divorce Cheat Sheet

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some interesting facts about divorce

- divorce rates have increased over the last 40-50 years
- divorces in 2012 were 6 times higher than 1961
- 42% of marriages end in divorce
- serial monogamy is now taking place at a higher rate - divorcing and remarrying different partners
- more couples are choosing to cohabit rather than marry
- 65% of divorce applications comes from women - most common reason is the uncommon behaviour of her husband
- couples who are more likely to divorce - those who marry young, have a child before marriage, those who cohabit before marriage, when one or both people have been married before

key words

- divorce - legal ending of a marriage gone through court

Personal life perspective

- Divorce can cause many difficulties such as financial problems (especially for women)
- Smart - divorce has become **'normalised'**
- We now see divorce as being positive **'one transition amongst others in the life source'**

Marxist

- Disrupts society and family structure
- Has a negative impact on males as being breadwinners
- Wouldn't take into account the female perspective

personal life expectancy

interactionism

5 non-theoretical reasons for divorce

changes in law	in 2022 the law changed so couples can get married without giving a reason making it easier to divorce
	equalising the ground - women can also file for divorce **62% of divorces were filed by women**
	making divorce cheaper so everyone can afford it but it still costs to try and discourage divorce
decline stigma and changing attitudes	becoming more common - around 50% of couples in Western culture have gotten divorced
	more socially acceptable - people aren't looked down upon making people less anxious about getting a divorce
secularis-ation (society turns away from religious values)	religion is losing its power and influence over people as modern society is becoming less religious
rising expectations of marriage	people expectations of marriage being really romantic is the leading cause of divorce

5 non-theoretical reasons for divorce (cont)

	social media has set unrealist expectations of a happy perfect marriage making people comare their lives to social media and therefore become unhappy and get a divorce in hope of getting happier
woman's increased financial indepe-ndence	women working in 1971 - **53%**
	women working in 2013 - **67%**
	girls normally do better in school than boys meaning girls leave school with higher grades giving them access to higher paying jobs
	the idea of men going to work and women being house wives is disappearing as women are able to earn equal to or more than men making them financ-ially stable on their own and not need a man for support

1950s marriages

- some people had little choice over who they married
- marriages were often based around econimic factors
- romance was a 'bonus' not an exception. it was not something marriages should be based upon

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high divorce

The meaning of high divorce	The new right - **undesireable**
	Undermines the traditional nuclear family
	Creates an underclass of welfare dependant female lone parents
	Leaves young boys without a male role model
Feminists - high divorce	High divorce - **desirable**
	Women's liberation
	Women are breaking free of the oppression of the patriarchal nuclear family
Postmodernists - high divorce	Gives people freedom to choose what they want
	Creates greater family diversity
Functionalists - high divorce	High divorce rate does not prove that marriage as a social institution is under threat
	Just shows people high expectations
	High remarriages show a commitment to marriage
Interactionists	You need to understand what divorce means to every couple
	You can not generalise about the meaning divorce
	Everybody has different experiences

Impact of the rise in divorce on children

Roger and Pryor (1998)	The divorce is only one factor in causing problems in children
Hetherington (2002)	For 75% of children divorce has few negative effects
Jon Bernardo's (1997)	Divorce is less damaging than a negative marriage
New right	Divorce is eroding the very fabric of society
Feminists	Divorce laws have helped women to gain freedom, independence and social equality
	Rising divorce doesn't mean people are becoming anti-marriage
	40% of marriages are remarriages

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