spouses of delayed marriages.

- a- habitual of practicing independence
- b- No compromise on the living standard.
- c- Rigidity dominates the nature instead of flexibility.

3.3. Loss of fertility in women

- a- Biological degradation of women with age, causes loss of fertility
- b- Enhanced risk of abnormal offsprings.
- c- Lower fertility rate causes demographic changes in a society.

3.4. Deviation at Society level

- a- Delayed marriages enhance the use of backdoors for the ~~seek~~ of fulfillment of human needs.
- b- Rise in social evils such as harassment and rape.

4. Conclusion.

The Essay

"And among his signs is this, that he created for you mates from among yourselves, that you may dwell in peace and tranquility with them and he has put love and mercy between your (hearts)" (30:21).

Quran reinforces the concept of marriage and love by this verse. So, marriage is a prestigious institute in the social fabric of every nation generally and among Muslim nations specifically.

The early marriages were the custom in Pakistan for the long time. They saved the individuals from emotional, physical and economical frustration. The family structure and demography of society was also kept intact by this practice. However, in the modern ^{days} world, the concept and practice of delayed marriage is emerging as a social issue due to the number of reasons including desire of perfect match making, economic pressure on men, extended span of education and unrealistic demands for dowry. It is posing negative consequences such as emotional frustration, lack of companionship among spouses, loss of fertility in women and deviation in society.