

Forced Marriages in Pakistan: Causes and Consequences.

1 Introduction

1.1 Hook

1.2 Thesis Statement: Shortcomings in society like weak civic sense, Reciprocal marriages, Valwar, Ghaag etc are responsible for force marriages. Increasing divorce ratios, unhappy marriage life, psychological and physical impacts on spouses arise as repercussions.

2 Causes of forced marriages in Pakistan

2.1 Major portion of the society is not/^{less} progressive

2.2 Girls are used for recompensation. (Vanni or Swara).

2.3 Reciprocity method is adopted in wedding. (Watta-Satta).

2.4 In some families the tradition of decision by elders is followed and all are bound to accept it.

2.5 Financially weak parents wed their daughters for some monetary gain. (Valwar).

2.6 Ghaag custom in tribes.

2.7 Some sections of society do not allow out of caste / family marriages.

3 Consequences of forced marriages in Pakistan.

3.1 Divorce ratio is increasing in Pakistan.

3.2 Both spouses bear unhappy marital life.

3.3 Domestic violence level elevates as a result.

3.4 Husband and wife experience psychological impacts

3.5 Women particularly faces physical issues. (Unwanted pregnancies).

3.6 Basic rights of liberty regarding marital affairs gets denied.

4 Conclusion.