

## **Marriage Patterns and Family Satisfaction: Empirical Evidence from Sri Lanka Context**

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This presentation explores in the Sri Lankan context marriage patterns and their effect on family life satisfaction. The extent of influence of marriage patterns on family life satisfaction was examined comprehensively through discussion of the two major marriage patterns: love and proposal marriage patterns. Survey method was used for the study. Accordingly, data for the study were collected from a formal questionnaire from 896 married individuals (472 males and 424 females), living in 14 districts in Sri Lanka. The results show that though all the respondents have high levels of family life satisfaction, love marriages have a higher level influences on family life satisfaction than proposal marriages.

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