

These days more fathers stay at home and take care of their children while mothers go out to work.

What could be the reasons for this? Is it a positive or negative development?

Among numerous transformations that modern time has brought, traditional social roles of men and women have also undergone radical changes. The traditional breadwinners of the family, men, are no longer regarded as the only providers, while their female partners tend to work outside the house these days. Although this social transformation happening in the structure of the family is due to several reasons, and it may bring about benefits as well as drawbacks depending on several factors.

The line between the female and male responsibility has never been more blurred. In fact, the responsibilities which had been inculcated into/for generations are now changing. Thanks to technology and automation, many of the tasks that used to be performed by men through their superior strength are now done by machines and devices. Therefore, physical strength which was for centuries the deciding factor for many jobs started to lose its value. Finding the doors open, women started to bring new approaches, ideas and perspectives to the men's realm. Seizing every opportunity the newcomers, too, opened new doors for their firms, and the companies welcomed these new bloods who appeared more obedient and less difficult to satisfy. Gradually, they started to step into their male counterparts' shoes.

Moving away from a gender-driven society where the stereotypical roles have been reversed, or at least have started, may have its own benefits as well as some drawbacks although I believe the former outweighs the latter. First, the male individuals ~~do~~ are not obliged to work while they are not satisfied with their jobs, and their partners have the privilege to be in work, doing what they enjoy. This presents the father with the opportunity to spend more quality time with the children, thereby developing a better bond with them.

Second, both genders are more likely to experiment with what the other mainly faces, which brings about deeper appreciation of the efforts made by their partners.

Maybe in a not distant future the term househusband will no longer seem strange since it seems a better option for many of the modern families.