



## **Analysis of Divorce Among Women And Its' Effect on Children Academic Achievement In Calabar South Local Government Area of Cross River State**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The study focused on the analysis of divorce among women and its' effect on children academic achievement in Calabar south local government area of cross river state. Divorce is a legal separation of husband and wife so they can be free to remarry again. Ineffective communication, lack of intimacy, infertility, financial status and bad behavior were seen as the major causes, and the result of this divorce lead to poor academic achievement on children of the victims. It is on this note, that the researcher embark on this research to analyze the causes of divorce among women and it's effect on children academic achievement. Based on the findings, it was shown that infertility, lack of intimacy, lack of communication among couples are the causes of divorce among women researcher recommended that government should make an effort to implement a higher degree for granting divorce to couple and the government should set- up marriage counselling center to ensure that couple accommodate each other.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Man is an entity but does not survive alone, that he does not live in isolation, but lived together in a relationship. Marriage according to the dictionary meaning is defined in an instance of a legal union of a man and woman that live together as husband and wife; on the other hand marriage is basic institution of any culture.

The marriage institution dated back as far as the creation of man according to the word of God as stated in genesis 1:26 when God said let us, make man in our own image and likeness. And God said " it is not good that man should be alone, I will make him a help meet for him. According to genesis (2:8) and he made eve out of Adam to be his wife, for companion, fellowship and progression. Marriage is a permanent institution ordained by God. It was to be permanent mutual relationship except by death.

According to grid for unhappiness and psychologically ills rage scene. Divorce start generation ago and divorce was so scandalous, divorce which is legal ending of marriage was also very rare In the

past, but today it is not rare again. Divorce also known as dissolution of marriage is the process of terminating a marriage or marital union. It usually entails the canceling or reorganizing of the legal duties and responsibilities of marriage thus dissolving the bound of matrimony between a married couple under the rule of law of a particular state or country.

Academic achievement is important in measuring success in children. This study will help parent to understand the psychological problem children from divorce home are facing. study suggest that children from divorce families are likely to exhibit behavioral issues than those from non-divorce families; the relationship may suffer due to lack of attention toward the children.

Children are so likely to drop out from school; divorce can lower socio-economic status in families. Therefore, children obtain less resource needed for academic performance. Couple simply does not realized the damage done to their children in the battle they wage over them. Divorce is legal dissolution of marriage by court or other competent body. However, divorce figure continue to climb and couple split while taking wrong step in solving the maternal problem. These divorce hide under the motion that marriage has already been a shifting transitory arrangement "till death do us apart" used to be a realistic assessment of the registry in the local government secretariat to complete the marriage ritual.

After all the above aforementioned issues, it will be very imperative for us to ask what then are the problem or effect of divorce in our society in general with regard to the child's advice in academic performance.

Children from broken homes do not feed well in their homes, they may become criminals if they experiences hardship, and they may have a difficult mindset. Children from broken homes may join failure to do what the law required from them. Children whose parent divorced skipped nearly 60 percent more class period and girls appeared to be more affected then boys. Children from divorced families exhibit more academic psychological behavior and drug related problem than children from intact families. Divorce affects parent child relationship, which in return affect children emotionally and mentally causing them to suffer in their academics.

### **Meaning of Divorce**

Divorce is a legal dissolution of marriage by court or other competent body. It can also be defined as annulment of official separation in marriage.

History of divorce: The 1975 matrimonial act allowed ordinary people to divorce. The big change occurred in 1969. The divorce reform act we passed allowing couple to divorce after they had been separated for two years (or five years if only one of them wanted a divorce)

The critical history of divorce as an object of sociological study described the many direction of current research in France on the subject. Sensitive to the political context in which it developed, the sociology of divorce was for many years influence by ideological consideration, as evidence by Durkheim's opposition to the re-introduction of divorce by mutual consent. The sociological study of divorce came into its own with the reform of the code the late 1960s, an interdisciplinary research team was formed under jean car bonnier to advance knowledge of divorce in France. At that stage, the main research focus was quantities demography. In the 1980s, with the divorce becoming common place in France society, along with consensual union and separation without divorce, the sociology of couple took a new theoretical, methodological and epistemological direction. Since then it has focused almost exclusively on life after divorce, leaving aside the question of the cause and process of marital breakdown a belief interaction comparison shelves that the casual and statistical analysis of divorce is still very much on the agenda in other countries.

### **Causes of Divorce**

1. *Domestic Violence*: is violence or abuse by one person against another in domestic setting, it occurs in marriage when husband and wife abuse each other.
2. *Infertility*: Extra-marital affair are responsible for the breakdown of most marriage that end in divorce. This is one of the most common causes of divorce. The reason why cheat aren't as cut and dry as our anger may lead us to believe. Anger and resentment are common underlying reason for cheating along with different sexual appetite and lack of emotional intimacy. Infidelity, start as an emotional affair which later becomes as physical affair (Ruth Houson).

3. *Money*: money makes people funny, so the saying goes, and its true, everything from different spending habit and financial goal to one spouse making considerably more money than other, causing a power struggle can strain a marriage to be breaking point. “Money really touches everything it impact people lives”, said Emmet Burns.
4. *Lack of Communication*: communication is crucial in marriage and not lying. The ability to communicate effectively leads to resentment and frustration for both, impacting all aspect of marriage. On the other hand, good communication is the foundation of a strong marriage.
5. *Constant Argument* : from bickering about chores to arguing about kid; incessant arguing kills, many find it hard to see the other person point of view, which lead to a lot of argument without ever coming to a resolution.
6. *Lack of Intimacy*: not feeling connected with your partner can quickly rain a marriage because if two leaves couple feeling as though they are living with stranger or more like roommate than spouses. This can be from lack of physical or emotional intimacy and isn’t always about sex, making your relationship intimate and special is the responsibility of both partners.
7. *Addiction*: addiction is repeat involvement with substance or activity, despite the substance harm cause. This is when the husband or wife involve he/herself in alcoholism, smoking, etc. which may lead divorce.

### **Effect of Divorce**

Some of the effect of divorce associated with divorce includes academic behavior and psychological problems; although this may not always be true. Studies suggest that children from divorce families are more likely to exhibit such behavior issues than those from non- divorce families. The relationship between parent and children may suffer due to lack of attention toward the children as well as minimal parental supervision. According to Nicholas Wail, former president of family division of the English high court, “people think that post-separation parenting is easy. In fact, it is exceeding difficult and as rules of thrum, my experience is that the more intelligent the parent, the more intractable the dispute. There is nothing worst for children to experience their parent denigrate each other. Parents simply do not realize the damage their give to their children by the battle they wage over them. Separating parent rarely behave reasonably, although they always behave that they are doing so that other partly is behaving unreasonably.” The children from broken homes do not feed well in their homes, they may become criminal when they experience hardship, they may have a different mindset, and the children from broken homes may join in the failure to do what the law of duty requires.

### **Effect of Divorce on Children Academic Achievement**

#### **1. Diminished Learning Capacity**

Divorce and separation will surely diminished school achievement and performance. Any elementary school children who experience parental divorce or separation immediately begin to performing worse academically than their peer from intact families. This gap persists through elementary school Patrinos, (1995). Children of divorced parent are also more likely to hold a grade point average (GPAS), they performed worst in reading, spelling, math and repeated a grade more frequently than the children in intact homes.

Basically, it deals on two occasions;

##### *i. Age Of Divorce*

Any child who experience divorce early in life are likely to have lower educational out comes. Finding shows that effect of divorce on education is strongest when the child is young (Norwegian research).

##### *ii. Consequences Of Change Of Environment*

A child who residential mobility change unexpected will affect the academic performance gap between children living in a step- parent and children with both biological parents. Moving from one environment to another tend to increase behavioral, emotional and academic problem for adolescent.

#### **2. Parental involvement**

Children from divorce home could not have their parent involvement in their academic performance. Adolescent in intact biological families discussed school more with their parents and they know more of their friends parent than those with single parent families Baland (2000):. Parent involvement plays

a vital role in their children education. Further, in intact married families they are more involve in their children home work than their step-father.

### **3. Behavior at school**

Children in pre-disrupted families (divorce families) exhibit more academic psychological, behavioral and drug related problem than children whose parent remain intact. There are likely to behave disruptively (i.e disobey a teacher, be aggressive to other children) Charles (2004) than those born to the single or cohabiting mothers. Deriel Potter, also found that the deleterious effect of divorce among women.

### **4. Dropout, suspension or expulsion**

Children who experience their parent divorce or separated are less likely to complete high school Dustmann, (2006). An Australian study found that children of divorced families are 20% more likely to dropout of secondary school than children from raised intact families and found out that the remarriage did not alleviate the effect of divorce on children educational attainment Basu. (1998).

### **5. College Attainment**

Children whose parent or grandparent divorce tends to have four year of education. Divorce and separation reduce children likelihood of attending college. Grant (1993).Furthermore, 33% of student who have already complete secondary school but who have experience their parent divorce graduate from college, compared to 40% among their peer from intact families.

## **Psychological and Social Effect Of Divorce On Children Academic Achievement**

An estimated one million children on yearly basis DeWit (1999), demonstrated that children who encounter change in the family structure experience severe consequences such as lower academic attainment and adjustment Adebule, (2004). Moreover, researcher suggest that adjustment problem continues beyond adolescence well into young adulthood as children of divorce often exhibit heightened difficulties with college marriage, employment stability and host of problematic behavior. Even after controlling for a host of observable socio-economic and ethnic traits, marriage between native and immigrant or cross racial marriage have high risk of dissolution Appel, (2009). Children academic performance is negatively impacted by divorce: usually in the immediate after math Ainsworth,(1978), restricting data to intact marriage, while an particular choice also may force analysis on children with "better outcome" though the extent may be different by type of marriage.

## **CONCLUSION**

In the course of completing this study from the relevant data, the following conclusion were drawn and arrival at.

That high degree of women has been proven to be involved in divorce which actually affects the children's academic achievement. This is based on reason that most of the women cannot single handedly take care of the children economically.

It was also draw that some children living with only their father or mother are easily carried way emotionally in class. This will make them not to concentrate fully: as a result tell on their performance.

Most of these children who are divorce victim commit themselves to drugs which were given to them by some of their peers. Those children who are divorce victim are often absent from school when their mothers or fathers are out for work. Based on data analyzed, some of these children engaged in immoral relationships. They do not know the harm they are doing to themselves especially the girls because their mother or father is too busy to teach them sex education. Based still on the data analyzed, most children from divorce home suffer emotionally, when compared with children whose parents are together even when their salaries are the same.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

In other to eliminate and reduce divorce in Calabar south local government of Cross River State, the following recommendations were offered:

- The government should make an effort to implement harder decree for granting divorce to couples. This is reduce its occurrence in Calabar south local government of cross river state.

- Also the government should set up women marriage counselling Centre to ensure that parent accommodate each other.
- There is a need for couple to live within their income. False life may cause disharmony in the home. Neither of them should be extravagant or stingy to each other.
- Other like social welfare workers, marriage counselor should as possible help the youth in our society so as to prepare them for marriage as most children suffer as a result of broken homes.

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