

The Influence of Psychosocial Factors on the Choice of Marital Partners Among University Undergraduates

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ABSTRACT Marriage is a highly complex structure made up of a whole series of subjective and objective factors mostly of a very heterogeneous nature. This study investigates the psychosocial variables as correlated to university undergraduates' choice of marital partners. Descriptive survey sample design was adopted for this study. A total number of 200 undergraduate students of the University of Ibadan were randomly selected for the study. A self-developed questionnaire was used to collect data. Data was analyzed using descriptive statistics, which involved t-test statistical analysis, using t-test=0.05 level of significant. The findings revealed that there is no significant difference in the psychosocial factors in the choice of marital partners among undergraduate students of the University of Ibadan. It is therefore recommended that curriculum should be design in such a way that marriage education would be accorded a very high priority in general study courses in universities to ensure that right values about marriages are inculcated in youth.