



## **CONCEPT: PARTNERSHIPS AND SINGLEHOOD**

- ◆ Various committed relationships exist, however more Americans are choosing to stay \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Recall:** Commitment is dedication to a person through actions and loyalty over time.

### **Marriage**

- ◆ Traditionally marriage involved a union between a man and a woman.
- However, in *Obergefell vs. Hodges*, Supreme Court ruled \_\_\_\_\_ sex marriage legal in all 50 states.

Marriage	
<div><h3>Benefits of Marriage</h3><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Better mental &amp; _____ health</li><li>▪ Companionship</li><li>▪ Sexual fulfillment</li><li>▪ _____ stability</li></ul><p>More people are marrying later in life.</p></div>	<div><h3>Reasons for Separation/Divorce</h3><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ _____ of commitment</li><li>▪ Poor problem solving skills</li><li>▪ _____ realistic expectations</li></ul><p>Divorce numbers are declining due to more people cohabitating.</p></div>

### **EXAMPLE**

Which of the following statements about marriage is true?

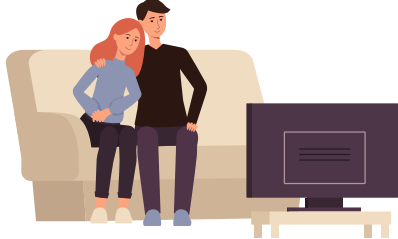
- a) Majority of young adults aged 20-34 are married.
- b) Supreme Court's ruling on same sex marriage only applies to some states.
- c) Disagreements and arguments are a major reason why people get divorced.
- d) The rise in cohabitation before marriage is contributing to the perceived decline in divorce rates.

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### Cohabitation

- ◆ Two \_\_\_\_\_ married people in an intimate relationship live together in the same household.
  - In *some* states, cohabitation lasting \_\_\_\_ or more years is considered a common-law \_\_\_\_\_.

### Cohabitation



- Provides many benefits of \_\_\_\_\_
- Lacks \_\_\_\_\_ protections of marriage

The older the couples are when they first cohabitate, the \_\_\_\_\_ their relationship lasts.

- ◆ Approximately 20% of couples who cohabitate will \_\_\_\_\_ within 5 years.



### Singlehood

- ◆ Number of adults in U.S. choosing to stay single has been \_\_\_\_\_.
  - More people are delaying marriage to pursue \_\_\_\_\_ and financial stability.

#### Never Married

31% of women  
37% of men

### Singlehood

Benefits	Disadvantages
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▸ More _____</li><li>▸ Opportunities for personal &amp; career development</li></ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▸ Potential _____</li><li>▸ Financial _____</li><li>▸ Discrimination</li></ul>

Regardless of relationship status, people can lead fulfilling and productive lives.

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### **EXAMPLE**

Identify each statement as True or False.

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- a) Single people are always lonely and lack a strong social support. \_\_\_\_\_
- b) It's impossible to be truly happy unless you are married. \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Cohabitation lasting a certain number of years can constitute a common-law marriage. \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Unmarried couple who bought a house together do not have the same property rights as a married couple. \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Cohabitation is a predictor for divorce. \_\_\_\_\_

### **PRACTICE**

Julia and Mark were 21 and 24 respectively when they got married. Based on what we know about marriage statistics, Julia and Mark

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- a) most likely got married in early 1970s.
- b) most likely moved in together before getting married.
- c) most likely got married in 2020s.
- d) have a large social capital.

### **PRACTICE**

Couples who cohabitate:

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- a) will most likely get married within the next 5 years.
- b) enjoy most of the benefits of marriage.
- c) will most likely get married but get divorced.
- d) report higher household income than married couples.