

MARRIAGE |

CROSS-CULTURAL

Marriage is found in every society

Micro- personal relationship

Macro- influenced by the culture around us

The role of parents



MARRIAGE IN US HISTORY

Colonial America

- Wives didn't have the right to vote, couldn't be tried for a crime
- Native Americans- some allowed premarital sex, divorce and remarriage

19th Century changes

- "All persons are equal before the law, so that no person can hold another as a slave."
- 1848 Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls

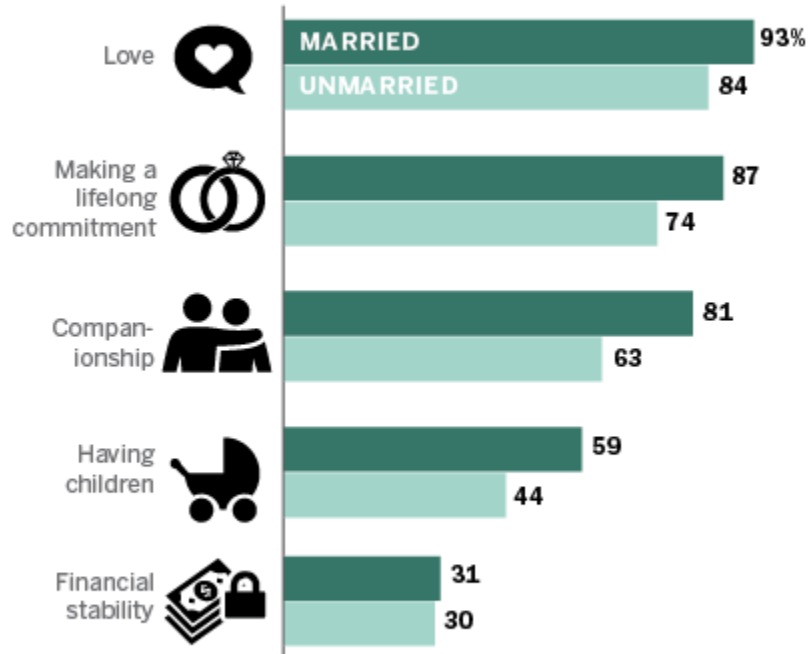
Marriage after the Industrial Revolution

- Changing role of youth
- Sexual revolution (automobile)
- Changing life-course (gender roles)

WHY GET MARRIED?

Why Get Married?

Percent saying each is a very important reason to marry, by marital status



Asked of married and unmarried separately, n=1,306 for married and 1,385 for unmarried.

Pew Research Center



MARRIAGE TODAY

<http://www.pewresearch.org/data-trend/society-and-demographics/marriage/>

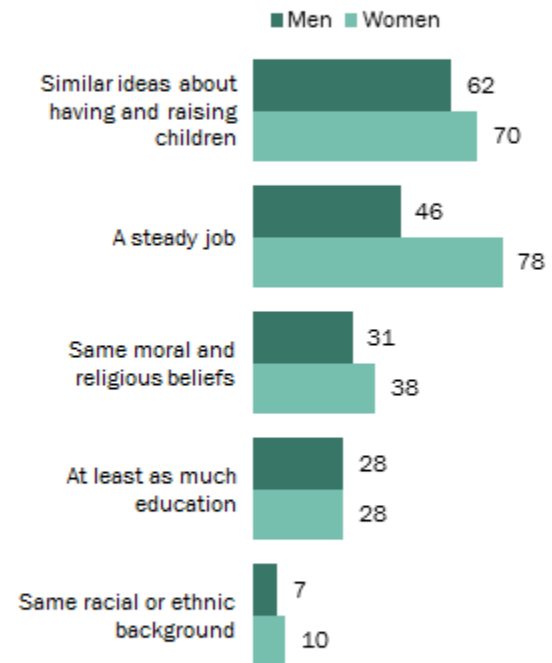
RACE AND MARRIAGE

Never-Married Women Want a Spouse with a Steady Job

% of never-married adults who say ... would be "very important" to them in choosing a spouse or partner

In the US Blacks have a lower rate of marriage, why?

- Unstable work, low pay
- Imbalanced sex ratio
- Education
- Waiting for the right person/
stable employment



Note: Based on never-married adults who want to marry or are not sure (n=369).

Source: Pew Research Center survey, May 22-25 and May 29-June 1, 2014 (N=2,003)

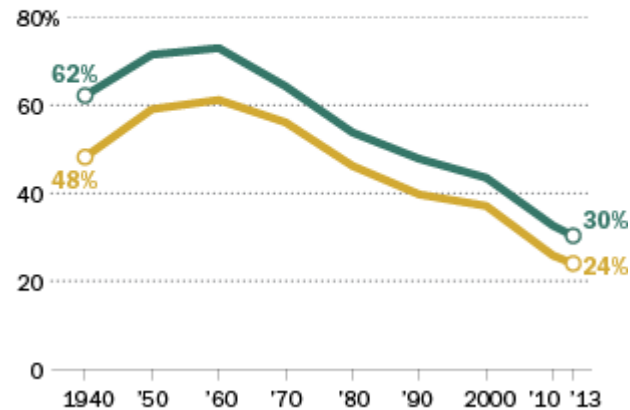
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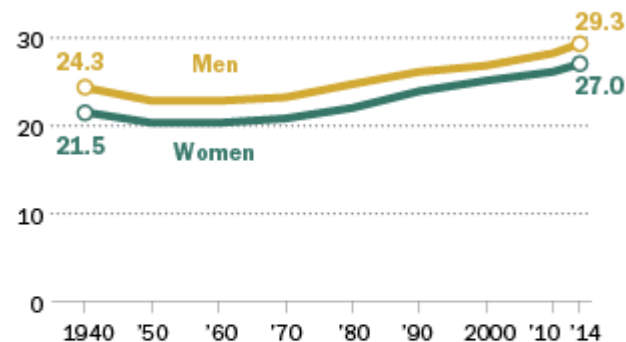
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Young Women Today Are Half as Likely to Be Married as in 1940

Share of 18- to 34-year-olds married



Median age at first marriage



Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of U.S. decennial census data, 1940-2000 and 2010 and 2013 American Community Survey (IPUMS), and Census Bureau historical data on median age at first marriage.

HOMOGENEOUS AND HETEROGENEOUS MARRIAGES

Interracial marriages

- Anti-miscegenation laws

Social class

Interfaith

Skip Civil Unions section

HAPPINESS

Married people often report being happier, healthier, and financially better off than singles and cohabiters

- His
- Her

Social capital

HAPPINESS AND TYPES OF MARRIAGES

Conflict-habituated

- Fighting is normal

Devitalized

- Time together due to obligation. Remember Sternberg's Triangular Theory of Love? Empty love

Passive-congenial

- Little conflict and little excitement

Vital

- Physical and emotional intimacy important

Total

- Few independent activities

SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE?

Type of relationship with parents

Quality and stability of parents' marriage

Shared values, goals and characteristics

Religious faith

Frequency and satisfaction with sexual relationships

Satisfaction with gendered division of labor