

# Analysis of Contemporary Chinese College Students

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**Abstract:** Through the study of contemporary Chinese college students' marriage and love view, this article discusses their marriage and love view and practical status. The study found that with the development of economy and society, the influence of foreign culture and the change of personal values, college students' views of marriage and love show a trend of diversification, and their attitudes and practices in choosing partners and family establishment have also changed in many ways. The article aims to provide a certain understanding and reference value for understanding the marriage and love view of contemporary college students.

**Keywords:** College Students; Marriage and Love View; Diversification.

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## 1. Introduction

Marriage and love are an indispensable part of everyone's life, and contemporary college students as a special group, their marriage love is not only representing a personal point of view, but also college students in such a group marriage love, more likely to be the future society mainly present a kind of marriage. Their view of marriage and love is most likely to be one of the most important factors affecting their future development path. In the contemporary society, with the development of social economy and the diversification of personal values, the concept and behavior of marriage and love of college students begin to show new changes and characteristics. Through the investigation and research of marriage and love of contemporary Chinese college students and the analysis of related literature, the paper discusses the current situation of marriage and love view of contemporary college students and the causes and influence of this situation.

## 2. Changes in the Marriage and Love Views of Contemporary Chinese College Students

### 2.1. The Change of Marriage Concept

The change of marriage and love view of contemporary Chinese college students can be attributed to many factors. First, the awakening of the personal consciousness of freedom. With the development of the society, people's awareness of the free choice of marriage and love is increasingly enhanced, and college students also pay more attention to their personal pursuit and happiness. Second, the improvement in economic conditions. Compared with the past, college students today generally have better economic conditions, and both individuals and families of origin make them more able to provide a stable economic foundation for their marriage and family. Third, the improvement of the education level. As higher education enters the popularization stage, college students pay more attention to the connotation and moral cultivation, pay more attention to the matching degree of knowledge and ability, and tend to choose their own like-minded partners. Fourth, the change of social ideas. Traditional feudal ideas gradually faded, college students became more open and inclusive, and the restrictions on gender roles and the distribution of family responsibilities

became more flexible.

Specific changes are manifested in the following aspects. The first is the higher acceptance of marriage age. Today's college students are more willing to delay marriage, do not mind the age difference, and pay more attention to personal development and achievement. Second, contemporary college students have a more open concept of sex. College students have improved their cognition and acceptance of sex, and talk about love and sex more direct and open. The third is the extension of the time of contact before marriage. College students are more likely to understand and adapt to each other through long-term premarital contact, so as to reduce problems and conflicts in future marriage and family. The fourth is to emphasize the personal qualities of the partner. College students pay more attention to each other's personal qualities, whether they fit with their own interests and their own hearts, rather than just the traditional family background or economic conditions. The fifth is the diversified marriage model. College students are no longer imprisoned by the traditional marriage mode, and most of them can accept the non-traditional marriage mode, such as single-parent family, reorganized family, non-marital cohabitation family, DINK family, etc.

### 2.2. The Change of Love Concept

Compared with the past, the concept of love among contemporary college students is more open and inclusive. They pay more attention to the importance of emotion and communication between both sides, pursue personal freedom and respect for each other's rights. Instead of arranging only on matchmakers and parents' orders. The main reason is: the social development and the open environment. With the development of Chinese society and its opening to the outside world, young people have a wider contact area and are influenced by more foreign cultures and ideas. They are freer to express their feelings and have the right to pursue their personal happiness.

In recent years, with the rapid development of higher education in China, the scale of college students is also expanding. Compared with the past, college students pay more attention to personal development and independence, and have higher requirements for romantic relationships. This is a change brought about by the education reform. With the improvement of gender equality awareness, college students pursue the love relationship of equality and mutual respect.

Both men and women pay more attention to equal responsibility sharing, mutual respect and mutual support in love. Along with technological advances and the popularity of social media. The ease of communication makes it easier for college students to get to know the opposite sex and to get to know each other in various ways. This also strengthens the college students' pursuit of self-awareness and choice.

Specific changes are manifested in the following aspects. The first is an open view of love. College students have become more open to romantic relationships, embracing non-traditional love patterns and forms of marriage, such as cohabitation, nonmarriage, homosexuality, etc. The second is to emphasize personal development. Contemporary college students pay more attention to personal self-realization and development, and they are more inclined to choose partners consistent with their own values and interests. Third, we should attach great importance to equality and respect. College students emphasize more on equality and mutual respect in relationships, and reject double standards and patriarchal ideas. The fourth is regional and cultural diversity. With the diversified development of Chinese society, college students come from different regions and cultural backgrounds, and their love concepts are also influenced by their respective backgrounds, showing diversified characteristics.

In short, the concept of love of contemporary Chinese college students has become more diversified, which is the result of social development and the awakening of personal consciousness. They pay more attention to personal development and independence, and tend to choose partners who are similar to their values, outlook on life and world outlook.

### **3. The Practical Status of Marriage and Love among Contemporary Chinese College Students**

#### **3.1. Criteria for Partner Selection**

In terms of the criteria of choosing partners, college students pay more attention to each other's personality and value identification. Compared with the past, the external conditions are not the most important factor for them. Contemporary college students pay more attention to the inner conditions of their partners. They value more about whether they can give them emotional support and understanding, whether they can become their like-minded soul mate. In addition, college students also pay more attention to their partner's educational background and career development prospects, hoping to establish a long-term relationship with people who have similar ideals and pursuits.

#### **3.2. Build a Family Attitude**

College students' attitudes towards family building have also changed. They pay more attention to a stable marriage relationship and equal responsibility sharing between both parties. Different from the past is no longer want to start a career, get married and fall in love. While pay more attention to their own career development and personal growth, most people will choose to consider the problem of marriage after stabilizing the economic foundation, that is, to establish a career before starting a family. Will also pay more attention to the foundation of feelings, that should be the first love before getting married. Marriage should be based on a love affair. They believe that forming a happy family is about

mutual respect and understanding among family members, shared values and interests, a fair and just family environment, and full love and care. Family members should work together to build a healthy, stable and happy family.

### **4. Influencing Factors of the Marriage and Love View of Contemporary Chinese College Students**

#### **4.1. Social and Economic Development**

The development of social economy has exerted an important influence on the concept of marriage and love of contemporary Chinese college students. With the rapid economic development and urbanization process of Chinese society, people's values, marriage concepts and love concepts are also changing gradually.

First of all, economic development provides more choices and opportunities for college students. Compared with the past, contemporary college students are more likely to obtain good education and career development opportunities, which makes them more inclined to pursue individual autonomy and the right of free choice in marriage and love. They focus more on their achievements, careers and freedom, rather than on marriage as the only way to change their lives. Secondly, the social and economic development has also changed the economic situation and needs of college students. Contemporary college students are more economically independent, and the financial status of their marital partners is not their main consideration. Instead, they pay more attention to the matching degree of marriage partners in terms of personality, interests and emotional resonance. They pursue more spiritual communication and emotional identity with their partners, rather than being limited to material needs. In addition, economic development has also brought about changes in the concept of the family. In traditional ideas, college students tend to pay more attention to the stability of family and the traditional division of roles in marriage and love. However, with economic development and social progress, college students put more emphasis on gender equality and individual right to self-realization. They tend to share family responsibilities equally with their partners, support and understand each other, and pursue a freer and more open marriage relationship.

To sum up, the development of social economy has greatly influenced the concept of marriage and love of contemporary Chinese college students. They pay more attention to personal autonomy, free choice, emotional resonance and equal gender relations, rather than treating marriage as the only goal in life. This change reflects the impact of economic development on social values, as well as the younger generation's pursuit of freedom, equality, and personal growth.

#### **4.2. Personal Emphasis on Freedom and Rights**

The importance of individual freedom and rights has exerted a profound influence on the concept of marriage and love of contemporary Chinese college students. With the progress of society and the influence of globalization, college students pay more attention to their own autonomy and individual rights, which also largely shapes their views on marriage and love.

First of all, the importance of individual freedom and rights makes college students pay more attention to self-realization

and personal growth. They hope to achieve their ideals and goals through their own efforts and talents, and they are not willing to be constrained by the traditional marriage concepts. They attach more attention to personal development and achievement and want to find a partner who can grow up and support each other together, rather than just marry for marriage. Secondly, the importance of personal freedom and rights urges college students to pay more attention to their own needs and happiness. They believe that marriage is a relationship of happiness and fortune, and happiness, rather than simply for the sake of family inheritance or social responsibility. They pay more attention to the emotional resonance and understanding with their partners, and pursue mutual respect, equality and open relations. They are more likely to establish relationships with partners who can meet their own needs and respect the other person's individual rights. In addition, the importance of individual freedom and rights also influences the views of college students on the marriage system. They pursue the independent choice of marriage, believing that marriage should not be the product of coercion or social expectation. College students are more inclined to embrace diversified and inclusive marriage concepts, including gay marriage, transnational marriage, and non-traditional family forms. They pay more attention to their personal happiness and quality of life, and are willing to find a form of marriage that suits them.

To sum up, the importance of individual freedom and rights has had a profound impact on the concept of marriage and love of contemporary Chinese college students. College students pay more attention to self-realization and personal growth, pursue emotional resonance and understanding, and hope to have an equal and open marriage relationship. They pursue independent choice and are willing to accept a diversified and inclusive concept of marriage. This change reflects the important role of individual freedom and rights in shaping the concept of marriage and love among contemporary college students.

## 5. Conclusion

Through the analysis and study of contemporary Chinese college students' view of marriage and love, we can see that it shows diversified and openness. This situation is not only affected by the development of many factors, such as schools, society and the Internet, but also closely related to the

importance that individuals attach to freedom and rights. Therefore, in the future we learn foreign advanced culture at the same time can learn from the positive factors in Chinese traditional culture, make good use of existing resources, guide college students to set up the correct marriage love, at the same time can advocate the state and society and education institutions to provide more about the establishment and maintenance of marriage and love guidance and support.

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