

## ABSTRACT

This dissertation starting from the researcher's desire to know the increase of divorce with divorced accusation status in the lives of Butonese women in Baubau City, both published online and offline. Therefore, this dissertation specifically reveals the reasons why most Butonese women accused for divorce, the cultural and government mechanisms in resolving divorces and the impact of the divorce with accusation. This research focused on emphasized, First, analysis through women's expressions why they accused for divorce. As Butonese women, they go through stages of a *life cycle* known as the posuo ritual from adolescence to adulthood until the wedding ceremony that known have an influence on married life. Second, how are the cultural and government mechanisms in divorce settlement. Third, the impact that occurs after the divorce. In this point the Butonese woman feels that her life after the divorce ends well or making things worse that can be felt positively and negatively. By explaining and revealing the three things above, the researcher hopes to be able to write the results of this dissertation as well. By using a phenomenological approach, this study more easily understand and know in depth the meaning of women's choice to accused for divorce as they feel as individuals, namely through the narrative and expressions conveyed. Through this method, it is easier for researchers to understand and know their thoughts, attitudes and actions. Thus, the researchers try to experience and understand the ideology and the way of Butonese women's life who have accused for divorce from their point of view, and to observe every phenomenon that occurs.

From the analysis, three things can be concluded. First, the occurrence of divorce with divorced accusation status is caused by economic problems, husband and wife economic stagnation, violence, fraud, infidelity to household neglect. Second, in filing for divorce, there are two models that are adopted, namely through customary cultural institutions known as sara kidi and parabela mediation and through the government, namely BP4 and the Religious Courts. Third, the impact after the divorce includes social impacts, namely avoiding meetings with extended families, the emergence of negative stigma as women who are less patient, less steadfast, do not understand traditional messages and often receive satire. While the positive impact is providing new experiences by trading traditional cakes, opening stalls, renting cars, even teaching recitation and give private lessons from house to house.

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