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Challenges to the traditional family system in the modern age.

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"The family is the basis of society. As a family is, so is the society, and it is human beings who make a family - not the quantity of them, but the quality of them"
- Ashley Montague

This quote by Ashley Montague a famous anthropologist signifies the importance of family and family structure within the society. It is fairly clear that the emphasis on family life is a way of adding sustenance to the society. This quote alone is not enough to imagine a world without family life, where everyone is following a robotic way of life. That world is not far behind. The world is slowly changing and the slow changes are posing challenges to family life. A modern age will only cause death and destruction to the

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traditional family roles. Traditional family roles are slowly fabricating the being fabricated by the modern way of life. The fabrication is inclusive of gender roles change, an individualistic society and household dynamic. Not only this, but various political, social, economic and psychological factors are also posing a threat to traditional family system. Globalization of world is also posing a level of threat that cannot be avoided.

In order to understand the threat of modern world on traditional family system, we first need to analyze what traditional family structure is. Traditional family structure in context of Pakistan system can be defined as a structure where gender roles are specific and in line with basis culture and ecology. Moreover, a traditional family may be the one in which there is equal participation by nuclear and extended families for smooth functioning of households. On the other hand, modern families promote the idea of individualism and one man show.

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The fabric of society is a victim to evils such as inflation, climate change, technology, etc. Under the shadow of all this, dealing with a traditional family is not only scary, but also impossible.

The changing gender roles within the society is a recent trend that is not only being observed in the West, but also in the East. There is a rise in single parent households as well. In accordance with a report published by family court of Pakistan, more than 40,140 cases have been reported in for family separation.

This leads to the child being brought up by mother alone, with little or no support from the father. Another prominent step towards gender roles change can be ~~was~~ accessed by paying attention towards the increasing number of women in the work force.

According to a World Bank report 23.27% women of Pakistan were seen working in the country with the projection of 2024 going upto 25% or more.

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The changing gender roles are making women realize that they do not have to be dependent upon their male counterparts or for provision of their needs and wants. This is causing a turn towards an individualistic society, where everyone is focused only on providing for themselves further threatening the traditional family system. People have started focusing their worth on the basis of their status in society which includes leisure and plans for future. Collectivism is the basis of Pakistani society. The individualism score on the Hofstede Insight for Pakistan is 24, which basically also signifies how an individualistic society might not be any successful in the Pakistani context.