

The family is the basic unit in a community and the nation, and thus keeping the family unity intact is very important for the prosperity of the community and the nation. Dual surname by husband and wife will certainly break down the family bond and unity, and the family system may eventually be destroyed.

We strongly object to the introduction of a dual surname system in Japan, which may lead the country into chaos. The Japanese family system is the beauty of our culture and we have a duty to hand it over to the next generation.

Objection to a dual surname system after marriage

We strongly object to a dual surname system after marriage due to the following reasons:

--- Reason 1 ---

Allowing dual surnames destroys the concept of “family name,” and eventually weakens family unity and bond.



--- Reason 2 ---

Choosing a surname at the time of marriage has nothing to do with “gender equality,” since both men and women have equal right to keep their former names. The majority of women simply do so because they want to do so, not because they are forced to do so.

--- Reason 3 ---

The viewpoint of dual surname supporters lacks the consideration for the wellbeing of children. According to the survey conducted in 2022 by NHK Broadcasting Culture Research Institute, more than 90% of children do not want dual surnames, which makes one of their parents have a different name than theirs. Close to 60% of children responded that at the time of marriage “it is not important whether my spouse chooses my name or I choose his/her name.” The majority of junior high school and high school students want one name after marriage. Dual surname supporters clearly ignore such views of children as well as the impact dual surnames may have over children.

--- Reason 4 ---

Currently, the Japanese family registration system is based on “family name.” If a dual surname system is adopted, one’s surname no longer functions as a family name but simply functions as an individual name. If the family registration system does not work to record a “family name,” it may eventually lose its function and be abolished. If the system is abolished, the functions the system serves will also be gone, which will cause much confusion.

家族は地域と国の基本的単位。家族の一体感を損なうと地域や国の繁栄も損なわれます。夫婦別姓は家族の絆と一体感を損ない、いずれは家族制度そのものも破壊されるかもしれません。

国を混乱に陥らせるような夫婦別姓には断固反対します。日本の家族制度は美しい日本の文化です。わたしたちは、これを次の世代に引き継がねばなりません。

夫婦別姓に反対します

わたしたちが夫婦別姓に断固反対する理由は・・・

--- 理由 1 ---

夫婦別姓を許可すると「家族の姓」という概念が破壊され、家族の一体感や絆を損なってしまいます。



--- 理由 2 ---

結婚時にどちらかの姓を選択するのは「性の平等」とは関係ありません。男女どちらにも結婚前の姓を選ぶ権利があり、殆どの女性が同姓を選択するのは強制されたからではなく、それを願うからです。

--- 理由 3 ---

夫婦別姓支持者は子供の幸せを考えていません。NHK放送文化研究所が2022年に実施した調査では、90%の中高生が片親と異なる姓になる別姓を望んでいないのです。子供達の60%近くが「相手が自分の名字になっても、自分が相手の名字になってもどちらでも構わない」と言っています。殆どの中高生が結婚後は同姓を希望しています。夫婦別姓支持者はこうした子供達の意見や、夫婦別姓が子供達に与える影響を無視しています。

--- 理由 4 ---

現在、日本の戸籍制度は「家族の姓」を基準にしています。夫婦別姓が許可され、姓が家族の名称ではなく、個人の名称になってしまえば、「家族の姓」を記録するという戸籍の役割もなくなり、いずれは戸籍自体がなくなる可能性があります。戸籍がなくなれば戸籍が担ってきた役割も果たせなくなり、それに伴う混乱は非常に大きくなります。