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Marriage patterns in Russia:

What do people consider important in a marriage?*

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Method: two on-line surveys based on an on-line panel by Tiburon research (3994 respondents):

- 1) 2226 respondents, April, 24-30, 2019
- 2) 1768 respondents , May, 27-29, 2019

Questions on:

- ✓ family structure and experiences,
- ✓ family and childbirth attitudes,
- ✓ religiosity,
- ✓ ethics,
- ✓ economic attitudes

Sample: Russian representative quota sample controlled for:

- ✓ gender
- ✓ age
- ✓ geography



СКАЖИТЕ, ПОЖАЛУЙСТА, ЧТО ИЗ ПЕРЕЧИСЛЕННОГО ДЛЯ ВАС БОЛЕЕ ИЛИ МЕНЕЕ ВАЖНО В БРАКЕ? ОТМЕТЬТЕ НА ШКАЛЕ ОТ «1» ДО «7», ГДЕ «1» АБСОЛЮТНО НЕ ВАЖНО, А «7» САМОЕ ВАЖНОЕ.

1. В браке важно оставлять возможность для самореализации супругов вне семьи.
2. В браке важно отказываться от своих желаний и интересов друг для друга.
3. В браке важно, чтобы желания каждого исполнялись.
4. В браке важно полностью положиться на своего(-ю) супруга(-у).
5. В браке важно сохранять личную независимость.
6. В браке важно, чтобы и муж, и жена регулярно брали на себя все семейные обязанности.
7. В браке важно равное распределение обязанностей между супругами.
8. В браке важно отстаивать свою точку зрения, если супруг не прав.
9. В браке важно отказываться от своего мнения ради общего согласия.
10. В браке важно учитывать мнение каждого в равной степени.
11. В браке важно чтобы первым мирился тот, кто виноват.
12. В браке важно чувствовать развитие.
13. В браке важно чувствовать стабильность.
14. В браке важно не останавливать рождение детей.

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99) затрудняюсь ответить

Marriage patterns: Results of a factor analysis



	EQUALITY	JUSTICE	INDEPENDENCE/ SELF- REALIZATION	UNITY
In a marriage it is important that both husband and wife regularly take over all family duties	0.78			
Equal distribution of duties between the spouses is important in a marriage	0.68			
In a marriage it is important to take into account everyone's opinion equally	0.65			
In a marriage it is important to keep personal independence		0.49	0.66	
In a marriage it is important to insist on your point of view if your spouse is wrong		0.80		
In a marriage it is important that the first person to apologize is the one who is guilty		0.76		
In a marriage it is important to have an opportunity for self-realization for the spouses outside the family			0.78	
In a marriage it is important to feel progress			0.59	
In a marriage it is important to put away your own desires and interests for each other				0.86
In a marriage it is important to disregard your own opinion in favor of the general consent				0.86
<i>% of variance (total 65.7%)</i> <i>Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>16</i>

Rotation Method: Equamax with Kaiser Normalization.

Marriage patterns: Factor correlations



	EQUALITY	JUSTICE	INDEPENDENCE / SELF- REALIZATION	UNITY
Sex	women	men	women	men
Age				45+
Marital status				officially married
Higher education		no	yes	
Financial wellbeing			high income	
Extended family				
Can rely on parents' support		can rely only on my parents, not the spouse's		yes
Religiosity				
Denomination	Orthodox Christianity			Orthodox Christianity, Islam
Belief	yes			yes
Church attendance				once a month
Communion				once a month
Prayer				often
Childbirth				
Ideal number of children		1	none	3+
Number of children				2+
Values				
It is unacceptable to give birth if the family does not have sufficient material conditions for that		yes		
It is all right for a couple with an unhappy marriage to get a divorce even if they have children	yes		yes	no

Marriage patterns: Is the “deprivation theory” right? (correlations)



	EQUALITY	JUSTICE	INDEPENDENCE/ SELF- REALIZATION	UNITY
In the marriage I regularly take over all family duties	+			
In the marriage my spouse regularly takes over all family duties	+			
In the marriage I have an opportunity for self-realization outside the family			+	
In the marriage my spouse has an opportunity for self-realization outside the family			+	
In the marriage I disregard my own opinion in favor of the general consent				+
In the marriage my spouse disregards his/ her own opinion in favor of the general consent				+

Thank you!



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