

Psychological Implications of Single and Double Parenting Background on Nigerian Adolescents' Academic Performance

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ABSTRACT Marriage institution in Nigeria is a product of a bicultural influence (The African traditional and the colony influenced western oriented marriage system). This largely accounts for the confusion and the less exactitude of description that marks the institution and its concomitant influence on child upbringing in Nigeria and Africa as a whole. This study, employed simple research methodologies to attract attention to a modern day psychological scourge (Marital imbalance) that is responsible for a large percentage of the social ills in the Nigerian Society. The study, not too unexpectedly, found that adolescents from households with double parents (father and mother) record higher academic achievements than those from single parent households. Answers to the three research questions asked in the study support the above finding. The implications of the findings were highlighted, while future researchers were encouraged to concentrate in the area of the social implications of this trend, particularly for the African child.