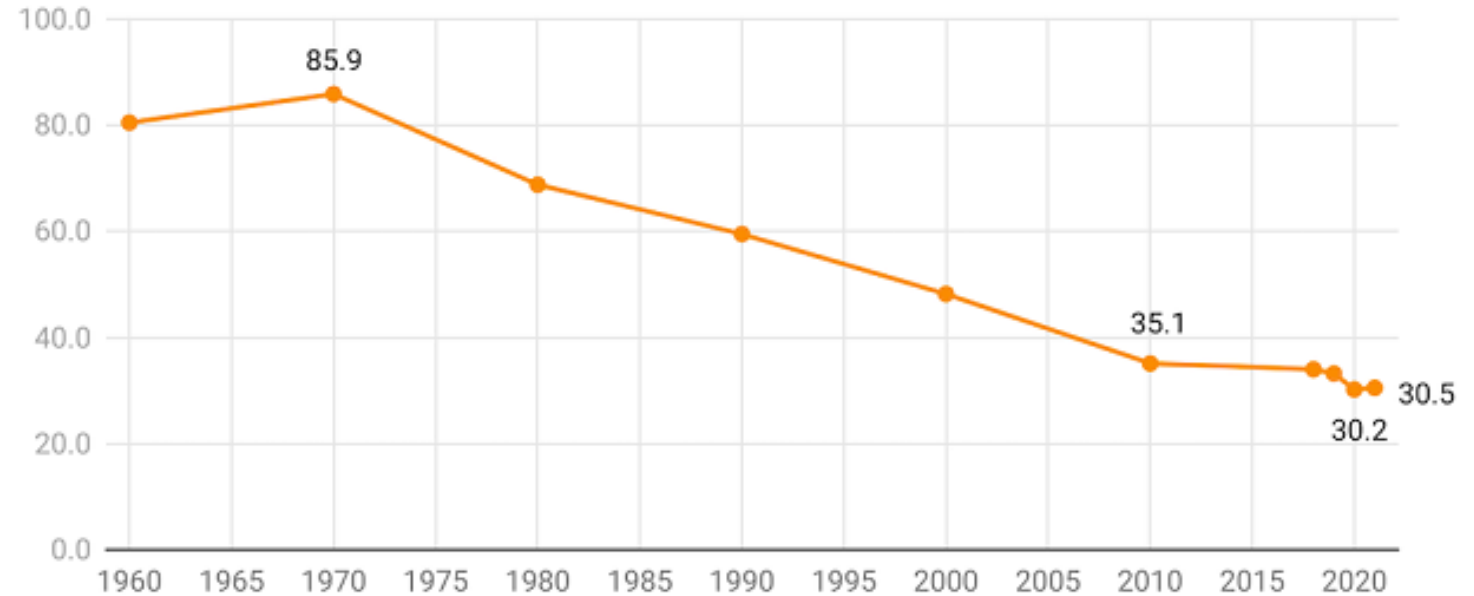


“The Closing of the American Heart” ~Brad Wilcox

**1-in-3
Young
Adults Will
Never Marry**

The U.S. marriage rate was near all-time low in 2021

Number of newly married people per 1,000 unmarried population ages 15+



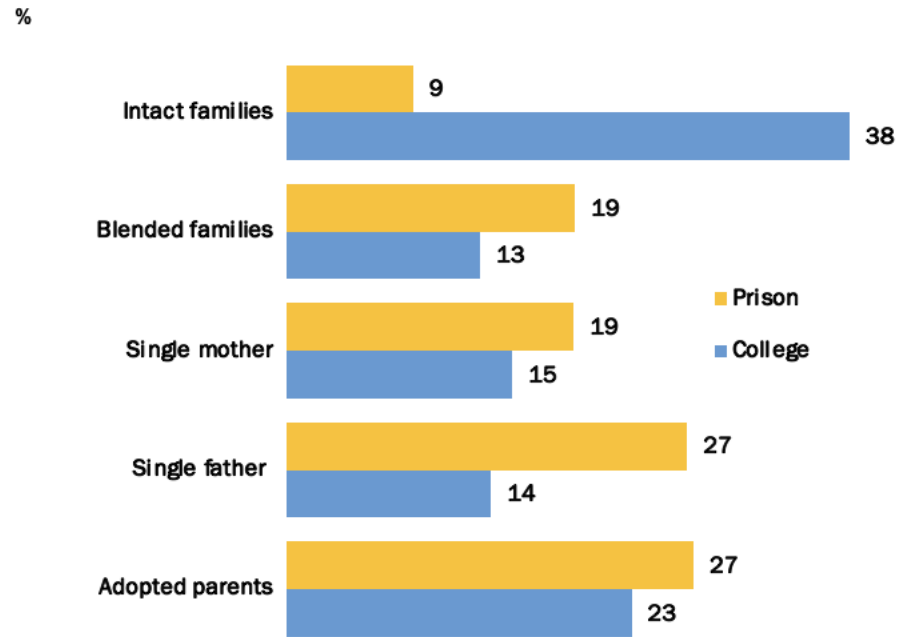
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Chart: By Institute for Family Studies • Source: IFS's calculation of a combination of NCHS, Decennial Census, and American Community Survey data (IPUMS & Census data tables). • Created with Datawrapper

Marriage Matters: For Kids & Adults

Prison or College, by Family Status

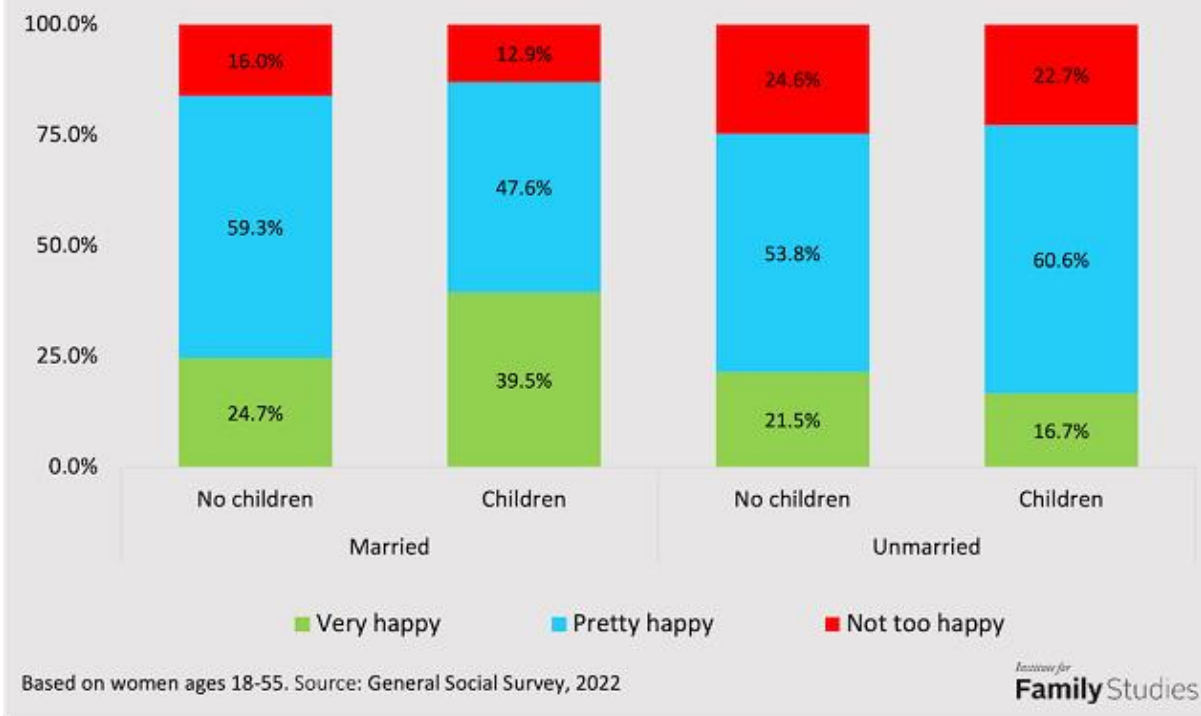
Prison or College Graduation for Young Men, by Family Structure



Based on young men' outcomes by age 28. Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97).

Women's Happiness, by Marital Status

Women's Happiness by Marital Status and Children, Ages 18-55



The Lessons I've Learned From My Friends' Expensive Divorces

So many couples I know have broken up, or contemplating it. It has given me a lot to think about for my own relationship.

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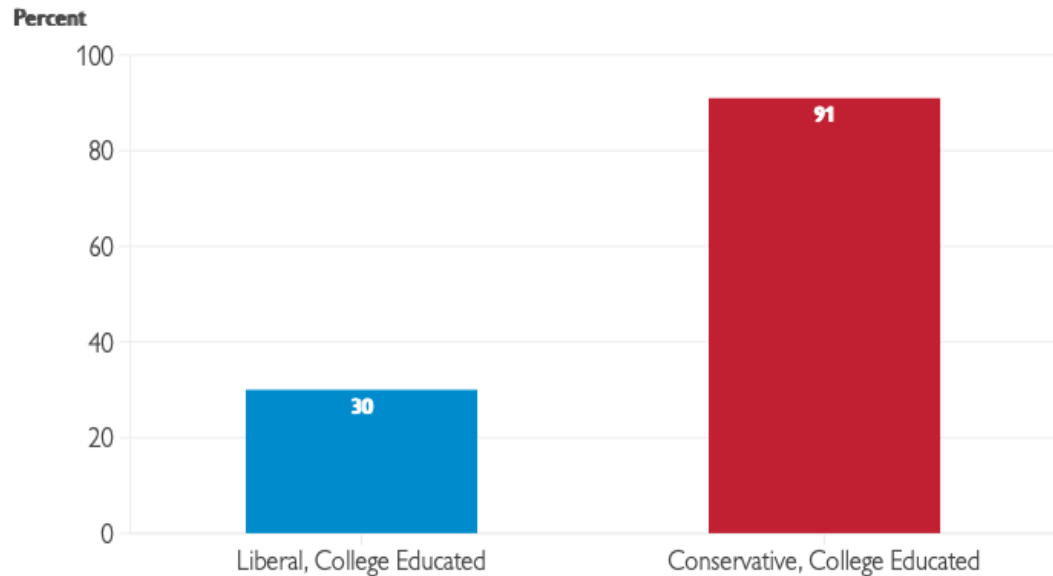
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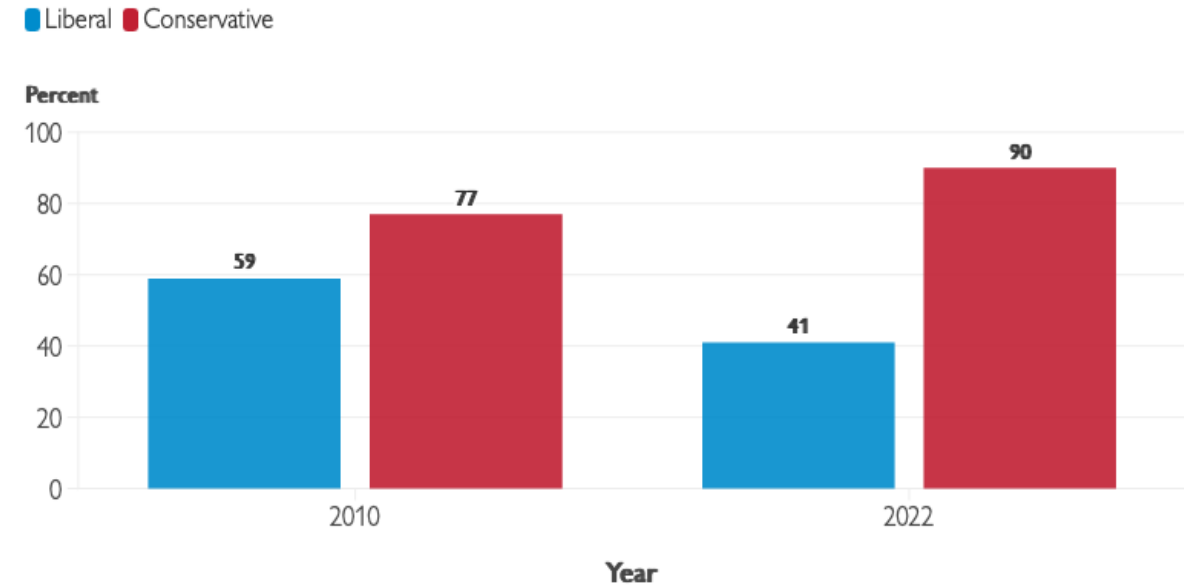
Divorce is contagious. This WSJ writer's response to her friends' divorces shows why.

Family Unfriendly Elite Messaging

Percent That Agree That Children are Better Off If They Have Two Married Parents (18-55)



College-Educated, Ages 18-55, Who Say that Infidelity is "Always Wrong"



Source: American Family Survey, 2022



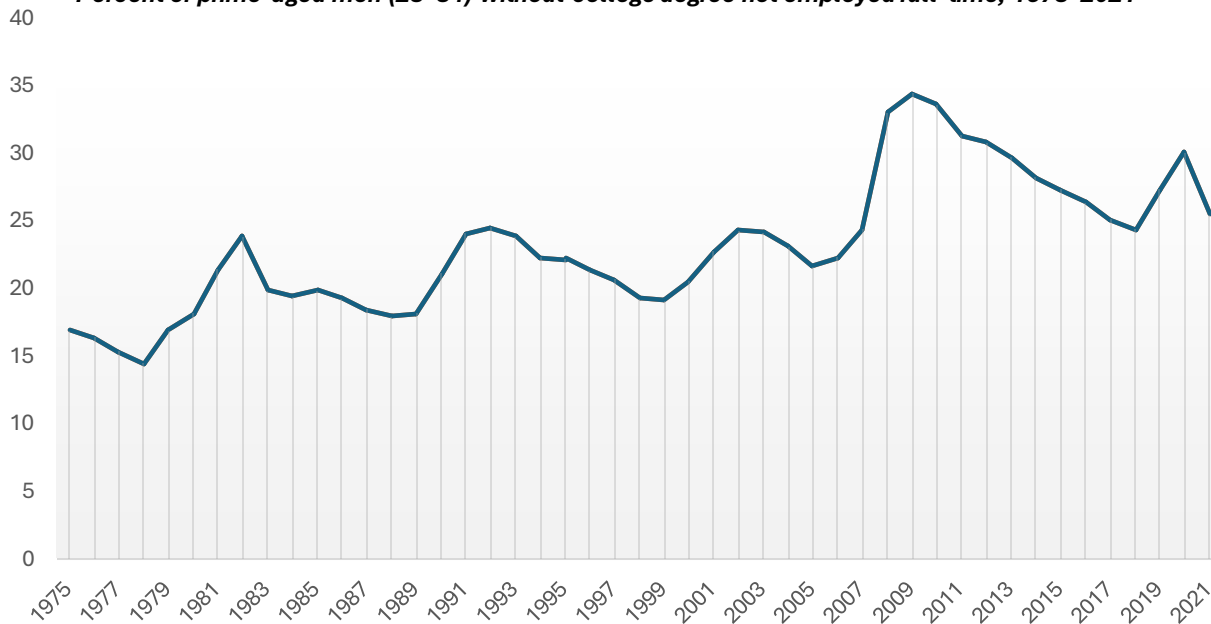
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Falling Fortunes of Men

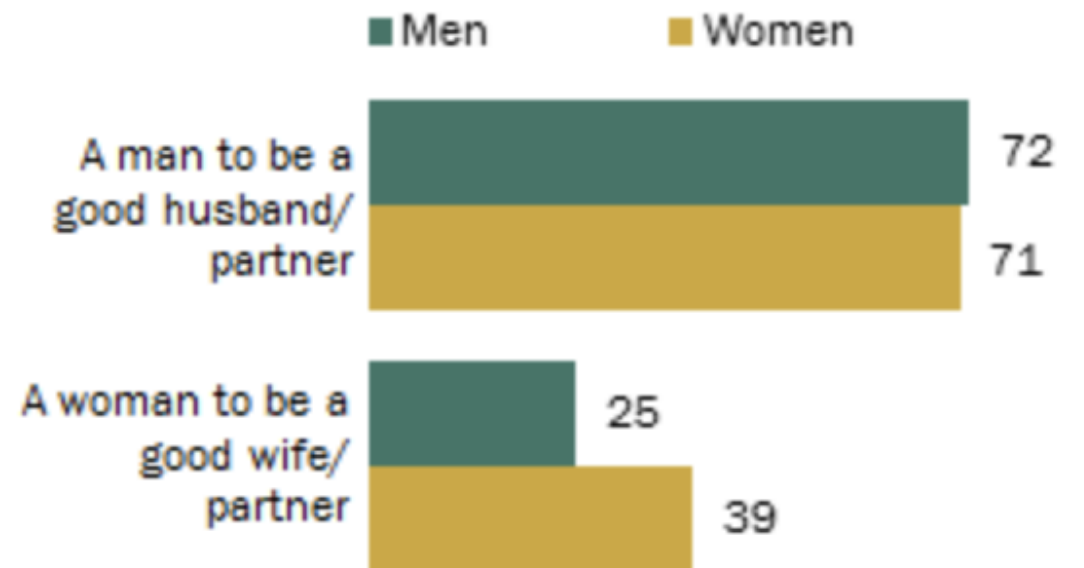
Growing Share of Less-Educated Men Not Working Full-Time

Percent of prime-aged men (25–54) without college degree not employed full-time, 1975–2021



Source: Current Population Survey.

% of men/women saying that being able to support a family financially is very important for ...

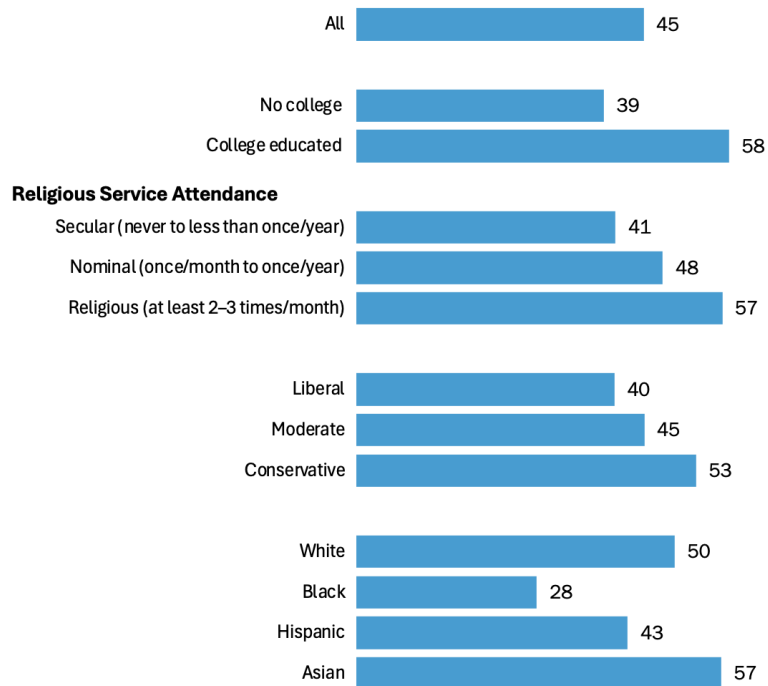


The Masters of Marriage

Share Married

Share Married, by Education, Religion, Ideology Race/Ethnicity

Percent Men & Women (18-55)

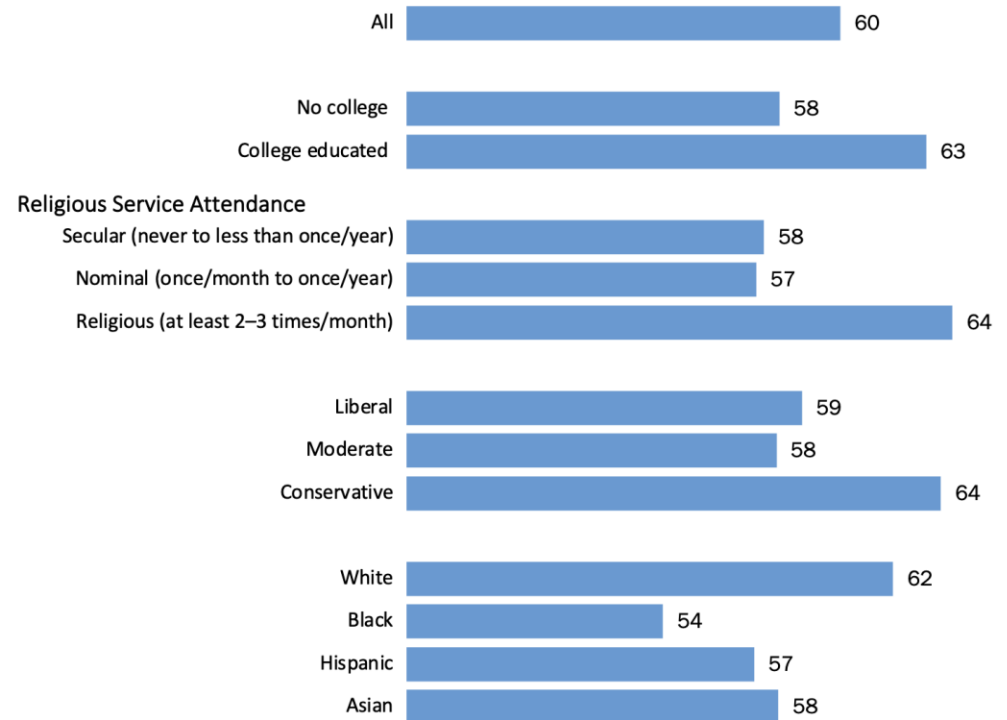


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“Very Happy” in Marriage

Happily Married by Education, Religion, Ideology, Race/Ethnicity

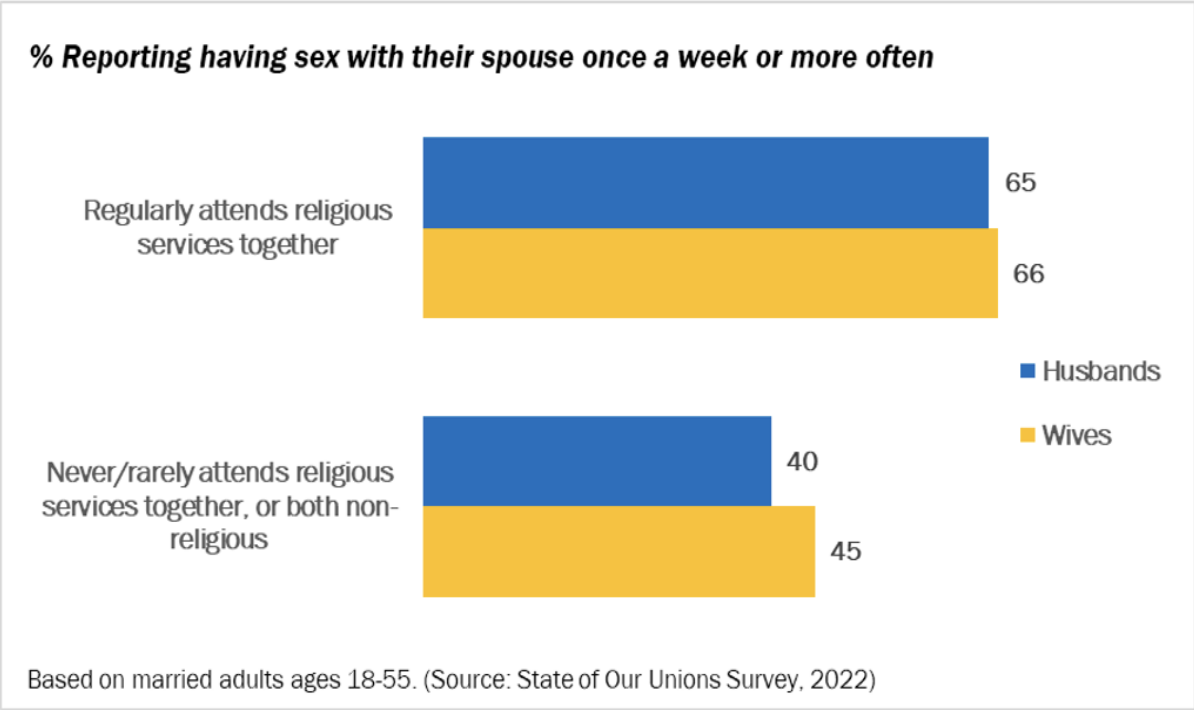
Percent husbands and wives “very happy” in marriage



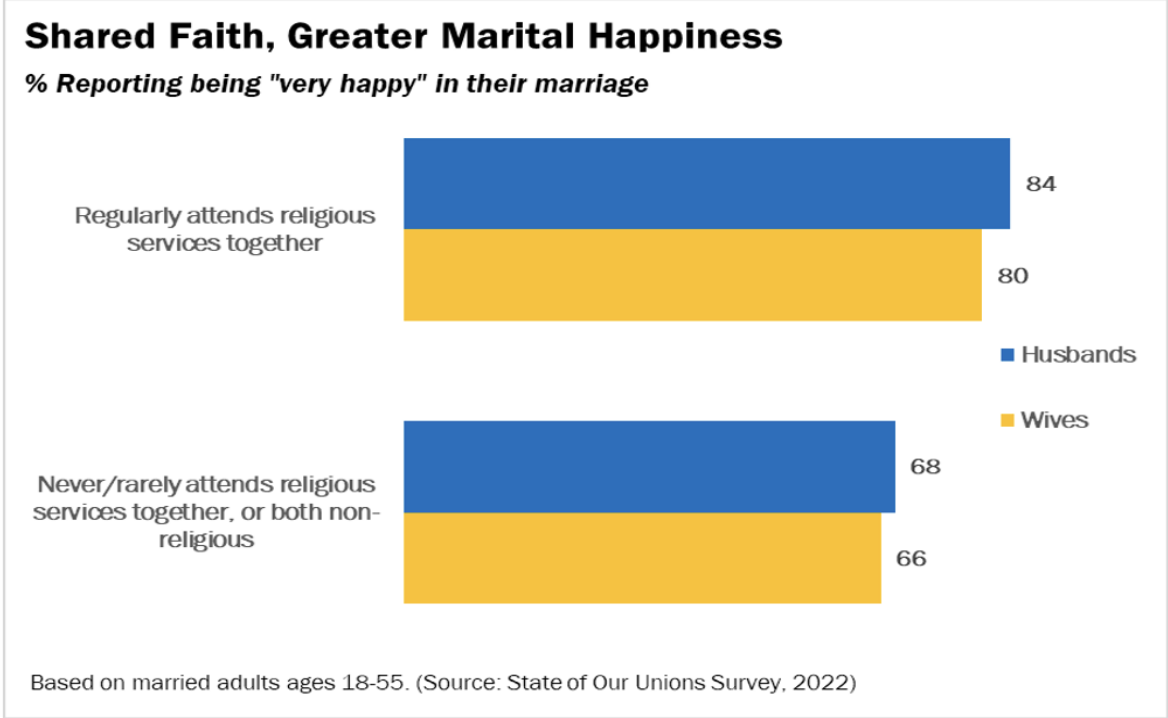
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Religion, Sex, & Marital Satisfaction

Greater Attendance, More Sex



Greater Attendance, More Marital Happiness

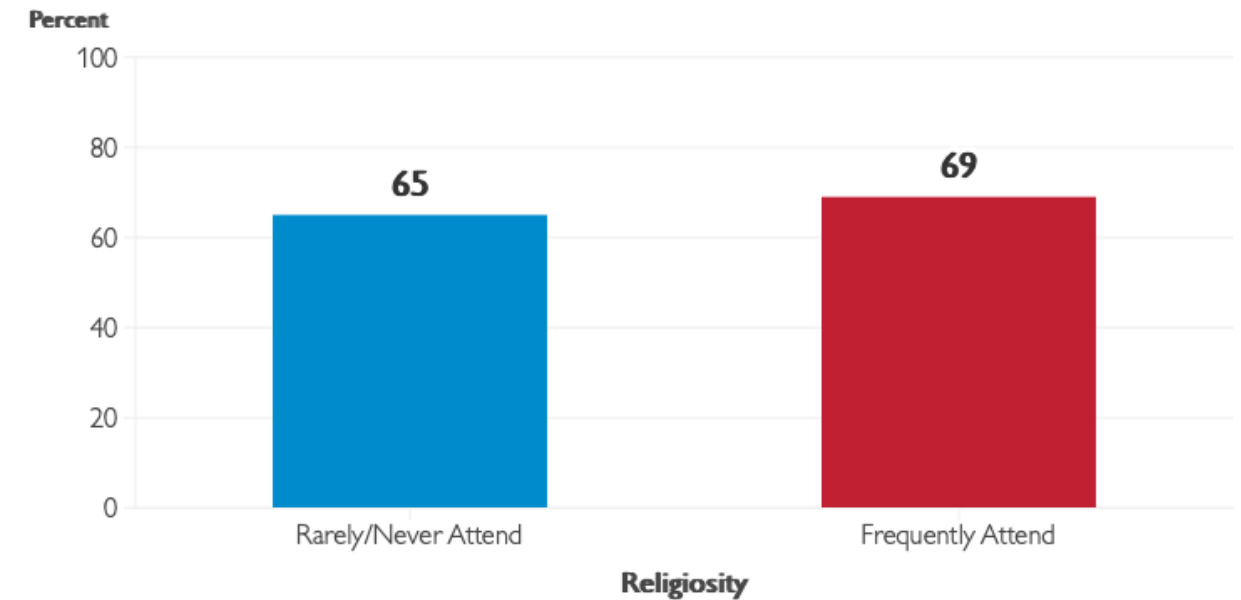


Religion, Fidelity, & Work

Infidelity is "Always Wrong," Ages 18-55, by Attendance of Religious Services



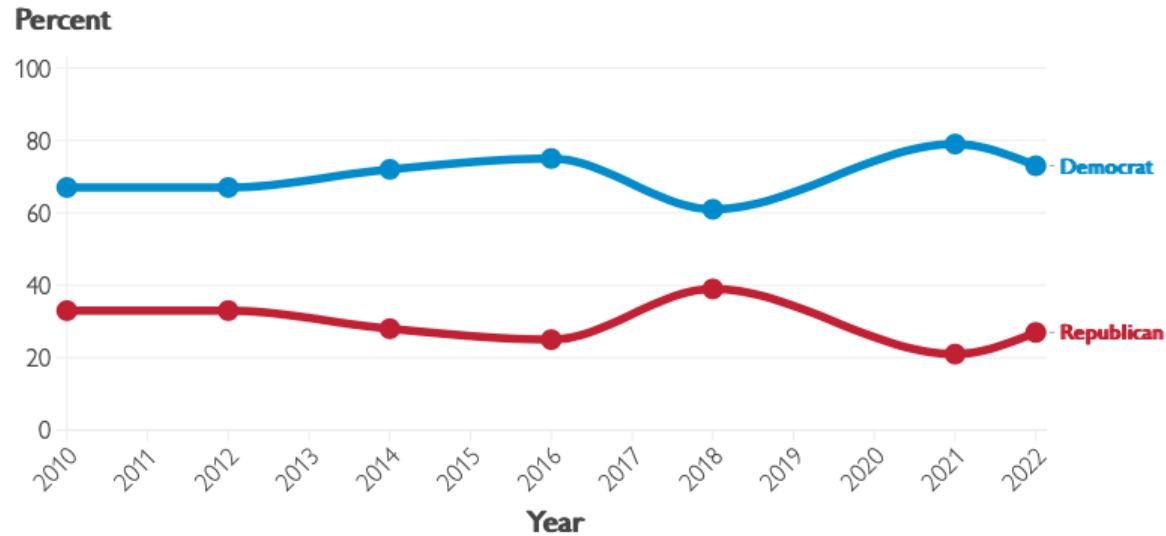
Men, Ages 18-55, Who Work Full-Time, by How Often They Attend Religious Services



Gender, Singleness & A Coming Realignment?

- Unmarried women (18-40), by R and D

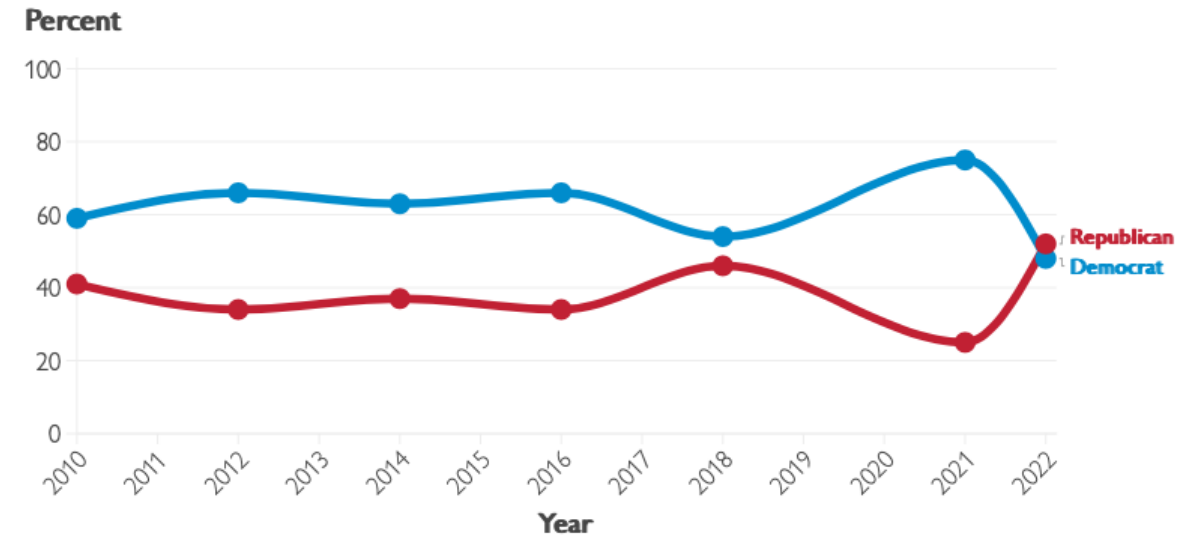
Percent of Never Married Women, Ages 18-40, by Ideology



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