

Investigating the harms of divorce on the lives of couples and children

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The introduction sets a relevant backdrop but could be strengthened by directly linking current divorce rates to tangible societal changes, thereby bolstering the rationale for the study.

Incorporating a brief overview of theoretical frameworks related to divorce and its impacts could provide a stronger foundation for the research.

The methodology section is notably absent. For enhancement, the paper should clearly outline the research design, data collection methods, and analytical techniques used to investigate the stated harms.

While the paper lists harms associated with divorce, the analysis lacks depth. Incorporating quantitative data or case studies could provide a more nuanced understanding of these issues.

A comparative analysis of the effects of divorce across different cultural or socio-economic backgrounds could offer valuable insights.

The discussion on gender-specific impacts is insightful but could be expanded by integrating theories of gender roles and societal expectations to explain these differences.

The paper lacks a dedicated section for recommendations and future research directions. Providing specific, actionable suggestions for policymakers, educators, and counselors based on the findings could greatly enhance its practical value.

The reference list is adequate but updating it with the latest research and ensuring all cited literature is accurately represented within the text would improve the paper's credibility.

Ensuring adherence to a consistent citation style throughout the manuscript is necessary for academic integrity.

The manuscript's readability could be improved by addressing grammatical errors and ensuring clarity in the presentation of ideas.

Organizing the paper into clearly defined sections with subheadings would enhance its flow and make it more reader-friendly.

Response: Revised.

1.2. *Reviewer 2*

Reviewer:

The review covers various harms of divorce but would benefit from a more systematic approach, highlighting gaps in current research that this study aims to fill.

Including a broader range of studies, especially longitudinal ones, could enrich the understanding of long-term effects of divorce.

The paper would benefit from a more critical examination of the societal structures that exacerbate these harms, offering a linkage to broader gender studies literature.

The section on children's experiences post-divorce is crucial but needs to delve deeper into the psychological theories explaining these effects and potential mitigating factors.

Recommendations for supporting children through and after the divorce process, based on empirical evidence, would significantly enhance this section.

While not explicitly mentioned, the paper should address ethical considerations, especially when discussing vulnerable populations such as children affected by divorce.

Response: Revised.

2. **Revised**

Editor's decision: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.