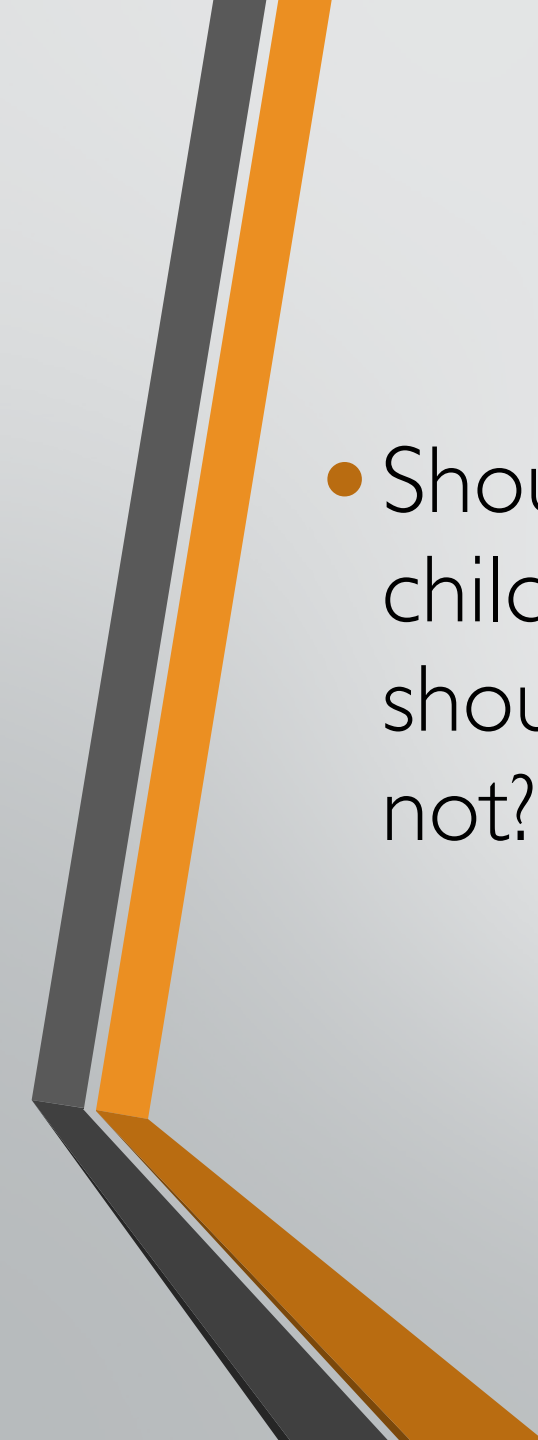


# Parenthood and Raising Children

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- Should all persons be granted the right to have a child? Are there some categories of people who should not be allowed to have children? Why or why not?

# Population and Fertility Trends

- Macro-level issues influence population growth
- Access to birth control
- China's one child policy
- General fertility rate (includes women ages 15 to 44)
  - # of children born per 1,000 women
  - Better than other methods like "crude fertility rate" (per 1,000 people)

# Fertility in the US

- Pronatalism
- Miscarriage
- Delayed parenthood
  - 1971 around 21. Around 2012 25.4 years old.

# Costs and Rewards

- Economic (direct costs) and opportunity costs (lack of flexible schedule)
- Rewards
  - 85% of parents said the relationship with children was the most fulfilling.
  - 23% said career.

**TABLE 10.2** Perceptions of Parenting Inventory: Factors People Consider before Becoming Parents

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**Enrichment**

Caring for the child would bring me happiness.

Parenting the child would be rewarding.

My spouse/partner and I would grow closer together through the experience.

Parenting the child would make me a better person.

**Isolation**

I would have less time to spend doing what I enjoy.

Caring for the child would interfere with the time I want to spend with my spouse.

**Commitment**

Parenting the child would be a never-ending responsibility.

The child would be dependent on me.

**Instrumental Costs**

Raising the child would be financially expensive.

Parenting the child would be emotionally exhausting.

Caring for the child would be physically exhausting.

**Continuity**

I would look forward to being a grandparent in the future.

Our relationship would change over the years from parent to friend.

The child would carry on my family name.

**Perceived Support**

My friends and family would help me care for the child.

My family and friends would provide social support.

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Source: Lawson (2004).

# Childfree

- The rate of childfree individuals has remained about the same, depending on the economic/historical period
- 16% of women between the ages of 40 and 44
- Hispanics least likely to be childfree

# Infertility Issues

- Surrogacy
  - Legal issues such as abortion
  - Unregulated
- Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) includes all fertility treatments
- In vitro fertilization is the most common
  - Ovulation stimulation drugs, eggs removed and fertilized in a dish with sperm, implanted in uterus
  - $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  result in birth
  - How many embryos should be implanted?



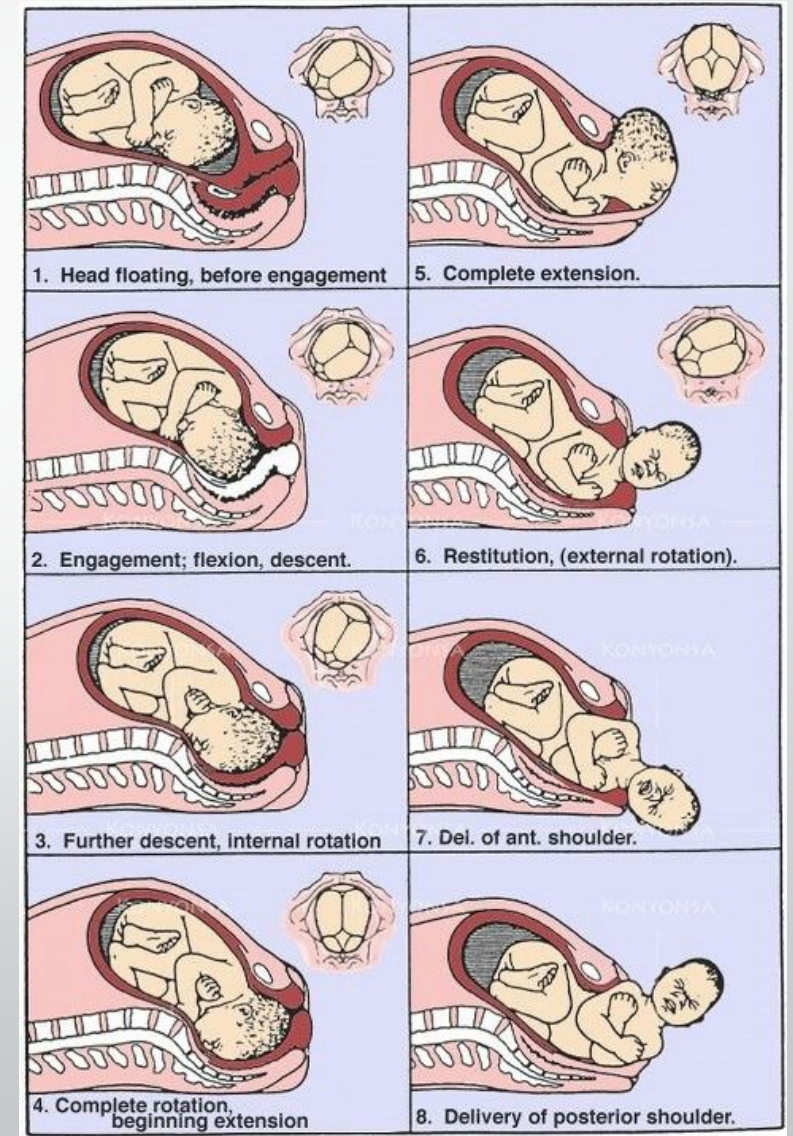


# Infertility Issues

- Financial
- Loss of pregnancy and birth
- Loss of parenting
- Loss of self-worth

# Childbirth

- Stages of pregnancy
- Stages of labor
  - First: Cervix dilates, contractions
  - Second: Pushing and delivery, may have episiotomy (cut)
  - Third: Delivery of the placenta
- Wait six weeks before exercising or sexual activity



# Childbirth

- Stages of pregnancy
- Stages of labor
- Medicalization of childbirth
  - Around 33% of all US births, which is a 50 percent increase since early 2000
  - Birth centers
  - Doulas
  - Midwives

# Adoption

- Closed
- Open
- International
- Gays and Lesbians
  - Ban lifted in Florida in 2010

# Transition to Parenthood

- Lack of sleep
  - Example: Breastfeeding every 2-6 hours
- Little experience in childcare
- Change in couple's relationship
- Sometimes takes awhile to feel like a parent/emotionally bond with child
- Women more likely to suffer from post partum depression when they feel lack of support



# Raising Children

# Parenting

- What makes a good parent?
- Different around the world
- Different over time



# Socialization

- Piaget
  - Sensorimotor
  - Preoperational
  - Concrete operational (causal connections)
  - Formal operational (abstract)
- Cooley



# Social Learning Theory

- Agents of socialization
- Social class
  - Kohn

# Parenting

- As an identity
- As an activity

# Children

- Temperament
- Cognitive abilities
- Sex

# Other Parents

- Single parents
- Grandparents
- LGBTQ

