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, delays in childbearing is on the rise among couples. A number of reasons contribute to the emergence of this social phenomenon and I would argue that it has irreparable consequences for families and, in a larger scale, for society.

Young spouses decide to postpone having children due to the financial difficulties and the busy life that they experience. Changes in welfare and living standards have led to an increase in the living costs and couples both have to work hard to earn a living accordingly. For this purpose, in today’s competitive world, they have to dedicate themselves to their jobs in order to maintain their careers and earn money. Therefore, they do not have the necessary time and energy to accept parental responsibility, especially in the early years when the child needs more care.

It is a true belief that the child strengthens the emotional bonds of the family. In marital disputes, childless couples are more likely to think about separation and leaving the marriage. In contrast, couples with kids try to resolve the problem and provide their children with a safe and peaceful growth environment. Late childbearing increases the age gap between parents and the child. Older parents usually do not have the necessary patience that the child raising process needs. On the other hand, it leads to the incensement of the average age of the country's population, the reduction of the young workforce and the growth of consumerism in the society.

In conclusion, economic issues and preoccupation lead to couples reluctance to have children in the first years of their marriage and this in turn will have negative effects both on families and society.