

## The Changing Patterns Of Traditional Marriages System In Bajaur



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**Abstract:** *The main purpose of writing this report is to examine how the marriage system is changing over the time in Bajaur due to technological advancement and with the increase influence of social media on people traditional patterns of marriages. Due to globalization the world is changing so as the marriage system of the village is also changing.*

*The addition of a type of dowry, decorating the groom's room by the bride's family. Make-up system for brides in marriage. A qualitative research method is used to gather the data under which the tool is use interview guide. Type of dowry system put a burden on families of brides and in future the daughter will become a burden on family due to so much expectations of home appliances from bride's family which will lead to physical and mental torture from groom's side and the late marriages system will start due to the curse of dowry. Make-up and photography also put an extra burden on families in the marriage.*

*Ultimately the families will face so much difficulties in future in marriage of their daughter. They will saw their daughter as burden for them which lead to mentally unstability for both the family and the girl.*

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### Introduction

Marriage is clearly as a means of building up public connection and making union between households. This is no longer only joining of individuals but also a mean of connecting families and making social bonds. In Islam marriage is highly prioritised and appreciated because it is considered as sacred and to protect people from social and moral unethical acts and to make a society harmonious. There' is a lot of hadees which focus on the importance of marriage it is also the sunnah of our Holy Prophet(SAW) that if someone have the ability to marry get married and if doesn't he or she have to keep fast to save own self from attempting Sins.

Family strong network is very important in

Pakistani society. Wedding is considered a primary institution that sustained cultural values, traditions and norms. Marriage is considered as a contribute of aid and stability, offering economic, emotional, and communal support to individual within the community. There is powerful emphasis on supporting ahead family traces, ensuring the continuation of lineage, and retaining family stress legacy and honour. Religion have a prominent place in Pakistani community and marriage is mostly saw as a sacred obligation It is clear as the fundamental belief in Pakistan.

Religion also allow on getting married and ways which make marriages clean and zina difficult on the other hand we are making zina easy and nikkah hard because of our cultural practices and

forget about Islam. A Hadith of Prophet Muhammad (saw). **“O younger people! Whoever amongst you is capable of marry, have to marry, and whoever is not able to marry, is counseled to fast, as fasting diminishes preference.”**

Uqbah ibn ‘Amir said: The Messenger of Allah peace be upon him stated, “The pleasant marriage is one that is easiest.”

In other narration the Prophet stated, “The best dowry is one Which is simplest.”

(ṢaḥīḥIbnHibbān4163)

The Prophet (SAW) said: “The woman with the best blessing is the only one with the lowest dowry.”

It is also defined in the hadith said by way of Abu Daud 1801, that does not exaggerate it in giving dowries:

Meaning: “Muhammad bin ‘Ubaid has informed us, Hammad bin Zaid has informed us from Ayyub from Muhammad from Abu al ‘Ajfa ‘As Sulami, he said: Umar radiallahu ‘anhu speak to us, he said: admit do not you exaggerated in giving dowry to women, if it becomes an honour in the world or as a type of piousness in the eye of God, really the first individual to do it become the Prophet observed., not the Messenger noticed. Giving dowries to his wives, and do not given to his daughters the quantity of dowry that surpass twelve uqiyah.”

**(Yamna Tharafa Danna (2020)**

In Islam, marriage is a common commitment this is signed with the will of both individual. Mahr is something that a husband gives to his wife at the time of marriage this is necessary according to the sunnah, ijma, and Qur’an. The Mahr can be any kind of asset money or services. This suggests that it to be simpler for the groom in keeping with his condition.

Once the marriage has been completed the Mahr be the property of partners. There’s no specify amount for the Mahr yet in the opinion to Sunnah its amount can be four hundred dirhams of silver and this was the Mahr of the daughters and the wives of the Prophet (peace be upon him). Overvalued excessiveness in worrying

huge amount of Mahr is undoubtedly hated or maybe forbidden. Due to the fact that this then becomes a major difficulty within the ethics of marriage. It is appropriate to list the amount of Mahr within the marriage agreement to stay away from any dispute that can arise.

The concept of Mahr has been vary with that of dowry due to the same use of the phrases. In specifically in South Asia, giving dowry is practiced. Data show that in 2019, 7100 reported dowry death cases were noted. And this is increasing from 2014, while nearly 8000 deaths. The awareness of lowering the Mahr is to make it easy for individuals to get married so that they will save from doing all forms of moral and social corruption.

**(Shafia Jameel 2021)**

The changing patterns of marriages and its impact on nuptiality. From last two decades the marriage pattern is changing considerably. Comparative to past marriage system now the variety of marriages is declining because of paradigm shift in education from boys to ladies. Now girls are now knowledgeable in comparison to their male side. Now-a-days the parents of grooms are trying to find out batter spouse for their daughters/women because of large population of girls and declining interest of boys in education. In modern times male households give preference to dowry. Now cultural difference is not a big problem in cross-cultural marriages.

**(Ameer Ali A bro, Aazadi Fateh, Zulfiqar Zaidi, Irfan Shah)**

Dowries are an old tradition of life in South Asia where the parents of Pakistani bride deliver rings, cash or clothes to the groom’s family as part of the wedding. There are authorized recommendations that limited dowries inside the deeply religious conservative country of a few 220 million. But the instructions are not often accompanied. Activists say debate over dowries leave a girls subject to domestic violence and can even result in death when the in-legal instructions are sad with a dowry. The households of negative women are the worst affected because they couldn’t afford it approximately 53% of Pakistanis assist paying

and receiving a dowry, while 38 percent oppose the tradition. 9% of responders were unsure.

**(Daud Khattak, Frud Bezhani)**

## **LITERATURE REVIEW :**

### **THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK:**

#### **1. MARXIST THEORY**

This theory views social issues through the lens of class struggle. In the sense of dowry, it might be seen as a reflection of the financial inequality among the groom's rich family, typically belongs to the upper class, and the bride's family, usually from a proletariat financial conditions. This action can be viewed as a manifestation of different strengths dynamics, where the groom's family, due to their upper financial order, call for or expects a dowry from the bride's family, strengthen the financial status and keep going social disproportion.

In culture of Pakistan, girls had been upraised to be known on their home lifestyles rather than traumatic approximately career and even their own nicely-being. Girls have been supported to awareness on cleansing, cooking, look pretty, and upbringing children and take care of them. Which hope for girls to take control for private lifestyles even as men provide economically for the family. We observed this trend while watching at our aunts, grandmother, and mother. They have been raised up to take into interpretation that the manageable necessary part that might be obvious to them become married and childbirth. Similarly, they had been told that once they give birth to children they cannot leave a marriage.

domestic violence can take any position in any marriage, girls mostly start living in disrespectful relations due to Pakistani culture. It has been said that, "some of the danger factor of private partners cruelty between South Asian girls surround gender roles expectations, need to protect of relatives respect, cultural of abuse, arrange marriage, rude partner qualities and women's fear of losing kids by her ownself. girls are continuously advised their husband will easily find other partner, no one will marry her

after divorce in other words, who will want to have a girl who has already lost her virginity? Some parents always keep door open for their children's to return home after getting out from abusive Marriage. when someone get married they are told to stay in that marriage even they have to sacrifice their own happiness to maintain the honour of family and parents.

In Islam it is clearly mentioned that dowry is prohibited there is clear Hadees on these things and everyone knows in this modern society but no one wants to perform this and act upon these things. we are nikkah difficult with our actions and our traditions but in Islam it is emphasis that make nikkah easy and accessible for everyone and make zina difficult and save your self from the fire of the Jahannam but no one cares about that because everyone wants to follow their traditions they care about what people say if they don't follow traditional ways of marriage and people will think that they are illiterate and have a low status in society if they follow Islamic rules and regulations in marriages they feel ashamed in following these rules this is only reason so many people face divorce and even causing death of the people due to burden of these so called traditions Those who migrated from Pakistan also have same kind of mind. Another big issue for women to stay in abusive marriage is that they lack education. At the end both spouse remain in marriage out of commitment because it makes them unhappy and other problems with arranged marriages between those in foreign and coming back home can stunt their lifestyle and parents become more concerned about the affect of western culture on their children so as to tackle those problems. Parents think that by marrying their children in own country can solve the problem. young people also don't want to leave in the abusive Marriage. Both the families in arrange marriage are from same background they have same upbringing but they face issues in arrange marriage so allow individuals to choose their own partners for life.

As time has passed everything in Pakistani culture have been changing step by step especially in marriages system. Now parents advised their children to enjoy and learned every

aspect of life before getting married after marriage person become so busy. Now parents are sending their children to the private English medium school and getting western education they enjoy friendship and social life and engage in other social and entertainment activities and even they try to know better their partner before getting married. Parents are actually trying their kids to take part in everything that they needed to learn.

Now parents talk about their children and say they get experience in institutions like in school and in universities and in work place they appreciate love marriage. Parents are now aware and appreciate the choice of youngsters but they also need the permission of the parents some people think that they can fulfil the requirements of marriage in the society.

#### **(Zara Ahmed)**

In modern times now both traditional and modern forms of marriage exist together. Now both are don't so much different they are almost same. In past when someone wants a love marriage he or she have to move to other country where it is legalised now people are living together without marriage and a social contract they are living in a cohabitation and have a premarital relationship without marriage and having children without marriage.

In traditional marriage individual got married at the age of maximum 16-18 now new couple generally make a legally family at 25-30 years old. In past it was not important to see each other before marriage but it was considered important they may see each other some time before marriage or at the time of marriage. But now the pattern is changing people see each other before marriage and spend time to know better each other. Eventually they spend three months to a year's together to know each other traditional marriage do not require love not modern marriage require love.

In past marriages the consent of the parents was necessary but the individual opinion was not necessary. It was considered ideal to ask from children before getting marriage but not necessarily. But now in modern society people do marriages according to their will and

sometimes without the permission and consent of the parents. They take decisions by their own and don't take advice from elders. In traditional marriage the premarital sex was prohibited but now it is not considered bad they live in a relationship before even getting married.

#### **Konstantin Schemelinin (2020)**

In 2014 a survey show that 84% of Pakistani people think that dowry is very important for the marriage of a daughter while the 69% think that without Dowry the marriage of a daughter is impossible you have to give to her at the time of marriage if you can afford it or not you have to complete all the accessories of the dowry in order to marry your daughter into a respectable family and in a respectful way. This is the only solution to save your daughter from mental and physical torture in the family.

Sometimes the parents do not afford the dowry or fulfill all the requirements of the Dowry they have to take debt from other in order to complete all the necessity. In Pakistani society it is expected from the bride that she will bring household appliances with herself if when she doesn't meet these expectations she faces so many problems in her husband's house and curse from society and her parents also face so much curse from the society as well (Mohsin A 2022).

## **2. USES AND GRATIFICATION THEORY**

Uses and gratification theory asserts that people use media to gratify specific wants and needs

In Pakistan, a marriage is taken into consideration to be the most prominent display of wealth. It has lengthy been a standing way of life inside the use to apply the conventional Pakistani wedding ceremony as a show of opulent wealth to preserve their status in a community that derives from extravagant and materialistic display of wealth. The marriage festivities are taken into consideration to perhaps be the maximum important activities in any man or woman's existence as though it might one way or the other be disappointing for the community if the festivities didn't meet their expectations. And really, the elite and

commoners alike, are visible indulging extravagantly into this dangerous show of wealth simply to further the already triumphing complexes concerning those festivities.

Behaviours consisting of social evaluation, as well as internalization of societal beliefs that join monitoring and valuing physical attractiveness. For this reasons the marriage turns into greater essential than the marriage a part of a union. Why doesn't the bride take pleasure in in reality knowing that she's wearing a Dr. Haroon get dressed (one of the most distinguished bridal designers inside the city), as a substitute of having to tell the sector approximately it, by using naming the designer through a hashtag on Instagram. How each single element of the marriage is aired to the general public for his or her critique over livestream and Instagram stories? Furthermore, because of the immoderate use of social media, the possibility of exposure to different cultures has multiplied. Allowing by no means-ending weddings to conform extra ideas into the events that can be part of this days-lengthy occasion. As an example the bridal bathe, and Bachelor/bachelorette journeys the destination weddings, are all pretty recent thoughts adapted for their look on social media with the trending hashtags of "#weddinggoals".

**(Eman lakhani)**

Social media has a first-rate impact on its customers and creates traits for all forms of occasions. Specially, marriage ceremonies are becoming a large industry through social media. Whether or not it's far approximately the florist, floor decorations, venues, wedding ceremony caterers, fingers, it is social media that creates a link among the couples and the companies. Humans are simply connected and linked together through social media just one click away from any occurring and statistics around them the new improvements in social media are now converting the way of wedding ceremonies. It is also created, recreated and formulated a new concept on how a wedding should have occurred.

**(Sumera Batool, Zaeem Yasin. Mehwish Islam 2021)**

The dowry is the most noteworthy of the societal oppressions that succeed and infect Pakistani tradition. Dowry reasons numerous of the issues in public marriage lifestyles that could impact negatively on marital relationships

**(Gulzar, Nauman, Yahya, Ali, & Yaqoob, 2012).**

In keeping with a file of Tiwari (2016), Bangladesh, India, Iran, and Pakistan are many of the nations where dowry murders had been pronounced. Marriage is defined as a greater or much less extended relation between a person and a lady that exist beyond sexual sex till delivery youngsters.

**(Jamadar, 2015).**

The connection among dowry and marital existence is direct approach the more the honor from circle of relatives because of dowry, the more the women's empowerment.

**(Ahmad, Hussain, Tariq. & Raza, 2014)**

Dowry disputes result in "dowry murders," in which ladies are brutally murdered by means of their in-laws.

**(Bloch & Rao, 2002).**

Dowry violence is a tool used by men to show their dominance. Dowry totally degrades girl's respect and renders them susceptible in their homes.

**(Bhatia, 2012).**

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS :**

### **Methodology;**

Qualitative method has been used.

### **Method;**

Semi-structured interview has been used to collect data.

### **Tool;**

Interview Guide

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### **Concept of dowry**

Old marriage traditions are changing in your village. There was no dowry system before but now it is changing with time. People are not

directly demand a dowry, but they expect that the bride to receive things such as household goods from her family side. If these are not provided, the bride will be treated badly and cause her mental and physical problems. In other words, when there was no direct demand for dowry, expectations changed and making things more difficult for brides in our village.

Even they didn't demand things before marriage, they start noticing things after marriage, and then they argue because there aren't enough things at home. This situation has become a worse problem for many brides in our village. If they do not demand directly expectations about what the bride should bring create problems for many families.

This is a difficult situation that makes everything difficult for the bride. Although the dowry system is not a direct necessity, it creates many problems in our village. Being expected to provide things like appliances or other luxury items from the bride's family can cause a lot of problems. This problem can cause the bride's family to get into financial difficulties and even into debt. Additionally, failure to this hope can cause the bride to suffer, causing physical and emotional pain.

If this dowry expectations, continue to increase in the future it will become hard for families to manage. This will have an economic impact on the bride's family and will cause the bride to experience more pressure during the marriage. This system will continue unless there is a change in the way expectations and culture are maintained in society. The continuing increase in dowry demand will cause some families to delay marriage. This is because the family will need more time to gather the accessories bride needs.

Having a daughter will become a burden for families who cannot meet these requirements. They may be very worried about how they will get everything they need for their marriage. This feeling can make the life of the family and the daughter harder and make them feel like a burden. Therefore, the dowry will cause marriage to be delayed and families with daughters to become more tension.

## **Concept of photography in marriages**

Now something new happened during the wedding in our village. The bride's family comes to the groom's house and decorates the room by themselves. They bring many things to make the room attractive. It is a new tradition for the bride's family to take part in the decoration of the wedding room of the bride's house.

Photography has become a necessary thing in today's weddings. In the past this was not the part of marriage. People take lots of pictures and share them on social media. The way weddings are done has changed because the focus is now on how to show good pictures on social media. This change is different from what has been observed in past weddings.

The introduction of photography into our traditional marriage brought both positive and negative changes. Photography helps you capture the beautiful time of your wedding and save your memories long lasting. Posting these photos on social media allows families to showcase their traditions and celebrations to the public. By capturing customs and traditions, it makes sure that the customs and traditions of the society are visually transferred to future offspring. Sometimes the importance of taking photographs can deter people from attending the wedding ceremony and affect the ceremony.

Hiring a photographer and planning to photograph your wedding will increase the overall charges of the wedding, especially for families with less resources. Sometimes the inclusion of photography into social tradition can affect the privacy of these activities. Anyway photography adds a modern touch and helps save memories, sometimes change the meaning of the celebration and affecting finances, affecting the status of traditional marriage in village.

## **Make up tradition**

The increasing stress on make-up in traditional weddings may create difficulties in the coming time but is largely dependent on societal way of thinking, individual desires and cultural changes.

## **Negative impact**

## **Economic Pressure**

Expecting to invest in makeup artists, high quality products and professional services can add to the overall wedding charges and become an economic burden for families.

## **Pressure to follow**

society expectations and norms can make pressure on people to follow certain standards of beauty, leading to feelings of incompleteness or the need to meet artificial ideals.

## **Effort and time**

The makeup process, especially for larger events, can be time-taking and need a lot of effort causing stress or inconvenience to the groom or bride.

## **Environmental impact**

more use of cosmetics can lead to environmental concerns due to packaging waste and the ecological footprint of certain ingredients.

## **Cultural Identity**

There may be concern about the dilution or loss of cultural identity as modern practices such as elaborate make-up routines become more important in traditional events.

### **Positive impact:**

#### **Grab diversity and choice:**

changing a culture where people have the freedom to choose what to wear makeup at weddings can reduce pressure and celebrate diversity.

#### **Promoting financial awareness:**

Streets affordable and simpler makeup options or encouraging a focus on natural beauty could decrease the financial burden.

#### **Sustainable Practices:**

Promoting the use of sustainable and environmentally friendly cosmetic products could decrease environmental worry.

#### **Preservation of culture:**

Efforts to celebrate and preserved cultural traditions while engaging in modern practices

can help maintain a balance between evolving trends and heritage

## **Conclusion**

Islam marriage is highly prioritised and appreciated because it is considered as sacred and to protect people from social and moral unethical acts and to make a society harmonious. There' is a lot of hadees which focus on the importance of marriage it is also the sunnah of our holy prophet SAW that if someone have the ability to marry get married and if doesn't he or she have to keep fast to save own self from attempting Sins.

By changing a mindset that respects people choices and diverse preferences, while keeping environmental, financial and cultural considerations in mind, the burden connect with the increasing stress on wedding makeup can be reduced.

Marriage is one of most important part of everyone's life. Life is not complete without it. In our religion there is a great on emphasize on marriage. Meaning of the Hadith is:

“O younger people! Whoever amongst you have the ability of marry, have to marry, and whoever is not able to marry, is advised to fast, as fasting decline desires.”

We should make zina difficult and nikkah easy but due to our traditions and influence of social media and west make nikkah very difficult. Like the dowry system. Unwanted photography in marriage. Unwanted spending money on bride's makeup and all these.

Due to all of these marriages are difficult to do. People face torture mentally and physically. Changes in the marriage system of our village are influenced by new influences and old traditions. The change from the absence of a dowry to the unexpected expectations makes difficulties for brides and their families. This shift distinguished by the need for marriage and increased pressure, leads to depression that puts a tension on the family.

In addition, changes such as the participation of the bride's family in the decoration of the groom's home and the inclusion of photography

promote and alter the nature of the wedding. While these additional associations help express traditions and raise awareness they also come with economic burdens that sometimes inhibit the morality of the customs. Overall, changing marriage laws cast back the balance between saving tradition and addressing the impact of modernity. Responding to these changes requires evaluate societal prediction, building unity, and preserving the morality of culture while keeping up the quality of modern influences. It is important to maintain this balance in order to preserve the heritage of customs and traditions in our village and to make a tuneful change to changing marriages

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