

Spouse Selection: Importance of Personality vs Family and Society

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Abstract

Marriage age has raised and its rate has dropped in recent years. This problem has become of one of the major concerns for Iranians in all society. The aim of the present study was to investigate the possible effects of personality, family and society on college students' interests in spouse selection. In this cross-sectional study, data of 250 students in both gender and study levels were randomly selected. Validated questionnaires on spouse selection were asked from the students and the obtained data were analyzed by appropriate descriptive and inferential statistical methods using computer software. The results showed that majority of parents had idealism point of view on marriage, which have shaped their children attitude toward this issue. Moreover, financial problems strongly dominated both parents and children's point of view on spouse selection as well as marriage. It also found that social media has significantly effect on personal taste in marriage. According to the present study, family and society have more influence than personality on marriage and spouse selection.

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