
Sociological Imagination: Divorce

Divorce is a common topic in today's society. Many tend to have big expectation that marriage is supposed to be all glitz and glam but tends to forget the time, effort and willingness it takes to make a marriage work. In the drawing, it shows a woman in the middle in which represents (a close female relative) with a bunch of bubbles and in those bubbles are her thoughts. She is conflicted on whether or not she should move forward with the divorce and what people in her circle would think if she does move forward with it. And also she has children with her estranged husband, which puts her in a difficult position as a mother. When it comes to the sociological imagination on Divorce, I would exemplify for instance, a young woman filing for divorce after discovering that her husband has been unfaithful to her for the past month or so. The Pastor is aware of the matter and says to the wife, that divorce is the ultimate sin and that it is not an option according to the scriptures. Not only does the divorce cause her to be unable to sustain a life that she worked so hard for but now she has to deal with the possibility of being ridiculed in her family, her community and church that she attends to.

I chose this as an example on Divorce because she's currently going through it and has two children with her husband. They've been married for more than 20 years and have been regarded as the couple that everyone admires and respect. This is her second marriage and coming from a christian background, she's always been told that no matter what that her marriage should be something that she should fight for and think about her children by not making a selfish decision. As an african as well, divorce is viewed in a negative light despite the woman sharing her reasons as to why her marriage isn't working out. I know for me, I've always feared of being married because majority of people I knew were getting divorced. In fact according to CBC News " Statistics Canada, about 38 percent of all marriages taking place in 2004 will have ended in divorce by 2035. The total divorce rate was down slightly from its peak of about 41 per cent in the mid 1980s, but slightly higher than the rate of about 37 per cent recorded in the mid 1990s." (CBC News, 2010)

I think that it's important to have sociological imagination especially when it comes to divorce because alot of times in society we feel the need to judge someone without knowing why the circumstance of divorce happened in the first place but it also gives society a better understanding of it and hopefully put themselves in someone else's shoes.

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