

## Sociological Analysis of Male Attitude towards Selection of Their Spouse

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### Abstract:

*The research on “Analysis of male attitude towards selection of their spouse” was carried by the researchers with the objectives: 1) To check the Male attitude towards the selection of their spouses. 2) To find the intensity of male participation / interest and their behavior towards the selection of their spouses. 3) To find out the intensity of the demand of dowry from the male Families. 4) To check the impact of dowry demand on bridal families. In Methodology the quantitative research design was used to see the relationship between different variables and the data was collected from, Stratified random Sampling. The target population for present study was male student with age group from 19 to 35 of Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan with 150 sample size. Chi-Square test was used to analyze the relationship and to streamline the opinion of respondents. The study concluded that in the spouse selection the parents play an important role. In cultural marriages the mostly parents are showing their interest in land and other costly things for the safety of their daughter. The land to attract wives, women who get right to use large land plots*

*through marriage have more existing grandchildren than do women with small land plots. In spouse selection many people have some criteria in their mind of spouse selection some people prefer education, beauty. And researchers suggested that girls and boys should be treated on equal based and girls should not be considered as burden because of dowry. Media promote the younger in a positive way so they select a right person for her.*

**Key words:** Male, Bride, Spouse, Life Partner, Marriage

## **1. Introduction**

The concept of life partner is that life companion and not a servant or slave. If husband and wife want to spend happy life so both use a smiling because simple a smile has an only one power to change hearts. Try to avoid a negative feelings and threats because negative threatens to destroy a marriage and so it is necessary to husband and wife must always try to see each other in a positive light.

Courtship is a way which must lead a person to marriage. Although this process take a lot of time. Courtship is a joint project between man and woman, all the parents and all siblings. Engagement is a serious contract. Engagements should be of short duration. Marriage is for life. Divorce is not an option.

Many major problems occurred when a man carelessly chooses a woman as a wife. If the man power of decision making is so quick after his desire by this he shows that his understanding is very weak. He is not thinking of preserving or establishing some tradition instead, he is thinking about fulfilling his desires. A man who trusts on Allah he must wait upon Allah for the wife Allah has for him.

In our tradition it will be there that the families should play an active role in the selection of life partner of their son or

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daughter. At that time the children also interest on their parents choice. Now the modernism is prevailing everywhere. In the modern days the people are well educated and they know each and every thing. Now young generation starts to think about themselves and they are able to take their decisions by their own. Now they select their life partner by their own choice. In modern society everything is going to be changing e.g. our living stander, our lifestyle, pattern of norms and values. The modern point of view is changed forms old one. Now the demand of the people is going to be increased with the passage of the time. The boys wish that their spouse would be pretty, well educated confident and belong to be a rich family. The dowry system also exist in our society so, the demand of dowry is too much increase in our society. Boys demand the working ladies, similarly a girls demand a handsome educated spouse, who is rich and having a good job, modern lifestyle and less family member etc. If we fallow the principle given by our Prophet (PBUH) and if we see our Prophet life it is a great example for us. If we act on Allah and Prophet Order our life will became peaceful and satisfactory. Now in the light of all above point, I want to know the reason about all that so, I am doing my thesis's on this topic that is "Male attitude toward selection of spouse." I want to check out the behavior of the male toward spouse. In studying Sociological analysis of male attitude toward selection of their spouses we will be able to understand the attitudes of males toward their spouses and will also know how can change their negative attitudes toward their spouses and we will also understand what are the attitudes of males toward dowry system and the demands of their own families toward their female spouses.

According to Islam people who want to get marry they are perfect. They have all qualities in personality. The physical fitness is necessary for marriage. The five qualities are must important that are given below:

- Aquila and Baligha

- Physical fitness
- Love & emotions
- Socializing

There are the four basic concepts for spouse selection which are given below:

1. Spiritual and Moral
2. Physical and Compatible

### **Objective of the Study**

1. To check the Male attitude towards the selection of their spouses.
2. To find the intensity of male participation / interest and their behavior towards the selection of their spouses
3. To find out the intensity of the demand of dowry from the male Families.
4. To check the impact of dowry demand on bridal families.

### **Hypothesis**

1. Lack of dowry causes marriage failure.
2. The higher the status girls cause the higher to get good spouse.

Qasmi (2004) analyzed that dowry has been practiced in india from ancient times. Many male families demands different things from bride family and one of them is dowry. Dowry had destroyed lives of many girls the remained unmarried because they are poor and their parent could not give many things in dowry. This custom has turned the sacred relationship of marriage into commercial relationship. By restricting this custom through Quran teaching we can have a better society. Thakur (2003) in his article conducted that government statistics show 7,000 brides are killed every year in India.

These rates of death are increasing day- by –day. The idea of dowry should be eliminate from the mind of the people. Some people take dowry as a source of female inheritance but a daughter should take her part of property at the death of her parents. Marriage is symbol of love not money. Bride should refuse to marry I there is any demand for dowry. Basu (2003) analyzed that dowry is a system under patriarchic society and it indicates the low status of woman. Dowry is spreading in areas where it is not existed. It is a burden for fathers and according to some reports father finding selling their kidneys to arrange dowry and if the dowry is not arranged then dowry deaths occurred and the absence of dowry increases the divorce rates. This situation also leads towards suicide and murders.

## **2. Research Methodology**

The quantitative research design was used to see the relationship between different variables and the data was collected from, Stratified random Sampling. The target population for present study was male student with age group of 19 to 35 from Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. The simple size of present research was 150 Male students from Bahauddin Zakariya university, Multan. In this research, Stratified random sampling techniques were used at the first step the researcher divided the department in following:

- Natural sciences (Chemistry, Biology, Physics)
- Social sciences (Sociology, Psychology, English, Islamiyat)
- Engineering (Electrical ,Civil, Textile)
- Management science (MBA, bank, and finance)

### **Tools for data collection**

After designing the appropriate research techniques data collect through self-administered structured questioner. As a research instrument questioner were filled in by the

respondents during face to face meeting. After collecting data researcher used the process of coding for data analysis. The analysis was made by putting data in to Spss (statistical package for social scientists) software.

**Chi –square test**

Chi- square was applied to find out the relationship between certain independent and dependent variables.

The chi- square was calculated with following formula.

$$x^2 = \sum \frac{(fo - fe)^2}{fe}$$

Where

O=Obsevered

E=expected frequency

S=sum of the value

In order to judge the significance of the results, the calculated value of chi- square were compared with the tabulated value at a given degree of freedom. The result was considered significant of the calculated value of chi-square was greater than the table value otherwise it was regarded non-significant.

**3. Hypothesis Testing**

**Table 1:**

**Null hypothesis**

Lack of dowry is the cause of marriage failure

**Alternate hypothesis**

Without dowry a successful marriage life is possible

**Cross Tabulation:** Dowry is essential for marriage life v/s lack of dowry cause marriage failure

dowry is essential for marriage life	lack of dowry cause marriage failure		Total
	No	Yes	
No	60	39	99
Yes	28	23	51

Total	88	62	150
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**Level of significance:** 0.05

**Test statistics:** Chi-square=21.08

### Discussion

As the value of test statistics lies in the critical region so our null hypothesis “Lack of dowry cause marriage failure” is rejected and we accept alternate hypothesis that “without dowry a successful marriage life is possible”. Thus it is proved that most of the people are in the favor that without dowry a successful marriage life is possible.

### Table 2:

#### Null hypothesis

Higher the female status, maximum chances to marry with high status spouse

#### Alternate hypothesis

Lower Status female have chances to marry with high status spouse

**Cross Tabulation:** Social status of spouse v/s Dowry helps to enhance social status

Social status of spouse	Dowry helps to enhance social status		Total
	0	1	
0	20	19	39
1	73	30	103
2	5	3	8
Total	98	52	150

**Level of significance:** 0.05

**Test statistics:** Chi-square=4.824

### Discussion

As the value of test statistics lies in the critical region so our null hypothesis “Higher the female status, maximum chances to marry with high status spouse” is rejected and we accept our alternate hypothesis “Lower Status female have chances to marry with high status spouse”. Thus it is proved that status doesn't matter in the selection of spouse the females who

belongs to middle status can also be able to get a high status spouse.

#### **4. Conclusion and Suggestion**

##### **Conclusion**

In the spouse selection the parents plays an important role. In cultural marriages the mostly parents are showing their interest in land and other costly things for the safety of their daughter. The land to attract wives, women who get right to use large land plots through marriage have more existing grandchildren than do women with small land plots.

In spouse selection many people have some criteria in their mind of spouse selection some people prefer education, beauty but in Islam the beauty is doesn't matter. In spouse selection the demand of dowry creates a lot of problems add mostly people are not in fever of dowry they because people can spend a happy life without dowry was first originated in Hindu cultural but now also introduced in Pakistan. The dowry is also present in our religion but not exists as it is now. Cultural that demand dowry from the bride's family, are actually practicing the opposite of what Allah commanded. Our Holy prophet (PBUH) must have granted valuables to his only daughter Fatima on her marriage to Ali. He teaches us the lesson of simplicity in marriage through the example of the marriage of Bibi Fatima (S.A) with Imam-ul-Momineen Ali (A.S).

##### **Suggestions**

- The Parents must be participating in spouse selection for their children.
- In spouse selection that not focuses on male choice but gave an equal chance of spouse selection and in decision making female also participate.



- Girls and boys should be treated on equal based and girls should not be considered as burden because of dowry.
- Media promote the younger in a positive way so they select a right person for her.
- Before marriage they must be interact with each other so they understand and spend a happy life.

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