**Marriage**   
What? Who? Why? Where? How?

Past . Present . Future

Why Marry?

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In the Season of Marriage, a Question. Why Bother?

1. Why does the author feel that marriage could be considered less necessary these days?

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1. What percentage of Americans do demographers think will marry at some point in their life?

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1. What does Cherlin say are the reasons why people marry today? Keep adding to this answer as you read through the article.

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1. Most North Americans are marrying at a later age. Out of all the demographics though, who does Cherlin say is putting off marriage the longest and why?

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1. How does the connection between marriage and children differ between demographics?

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1. How has the role of marriage in the scheme of things developmentally changed over the last several decades?

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Defining Marriage

* is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of some idea of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and is assumed with a more or less explicit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Schlesigner & Gibbon, 1984 as cited by Holloway, Holloway & Witt, 2010)
  + the point is to differentiate it from other couple situations that might be less permanent or more casual
  + the term contract is in reference to the idea that marriage implies a socio cultural understanding about the rights and responsibilities of individuals within that relationship

More Terminology

* Conjugal Union  
  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Common Law Couple  
  Living together as a couple who are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  (with the exception of marriage for some same sex couples who do not have that right or privilege)
* Same Sex Couple   
  A couple in a conjugal relationship that is either married or common law with two members of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Couple   
  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_