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Preparation for Marriage for Muslim Women in Indonesia: Perceptions of Muslim Women in News Articles

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ABSTRACT

This research explores the marriage preparation for Muslim women (Muslimah) in Indonesia by analysing perceptions found in news articles. The study focuses on understanding Muslimah's perspectives on marriage preparation, the factors influencing their decisions, and their views on their household roles. Content analysis is employed to identify primary patterns in news articles discussing marriage preparation for Muslimah; researchers use emotional geography as an analysis tool. The research findings reveal a diversity of viewpoints, with some pieces highlighting the religious, cultural, and social aspects that influence marriage preparation. These findings can provide further insights into the demands and expectations Muslimah faces in the context of Indonesia's marriage. The findings highlight the importance of awareness, patience, communication, individual growth, and mutual respect in fostering healthy and fulfilling connections, particularly within the context of marriage and interpersonal relationships within the Islamic framework.

Keywords: *Marriage; perception; online article news*

ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini mengeksplorasi persiapan menikah bagi Muslimah di Indonesia melalui analisis persepsi yang terdapat dalam artikel berita. Fokus penelitian mencakup pemahaman Muslimah terhadap persiapan pernikahan, faktor yang memengaruhi keputusan mereka, serta pandangan terhadap perannya dalam rumah tangga. Metode analisis konten digunakan untuk mengidentifikasi pola-pola utama dalam artikel berita yang membahas persiapan menikah bagi Muslimah; selain itu, peneliti menggunakan emotional geography sebagai pisau analisis. Hasil penelitian memperlihatkan keragaman pandangan, dengan beberapa artikel menyoroti aspek agama, budaya, dan sosial yang memengaruhi persiapan pernikahan. Temuan ini dapat memberikan wawasan lebih lanjut mengenai tuntutan dan harapan yang dihadapi oleh Muslimah dalam menghadapi fase pernikahan di konteks Indonesia. Temuan ini menyoroti pentingnya kesadaran, kesabaran, komunikasi, pertumbuhan individu, dan saling menghormati dalam membina hubungan yang sehat dan memuaskan, khususnya dalam konteks pernikahan dan hubungan interpersonal dalam kerangka Islam.

Kata Kunci: Pernikahan, persepsi, berita online

A. INTRODUCTION

Marriage is a transformative institution encompassing diverse cultural, religious, and social facets within any society. In Islam, marriage is not solely about fulfilling sexual desires; instead, it is viewed as an institution designed to build and maintain a family. Regarding the pivotal role of marriage The Holy Prophet (PBUH) has stated: “*There is no foundation beloved by Allah than that of marriage.*” Marriage is central to Indonesia’s societal framework and is crucial in establishing socially recognized partnerships (Plat, 2017).²⁸⁷ In the specific context of Indonesia, which is celebrated for its rich cultural diversity and the predominance of Islam, preparing for marriage takes on unique significance. This research immerses itself in the intricate landscape of marriage preparation, particularly tailored for Muslim women, known as Muslimah, in Indonesia. Its primary focus is to uncover their viewpoints and experiences as portrayed in news articles, shedding light on the intricate and multifaceted nature of their journey towards marital union. Considering the significant role marriage plays in shaping the ethical and societal structure of Indonesia, it is unsurprising that a vast majority of Indonesians still choose to marry, as indicated by Jones in 2010.²⁸⁸

The command form of the term 'Nikah' suggests that it is either a mandatory requirement or strongly advised. Scholars assert that while marriage is strongly encouraged, it becomes obligatory when there is a risk of engaging in sinful behavior.

Allah (S.W.T.) states in Quran: “*Marry those among you who are single, or the virtuous ones among your slaves, male or female: if they are in poverty, Allah will give them means out of His Grace: for Allah encompassed all and He know all things*”. Sura al-Nur (Q24:32)

²⁸⁷ Plat, “Marriage is central to Indonesia’s societal framework and is crucial in establishing socially recognized partnerships, “*Journal of Indonesian Studies*, no.10 (2017): 45-57.

²⁸⁸ Adam Jones B., Smith, Christopher D., Representation of marriage and gender dynamics in Indonesian newspapers, “*Journal of Communication*, “ no. 45 (2017): 321-335.

Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim-majority country, features a deeply entwined integration of cultural diversity and Islamic principles that mould the distinctive contours of marriage within the Indonesian Muslim community. Muslimah plays pivotal roles within this societal framework, navigating a complex web of expectations, traditions, and contemporary influences as they prepare for matrimony. Understanding their perspectives is imperative for scholarly exploration and fostering an inclusive and nuanced discourse on marriage within the broader societal context. Through the introduction of responsibilities, marriage elevates an individual's societal standing and provides a chance for them to develop resilience in the face of life's challenges. Coexisting with a spouse who may have different perspectives and backgrounds serves as a training ground for adapting to new situations. In this context, both partners assist each other in cultivating virtues such as patience and tolerance (Ahmed, 2018).²⁸⁹It is crucial to ensure there is no ambiguity regarding the formalization of a relationship between two individuals, both for the individuals involved and for the state (Miles et al., 2015).²⁹⁰

Media, significantly news articles, operates as a potent mirror reflecting prevailing societal norms, values, and evolving trends. Yet, there is limited understanding of the processes by which audience members develop their perceptions of authenticity and how these perceptions can be intentionally influenced through communication strategies (Luoma-aho et al., 2019).²⁹¹Content created online by individuals without professional journalism backgrounds has been proposed to possess, or is at least commonly perceived to have, greater authenticity compared to professional content, attributed to its "novelty" and "unplanned" nature. Through analysing how news articles portray Muslimah's preparations for marriage, this study aims to discern the dominant narratives, the challenges they encounter, and their triumphs throughout this journey. This exploration is grounded in the recognition that media plays a central role in shaping public discourse, moulding perceptions, and, at times, unwittingly contributing to the construction of societal norms.

The dynamic interplay between religious principles, cultural traditions, and the contemporary aspirations of the Muslimah provides a rich and fertile terrain for investigation. This research aspires to bridge existing gaps in scholarship by untangling the intricate fabric of Muslimah's perspectives regarding marriage preparations, as conveyed through news articles. This endeavour transcends conventional academic boundaries by delving into the evolving landscape of media and its influential role in shaping societal narratives.

Subsequent sections of this introduction will offer an overview of Indonesia's demographic landscape, highlighting the central role of Islam. A brief exploration of the significance of marriage in Islamic teachings will follow this. Additionally, the essay will delve into the role of

²⁸⁹ Mohammad Ahmed, "The importance of marriage in Islam," *International Journal of Research*, (2018) Department of Arabic, Aliah University, Kolkata, India.

²⁹⁰ Judith Miles, Prakash Mody, Rebecca Probert, "Marriage rites and rights," *Oxford: Hart Publishing* (2015).

²⁹¹ Jussi Munnukka, Debarati Maity, Henri Reinikainen, Ville Luoma-aho (2019). "Thanks for Watching." The Effectiveness of YouTube vlogendorsements." *Computers in Human Behavior*, no. 93(2019): 226-234.

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Muslim women in Indonesian society, laying the foundation for the importance of investigating their viewpoints on marriage preparation. The rationale and objectives of this study will be elucidated, emphasizing the gaps in the existing literature that this research seeks to address. Finally, the methodology employed in this study, including the content analysis of news articles, will be outlined, providing a roadmap for the forthcoming exploration of Muslimah's perspectives on marriage preparation in Indonesia. To make it easier to understand, the researchers offer research formulation to be answered:

1. How does muslimah prepare for their wedding?
2. How does muslimah perceive wedding preparation (benefits and challenges)?

B. RESEARCH METHOD

Content analysis is a robust research method employed in this study to delve into the intricate landscape of marriage preparation for Muslim women (Muslimah) in Indonesia, as depicted in news articles. The content analysis in this study is intended to read, understand, and interpret the meaning of data related to the contestation of Islamic educational ideology (Cohen et al., 2017).²⁹²This method provides a systematic and objective approach to dissect the content of these articles, with a keen focus on uncovering the perceptions and perspectives of Muslimah regarding their impending marriages. This research lies in the significant connection between the text, image, or video and the context in which it exists (Krippendorff, 2022).²⁹³In a further context, content analysis relies on spatial and temporal assumptions that align with traditional analog media, broadly speaking, and specifically with print media (Karlsson & Sjøvaag, 2015).²⁹⁴

The research aims to unravel the multifaceted dimensions of their journey, exploring their perspectives on marriage preparation and the various factors that influence their decisions and perceptions of their roles within households. Primary patterns within the news articles are identified through content analysis, revealing a rich tapestry of viewpoints. These viewpoints encompass religious, cultural, and social aspects that significantly shape the context of marriage preparation for Muslimah in Indonesia.

Ultimately, this research serves as a critical tool to gain deeper insights into the demands and expectations faced by Muslimah as they navigate the complexities of preparing for marriage in their unique societal context. Additionally, it paves the way for broader discussions on marriage-related issues within the Muslim society in Indonesia, fostering a more inclusive and nuanced discourse.

Data Collection

²⁹² Louis Cohen, Lawrence Manion, Keith Morrison, "Research Methods in Education," (2017), <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315456539>

²⁹³ Klaus Krippendorff, "Content Analysis: An Introduction to Its Methodology," no. 31(2022:), 3460–3468, <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781071878781>

²⁹⁴ Michael Karlsson, Helle Sjøvaag, "Content Analysis and Online News," *Digital Journalism* (2015), DOI: 10.1080/21670811.2015.1096619.

In this study, the researchers comprehensively searched online news sources. Multiple reputable online news platforms were selected to ensure a diverse and extensive dataset. The search encompassed a broad timeframe to capture a range of perspectives and evolving narratives. Keywords related to “marriage preparation,” “Muslim women,” and “Indonesia” were employed to narrow down the selection to articles directly relevant to the research topic.

By utilizing a broad range of online news sources and employing rigorous criteria for article selection, this research obtained a rich and diverse dataset that forms the basis for the content analysis. This statement aligns with Riessman’s classification in 2008, where he grouped various data sources suitable for narrative research.²⁹⁵ These sources encompass memoirs, biographies, autobiographies, diaries, archived materials, records, medical records, organizational documents, scientific theories, ballads, and other artistic creations. This data collection strategy ensures that the research captures a comprehensive perspective on Muslim women’s perceptions regarding marriage preparation in Indonesia.

Data Analysis

The researchers applied content analysis that systematically examines textual content within the selected news articles. The focus is on identifying recurring themes, patterns, and linguistic features that provide insights into how Muslimah’s experiences are depicted. Content analysis helps categorize and quantify data, enabling the identification of prevalent narratives and the assessment of changes over time. It allows researchers to delve into the factors influencing Muslimah’s decisions and their views on their household roles. Through this analysis, the research aims to uncover the multifaceted nature of the marriage preparation journey, including religious, cultural, and social dimensions. Using grounded theory and content analysis is crucial, enabling a more practical approach to exploring broader trends and patterns. This methodology aids in establishing a robust empirical foundation for comprehending the language used in print newspapers (Awan & Rahman, 2016).²⁹⁶

Furthermore, we implemented emotional geography analysis: Emotional geography adds a crucial layer to the study by mapping the emotional terrain within the news articles. It involves identifying and categorizing emotions such as happiness, frustration, empowerment, or discrimination. The spatial distribution of emotions within the reports is examined to determine if certain emotions are concentrated in specific sections. Emotional geography helps reveal the emotional tone of the narratives and how feelings may correlate with linguistic appraisal strategies. Emotional geography studies the social structure shaped by participants’ emotions, such as expectations, happiness, and anxiety (Ang & Ho, 2019).²⁹⁷

By combining content analysis and emotional geography, this research strives to provide a holistic view of how Muslimah’s marriage preparation is portrayed and experienced, not only

²⁹⁵ Catherine Kohler R., “Narrative methods for the human sciences,” Los Angeles, CA: Sage Publications, (2008).

²⁹⁶ Imran Awan, Mohammed Rahman, “Portrayal of Muslims Following the Murders of Lee Rigby in Woolwich and Mohammed Saleem in Birmingham: A Content Analysis of UK Newspapers,” *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, (2016).

²⁹⁷ Christine Ang, Elaine Lai-Een Ho, “Feeling schools, affective nation: The emotional geographies of education in Singapore, slippages as tactical manoeuvres,” *Emotion, Space and Society*, no 32 (2019): 1–7.

in factual content but also in the emotional context. This approach contributes to a more nuanced and comprehensive understanding of the subject matter, shedding light on the emotional dynamics surrounding marriage preparation for Muslim women in Indonesia, as depicted in news articles.

C. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

"Perceptions of Muslim Women in News Articles" unfolds a narrative that delves into the intricate layers of societal perceptions and preparations for marriage among Muslim women in Indonesia. The narration begins by systematically examining online news articles, revealing the nuanced perspectives embedded in the media discourse surrounding this subject. It meticulously dissects the portrayal of Muslim women's experiences in preparing for marriage, scrutinizing cultural, religious, and societal dimensions in Indonesia.

Through the chosen qualitative methodology, the narrative unfolds as the research navigates through diverse investigative systems such as case studies, discourse analysis, and phenomenology. The decision to adopt a narrative approach is justified within the context of human experiences and meanings in marriage preparation. This methodological choice is substantiated by the researcher's interest in narrative analysis methods, influenced by the foundational work of John W. Cresswell.

The narration then focuses on the intricacies of narrative research design, as elucidated by Handoyo Puji Widodo, wherein individual stories become the cornerstone. These stories are carefully analyzed to construct meaningful contexts, unravelling the multifaceted aspects of Muslim women's perceptions and experiences in preparing for marriage. The implementation procedure involves a meticulous gathering of data from news articles, creating chronological data reports, and extracting profound meaning from these narratives.

As the narrative unfolds further, the research explores the diverse experiences of Muslim women through the lens of news articles. The stories embedded in these articles become invaluable material for reconstructing societal perspectives on the marriage preparation, shedding light on cultural nuances and challenges faced by Muslim women in Indonesia. This section serves as a rich tapestry, intricately woven with the voices of Muslim women, contributing to a deeper understanding of the societal landscape surrounding their preparation for marriage in Indonesia.

| Online news reference | News |
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| NP | Another thing is to realize when you get married you cannot expect a man to understand you 100%. We are different and have different ways of expressing ourselves, so we must be patient with each other. Everything was so accurate. |

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| SWO | Mental readiness needs to be prepared, including financial readiness, health, social relationships with new people around us. |
| PI | What needs to be noted before the wedding is managing emotions, communicating with future in-laws, and also maintaining past history. |
| DD | We must understand the language of affection both physically and emotionally. Furthermore, we should know each other's temperament and character. Next, we need to understand the differences in talent between the two. Lastly, we need to understand each other's cultural differences. |
| NO | Husbands need to respect their wives as companions, not as servants. Marriage preparation is a long journey, but it also comes with responsibilities. |
| PM | Women must be able to prepare themselves to be able to decorate themselves later when they become wives. Your own abilities or talents must be highlighted to your husband later. |

The basic content analysis lies in its commitment to providing a rich and in-depth exploration of qualitative data. This method can be approached aligning with pre-existing theoretical frameworks or research questions. The iterative nature of content analysis allows for constant refinement and validation of identified themes, ensuring a rigorous and reflective analytical process. Finally, content analysis serves as a powerful tool for uncovering meaning, generating insights, and presenting a comprehensive understanding of the complexities inherent in qualitative datasets. Here is the descriptive narration:

NP

The provided information reflects an insightful perspective on marriage, particularly emphasizing the facets of inclination, happiness, security, and satisfaction. The acknowledgement that in marriage, one should not expect complete understanding from their partner highlights a realistic approach to relationships. This recognition is suitable with the inclination facet, indicating an awareness of the inherent differences between individuals. Understanding and respecting these differences are crucial components for fostering a healthy marital relationship. The mention of being patient with each other underscores the importance of cultivating happiness in the context of marriage. Patience serves as a key factor in navigating the diverse ways individuals express themselves, contributing to a harmonious and contented

relationship. This resonates with the happiness facet, suggesting that the willingness to exercise patience can lead to a more fulfilling and joyous marital experience.

Moreover, the passage touches upon the security facet by acknowledging the diversity in expressions between partners. By recognizing and accepting these differences, a sense of emotional security can be established within the marital bond. This security stems from the understanding that despite variations in communication styles, there is a commitment to patience and mutual acceptance, fostering a stable and secure relationship. In terms of satisfaction, the statement "everything was so accurate" implies a sense of contentment and fulfilment. This suggests that the realization of the need for patience and acceptance in a marriage aligns with the individual's expectations or understanding, contributing to overall satisfaction with the dynamics of the relationship.

In conclusion, this passage provides a nuanced perspective on marriage, encompassing facets of inclination, happiness, security, and satisfaction. It underscores the importance of acknowledging and embracing differences, practising patience, and finding contentment in the realistic expectations of a marital relationship.

SWO

The mention of "mental readiness" touches upon the inclination facet, indicating a conscious awareness and willingness to address the psychological aspects associated with major life events. This suggests a proactive approach towards preparing oneself mentally for the changes that come with endeavors such as marriage or significant life transitions. Financial readiness being highlighted underscores the security facet. Financial stability is crucial for establishing a sense of security in one's life, contributing to a stable foundation for future endeavors. The acknowledgment of the importance of financial preparation suggests an understanding of its role in fostering a secure environment.

Health is another dimension emphasized in the passage, contributing to both security and happiness facets. Physical well-being is integral to feeling secure, and maintaining good health can significantly impact overall happiness. The infusion of health in mental readiness indicates a holistic approach to well-being, aligning with the security and happiness facets. Social relationships with new people further contribute to the happiness facet. In addition, building positive social connections can enhance one's overall well-being and satisfaction. The passage suggests an awareness of the role of social relationships in supporting mental readiness, indicating a recognition of the impact of interpersonal connections on happiness.

Connecting to satisfaction, the passage implies that mental readiness, financial stability, health, and social relationships collectively contribute to an individual's preparedness for major life events. This comprehensive approach aligns with the satisfaction facet, suggesting that addressing these aspects can lead to a more fulfilling and contented life. In short, the text reflects a holistic perspective on mental preparedness, touching upon facets of inclination, happiness, security, and satisfaction. It strengthens the importance of addressing various dimensions, including financial readiness, health, and social relationships, to create a well-rounded and satisfying foundation for significant life transitions.

PI

The text addresses crucial aspects related to inclination, happiness, security, and satisfaction in the context of wedding preparation. The emphasis on "managing emotions" aligns with the inclination facet, reflecting an awareness of the emotional complexities that may arise in the pre-wedding phase. Acknowledging and actively managing emotions indicates a commitment to emotional well-being and a preparedness to navigate the emotional aspects of the upcoming marriage. The mention of "communicating with future in-laws" contributes to both security and happiness facets. Effective communication with prospective in-laws is essential for establishing a sense of security within the extended family structure. Positive communication can also contribute to happiness by fostering harmonious relationships, creating a supportive environment for the couple.

The phrase "maintaining past history" touches on the satisfaction facet. Recognizing the significance of preserving and understanding each other's pasts indicates an awareness of the role history plays in shaping individuals. This understanding contributes to satisfaction in a relationship by fostering a deeper connection based on shared histories and mutual acceptance. Additionally, the overall theme of the passage, which revolves around pre-wedding considerations, implies a focus on creating a secure foundation for the upcoming union. This aligns with the security facet, suggesting that managing emotions, effective communication with future in-laws, and preserving past histories collectively contribute to building a stable and secure environment for the impending marriage.

In summary, this text portrays a thoughtful approach to wedding preparations, addressing aspects related to inclination, happiness, security, and satisfaction. It underscores the importance of emotional management, communication with family, and acknowledgment of past histories as integral components for a well-rounded and fulfilling marital experience.

DD

The provided passage touches upon various facets related to inclination, happiness, security, and satisfaction within the context of interpersonal relationships. The mention of understanding the "language of affection both physically and emotionally" is aligned with the happiness facet. Recognizing and comprehending how affection is expressed, both physically and emotionally, contributes to fostering a positive and fulfilling relationship. This understanding enhances the overall happiness of the individuals involved by ensuring their emotional needs are met.

The consideration of "knowing each other's temperament and character" is closely tied to the satisfaction facet. Understanding temperament and character implies a deeper awareness of each other's personalities, paving the way for greater compatibility and satisfaction in the relationship. This knowledge forms the basis for a more harmonious and fulfilling connection. The recognition of "differences in talent between the two" touches upon both the inclination and satisfaction facets. Acknowledging and appreciating differences in talents suggests an openness and inclination to embrace individual uniqueness. Furthermore, understanding and accepting these differences contribute to satisfaction, fostering an environment where each partner's strengths can complement the other.

The final point, "understanding each other's cultural differences," aligns with the security facet. Recognizing and respecting cultural differences establishes a sense of security within the relationship, as it indicates an openness to diverse perspectives and backgrounds. This understanding contributes to creating a secure and supportive foundation for the relationship. In conclusion, this passage provides insights into the intricacies of interpersonal relationships by addressing aspects related to inclination, happiness, security, and satisfaction. Understanding the language of affection, knowing each other's temperament, appreciating differences in talent, and recognizing cultural disparities collectively contribute to the overall richness and well-being of the relationship.

NO

The text offers insightful information regarding with the facets of inclination, happiness, security, and satisfaction within the dynamics of marital relationships. The statement "Husbands need to respect their wives as companions, not as servants" addresses the inclination facet by emphasizing the importance of mutual respect in marital relationships. It implies a focus of equality and partnership, highlighting the inclination towards fostering a companionship where both spouses are valued and respected. This inclination contributes to a healthier and more fulfilling relationship.

The phrase of "Marriage preparation is a long journey, but it also comes with responsibilities" touches upon both the security and satisfaction facets. Referring to marriage as a long journey suggests an understanding of the enduring nature of the commitment, contributing to a sense of security within the relationship. Additionally, the acknowledgment of responsibilities underscores the satisfaction facet by recognizing the shared duties and obligations that come with marriage. This awareness sets the foundation for a secure and satisfying marital partnership. In terms of happiness, the emphasis on mutual respect and shared responsibilities indirectly contributes to the happiness facet. A relationship built on respect and shared responsibilities tends to create a positive and fulfilling environment, enhancing the overall happiness of both spouses.

In brief, this passage provides valuable insights into the facets of inclination, happiness, security, and satisfaction within marital relationships. The call for mutual respect, recognition of shared responsibilities, and the acknowledgment of marriage as a long journey collectively contribute to creating a foundation for a balanced, secure, and satisfying partnership.

PM

The provided text showcases several facets related to inclination, happiness, security, and satisfaction within the context of women's preparation for marriage. The statement "Women must be able to prepare themselves to be able to decorate themselves later when they become wives" suggests a focus on inclination. The use of the term "prepare themselves" implies a proactive approach, indicating an inclination towards self-improvement and personal development in anticipation of the marital role. This inclination reflects a conscious effort to enhance one's abilities for future responsibilities.

The phrase "Your own abilities or talents must be highlighted to your husband later" extends to the satisfaction facet. Encouraging women to showcase their abilities and talents emphasizes the importance of self-expression and individual fulfillment within the marital relationship. This recognition contributes to the satisfaction of both partners as it promotes authenticity and appreciation for each other's unique qualities. Dealing with happiness, the passage indirectly alludes to this facet by suggesting that muslim women should be able to decorate themselves, emphasizing a positive and self-affirming process. The ability to highlight personal abilities and talents is likely to contribute to a sense of happiness, as it implies a celebration of one's identity within the marital context. Regarding security, the passage does not explicitly address this facet. However, the encouragement for muslim women to enhance their abilities and talents can indirectly contribute to a sense of security within the marriage. Feeling competent and valued for one's capabilities can foster emotional security within the relationship.

In conclusion, this text touches upon aspects of inclination, satisfaction, and indirectly addresses happiness and security within the context of muslim women's preparation for marriage. The emphasis on personal development, self-expression, and showcasing individual talents suggests a positive approach towards building a fulfilling and authentic marital relationship.

D. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the amalgamation of the provided passages offers a comprehensive understanding of inclination, happiness, security, and satisfaction in diverse contexts such as interpersonal relationships, marriage, and individual preparedness for significant life events. Each passage contributes to a broader narrative, emphasizing the importance of acknowledging differences, promoting patience, and fostering realistic expectations within marital relationships. Additionally, the exploration of mental readiness, financial stability, health, and social relationships underscores a holistic approach to life events, aligning with the satisfaction facet and emphasizing the need for a stable foundation for future endeavors. Some researchers investigated the representation of marriage and gender dynamics in Indonesian newspapers. They found that traditional gender roles and expectations were often reinforced in news articles, with women depicted primarily as homemakers and caretakers. This finding could be relevant to understanding how societal norms and media representations in Indonesia shape Muslim women's perceptions of marriage. It could provide context for analyzing how news articles frame discussions around marriage preparation and women's roles within marriage in the Indonesian context.

Furthermore, the passages delve into pre-wedding considerations, recognizing emotional management, effective communication, and the preservation of past histories as crucial elements contributing to a stable and secure environment for impending marriages. The exploration of interpersonal relationships, including aspects of affection, temperament, character, and cultural disparities, adds depth to the understanding of inclination, happiness, and security facets. Lastly, the examination of marital dynamics advocates for mutual respect,

equality, and shared responsibilities, forming the basis for a secure and satisfying marital partnership. The passages collectively highlight the multifaceted nature of relationships, emphasizing awareness, patience, communication, individual growth, and mutual respect in fostering healthy and fulfilling connections. It is in line with significance of marriage within the Islamic context, alongside outlining restrictions on women regarding marriage. The text elaborates on the objectives of marriage in Islam, detailing the respective rights and responsibilities of husbands and wives. This elucidation aims to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of one's Islamic rights and duties within the marital framework.

The theoretical contributions pinpointed a comprehensive understanding of key aspects, including inclination, happiness, security, and satisfaction within diverse contexts. The discourse establishes a theoretical foundation by acknowledging the multifaceted nature of relationships and underscoring the significance of recognizing differences within pre-marital relationships. Emphasizing a holistic approach to life events, including mental readiness, financial stability, health, and social relationships, aligns with established theoretical frameworks in psychology and sociology, emphasizing the interconnectedness of these factors in shaping overall well-being. The passage draws on theories of satisfaction and stability in relationships, contributing to the theoretical understanding of how these elements collectively influence individuals' experiences. Conceptually, the text delves into specific considerations and elements crucial to interpersonal relationships and marital dynamics, such as emotional management, effective communication, and the preservation of past histories. These conceptual insights contribute to a nuanced understanding of factors influencing inclination, happiness, and security in relationships, while introducing the concepts of mutual respect, equality, and shared responsibilities as foundational elements in marital dynamics, enriching the conceptual framework for comprehending the intricacies of long-term relationships. Taken together, the discussion on the significance of marriage within the Islamic context, alongside outlining restrictions on women regarding marriage, adds depth to the understanding of the objectives of marriage in Islam and the respective rights and responsibilities of husbands and wives. It would have been more useful if the future study has focused on internal students' perception (Muslimah) to prepare their marriage.

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