

Marriage & Divorce Statistics

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It has been said that close to 50 percent of marriages end in divorce. But, is that actually true? Some sources say the divorce rate is as low as one-third while many scholars still hold onto the 50 percent view. A recent New York Times article argued that the 50 percent figure is a myth. And according to an article written by Ali Eaves (2015), it depends on when you were married. His article states that “couples who got married in the 1990s are less likely to split up than those who got married in the ‘70s and ‘80s” (para. 2).

New York Times Miller (2014) writes that “about 70 percent of marriages that began in the 1990s reached their 15th anniversary (excluding those in which a spouse died), up from about 65 percent of those that begin in the 1970s and 1980s” (para. 6). The worldly system would like to get rid of this statement “until death do us part” because it doesn’t believe that this declaration should still be in the wedding vows. However, this statement is never left out of the religious and belief systems.

I heard a story about a Russian man who placed his wife as a bet during a heated game of cards, once he ran out of money. He lost, allowing another player to win his wife. Once she heard what her gambling husband had done, she promptly divorced him and started a relationship with the man who “won” her. Okay, that may sound ridiculous but there are many reasons why people get divorced—lack of commitment, unrealistic expectations, infidelity, domestic violence, and the list goes on.

Divorce is a serious problem, and whether the rate is 30 percent or 50 percent, that is still too high. I will tell anyone I talk to that talk to—give it your best! Don’t give up one another so quickly! It is both partner’s responsibility to make it work.

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