



IS MARRIAGE ESSENTIAL?

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ABSTRACT

Marriage requires compatibility in all terms for both men and women. But it is generally observed that Indian women have to compromise more, due to their culture and tradition. Women of today's generation are now educated and want to live independent as boys in all terms. Now, the situation is that, they don't prefer marriage because they have to compromise after that. No matter how well educated a woman is; family, society and men will judge her only by her kitchen skills more. If they do so then, they want their life as used to be before, means freeness; mutual consent; self respect and respect from both sides, to themselves and to both family; their existence should be maintained. The main objective regarding this research is to find out the mindset of women both married and unmarried regarding marriage, whether it is essential and not in present scenario and for this, random sampling technique is adopted. This research is limited to Durg Bhilai area of Chhattisgarh. It is observed that approximately all of the women prefer job than marriage, to achieve equality in society. The working unmarried women and the business class married women still believe in marriage.

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Marriage is a bond between two sexually different people generally, but in India, it is a bond between two families and with the society. Unfortunately, Indian society has made rules and regulations which forces women to remain dominated to men and society in all terms. Besides all these pressures, now the women of today's generation are learning to move forward in every aspects of life. Very rare of the women are now uneducated. They want to remain free, they want their self respect, they want equality as men in society, they want their identity in society and these all affects the life of women after marriage. After marriage, Indian women need to compromise regarding their dreams, their personal opinions, etc... Indian Society is unable to understand that a woman marries for her man (husband), not for the whole family means after marriage men's family's expectation increases so much from women for them like the responsibility of serving food to the whole family now rests with that women, she should spend time with their in laws first then with the husband. All of the women have dreams that there to be husband will treat them as "papa ki pari" (queen) as used to be before by her father, but that is not possible in Indian Society because no matter how well educated a woman is, she will be judged only by her kitchen skills by the Indian society. The matter of equality is still a debate as in today's generation also, a man wants to marry a girl whose educational qualification is low than him because a man can't accepts women's dominancy in any terms as the Indian society is patriarchal. Here, parents want to invest in their daughter's wedding rather than in their career, no matter how skilled their daughter is and vice versa is the case with men. If anything wrong happens with that woman after marriage, she can't complain regarding this with her own family or with her in laws family. Anyhow she'll have to compromise, because according to her family, their house is no more that women's house and the so called sasural is absolutely not. Even if any function is there in woman's mayka (women's home family), and the invitation card is in the name of that woman rather than her husband, then the ego of her husband gets hurt and he will probably not go in that wedding. The men's family expects love and respect from women's part for their family but the same love and respect is not given to women and her family by her in laws and husband. The worst part is that Most of the married Indian women are unable to recognize that they are being dominated and they have no identity of their own, while the unmarried women are recognizing it at a great pace. They want to shun all the women violence in the name of meaningless and baseless traditions and customs They now prefer job rather than marriage, as they know, it is not possible to remain a "papa ki pari" (queen) after marriage, and also they can't marry a stranger by merely matching kundlis rather than interests.

Method

Random sampling technique and quantitative analysis is adopted

for this research. This is the research among the women (both married and unmarried) of Durg Bhilai (CG), which includes 80 women. Among them, 30 are married and remaining 50 unmarried; ages varies between 18 to 35 and mostly are Hindus. Among unmarried women, 62% are students and 38% are working. Among married women, 50% of the husbands are Government servant and remaining 50% have their own business.

Result

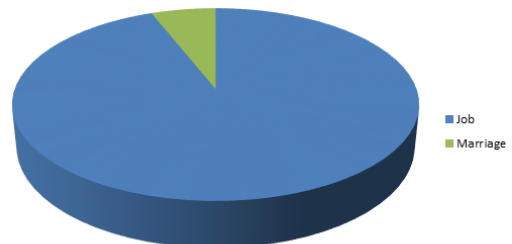


Figure 1 According to unmarried girls, preference should be given to

- (1) The reason behind this preference is that, they want to be self dependent and equality as men in society in all respects.
- (2) 68% of the unmarried women believe that for marriage, society and men give importance to women's father's balance sheet more than that of their mark sheet.
- (3) Most of the unmarried women have dreams of their husband to be as their father who treats them as a queen, and only 51% of them believe that it is possible.
- (4) Most of the married women whose husbands are a Government Servant are happy that they frequently go out for outing, their husbands helps them in their daily activities including that of kitchen; while most of the married women whose husbands own their business have 50-50 ratio regarding this.
- (5) Most of the married women are glad that their husbands give importance to their thought.
- (6) Most of the husband who is a Government Servant shares their daily activities with their wife; while this ratio is 50-50 for those who own business.
- (7) Most of the women want to break the stereotype of matching kundlis instead of interests to get married.
- (8) Most of the married women believe that society no more judge women now by her kitchen skills; while most of the unmarried women are in contrast to the married women's mentality.
- (9) Most of the women are not happy with the dowry system or the so called tradition of giving gifts to the men and his family.

- (10) Only 54% of the unmarried women and 30% of the married women agree that selection of spouse is limited to skin's complexion.
- (11) Most of the women agree that men always want to marry a women whose educational qualification is low than him.
- (12) Approximately, all women do not satisfy with the tradition of

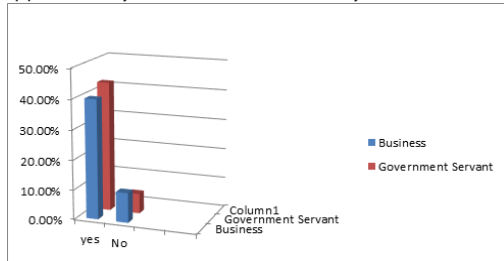


Figure 2 Do husbands give the same respect and love to his in laws as he hopes from his wife side?

- marrying a stranger whom they know only for a while.
- (13) Approximately, all women want their parents to invest their money on their dreams to pursue a career rather on marriage.
- (14) All of the husbands of married women expects love and respect from their wife to their parents and

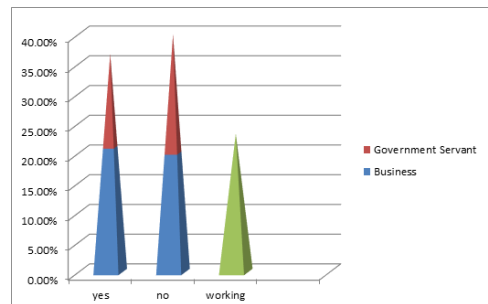


Figure 3 whether housewives are happy or not, being dependent on their husband

- (15) Shockingly, Most of the women are treated as a queen, as they used to be before.

Table: Tabulation Analysis regarding Marriage is essential or not from Women's perspectives

Questions	Unmarried (50)				Married (30)			
	Profession				Husband's Occupation			
	student (31)		working (19)		Business (15)		Government Servant (15)	
	yes	no	yes	no	Yes	No	Yes	No
Whether you eat frequently together or not?	-	-	-	-	8	7	11	4
Whether you go for outing as a couple, not in a group?	-	-	-	-	7	8	14	1
Does your husband help you in your daily activities including kitchen activities?	-	-	-	-	9	6	11	4
Does your husband give importance to your thought?	-	-	-	-	14	1	12	3
Does your husband shares with you his daily activities?	-	-	-	-	9	6	11	4
For marriage, society and boys think that father's balance sheet is more important than your mark sheet. Do you agree with this?	9	21	7	12	-	-	-	-
Do you want you're to be husband as your father, who treats you as a queen?	27	4	17	2	-	-	-	-
If yes, do you think is it possible?	13	18	10	9	-	-	-	-
Parents/society use to match interests instead of kundlis to get married. Do you agree?	11	20	7	12	12	3	12	3
"I'll qualify to be the perfect bride the day, I learn to make a perfectly round roti". Do you think it's the mentality of our society and boys?	23	8	12	7	3	12	2	13
"How can my father afford a car for my wedding, when he has been riding a 2 wheeler his entire life?" Do you agree?	21	10	17	2	11	4	10	5
Do you think that selection of spouse is limited to skin's complexion, especially in arrange marriages?	18	13	10	9	6	9	3	12
Do you think that boys always want to marry a girl whose educational qualification is low than him?	15	16	10	9	2	13	10	5
Time for deciding on a new phone: 10 days and Time for deciding on a life partner: 10 minutes. Are you satisfied with it?	1	30	0	19	1	14	1	14
Do you think parents should invest in their daughter's dreams of higher education or career, instead of their weddings?	29	2	18	1	14	1	12	3
Are you treated as "papa ki pari" as you used to be before?	-	-	-	-	12	3	11	4

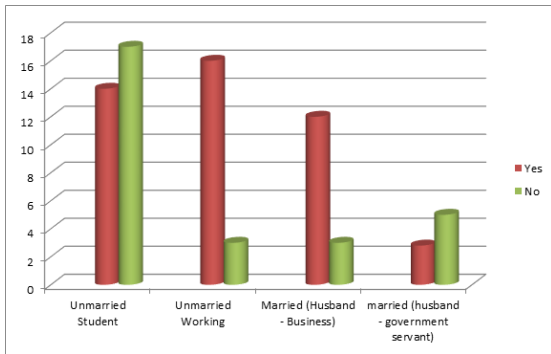


Figure 4 Believe in Marriage

Conclusion

It is observed that the married women whose husbands are Government Servant are happy and satisfy in most of the terms even then, shockingly, they don't believe in marriage while vice versa are the case with married women whose husbands own their business. In the case of unmarried women, the students section are depressed by the situation they use to see around of married couple and have negative attitude towards marriage, while the working section still have a positive attitude regarding this. But Most of the women still prefer job rather than marriage, to achieve equality in society and to remain independent.

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