**Nowadays, more and more people decide to have children later in their life. What are the reasons? What are the effects of this on society and families?**

These days, a vast number of individuals are having children at an advanced age of their life. This essay will discuss the various reasons behind this tendency/propensity and the possible effects on families and society.

To begin with, people are having children at later stages of life due to their professional and personal pursuits. Firstly, the labor market is increasingly competitive, and it is a norm that young parents defer having children in order to devote their whole time to their careers to achieve higher positions and status in their life before taking up their family responsibilities. Secondly, the vast majority of young adults believe that their 20’s and early 30’s should be spent on various pleasurable/recreational activities, such as traveling, and having a child at a young age will hinder them from doing them.

There are a number of possible impacts on families and society as a result of postponing parenthood. Firstly, with regards to families, it can be more difficult for older women to get pregnant and they may experience health problems, such as high blood pressure and diabetes, during pregnancy. Furthermore, parents may find the whole experience of bringing up children more tiring if they are older. In one respect, it may be positive for society because children can receive a better and more comprehensive education by experienced parents; as a result, they contribute more to society when they grow up. On the negative side though, if people give birth when they are too old, the babies being born might be physically less healthy, and this might adversely affect the quality of the future workforce.

In conclusion, the tendency to have children at later ages is caused by a number of factors, which have some positive and negative impacts on families and society.

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