

Implications of Late Marriage

A- Introduction

The concept of late marriage is escalating. There are multiple reasons behind its proliferation and has multifaceted impacts on society. It not only transforms an individual's life, but also frames the future of communities. Thus, its implications can not be ignored.

B- Decoding the Concept of Late Marriage

- Considered negative in many societies
- Age is set for both sex differently
- Afghanistan new law for child marriage

C- The Reasons Behind the Growing Trends of Late Marriage:

- 1) The desire to be economically well established before marriage
- 2) Role of dating sites and relationships eroding the concept of marriage
- 3) Social media role in increasing standards for marriage and spouse
- 4) Growing trend of failed marriages jeopardising

youngsters

D. Implications of Late Marriages:

i) Positive Implications:

- 1) Uplifts education: Early marriage a menace to girl's education
- 2) Boosts economy: Couples strive to attain economic independence
- 3) ^{Individuals} Couples given ample time to choose their better half
- 4) Ensure healthy family system: Decisions not made under hormonal effects
- 5) Encourages family planning; securing women lives
- 6) Reduce rate of marital rapes and domestic violence.

ii) Negative Impacts

- 1) Reduce chances of conceiving
- 2) Increase risk during child birth to mother and baby
- 3) Impacts the mental health of individuals
- 4) Escalate the rate of never marrying

E- Solutions to Avoid the Ramifications of Late Marriages

- 1) Must not be considered a taboo
- 2) Should be the choice of individual irrespective of society and religion
- 3) Age must not determine marriage

F- Conclusion

- Should not be detested, but rather be left to an individual's own free will.

Marriage! a very personal and intimate choice. A choice purely based on one's needs and desires, however is the topic of the town. Such a captivating topic that multiple TV shows are dedicated to it, such as "Bridgeton". Early marriage or late marriage must not be a topic of discussion. It must not resonate with age of an individual. It should be a choice made by people for themselves. Neither a child should be married nor a girl must be deprived of her right to marry based on her age. However, a growing trend is observed regarding late marriage. Educated individuals

are postponing their marriage to establish themselves economically before marriage. Moreover, social media and dating sites aids in raising the standards of individuals and fulfilling the physical, social and biological needs before marriage. However, whatever may be the cause late marriages benefits and harm the society simultaneously. Marriage is not a decision to be made impulsively nor under societal pressure. It empowers people to take decisions without under the impact of their hormones. It promotes education and aids in economy. Late marriages reduce the rate of social harms such as broken families domestic violence and marital rapes. Moreover, it encourages family planning. However, on the contrary it increases the risk of infertility and endangers the life of both mother and baby. It further accelerates the ~~chances~~ ^{impacts} of mental health and the chances of not marrying at all. Thus, the prospects are high and the consequences are not very bleak. Through mitigating measures such as minimising the role of society, age ^{and} religion ~~most~~ the negative implications can be mitigated. Hence, late marriage concept is escalating because of multiple reasons and has multifaceted impacts. It not only transforms an individual's life, but also frames the whole society. Therefore can not be ignored.