

Rituals can have both positive and negative effects on society. Additionally, some rituals may be used to justify or legitimize harmful or oppressive practices. It's also important to note that rituals can have different meanings and effects depending on the context, culture and individual perspectives. However, when they perpetuate harmful practices or discriminate certain groups, they can be detrimental to society. On one hand, they can be positive because they serve the functions outlined in my previous response, such as creating a sense of community and providing a sense of meaning and purpose. Some rituals may be discriminatory or exclusionary, and can perpetuate social inequalities.