



IMPACT OF MIXED MARRIAGE ON SOCIETY

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The caste, race and religion are three of the most important factors which have been influencing to marriage, since then and today. The "mixed marriage" can be defined as the marriage between different castes, races and religions. This paper discusses the research problem whether the mixed marriages can be considered as a reason for domestic conflicts. The relevant information were gathered from ten of the twenty mixed marriage families in Nugawela Grama Niladari Division of Alawwa Divisional Secretariat in Kurunagala District, with the strategies of distributing questionnaires and conducting interviews. According to the results 28% of conflicts in "mixed marriages" are occurred due to the community based differences. Most of the positive ideas towards the concept of mixed marriages were changed after their marriage in 70% of families. Therefore it is significant that community based differences are a main reason for the domestic conflicts of mixed marriages in the society.

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