



MARITAL DISCORDS AMONG NAVAL PERSONNEL AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT

Marital discords occur when the relationship between the husband and the wife becomes strained resulting in breakup between the couple. This study investigated the causes of marital discords among naval personnel in two barracks each in Lagos and Abuja. Surveys and interviews were used to collect information from 250 respondents. Structured and semi-structured questionnaires were used to collect data on socio-demographic characteristics of naval personnel and the different contributing factors of marital discords. The demographic characteristics of respondents revealed that 73.20% were male while 26.80% were female. Majority of the respondents (36.00%) were between the age range of 41-50 years. None of the respondents was below 20 years of age. Among the key contributing factors responsible for marital discords are frequent posting of personnel, extramarital affairs, lack of care for spouse, beating and disobedience. The findings further revealed the implications of marital discords on naval personnel, their families and the community at large. Study showed that marital discords could result in bad parenting, reduced productivity at work, financial strain on the family and extramarital affairs. Therefore, the well-being of naval personnel should be prioritized by the Navy in order to create a friendlier environment for the naval family.

Keywords: Marital discord, naval personnel, marriage, contributing factors, divorce, infidelity, Nigeria.

INTRODUCTION

Marriage is the union of male and female sexes who are not related through blood. It is a contract between the husband and the wife and it has a religious implication apart from being a social contract (William and Little, 2018). Other benefits of marriage include proscribing adultery and raising better citizens of men and women that help to find their purpose in life. Therefore, marriage is the best environment for protecting, nourishing and developing individuals (Slater, 2016).

In spite of the importance of marriage in the society, it is not immune to challenges, conflicts or discords. Marital discord is a situation in which the smooth interactions or relationship between a couple (husband and wife) is disrupted (Agboeze, 2004). It arises when the couple disagrees on certain issues that threaten their respective goals, values or need (Tabat, 2020). All over the world, discords constitute a major challenge to marriages. One of the fundamental causes of marital discords is the situation when one partner's behavior is not consistent with the expectations of the other partner (Tahmasebi and Ahmadi,

2015). In such situation, spouses use different ways such as decrease in cooperation, decreased sexual relationship, increased emotional reactions, increase in gaining child's support, increased level of interaction with one's own relatives, decreased level of interaction with in-laws and partner's friends as well as having separate financial affairs to confront marital conflicts. Consequently, each partner may not be committed to their marriage and may be tempted to search for peace and comfort outside their homes which may lead to extramarital relationship (Tahmasebi and Ahmadi, 2015). While some marital discords may end in divorce (DeMaris, 2000), others have endured the vicissitudes of time but have made marital experience to become a roller coaster adventure. Some couples have suffered from marital discords to the extent of being diagnosed with emotional disorder and emotional detachment in marriage. This could make couple to be distant from each other although they might be living under the same roof. Children of divorced parents are more likely to experience poverty, educational failure, early and risky sexual activity, non-marital childbirth, early marriage, cohabitation, marital discords and divorce (D'Onofrio, 2011).

Members of the Nigerian Armed Forces of which the Nigerian Navy is an integral part have had their fair share of the challenge of marital discords. Posting of Naval personnel outside areas where their families live without due regards and consideration for their families can lead to serious marital discords (Burrell, Adams, Durand, and Castro, 2006). Consequently, some civilians have developed a phobia of getting married to naval personnel due to the itinerant nature of their job as they may end up abandoning their wives or husbands in the barracks. If not properly managed, this trend could make it difficult for naval personnel to get married or be married to their choice of spouses. Therefore, the study aims at investigating the prevalence and causes of marital discords among naval personnel in the Nigerian Navy as well as their implications.

METHODOLOGY

Study Area

The study areas for this research were Navy Town (Fig. 1) and Mobil Road Barracks in Lagos (Fig.2); Kubwa (Fig.3) and Kuje Barracks in Abuja (Fig. 4). These are the biggest barracks in the Nigerian Navy in terms of location and demography. The census conducted in Navy Town in June 2023 revealed that Navy Town has a population of about 12,000 occupants which include personnel, members of their family and other civilian staff. The barracks in Lagos are under the administrative authority of Nigerian Navy Ship (NNS) WEY while Abuja Barracks are under the administrative authority of Naval Unit Abuja (NUA).



Fig. 1. Navy Town Barracks, Ojo, Lagos



Fig. 2. Navy Barracks Mobil Road, Ajegunle, Lagos

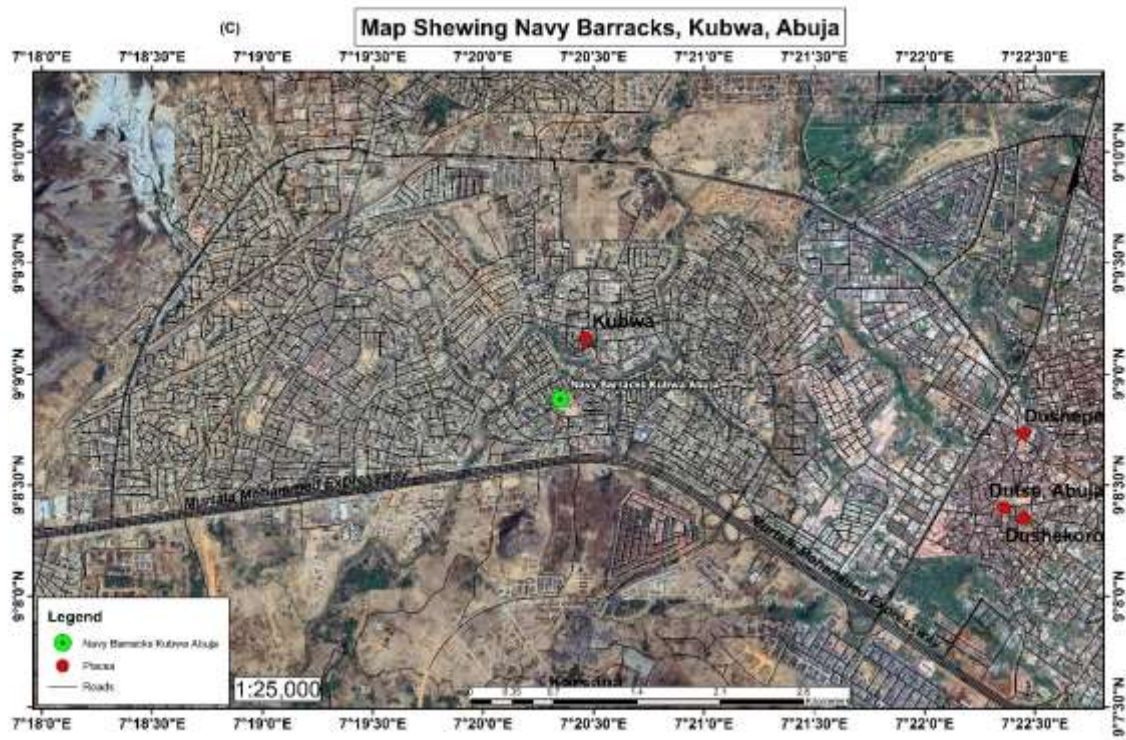


Fig. 3. Navy Barracks, Kubwa, Abuja



Fig. 4. Navy Barracks, Kuje, Abuja

Sample Size

A total number of 250 questionnaires were administered to naval personnel (officers and ratings), their wives and civilian staff in selected barracks using purposive sampling method (Appendix I). Also, 25 In-depth Interviews (IDIs), 16 Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) and 15 Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) were conducted.

METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION

Two types of data were obtained; the primary and secondary data were employed in the conduct of the research. The field and desk research findings were subsequently juxtaposed in order to attain comprehensive insight and clear understanding of the research subject.

Primary data

The specific tools adopted include questionnaire administration, structured and semi structured interview. To complement information gathered from the questionnaires, the study leveraged on qualitative tools of data collection. This involved the use of In-depth Interviews (IDIs), Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) and Focus Group Discussion (FGDs). A guide was developed for the FGD, IDI and KII. Section A of the guide consisted of demographic information of participants which include sex, age, length of period married to military spouse, length of period of service of military personnel, rank in the military etc. Section B included the questions and guides for the participants that were used in generating discussions and interviews. The interviews covered experiences that are either personal to participants or reported to have occurred to others which have impacted various families on account of marital discords. The information received from the interviews were processed, analyzed and interpreted to arrive at a coherent and logical academic narrative.

Secondary Data

Carefully examined, multi-source, secondary data, comprising documentary and survey-based information were obtained and analyzed in the research. The documentary data were obtained from books and published journals, the internet, newspapers and magazines, as well as published and unpublished documents by government establishments and agencies (Federal, State and Local). Aerial photographs of project locations were downloaded from the Google Earth and with the use of GIS technology, thematic maps of the project locations were drawn.

Data analysis

Data were analysed using descriptive statistics such as percentages, pie chart and bar chart.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Socio-demographic characteristics of respondents were obtained from 250 questionnaires administered. This includes age, marital status and gender, ethnicity and occupation. On the age variable, none of the respondents was less than 20 years old as at the time of this survey. In particular, 76.40% of the respondents were more than 30 years old while 23.60% were below 31 years but not less than 20 years. All the respondents surveyed were married. On gender, 183 respondents (73.20%) were male while the remaining 67 respondents (26.80%) were female. Additionally, in order to further enhance the quality of information gathered

from this study, attempt was made to consider the ethnicity of respondents. The largest percentage of the respondents were Hausa (48.58%), followed by Yoruba (24.29%) while the least were Igbo (5.67%). Out of 250 questionnaires administered, 209 respondents were naval personnel which amounted to 83.60% while the remaining 41 respondents (16.40%) were civilians (Table 1).

Table 1. Socio-Demographic Characteristics of Respondents

Number	Variables	Frequency	Percentage
1	<u>Marital Status and Sex</u>		
	Married Male	183	73.20%
	Married Female	67	26.80%
2	<u>Age</u>		
	20 - 30	59	23.60%
	31 - 40	75	30.00%
	41 – 50	90	36.00%
	51+	26	10.40%
3	<u>Ethnicity</u>		
	Hausa	120	48.58%
	Igbo	14	5.67%
	Yoruba	60	24.29%
	Others	53	21.46%
4	<u>Occupation</u>		
	Military	209	83.60%
	others	41	16.40%

Source: Field Survey, 2023

Factors responsible for marital discords among naval personnel

Nine factors were considered as the causes of marital discords among the naval personnel and they include inadequate accommodation, hatred for spouse relations and friends, frequent and irregular posting, delayed secured (closing) time, inadequate care, disobedience, extra marital affairs, beating and other miscellaneous causes such as anger, petulance, irritability and hatred amongst others (Table 2). Generally, the survey revealed that inadequate accommodation is the major cause of marital discords among families of Muslim naval personnel in selected barracks of the Nigerian Navy as viewed by 213 (20.72%) of the respondents surveyed. This was followed by extramarital Affairs (14.30%) while 11.96% of the respondents were of the opinion that frequent and irregular posting, inadequate care and other miscellaneous causes stated above were the causes of marital discords. Other causes of marital discords as gathered from respondents include disobedience (11.67%), beating

(10.80%) and hatred for spouse family (3.70%) (Table 2). It may be added that several authors have reported the causes of marital discords (DeMaris, 2000; Tahmasebi and Ahmadi,2015; Tabat, 2020)

Table 2. Causes of marital discords

Numbe r	Variables	Frequency	Percentage
1	Inadequate Accommodation	213	20.72%
2	Hatred for Spouse family	38	3.70%
3	Frequent and Irregular Posting	123	11.96%
4	Delayed Secured Time	30	2.92%
5	Inadequate Care	123	11.96%
6	Disobedience	120	11.67%
7	Extramarital Affairs	147	14.30%
8	Beating	111	10.80%
9	Others	123	11.96%

Source: Field Survey, 2023

Inadequate Accommodation as a cause of Marital Discords

Results showed that the concern of personnel on inadequate accommodation as a cause of marital discords keeps on growing in trend as age of personnel increases; 21.76% (for 20-30 years), 29.17% (for 31-40 years), 37.50% (for 41-50 years). However, this trend dropped for personnel above 51 years down to 11.57% (Table 3). This can be attributed to the fact that due to age and experience, personnel may have started seeing things from different perspective with more tolerance of life challenges.

One of the personnel states:

Accommodation is one of the main challenges I am having with my family. As a SNCO I am entitled to 3 bedrooms, but the one I got is 2 bedrooms. This has made it difficult for my wives and my children because each of my wives has a bedroom, but my children at the moment have nowhere to sleep except that I had to appeal to my first wife to make the sacrifice of allowing my female children to sleep in her room while the male children would sleep in the living room and we have to look for a way around it whenever we have to do the adult thing which the children are not allowed to see. (Male/57/September2022/Nupe/IDI/Navy Town/Lagos).

The report of Tasew and Getahun (2021) revealed inadequate accommodation as one of the causes of marital conflict among couples.

Two groups were identified among respondents based on inadequate accommodation by length of service. The first group is of those in 0-5 years and 11-15 years category. They

constitute 15.57% and 16.04% respondents, whereas those in the range of 6 -10 years and 16 years and above constitute 30.19% and 38.21% respectively. Results revealed that at their initial years in the Service (0-5 years), naval personnel do not count the need for adequate accommodation as a serious issue. However, as they enter into the second phase of 6-10 years when many are already married, provision of adequate accommodation becomes a very important issue to their family. This anxiety drops down in the third stage (11-15 years) when it dawned on them that they couldn't change things, so adaption comes in and endurance follows. At the next stage when they have spent 16 years and above, many get frustrated again due to new factors such as increased family size and status in the Service due to rank relative to their accommodation. Again they see inadequate accommodation as a problem which could cause marital discords (Fig. 5).

Table 3. Respondents age range on inadequate accommodation as a cause of marital discords

AGE RANGE	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
20-30	47	21.76
31-40	63	29.17
41-50	81	37.50
51+	25	11.57

Source: Field Survey, 2023

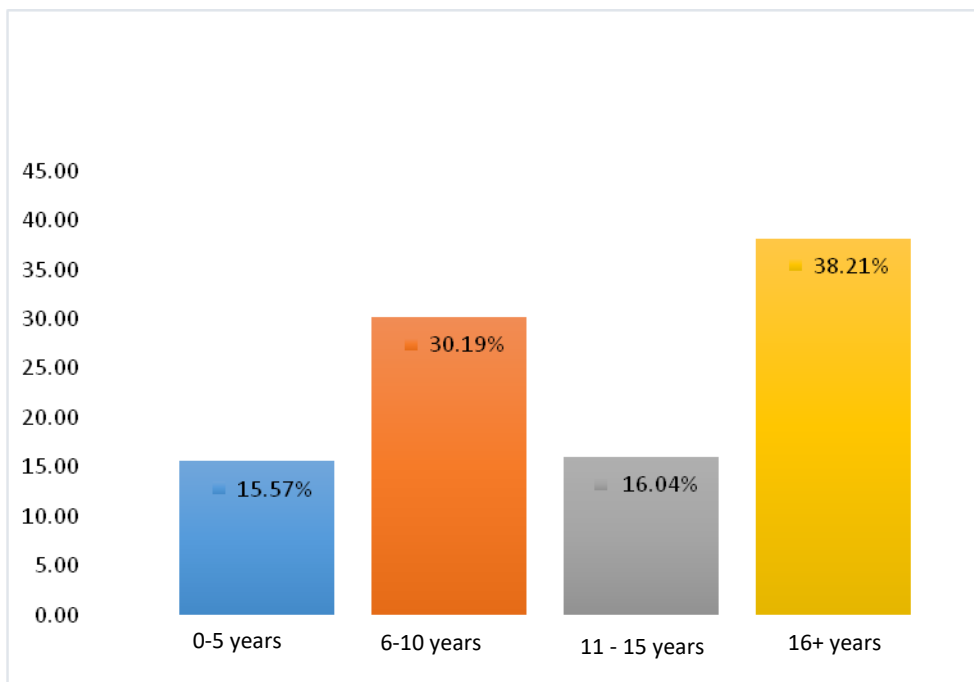


Fig. 5. Respondents' views on inadequate accommodation by length of service as the cause of marital discords

Extra Marital Affairs as the cause of Marital Discords among Naval Personnel

Out of the 147 respondents who stated that extra marital affairs is the cause of marital discords among naval personnel, 73% of them believe that extra-marital affairs is a serious factor responsible for marital discords in the families of naval personnel of the Nigerian Navy. On the other hand, 38 female respondents which amount to 27% consider extra-marital affairs as a serious factor responsible for marital discords in the families of naval personnel (Fig. 6). Considering the views of respondents who see extra-marital affairs as the major cause of marital discords by type of occupation. It was discovered that both personnel and civilians in the barracks of the Nigerian Navy consider extra-marital affairs as a serious factor. About 88% of the personnel and 12% of the civilians sampled believed that extra-marital affairs is a major cause of marital discords within the barracks (Fig. 7). By implication, a good number of marital discords in the families of Naval personnel of the Nigerian Navy are caused by extra-marital affairs and the female spouses are the most affected.

In one of the Focus Group Discussions, one of the participants stated that: 'Marital discords can occur when husband begins to play 'away match' (having extra marital affairs) whereas he keeps lying to the wife. Some husbands, if they have money, they prefer eating outside whereas at home the family is eating 'gaza' (unwholesome food) by a way of understanding the alleged financial constraints of the husband. Some women can even borrow to feed themselves in the hope that the financial situation of the husband would improve. But the moment they discover that the husband has been telling lies to them, the marriage is bound to have problems.(Male/46/September 2023/MWO/FGD/Mobil Road/Lagos)'.

The study of Fincham and May (2017) had earlier reported extramarital affairs as one of the factors associated with marital disharmony.

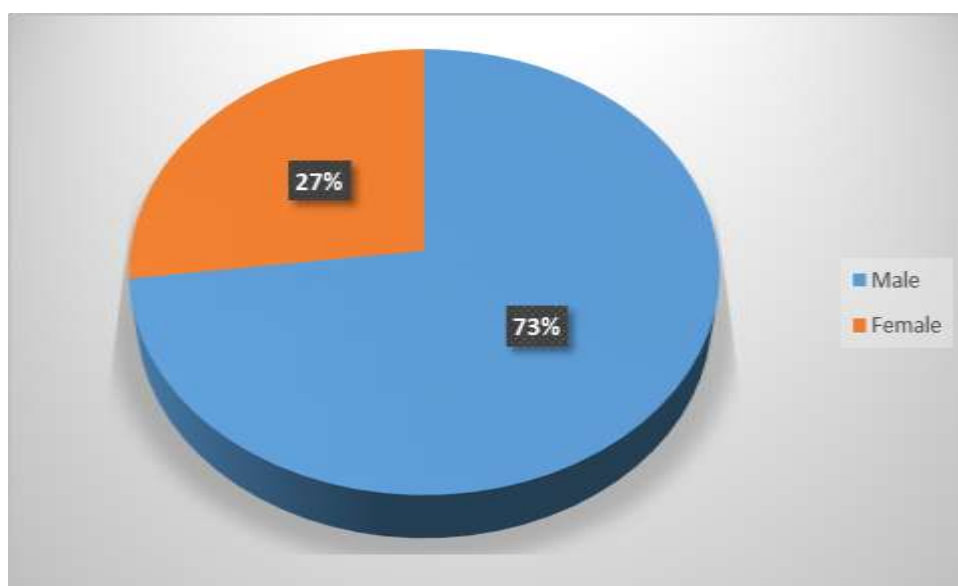


Fig. 6. Extra-marital Affairs as Major Cause of Marital Discords by gender

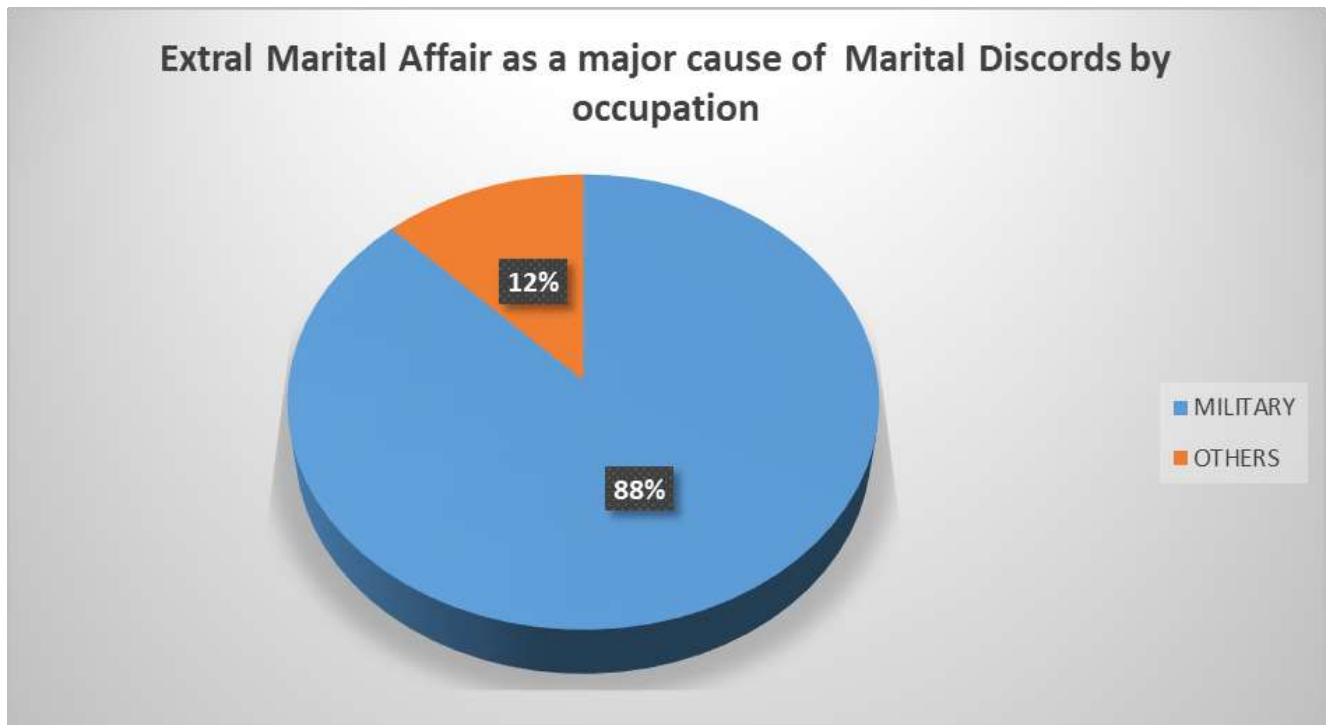


Fig. 7. Extra-marital Affairs as a Major Cause of Marital Discords by Occupation

Frequent and Irregular Posting of Personnel:

From the field survey, 123 respondents out of 250 sampled agreed that frequent and irregular posting constitute threat to a happy family; the breakdown of this figure revealed that 87% of them were men while 13% were female. When naval personnel are posted out away from their families and for a longer period, the chances of such personnel having extra-marital affairs in the new unit is high just as the chances of their spouses having illicit relationship at home cannot be overemphasized (Fig. 8). One of our participants shared her experience on the impact of draft and irregular deployment of her husband and her inability to visit him at his new location. She states as follows: ‘Part of the problems which often leads to discords in our marriages is the distance created between us and our husbands on account of their job. Even when we want to visit them, they do not have befitting accommodation where they have been posted to serve; otherwise this would have made it easy for us to visit them. (Female/35/Hausa/November 2022/FGD/Wife of Personnel/Mobil Road Barracks/Lagos)’.

The study of Er and Gokcearslan (2023) has shown that frequent deployment of military personnel is one of the major factors responsible for marital discords among military families.

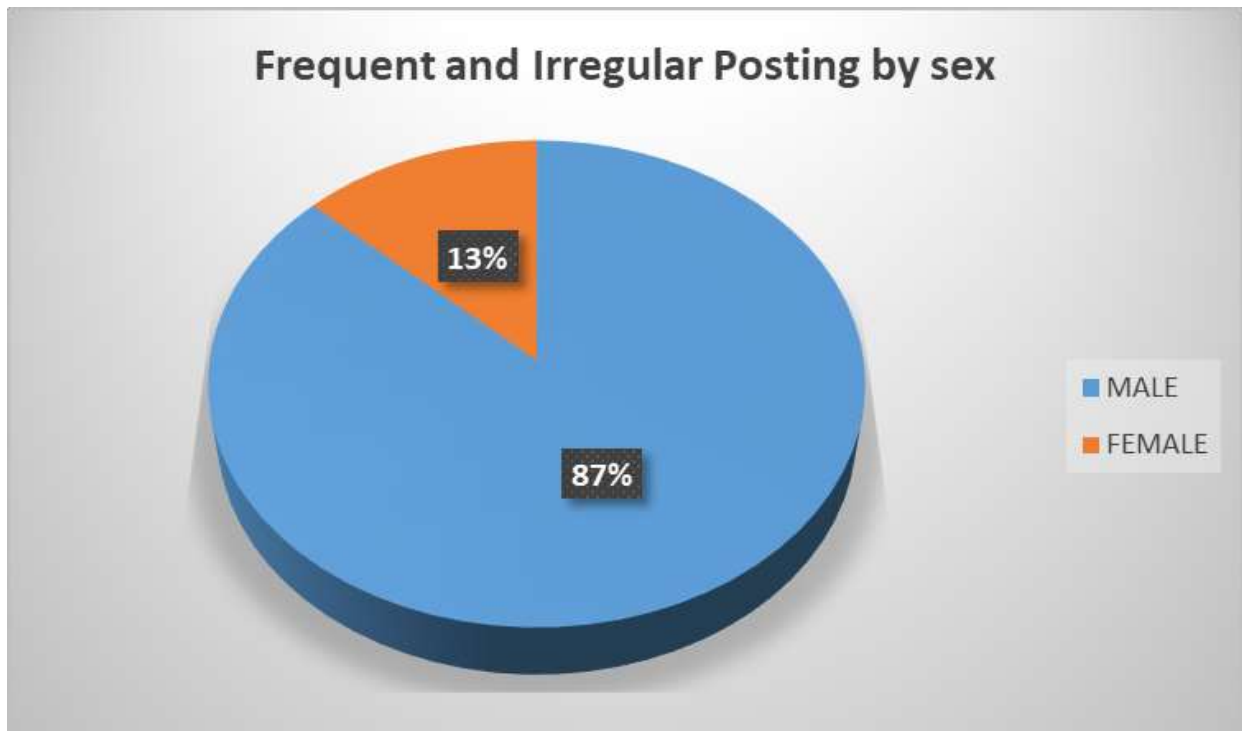


Fig. 8. Frequent posting by gender

Further analysis showed that those who have spent up to 10 years and above in the Service see irregular posting as a big contributor to marital discords in the families of naval personnel. They are the ones who have enough experience about the possible impact posting of personnel could have on their families. Accordingly, those that have spent 6 – 10 years amounted to 31%, 11 – 15 years made up of 15%, while 16+ years amounted to 38%. The implication of this is that, frustration from frequent and irregular posting grow higher as length of service increases. The fraction of those who have spent less than 6 years is lower (16%) because many of them were either still single or their marriage is still young (Fig. 9).

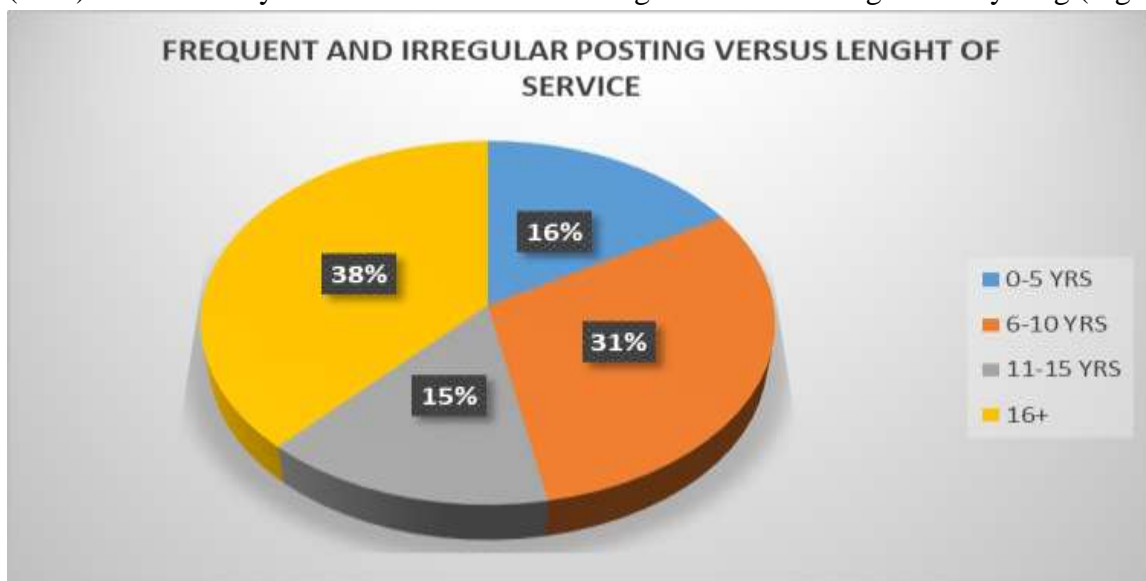


Fig. 9 Frequent Posting by Length of Service

Inadequate Care

All the respondents irrespective of their sex believe that inadequate care is one of the major causes of marital discords and out of this figure 73% are male while the remaining 27% are female (Fig. 10.).

Out of 123 respondents who see inadequate care as one of the causes of marital discords, 105 respondents which is 85% are military personnel whereby 15% of them are civilians based on their occupation (Fig. 11). This agrees with the study of Asante, Osafo, and Nyamekye, (2014) which reported that lack of love and affection could lead to marriage breakdown among the general populace.

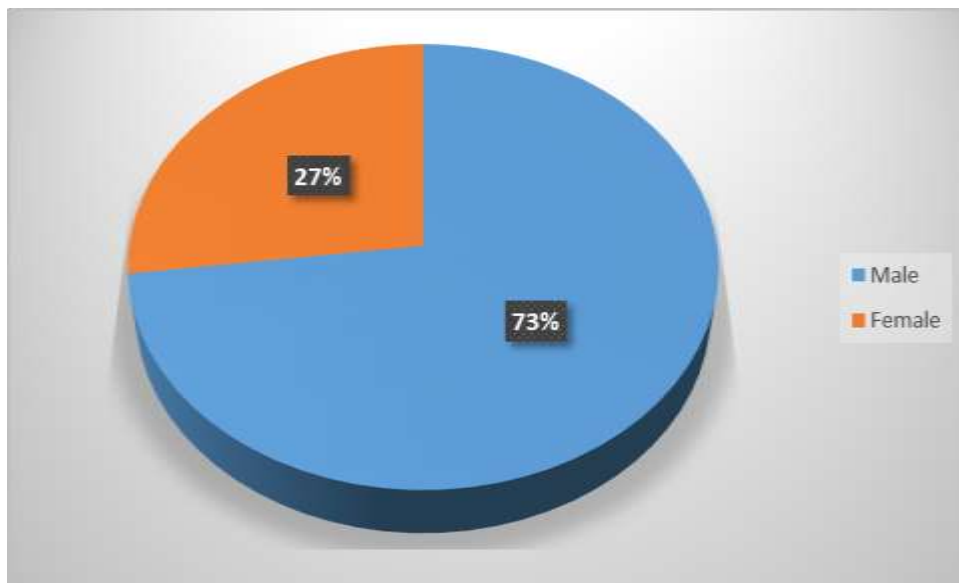


Fig. 10. Inadequate care by gender

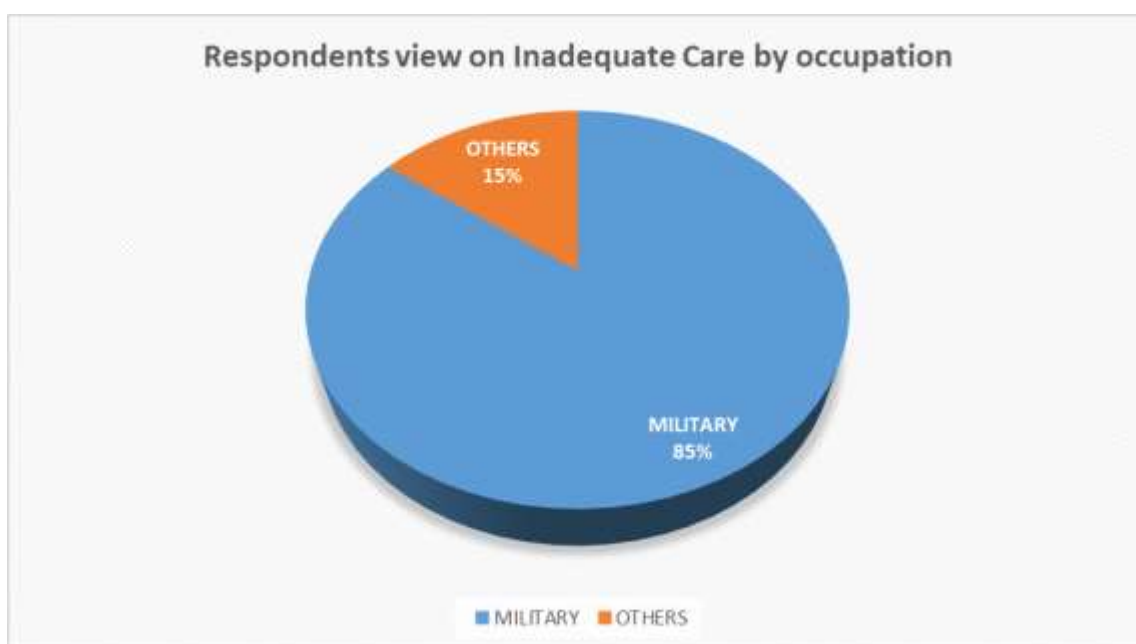


Fig. 11. Inadequate care by occupation

Disobedience

Most of the respondents who considered disobedience as a major cause of marital discords are military personnel. Out of 30 respondents who agreed that disobedience is a factor, 25.2 respondents, representing 84% were military personnel (Fig. 12). The study of Mina, Shukr, and AbedKareem, (2022) reported disobedience as one of the problems facing the marital relationship.

A FGD at Mobil Road Lagos, one of the participants stated that: ‘Whenever a woman tries to contest with the husband in controlling the education of the children especially in the choice of school they are to attend regardless of the capacity of the husband, then that could be a recipe for marital discords. (Male/47/September2022/Igala/FGD/Mobil Road/Lagos)’.

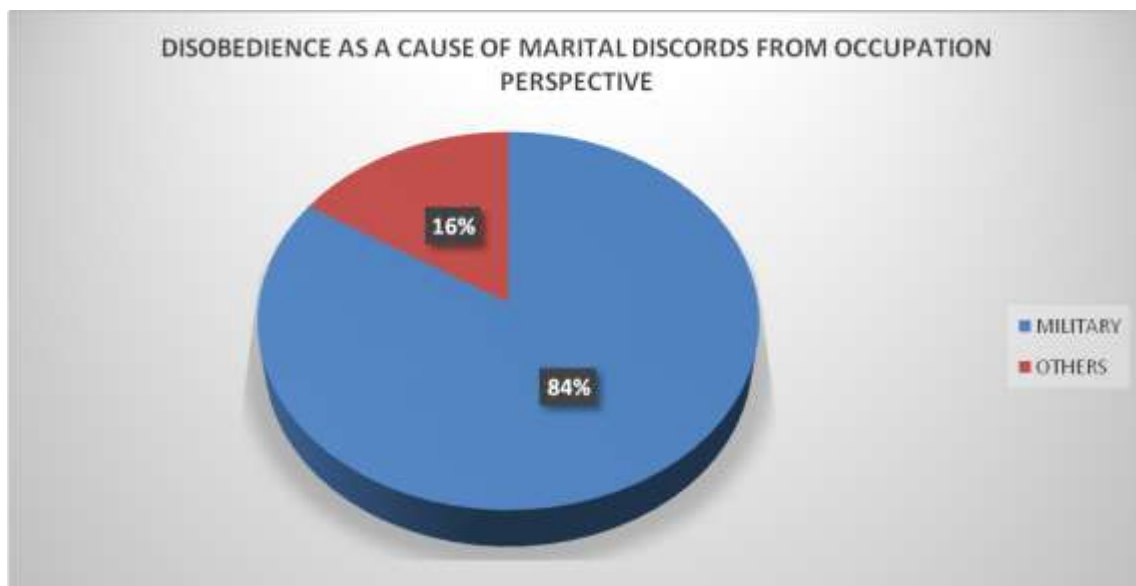


Fig. 12. Disobedience as a Cause of Marital Discords by Occupation

Beating of Spouses

Out of 111 people that responded to beating as one of the causes of marital discords, 86 were males while 25 were female (Fig 13). Furthermore, out of the respondents, 209 were naval personnel while 41 were civilians. Among the naval personnel, 99 (88%) of them see beating as one of the causes of marital discords. Out of 41 civilians sampled, 13 of them agreed (12%) agreed that beating of spouses could cause marital discords (Fig. 14). Kumar and Rani (2015) reported domestic violence as one of the important cause of marital discord.

A respondent succinctly states: “When I am angry and my wife is close to me I can beat her and I will not eat her food.” (Male/48/September 2022/Hausa/FGD/PO/Mobil Road/Lagos)

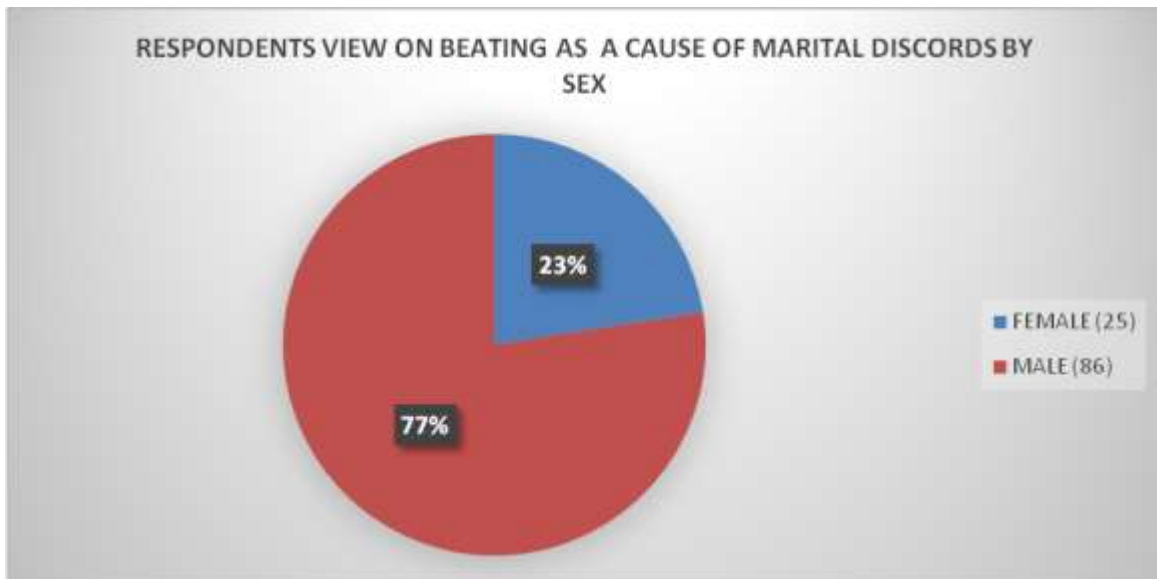


Fig. 13. Beating as a cause of marital discords by gender

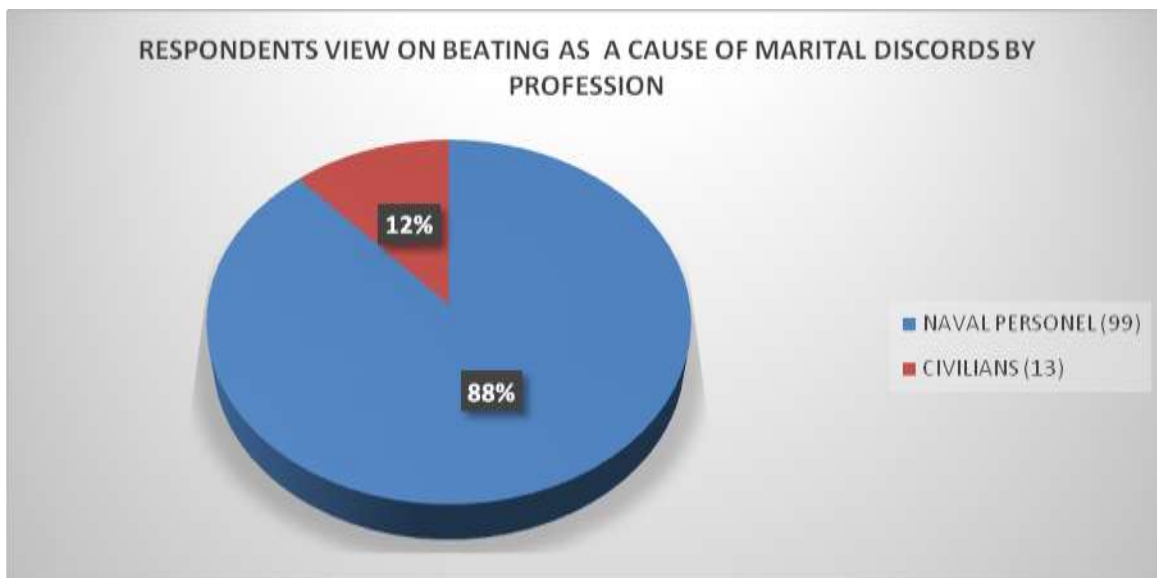


Fig. 14. Beating as a Cause of Marital Discords by Profession

Hatred for Family of Spouses

Results obtained indicated that personnel had very good relationship with their in-laws with 44% and 39% for father in-laws and mother in-laws, respectively. At an average, 11% of the respondents had fair relationship with their father in-laws while in case of mother in-laws, it was 23%. The percentage of very poor relationship was very low accounting for 1.0% for both father in-laws and mother in-laws (Fig. 15). William, and Little, (2013) reported that relationship with in-laws are among the biggest sources of conflict.

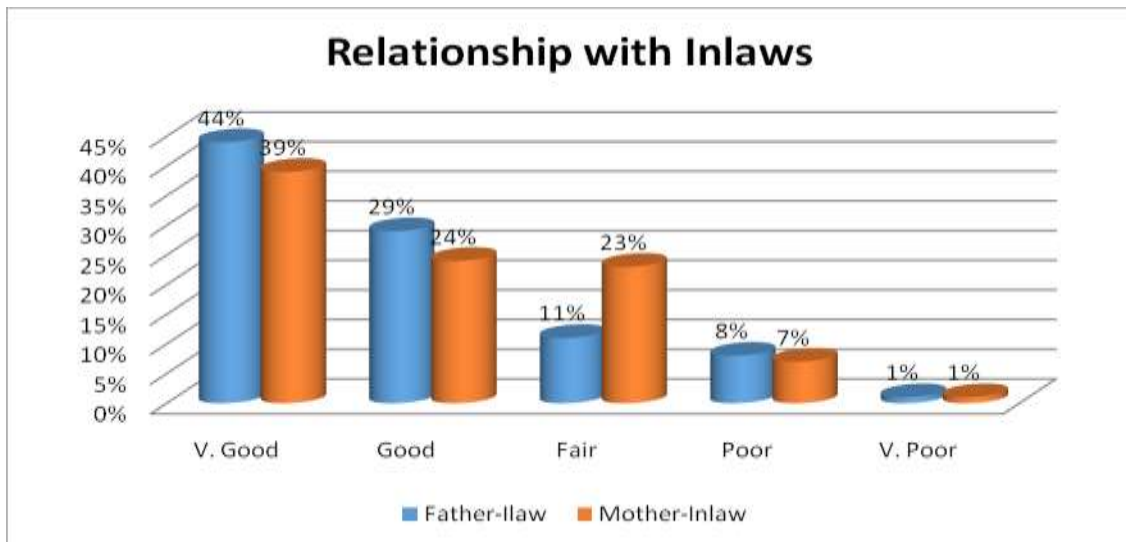


Fig. 15. Relationship with In-Laws

Implications of Marital Discords on Naval Personnel

Whenever there is conflict in the home front, the performance level of husband and wife at the work place as well as their children at school would reasonably drop. From the data collected in the field, 76.40% of the respondents believed that marital discords has a strong impact on performance of duty by personnel, while 15.11% of the respondents disagreed and the remaining 8.49% are indifferent on the matter (Fig. 16).

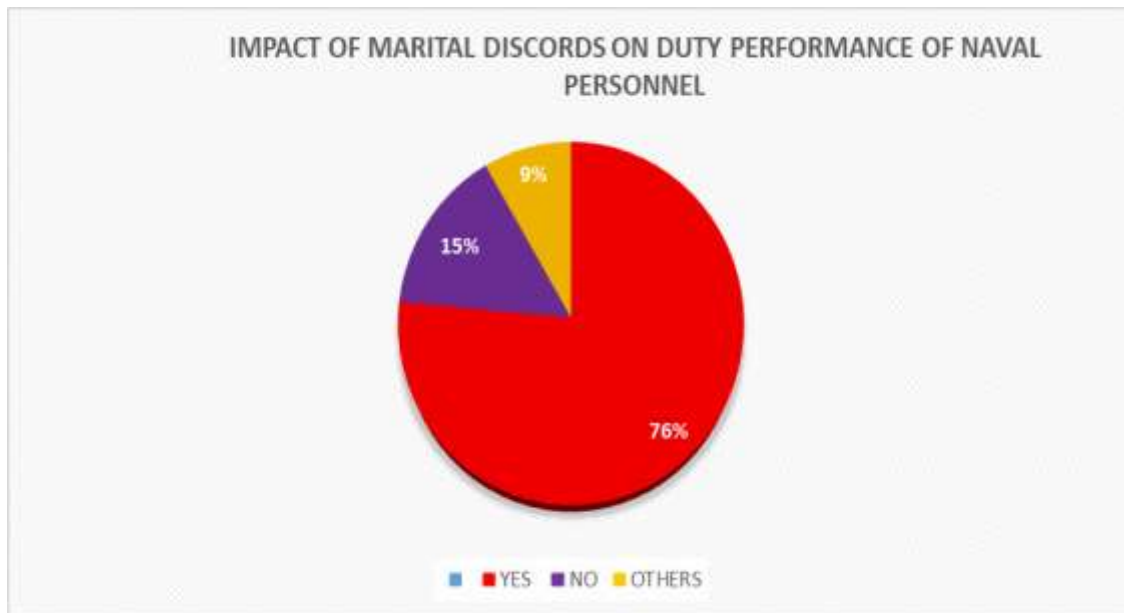


Fig. 16. Impact of Marital Discords on Performance of Naval Personnel.

Accordingly, our respondents looked at the implications of marital discords on naval personnel from different perspectives. These include bad parenting of children, drop in on-the-job performance (especially for personnel on course) and putting financial strain on the family. Others are low morale/transfer of aggression, adultery/extramarital affairs, drugs/substance abuse/alcoholism amongst others.

Bad Parenting

The implication of marital discords on children upbringing is very colossal; especially where such discords becomes uncontrollable and had to lead to divorce. Discords in marriages could lead to wrong upbringing of children and induction of children into negative attitude. It literally makes children to mirror the negative attitudes of their parents because they would not consider those acts as being bad.

One of our respondents gave an example of personnel who always beat his wife in the presence of his male children which has made those children to exhibit bellicose tendencies in their living quarters and at school. Thus, children who were raised from discordant families are conditioned to see fighting between their father and mother as a norm. Those children could develop tendencies such as brawling, bullying, fighting, use of abusive words and curses as part and parcel of family life. Also, bad parenting could turn the children to ‘orphans’ because they see less of their father and mother since the duo spend more time outside the home in order to escape from the trap of marital discords. This is particularly so in the navy barracks according to one of the respondents.

‘After my wife had left me and I have to pack out of the barracks, my children started living in the barracks like orphans. The reason being that due to the nature of her job, my wife hardly stays at home even while we were together but I do take time to take care of the children. But now that I have moved out of the barracks in Navy Town and she has also been posted out of Lagos, my children now live at the mercy of family relatives without proper upbringing. I cannot pray for my enemy to have this kind of experience and even if my wife

wants us to come back to remarry, I will accept it because of my children since I know that they are suffering due to lack of parental care.(Male/46/August 2022/Yoruba/Retired NA Soldier/IDI/Navy Town/Lagos)'.

The implications of bad parenting do not end with the couples themselves but also extends to the children who are the products of the relationship. Ellison, Walker, Glenn, and Marquardt, (2011) has earlier reported that marital discord among parents can lead to undesirable effects on the mental health and social well-being of children. Thus, there is the need for couples to do all that is possible to keep their homes safe and peaceful for the sake of themselves and the society at large. There is also the need for couples to avoid casual relationship which though could be abruptly terminated but whose products may constitute grave danger to the entire society.

Reduction in On-The-Job Performance:

There is a nexus between the home and the work place. When personnel leave his home with crises bothering his mind unresolved, it will be difficult for him to concentrate on his official duty. Such personnel will likely transfer his aggression to his colleagues in the office and is not likely to do his job brilliantly and diligently. One of the participants notes that: 'Definitely marital discords will have adverse effect on the family as well as the job. Once you have marital conflict, you can't give your best to the Service. Definitely you can not. You are at work your attention will be at home, your wife has gone out or your husband has gone to report you to her parents so you will be distracted and you cannot give your maximum output at work. Then coming to the home, it leads to breakage of marriage; we have seen that severally especially of somebody that is close to me. (Male/54/March 2023/Hausa/FGD/MWO/Kuje Barracks/Abuja)'. Another participant stated as follows: 'If you are not happy at home, you will most likely not be happy at work and it could lead to transfer of aggression. This is why it is possible to see some of our colleagues who behave aggressively and intolerant on the job (Male/53/September 2022/Hausa/FGD/MWO/Mobil Road/Lagos). This correlates with the study of Panda, Sharma, Mathur, Srivastava, Yadav, Chauhan, and Mopagar, (2024) which stated that marital discords are responsible for reduced productivity, increased error at work, absenteeism, lower morale resulting in physical and emotional problems.

Financial Strain on the Family

One of the implications of discords between husband and wife is that it opens up unethical ways through which a husband would spend his money. Majority of personnel do not have multiple strings of income; generally, they depend on their salary. Accordingly, personnel family stability is a recipe for financial stability. Consequently, once the attention of the husband is divided maritally, he would begin to expend money needlessly on satisfying himself sensually outside the home.

One of the respondents argues that: 'When a man invites the wife to bed on several occasions but she refuses, it could make such a man to go to another woman. And this could lead to additional expenses for him thereby constituting a financial strain on the family. (Male/53/September 2022/Hausa/FGD/MWO/Mobil Road/Lagos)'.

Adultery/Extra Marital Affairs

Adultery and extra marital affairs can both be causes and implications of marital discords. There is no gainsaying that once couples do not receive enough attention at home, they could become prey to other unscrupulous peoples' snare and antics. Those snares and antics like bait may appear innocuous, but insidiously aimed at luring their victims into the evil of adultery. Therefore, when husband and wife are having conflict in their relationship and in the meantime, one of them is receiving some care and attention from another stranger, such care and attention could make their conflict to become completely frigid and intractable. Conflict in marriages could lead to stubbornness and dispute between partners. This coldness may lead to further disagreement and dispute in marital life and thereby force couples search for attention and affection for their marriages outside. This could damage marital commitment and may lead to extramarital relationships (Balderrama-Durbin, Staton, Snyder, Cigrang, Talcott, Smith Slep, Heyman, and Cassidy, 2017).

Information given by one of the key informant mentioned that a personnel's wife confided in him that out of her 4 children, only one belongs to the husband. After further investigation, it was gathered that her neighbor who is also a naval personnel was responsible for the other three children. She further revealed that she was lured into this act because of her husband's absence from home for a very long period of time and those moments when he comes home, his stay was very short and he did not satisfy her conjugally (Male/47/Hausa/April 2023/FGD/WO/Kubwa Barracks/Abuja).

CONCLUSION

Marital discords, unfortunately, is a prevalent issue with far-reaching consequences. Its roots are diverse, encompassing a complex interplay of individual, societal, and cultural factors. Communication breakdowns, financial strain, infidelity, differing expectations, unresolved conflicts, and the impact of technology all contribute significantly to conflicts in marriages. The study concludes that marital discords among naval personnel cannot be over-looked. Its effects go beyond the individual involved, it extends to the children, the community and the nation at large.

The implications of marital discords are profound. Individual well-being suffers, with increased risk of depression, anxiety, and even physical health problems. Children are deeply affected, experiencing emotional distress, behavioral issues, and long-term difficulties in forming healthy relationships. Its impacts on naval personnel include increased divorce rates, family instability, lack of concentration on the job and potential strain on the meager salary of personnel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Considering the fact that inadequate accommodation is the main cause of marital discords among naval personnel, it is averred that an increase in federal government funding for the Nigerian Navy would enable her to build more befitting accommodation for personnel and execute other capital projects for the benefits of not only personnel but also members of their family.

It is also recommended that open and honest communication, conflict resolution skills, and the willingness of personnel to seek professional help should be adopted to resolving marital discords.

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APPENDIX I

QUESTIONNAIRE ON MARITAL DISCORDS AMONG NAVAL PERSONNEL IN SELECTED BARRACKS IN LAGOS AND ABUJA

Section A. Personal Characteristics:

1. Gender: Male Female
2. Age: 20 -30 31 - 40 41 - 50 and above.
3. Ethnic Group: Ibibio Yoruba Others, specify
4. Occupational status:
 - a) Military
 - b) Others (specify)
5. If 'a' above state length of service 0 -5 6 - 10 11 - 15 (iv) 16 & above.
6. If 'a' above state rank officer (b) State rate

Section B. Family Characteristics:

7. Have you ever noticed discord between married couple in the barracks?

Yes NO
8. How frequent do you notice discord between married couple in the navy barracks?

Weekly Monthly Quarterly Biannually Yearly
9. What do you perceive is the common cause of discord between married couple in the navy barracks? (Please tick as observed)

(a) Indecent Accommodation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Hatred for spouse's family and friends.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Frequent and irregular posting.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Delayed secure time.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Inadequate care	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Disobedience	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Extra-marital affairs	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Wife/Husband beating (physical abuse)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Others (specify) Anger <input type="checkbox"/> Petulance <input type="checkbox"/> Irritable <input type="checkbox"/> Hatred <input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Relationship with mother In-law

Very good Good Fair Poor Very Poor
11. Relationship with father In-law

Very good Good Fair Poor Very Poor
12. How long do you think a woman can stay without seeing her husband?

6 Months 12 Months 18 Months 2 Years Others

Section C.

13 Has Naval Directorate of Islamic Affairs intervened in your marital affairs before?

Yes No

14 If yes, what was the outcome of the intervention?

Positive No impact Negative

15 Which one would you prefer to intervene in your marital difficulties if necessary?

The Directorate The Family The Court Family Friends

16 Do you trust the judgment of the Directorate on marital affairs? Yes No

17 Suggest ways by which the Directorate can help resolve family issues in Navy.

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18. Do you think that marital discord can affect your performance of naval duties?

Yes: No:

19. If yes, give a brief explanation

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