



## Investigating the Attitudes of the Modern Youth Towards Marriage

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### Abstract

Marriage is a legally recognized sexual relationship between a man and a woman. Through marriage, the human family acquires a legal basis. Traditional rituals associated with marriage are present, as are modern elements. This study was conducted with the primary research question of what modern youth attitudes towards marriage are. One hundred third-year students from the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka were selected for the research. An online questionnaire was used to collect the data. The research identified the attitudes of the current youth about the socially accepted traditional marriage rituals and the new aspects added to marriage in modern times. The sub-objectives are to determine what the youth think about marriage, traditional marriage rituals, and modern aspects. Here, the current youth generation has a greater tendency to reject traditional marriage rituals. 70 young people did not pay attention to vows in marriage, caste, class, religion, or living area. Dowry at marriage, virginity tests, and same-sex marriages were rejected by the majority. Getting married between 25 and 30 years, legally registering the marriage, simple wedding ceremony, living as a nuclear family, meant the modern youth. 95 respondents were unmarried. 60 people thought that education affected the delay in marriage. New research findings found that 76 people paid attention to traditional clothes and jewelers, that it is important to introduce concepts such as living together before marriage to Sri Lanka, and that marriage is not essential to living in society. The conclusion is that modern youth prefer simple marriages based on romantic relationships rather than traditional marriages.

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