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# Social Issues in Iran and Effect of Modernity on It

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#### ABSTRACT

As social modernization expanded in Iran, social damage also increased rapidly, although only one could The cause of social issues is one of the most influential factors in modern times. Modernity by providing a way The new life and the change in values and norms have contributed to the spread of abnormalities and social issues. The purpose of doing This research studies the effects of modernity on social injuries. The research was carried out using a documentary (library) method The required information was collected through valid sources and then analyzed. The results of the research show That modernity has spread social issues in Iran. These include suicide, immigration Marginalization, divorce, poverty and unemployment, sexual deviations and addiction. That does not mean modernity, of course Their formation and expansion, but one of the important factors in expanding and intensifying these issues.

Keywords: Modernity, Social Issues, Society, Culture.

### INTRODUCTION

A social problem is a situation that contradicts the values of a large number of people, and believes that one needs to change the situation(Miller & Kaiser, 2001; Rose-Krasnor, 1997), or it refers to a situation where the problem is problematic, common and can be changed(Wexler, 2017).

In the other definition of social problem, state That a social system is in the process of responding to spatial changes that is subsoil, that is, the social problem that Its main roots are in the environmental crises of the social system, namely, the structural imbalance within a social system that Usually, in contemporary societies, due to profound technical and demographic changes, there is a sharp increase in social system environments. And it should be noted that due to the intensity of these changes, the social system and its constituent structures suffer from a lot of pain and in response to the ratio In the environment, the previous equilibrium relationship between the environment and social systems, as well as between elements of the system, is distorted, so the social problem in Today's societies are inevitable and permanent (Bayat, 2002; Moeidfar, 2014).

Today, there are many social issues that are involved with the lives of humans, and there are always many problems for a large group of people. Which researchers and administrators are looking for solutions to respond to. In Iranian society for unity, Cultural and religious issues and social injuries were less or less frequent by the year 0331, but after these years with the rapid

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changes in various areas, social issues have also been expanded. In fact, we can say that with the expansion of modernity In modern times, there has been a rapid change in the country that it was not possible to adapt these patterns to modern culture, so instead of The combination of these two patterns (modern and traditional) has moved along and caused many problems.

Today, most social problems emerge from the similarities of the two areas; changes in the structure of the family, the spread of divorce, conflicts Ethnic, etc., all indicate the impact of civilization on social issues. Today everyone has found that to solve social problems first, we must recognize modernity and then refine it in accordance with indigenous culture in order to be effective in reducing injuries. Modernity has come from the core of Western culture and has been continuously and slowly entering the life of the Western people, which is naturally in the process of expansion, with culture the society was adapted and social issues were less developed. This did not happen in developing countries and Iran In return, it worked.

Modernity and modernism are the modes of modern and contemporary life, or the set of qualities and characteristics of the new civilization that several recent centuries in Europe and North America(Bayat, 2002). In the definition of modernity, which is somewhat harmonious and even comprehensive One can say that modernity is the current ruling Western civilization in the fields of intellectual, cultural, scientific, economic, political, Social and ... apart from the religious teachings, centered on human beings and the reliance on universal freedom, seek to analyze all things, including Nature, supernatural, values, etc., and with the thought of redefining and changing the entire life of man, whatever is actually against it It can be denied like religion, customs and other traditions. The features of modernity are:

Human capitalism of rationalism (calculating reason and instrumental) Individualism Capitalism Democracy Liberalizing the rights of individuals Instead of emphasizing their homework, new machine technology, new methods of industrial production, unprecedented advancement in the welfare and consumption, and a complete breakdown of the science of ethics and art from each other and other realms(Braudel & Mayne, 1995).

The origin of modernity in Iran dates back to the Qajar era, which was initiated by Western countries and neglected by indigenous culture. The flow, at the end of the Qajar rule, with Iran's defeat against Russia and Britain, the expansion of the political and economic influence of the first countries in Iran Began. They were able to come to an end with an emphasis on antiquity, denial of Islam, and invasion of Islamic customs and traditions, in order to promote their westernized thought, and, in the name of modernization, pave the way for the modernization of the influence of modernism and the principles of Western culture thinking more than ever in Iran. This process took place during Pahlavi by taking some measures such as changing the way of covering, discovering hijab, freeing sexual relations, promoting values Westernized and ... intensified(Kamali, 2007; Khosrokhavar, 1979).

Today, modernity has had a great influence on the values of the people of Iran's society and areas differently influenced society. One of these areas is the social domain.

Social issues have always been a barrier to the development and development of societies, which, on the one hand, are considered to be a deterrent the other side will cost a lot to the community. For this reason, it is essential to recognize the effective components of it. Also, its relationship with modernity should be taken into account, because today modernity covers all aspects of life, hence knowing the relationship these two can be effective in reducing social problems; hence the purpose of this research is to identify social Iran and the impact of modernism on it. The research seeks to answer the following questions:

- What are the social and cultural issues in Iran?
- The Impact of Modernism on Social Issues.

# **METHODOLOGY**

The research was carried out by documentary (library) method and the required information was collected through valid sources and then analyzed.

#### RESULTS

Social issues have a lot of influence on different sectors of society. Some issues have deeper and wider effects. Researchers are more concerned with these issues. One of the important issues of the social sphere, the study of modernity and its consequences on society Social issues. The expansion of its modernity and its learning around the world has had a different impact on societies. Modernity of The text and ventures of Western societies have come from their culture and have grown dynamically and proportionate to other parts of society, Therefore, the development and development of these societies. The social problems of our society today are often directly and indirectly derived from modernity. Modernity has a culture that is a model for those Western societies, so it cannot be a model for Iranian society. The only way to use, refine and adapt it to indigenous culture can be the basis for the development of society. However, the reality of our society reflects the negative effects of modernity on the social sphere, which has created many social issues. In the following, the most important social issues of Iran, which are due to the effects of modernity, were discussed in detail. These include suicide, immigration, poverty and unemployment, addiction, sexual deviance, marginalization, etc.

### Drug dependence or addiction

Drug addiction is a phenomenon called "scourge of evil" because the destruction of it underlies many of the values and norms of cultural and moral norms, endangering the health of society. Drug addiction is a new phenomenon that is not more than 150 years old and has had a great influence on different aspects of human life since the 19th century. Before the 1970 s, drug addiction was not considered as a social issue, but then the use of drugs became widespread and became a global issue and today is considered one of the most important social issues worldwide(Sotoudeh, 2003).

In our country, the Pahlavi era of drug addiction has been rising, and this trend has been relatively slow and calm until the 65s and 70s, but after 1370 this trend has been dramatically rising. According to official statistics released by the Combat Material Headquarters the number of addicts in the year 86 was 1 million and 200 thousand people, while in January 91, the number of those people was one million and 325 thousand people. And if the same statistics are based, it should be noted that during these years the average daily 70 people have been added to the statistics of addicts in the country.

In addition to being addicted to addiction, addiction also has very devastating social consequences that are the cause of family problems and Social, including robbery, insecurity, divorce ... in society, also costs a lot to society. From this Today, one of the main concerns of executives and researchers is the attempt to control and reduce this damage within the community.

As it was mentioned, divorce from the 19th century onwards entered the international community, which was precisely at the same time of modernity in It was expanding. The changes that took place in the societies caused the spread of addiction in society. Modernization triggers the spread of individualism and change in families was undoubtedly one of the major causes of addiction to separation of individuals from the family and individualism is. In general, 2 can be seen from the perspective of the impact of modernity on the spread of addiction damage: 1 - Psychological theories: These theories emphasize the tendency of some types of personality to

narcotics. According to these theories, the likelihood of using drugs in People who are low self-esteem or more anxious are always more likely to find confidence and escape from tension in order to calm down(Mooney, Knox, & Schacht, 2014).

[Anxiety, depression and lack of calm are the consequences of modernity, which is characterized by the collapse of different domains Society causes these injuries in society. 2. Sociological Theories: Functionalists claim to be over-consuming substances Opioid is a reaction to the weakening of social norms. The more the community becomes more complex and social transformation is faster Social norms and values become more obscure, will lead to anomic status. So they claim to be consuming so much Drugs are a reaction to the lack of transplantation between the individual and the community(Sedigh Sarvestani, 2011).

#### **Sexual deviations**

Sexual instinct can be the source of the highest physical and artistic charts and the origin of the foundation of a family and the origin of many crimes. Various environmental, family, and social factors are the source of a variety of sexual deviations. Though some of these kinds of deviations, there are individual problems, but most of them, because they are meaningful in relation to another, will have social implications.

Sexual deviations are not precise and can be defined in accordance with the culture of any society. In our society, every kind Sexual behavior that violates Islamic principles is known as sexual harm(Mohseni, 1979).

Sexual deviations have different social outcomes and consequences; the spread of insecurity and abnormalities in the society, the foundation the family casts off the youth and the people away from the mainstream of society. Islamic religion, while emphasizing the avoidance of any conflict sexually encourages everyone to marry. In modern times, there was a change in the way that sexual deviations became a problem Socialized. The crisis has started from Western countries and has infiltrated other countries. The most important factors in our country The spread of sexual deviations, mass media and satellites, life-stricken lives in the structure of the family, the erosion of religious structures and The expansion of individualism, all of which is influenced by modernity.

## Suicide

Suicide refers to any form of death that results directly or indirectly in the action of the victim's person. And it is aware of the outcome of its operation(Ghoreyshi & Mousavinasab, 2008). According to the WHO, the 13th death toll in the world is suicidal Is. Many consider suicide as psychological, but suicide is most influenced by changes in society. Durkheim's research on this is evidence of this.

According to official WHO reports in 1996, at least 500,000 people in the world each year Suicide end their lives. This is while the unofficial statistics are about one million people. Incidence rate Suicide rate in Iran is 6.2 per 100 thousand, in western countries it is more than 12, and the average age of suicide in Iran is 29 years(Saberi-Zafaghandi, Hajebi, Eskandarieh, & Ahmadzad Asl, 2012).

However, there are different rates of suicide rates because of our religious beliefs in our country they refrain from declaring suicide and may be higher in Iran, but the rate of suicide in the world after the year 1960s and in Iran after the 1370s. And today it is considered as one of the most pressing social issues.

Suicide has negative effects on different sectors of society; the shame and shame of families in society and among the relatives And it may cause divisions and shocks, divorces and disintegration of families, and may even lead to murder and suicide Another consequence of

suicide is that this action increases the anomalies and deviations of society. Whatever Suicide will increase, social disruptions will also increase. The suicide of young people destroys human capital of the community Is. And parents' suicide has increased the number of unmarried people in the community, resulting in an increase in the rate of deviations and Delinquency in society.

Increasing suicide in the Western countries after the Industrial Revolution, especially after the years of the year of January, Modernity is the realm of social life in the countries. It cannot be said that the spread of suicide in modern times is a consequence Modernity is one of the factors that increase its modernity and its tools, including this divorce, divorce from tradition And religion, individualism and separation from society, family disunity, lack of trust and security, etc. All mentioned factors Consequences of the modern age.

Our religious doctrines condemn suicide as "ugly", and they strongly prohibit it, but nowadays, due to the weakness of these doctrines, these people are not in the lives of individuals. Or family as the main element of society it loses its role and does not have previous function. In the same way, separation from the family provides the basis for the occurrence of abnormalities. He does. In general, suicide of the modern age can well be sought in Durkheim's study. And through it the role of modernity spread the divorce. That selfish suicide and disorder are more relevant to our society. Durkheim regards the dependence (bias) and separation (selfishness) as the main cause of suicide. Of course he is another type 2 they see suicide when they have no control over behaviors and norms and are generally subject to social, economic, and he is politically involved. He says that in this type of suicide there is an imbalance between the wishes and the way to them. The person to suicide. The fourth type of suicide that is algebraic is due to disorder in society(Ghazizadeh Hashemi, Ajilian Abbasi, Hoseini, Khodaei, & Saeidi, 2014).

## **Migration**

Immigration is a form of geographic mobility or spatial mobility between two geographic units. This geographic mobility, Involves changing the residence from the origin or place of movement to the destination or place of entry(Tamana, 2007). Immigration at a glance is normal and normal and the sample of this trend is considered in Iran in the years 1992. But in other respects it can be raised as a social issue a situation that we see today in Iran and many developing countries. Increasing immigration in Iran on the one hand it causes the villages and small towns to be vacant from the population, and on the other hand, it will allow them to go to cities and metropolises. Causing marginalization, insecurity, poverty, unemployment and many other consequences.

-Affiliation School: Dependent viewers believe that the causes of immigration cannot be separated from its effects, because Immigration on the one hand is a developmental disability and, on the other, an uneven developmental factor. According to this view, due to unequal distribution the facilities between urban and rural resources and the lack of economic benefits of agricultural production, the migration of villagers to cities to enjoy more facilities will increase(Arthur & Flynn, 2013).

-Rhône-Stein's theory: Rhône-Stein was the first to try to move the mechanism of migration based on the general principles of the approach. Functionalism. In a series of studies on immigration issues in England he introduced the rules of absorption and disposal. She The Seven Immigration Law, which refers to law, repulsion, and attraction. Rhône-Stein believes that the distribution process and population density in different parts of the country depend on the attraction and repulsive factors in those areas. No more attraction factors in a larger area is the density and concentration of population migration in that area, and vice versa(Hosseini, 2002).

From the consequences of modern times, expanding attention to the areas of the mother and neglecting other areas; the expansion of factories, and companies in a place will attract people from other areas. In our country after the 65s, with the expansion of facilities in metropolitan areas we witnessed rapid population growth in these areas.

# Marginalization

The twenty-first century began when urban transmission took place, and more than half of the population lived in cities. They made Today, the urbanization process is on the rise. Urbanization has a long history, but its unprecedented growth occurred in the 19th century and after the industrial revolution(S Zahed & Venus, 2008). The rapid growth of cities and the imbalance of their populations hamper harmonious development. This explosive growth, especially in the countries The Third World is most likely to be the continual internal migration (village to city), with social, economic, and cultural reflections possibly marginalized. Shelters in the settlement organization have organized a form of living that is not a city it is a native and not a village. Although they live around the city and live in the economy of the city, but attract the economy, Community and culture of the city. This lack of absorption suggests that the marginalized as a legitimate citizen in society Urban is not accepted. Therefore, this lack of absorption in the city's economic and social system occurs in a variety of ways. One at The housing model, the other is the way of life and social relations of individuals that are different from the practices and relationships of ordinary urban people.

The sideline is considered the appendix of the great city. Unequal social conditions, economic poverty, low level of education, The possibility of diversity, the diversity of groups with different cultures, unemployment and ... the grounds for their expansion, and on the other hand, For those who are affected by their misconduct(Farmanesh, 2009). The gathering of immigrants with multiple cultures in these environments Senamania B, along with the problems caused by lack of employment, leads to delinquency and the creation of criminal areas. Also, from an economic point of view, the increase in unskilled and non-skilled immigrants leads to the emergence of hidden unemployment and unnecessary development of the services sector.

Today, one of the important issues in developing countries is the issue of marginalization that applies to our country. Around Metropolises such as Tehran, Mashhad and Esfahan today have a lot of problems with marginalization. In general, one can say one of the important causes of the development of marginalization in developing countries is modernity because of rapid changes and the spread of technology it provided the context for migrating to cities, which is understandable by using three theories:

Clinard and Meier (2015), believes that marginalization is due to the growth of cities. In the early stages of growth, the city center is a top-class place of residence, but with the expansion of the commercial and industrial areas in the area, these are the ones that lay it's better to move out of the city center and live far away from the city center. The growth of cities is the result of modernity Changes and developments resulting from it, the spread of technology, transportation, factories and ... attracting immigrants from rural areas and Less developed in urban areas, most of whom are not attracted to the city due to lack of professionalism and awareness, and to areas Marginalized.

Saeid Zahed (2006), believes that the existing technology of society has distributed the existing facilities to some who are able to live in the city, some in the village and some in the slums. In other words, the distribution of facilities in polar form creates centers they have a lot of facilities and they come in front of the points that benefit from very few facilities. That way there are differences between different settlements and some urbanization, some villagers and some marginalized people. On This basis for the development of technology and facilities causes the

margin of the bay where the cities are divided into two central regions and the peripheral area which is well represented by the role of modernity here.

#### **Divorce**

If in the past the divorce and its consequences and consequences are less pronounced, perhaps one of the reasons is that the number of divorce cases the size of today is not. Increasing divorce is not limited to Western societies. It is a phenomenon of contemporary diseases and injuries Is. Evidence suggests that wherever western culture has become more intrusive, divorce rates have also increased. In Iran, there is also a divorce, there is a long way to go, and it can be said that there was a divorce from the time of the formation of the family. In Iran, in different historical periods, there are laws there were divorces.

Divorce has many dimensions like many social issues. Divorce in the first form is a social phenomenon and a state normally, it is in the structure of society, and this is why it is a lawful process, but in the second case, in the conditions of revolution, war, crisis, Economic inflation and extreme social changes are seen and turned into a state of affairs.

Although the historic date of divorce is in conjunction with the historical dating of marriage, but since the twentieth century, divorce is a social and social problem. Newly introduced. Following the increase in population, changes in the system of value, cultural and normative and other changes caused by Industrial revolution and the introduction of technology that the divorce rate has been growing. Studies have shown that divorce and complications Negative, physical, mental, moral, social, and so on. Divorce can pave the way for many other problems, such as suicide, addiction, Crime, Psychiatry, Personality Conflict, Offender, and so on. That is why the divorce is of great importance as a problem Social We Know(Sheykhi, 2006).

In our country, the number of divorces has risen day by day, so today one of the main concerns of authorities and researchers the issue is divorce. Until 1996, divorce in Iran was not so much divorce rate, and it was not a social problem, but later it grew rapidly this year. Statistics show that in 1365, for every 1,000 marriages, 103 divorces occurred, this The figure dropped to 79 in 1975, in 85 per 1000 marriages, 120 divorces occurred, 93 in 226 Divorced This process demonstrates the importance of the issue under review. In 1993, about a quarter of marriages were divorced Said that the continuation of this process would lead to irreparable damage to society(Aghajanian & Thompson, 2013). Modernity affects the spread of divorce in several ways; mass media and satellite, the weakness of religious doctrines, changes in patterns Family and change in the functions of the family. The mentioned factors indicate the impact of modernity on divorce, which these patterns, instead of it helps to maintain the stability of the family and, in some cases, it is effective in disintegrating the family. The enemies of the system are trying to achieve this goal through media and cyberspace. However, divorce is not a new phenomenon the increasing prevalence is very worrying and one of the five social issues in Iran is the issue of divorce, which is essential for maintaining a family foundation should pay close attention.

## **Poverty and unemployment**

Poverty is in fact the mother of all social injuries. Poverty with many issues, including poor health and increased mortality, illness Psychological, academic failure, crime and drug use. However, poverty itself is inherently a problem and a disadvantage, but this is not necessarily the case this does not mean that all people who live below the poverty line. Disruptive and troublesome people are for the community. Problems Economic failure to provide physical and mental needs is often a ground for the emergence of other social problems.

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Unemployment is another social problem that has both serious personal injuries and significant social damage. Unemployment, especially in the young and energetic generation, whose energy and power remains stagnant, remain unchanged. Provides ground for a variety of social deviations. There are always vacant opportunities, unemployment intolerance, and lack of power supply due to lack of income, the needs are ready for seeding and deviations. Poverty and unemployment have existed in all societies, but today its scope has become widespread. Modernity has been provided to take the minority group of all the facilities and interests and take over the majority group. This relationship is chained in sequence. All levels are from the binational system to local groups.

#### **Others**

Along with the most important social damage mentioned, there are other injuries that are more indirectly detrimental to injury. The social affects mentioned affect these factors, without doubt, to some extent influenced modernity. Which is a glance at They are dealt with.

-Changes in family structures and functions: Structurally, families diminished and the family worked in terms of work. He lost his previous job and left the task of educating his children and socialization to other institutions. This leads to instability Family and, consequently, family failure. Here, the role of modernity can be found in the expansion of employment and the education of women and presence they considered men on the scene of the community.

-The contrast between indigenous culture and non-native culture: modernity defeats indigenous and local borders and seeks to create a global system it is myth and piety that the leaders of the global system are seeking to spread their dominant culture to other countries so that they can more easily to achieve their goals. This contrast today undermines the unity of various cultures in our society, which are examples of it we see Iranian people. The controversy mentioned causes serious damage to the various sectors of our society.

-The diminution of religious values and brain drain are another social damage that modernism has played a key role in expanding them.

# **CONCLUSION**

Today, Iranian society faces different social problems that affect many factors. One of the factors the most important influence on our social injuries and social problems is modernity and its tools. Modernity along with the positive effects of growth Social injuries have also helped to increase the social issues in Iran more intensely and deeply due to the impact of modernity on Western culture. Found. One of the best ways to solve this issue is to adapt modernity to indigenous and Islamic culture, in which case to grow and community development. In this research, we tried to examine the impact of modernity on social issues, which ultimately the social issues affecting modern society in Iran are briefly summarized as follows:

-Addiction: The difference between cultural patterns in Iranian society and the placement of a traditional pattern against a modern pattern weakens the norms People have been. This makes the groups and individuals less likely to adhere to the norms. It is also possible with the expansion of social change the adaptation of internalized values to norms does not occur, so when people are rejected from society, they are abusive. Bring back Here the role of modernity is at the pace of evolution and the spread of abnormalities.

-Sexual deviations: Modernity has led to the spread of sexual deviations in Iranian society through the reduction of religious doctrines and the spread of Western culture.

-Suicide: Modernity by breaking down indigenous culture, loosening religious foundations, individualism, loosening the foundations of the family and Insecurity has increased suicide.

- -Hajrat: The consequences of modernity in societies are the focus of attention on the central regions and the focus of facilities in these areas, which focus the facilities expand the migration to the motherland.
- -Marginalization: Modernity through expanding immigration, creating inequality, unbalanced distribution and technology spread over marginalization. Indigenous influences.
- -Oivorce: Modernity through the media and satellite, the weakness of religious doctrines, changes in family functions and patterns on expansion Divorce has affected.
- -Along with the mentioned injuries, there are other issues that directly and indirectly affect the development of social issues These factors are mainly related to the expansion of modernity, including the confrontation between culture and tradition, the change in structure And the functions of the family, unemployment and poverty.

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