

## WHAT ARE THE MAIN FACTORS BEHIND THE INCREASE IN THE DIVORCE RATE IN UZBEKISTAN?

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### Abstract

In the first half of the year 2021, the number of family divorces in Uzbekistan increased by 34% compared to the same period in 2020. Approximately 20,000 families have divorced since the beginning of the year. The highest divorce rates are recorded in Tashkent. In January-June 2021, there were 19,407 divorces in the country. For comparison, this figure was 12.8 thousand in the corresponding period of 2020 or 16 thousand in the same period of 2019 [1]. In a global ranking, Uzbekistan takes a place at least below 50 countries [2].

In the past, the rate was extremely low. Because Uzbek people appreciated the family traditions and the family-related culture. The role of men was higher in the family and he was known as the head. Today, in some families, women tend to be the head and rule the men. As a result, it might lead to lots of misunderstandings, and heated discussions between husband and wife which will end in divorce.

Another main factor is poor economical sustenance in the family. Less income may lead to stress and misunderstandings which creates financial problems and not being able to recover from an economic crisis can lead to divorce. In Uzbek culture, the husband is responsible to take care of the family and satisfying them mentally and financially. Occasionally, men tend to neglect and be sluggard which annoys women. In this type of case, women descant that living without him is way better. Mostly, both the couples work and try to restore the financial issue. However, sometimes the husband has a poor salary, and his wife stops showing respect assuming she is way better than a man and does not need him.

Husband and wife must trust each other, where there is no trust there will not be prosperity. We can observe also several families separated due to the wife or husband blaming one another assuming that he or she has been betrayed. There is another factor making to blow the fire of blame. This is the interference of relatives and familiars. They kill the trust between the husband and wife by defaming. Once the trust is lost, the family will not be close-knit as it was before.

“Addiction is part of human characteristics. However, it is the main reason for divorce in Uzbekistan. Usually, men get addicted to alcohol, drugs, and gambling. Almost every Uzbek wife hates this and tries to stop. As a result, she might get injured by her husband. The indignant parents of her separate the couple” – says one of the interviewers.

Divorce increases many events: the number of single-parent families, and adolescents, violence among unsupervised children, the numbers of loneliness, ex-couples, and relatives,

and deterioration of relations. The divorce of families influences not only the couple and their children, but also the whole society [3].

That is why there is also a broad scientific focus on the issue of divorce not only abroad but also in Uzbekistan. This problem is solved by experts in various fields: lawyers, demographers, economists, sociologists, psychologists, and specialists in other fields of science. Their focus is to investigate the divorce's causes, factors, and motives of the event of study, eliminate them, and reduce the negative complications of divorce issues [4].

To reduce the divorce rate, there have been organized neighborhood councils and some learning centers for girls. Neighborhood councils help to join the family together and try to conciliate the youth. Young girls before marriage are attracted to involve in learning centers that teach how to be a good wife and how to solve problems in adult life. Those who handed a divorce letter to the trial are given some time to understand each other. Meanwhile, they can be attended the lectures of religious spiritual leaders.

In my perspective, couples divorce mostly if the husband is addicted to alcohol or when one of them is betrayed by the other. Additionally, to reduce the rate of these issues there are no sufficient solutions yet but in my opinion, parents play a vital role in their children's upbringing by teaching them life lessons.

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