

Living Together System A sociological study

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Introduction:

In the present 21st century the structure, stability and functions of the family and marriage have undergone remarkable changes. Due to many reasons the traditional nature and beliefs of our primary institutions like family and marriage are changing. Because of this reason the pillars of social structure of the society, family and marriage are facing many problems.

At present the basic nature of both family and marriage are changing, as we see more and more people living together, single parent family same sex sexual relationships are the witness to this. In the present 21st century we can see more and more number of younger generation preferring to opt for living together which is directly influencing the family and marriage system. In this direction, the research article is focused on the reasons for living together and its consequences. For this study data collected through secondary sources. The purpose and usefulness of this study is to highlight the recent trend and changes in family and marriage.

Factors of Change in Marriage and Family:

- Industrialization
- Urbanization
- Modernization
- Education
- Western culture
- Constitution and Law
- Change in the status of women
- The decline of social, religious and moral values
- Influence of Mass media or electronic media

Objectives:

The present paper has following objects, they are:

- To analyze the causes for living together system
- To know the consequences of living together system

Method of Data Collection:

The information for the current study is collected by secondary sources. The sources are collected from books, Newspapers, research articles, seminars and official websites.

Meaning of Living together System:

Nowadays many young people live together before they get married. Male and Female living together without marriage and having sexual contact is called living together relationship. **Factors Causing the Growth of Living**

Together Relationship:

- **Love Affairs:** Youngsters falling in love affairs is the prominent reason for living together. In recent days youngsters prefer a relationship without marriage.
- **Peer Group Influence:** Basically, man is a social animal influence of peer group on youngsters that play a major role in this matter. Exchange of different social values and thoughts among them may instigate them to go against certain stereotype practices of the society.
- **Influence of Western Culture:** Indian traditional society does not permit living together. Whereas it is popular in western culture. More than half of the people in western countries follow living together. living

together relationships in western countries increased by 5.5lakhs in 2003. Most of the urban population is influenced by western culture. This is also one of the reasons for living together.

- **Gender Equality:** Caste system, Gender inequality, traditional marriage system, patriarchy and exploitation of women are the problems deep rooted in India. Young generation of India believe that there is a solution for all kinds of inequalities in living together relationship and it can bring Gender equality.
- **Decreasing in Socio-religious and Ethical Values:** Industrialization, Urbanization and Modernization have led to fall in socio-religious and ethical values in India modern values have downplayed the sanctity of the institution of marriage.
- **Imitation:** Imitation is an integral part of human life so imitation of the western culture, Friends and those who are living this type of relationship is also a reason for developing living together relationships.
- **Declining Proper Social Control and Socialization:** In recent days marriage, family and religion have failed functioning effectively in controlling and socializing the children. Modernism also led to loose social control and socialization. Due to this it has become very difficult to make the younger generation to bind by the traditional system of marriage and family which is one of the causes for living together.
- **Individualism:** The younger generation in the present days are more independent and feel that individualism is primarily important than family, community and society. They don't like to be controlled by rules and regulation. Due to this living together is a more preferable life among the young and it is related to individualism important to liberty and freedom and is leading to living together without the bond of marriage.
- **Feminism, Feminism thoughts and Women's Movement:** Feminism and women's movement views is that traditional marriage system leading to women's exploitation and insecurity in the society. Feminist have started adopting in their lives the systems like motherhood out of wed lock, same sex marriage, same sex family and living together. These feminists also encouraging others to implement these systems. Even women's movement in India aims at changing and renovating the traditional marriage institution and reform it. So feminism and feminist movement in the context of trying to remove the atrocities against women in marriage are encouraging living together.

Consequences of Living Together System:

- The number of couples who end a relationship is more than those who get married
- Children born from this relationship don't have permanent parents.
- Children born from this relationship are deprived of financial security, social and emotional security
- Growth of single parent families
- An Increase in Suicide cases
- Impact on security, Children's future and socialization
- Changes in the structure and beliefs of marriage and family system
- The person who have lost the relationship are suffering from loneliness, mental retardation and illness problems

Suggestion:

- Fostering of good social and moral values in children
- Raising awareness among children about the effects of living together relationship
- To Raise awareness about life insecurity both of parents and children.

Conclusion:

The changes are universal, marriage and family are not exceptional. Changes in the institution also leads to changes in social structure. The trend of living together is declining the ethical values and social security of family and marriage, through these it brings danger to the social morality. In the interest of social stability and safety of marriage and family. This is the need that the younger generation should be caution and society should discourage this type of ugly trend. In the prevailing situation, when we absorb the decline ethical values in the society. This is the need on the part of the family to socialize our youngsters and educate them with social values of the family and commitment towards society.

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