



The Early Years of Marriage Study

Another fascinating year for the EYM Study!!!

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Your continued participation is important to us.

Study News

The Early Years of Marriage Study is the only study of its kind! This study is extremely important because we see how you, your marriages and families change over time. We have studied individuals and couples over the years, but in our most recent study, we interviewed individuals who are divorced or separated from their 1986 spouse. Learning about all various aspects of marriage, divorce, and raising a family is valuable to us. This newsletter will provide you with continuing information about the progress of the study.

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Who sponsors the EYM Study?

Because of the wide range of important family, psychological, and physical health issues that are covered in the study, the project is funded by:

The National Institutes of Health

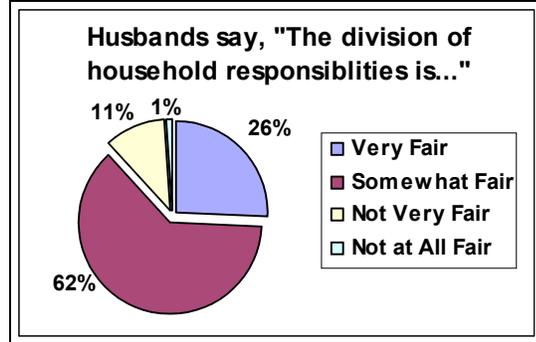
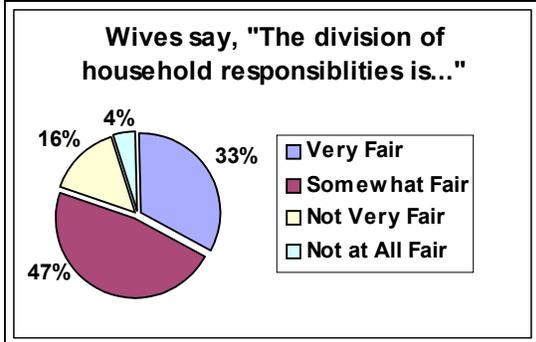


How do we keep data confidential?

We keep all information you give us confidential to the full extent allowed by the law. Each of our professional interviewers and researchers is required to sign a yearly Oath of Confidentiality. Results from our study are reported in statistical form which will not permit identification of individuals participating in our study.

We Continue to Examine What You Told Us: After 16 years of marriage, respondents report:

How fair is the division of household responsibilities?



How Ideal is Your Marriage?

◆ **Is it COMPLETELY IDEAL?** 12 % of respondents report that their marriage is completely ideal



◆ **Is it ALMOST IDEAL?** 72% of respondents report that their marriage is almost ideal

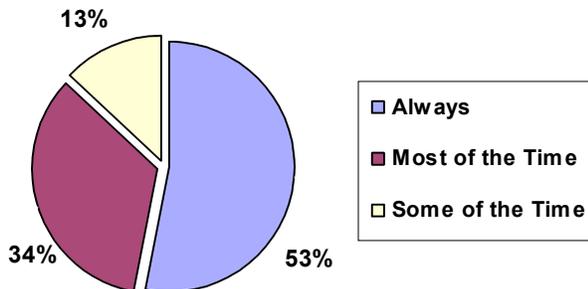


◆ **Is it NOT VERY IDEAL?** 12% of respondents report that their marriage is not very ideal



Divorced Respondents :

How often do you feel hopeful about the future?



* 55% of women and 52% of men report **worrying** whether their total family income will be enough to meet the family's expenses.

* 45% of women and 48% of men report that they **do not worry** whether their total family income will be enough to meet the family's expenses.



Marital Status Over the Years

Each year we were not able to interview or locate some of you. The percentages below reflect the marital status of the original 373 couples. Note: In 2003 we were able to locate 98% of you; in 1999 we could only find 77% of you. These numbers do not reflect those of you who remarried.

1986: 100% Married	1999: 49% Married
1988: 71% Married	26% Divorced / Separated
13% Divorced / Separated	2% Deceased / Widowed
16% Unable to locate	23% Unable to Locate
1993: 47% Married	2003: 49% Married
22% Divorced / Separated	46% Divorced / Separated
31% Unable to Locate	4% Deceased / Widowed
	1% Unable to Locate

Spotlighted Publication

Dr. Terri Orbuch will be publishing another book based on the findings from this study, orth-coming in the Fall of 2009. The book is titled: **“5 Simple Steps to Take Your Marriage from Good to Great”** and will be published by Random House. Check bookstores soon.

Also known as: The Love Doctor

- Dr. Terri Orbuch, aka “The Love Doctor” appears on Fox-2 Morning News (WJBK-Detroit) every Saturday at 8:15–8:30 a.m..
- Also listen to The Love Doctor on radio stations across the U.S. and Canada, Including XM radio!
- “The Love Doctor” is hosting a weekly radio program on “Love and Relationships” — www.VoiceAmerica.com— Mondays at 11:00 a.m. (EST) ! Logon and type in “The Love Doctor”.
- Also visit her website @ www.drterrihthelovedoctor.com.



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