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December 4 - 5, 2014

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**1. Ever been divorced**
Have you ever been divorced?

| | | Gender | | Age | | | | 3 Point Party ID | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Yes | 27% | 27% | 27% | 8% | 16% | 41% | 38% | 24% | 28% | 29% |
| No | 72% | 73% | 72% | 91% | 83% | 58% | 62% | 76% | 71% | 71% |
| Prefer not to say | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | — |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (1,000) | (464) | (536) | (154) | (275) | (390) | (181) | (355) | (409) | (236) |

| | | Race | | | Family Income | | | Region | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Yes | 27% | 29% | 22% | 18% | 36% | 21% | 23% | 23% | 30% | 28% | 27% |
| No | 72% | 70% | 77% | 82% | 64% | 79% | 76% | 76% | 69% | 72% | 73% |
| Prefer not to say | 1% | 1% | 1% | — | 0% | — | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (1,000) | (789) | (107) | (104) | (366) | (292) | (199) | (169) | (197) | (339) | (295) |

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**2. Divorced parents**
Were your parents divorced?

| | | Gender | | Age | | | | 3 Point Party ID | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Yes | 29% | 27% | 30% | 28% | 34% | 30% | 18% | 30% | 27% | 30% |
| No | 69% | 70% | 69% | 66% | 63% | 70% | 82% | 68% | 70% | 70% |
| Prefer not to say | 2% | 3% | 1% | 6% | 3% | 0% | — | 2% | 3% | — |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (998) | (463) | (535) | (153) | (274) | (390) | (181) | (355) | (408) | (235) |

| | | Race | | | Family Income | | | Region | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Yes | 29% | 27% | 37% | 31% | 34% | 22% | 31% | 17% | 25% | 33% | 34% |
| No | 69% | 71% | 62% | 64% | 64% | 78% | 69% | 81% | 74% | 67% | 60% |
| Prefer not to say | 2% | 2% | 1% | 4% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 6% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (998) | (787) | (107) | (104) | (364) | (292) | (199) | (169) | (197) | (338) | (294) |

**3. Divorce morally acceptable**

Do you think divorce is or is not morally acceptable?

| | | Gender | | Age | | | | 3 Point Party ID | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Is morally acceptable | 65% | 69% | 61% | 54% | 64% | 69% | 67% | 72% | 61% | 62% |
| Is NOT morally acceptable | 19% | 20% | 18% | 25% | 20% | 14% | 20% | 14% | 19% | 24% |
| Not sure | 17% | 11% | 22% | 21% | 16% | 17% | 12% | 14% | 20% | 13% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (998) | (463) | (535) | (153) | (275) | (389) | (181) | (355) | (407) | (236) |

| | | Race | | | Family Income | | | Region | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Is morally acceptable | 65% | 67% | 51% | 62% | 59% | 66% | 76% | 73% | 60% | 66% | 60% |
| Is NOT morally acceptable | 19% | 18% | 22% | 22% | 22% | 18% | 15% | 15% | 24% | 19% | 17% |
| Not sure | 17% | 15% | 28% | 16% | 19% | 16% | 9% | 12% | 16% | 15% | 23% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (998) | (787) | (107) | (104) | (365) | (292) | (199) | (169) | (197) | (339) | (293) |

**4. Divorce rate**
Do you think the divorce rate is higher or lower today than it was thirty years ago?

| | Total | Gender | | Age | | | | 3 Point Party ID | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Higher today | 73% | 72% | 74% | 74% | 73% | 70% | 76% | 70% | 74% | 74% |
| About the same | 15% | 17% | 13% | 11% | 16% | 17% | 14% | 16% | 14% | 17% |
| Lower today | 6% | 6% | 6% | 8% | 4% | 7% | 5% | 7% | 6% | 5% |
| Not sure | 6% | 5% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 6% | 4% | 8% | 6% | 4% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (1,000) | (464) | (536) | (154) | (275) | (390) | (181) | (355) | (409) | (236) |

| | Total | Race | | | Family Income | | | Region | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Higher today | 73% | 72% | 73% | 77% | 75% | 77% | 67% | 77% | 74% | 70% | 72% |
| About the same | 15% | 15% | 15% | 17% | 12% | 17% | 20% | 13% | 14% | 18% | 14% |
| Lower today | 6% | 7% | 3% | 2% | 6% | 5% | 6% | 5% | 7% | 6% | 6% |
| Not sure | 6% | 6% | 9% | 4% | 8% | 2% | 7% | 5% | 5% | 6% | 8% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (1,000) | (789) | (107) | (104) | (366) | (292) | (199) | (169) | (197) | (339) | (295) |

**5. Marriages that end in divorce**
Roughly how many marriages do you think end in divorce?

| | | Gender | | Age | | | | 3 Point Party ID | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Two-thirds | 20% | 21% | 19% | 22% | 23% | 21% | 9% | 19% | 23% | 15% |
| Around half | 48% | 49% | 47% | 35% | 49% | 51% | 55% | 50% | 42% | 58% |
| A third | 19% | 20% | 18% | 25% | 17% | 14% | 27% | 17% | 20% | 20% |
| Less than a third | 3% | 2% | 3% | 1% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 5% | 1% | 4% |
| Not sure | 10% | 8% | 12% | 16% | 7% | 11% | 6% | 9% | 13% | 3% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (999) | (463) | (536) | (154) | (274) | (390) | (181) | (354) | (409) | (236) |

| | | Race | | | Family Income | | | Region | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Two-thirds | 20% | 18% | 11% | 38% | 22% | 24% | 8% | 20% | 18% | 20% | 20% |
| Around half | 48% | 52% | 41% | 34% | 38% | 49% | 70% | 46% | 48% | 48% | 50% |
| A third | 19% | 20% | 24% | 13% | 22% | 18% | 17% | 18% | 22% | 21% | 16% |
| Less than a third | 3% | 3% | 5% | 1% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 6% | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Not sure | 10% | 8% | 20% | 14% | 16% | 5% | 3% | 10% | 9% | 9% | 13% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (999) | (788) | (107) | (104) | (366) | (292) | (198) | (169) | (197) | (339) | (294) |

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### 6. Better for the children
Do you agree or disagree with this statement: If you have children it is better to stay together, even if the marriage is unhappy

| | Total | Gender | | Age | | | | 3 Point Party ID | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Strongly agree | 9% | 14% | 5% | 15% | 9% | 8% | 5% | 3% | 13% | 10% |
| Somewhat agree | 24% | 31% | 17% | 23% | 19% | 27% | 26% | 16% | 25% | 32% |
| Somewhat disagree | 29% | 29% | 28% | 26% | 29% | 28% | 30% | 30% | 26% | 31% |
| Strongly disagree | 29% | 18% | 38% | 23% | 31% | 30% | 32% | 42% | 24% | 21% |
| Not sure | 10% | 8% | 12% | 13% | 12% | 7% | 7% | 9% | 12% | 6% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (998) | (462) | (536) | (154) | (275) | (389) | (180) | (354) | (408) | (236) |

| | Total | Race | | | Family Income | | | Region | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Strongly agree | 9% | 10% | 9% | 4% | 11% | 10% | 8% | 6% | 11% | 9% | 10% |
| Somewhat agree | 24% | 26% | 9% | 26% | 17% | 28% | 26% | 21% | 25% | 22% | 27% |
| Somewhat disagree | 29% | 28% | 29% | 29% | 28% | 31% | 32% | 31% | 25% | 30% | 27% |
| Strongly disagree | 29% | 28% | 38% | 27% | 35% | 23% | 23% | 32% | 31% | 29% | 24% |
| Not sure | 10% | 8% | 14% | 14% | 10% | 9% | 11% | 10% | 8% | 10% | 12% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (998) | (788) | (106) | (104) | (366) | (291) | (198) | (168) | (197) | (338) | (295) |

**7. Appropriate to celebrate**
Is it ever appropriate to celebrate a divorce?

|  | | Gender | | Age | | | | 3 Point Party ID | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Yes | 34% | 34% | 33% | 28% | 41% | 36% | 24% | 40% | 29% | 34% |
| No | 47% | 47% | 47% | 42% | 41% | 45% | 66% | 38% | 50% | 54% |
| Not sure | 19% | 19% | 20% | 30% | 19% | 19% | 10% | 22% | 21% | 12% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (997) | (462) | (535) | (154) | (273) | (389) | (181) | (353) | (409) | (235) |

|  | | Race | | | Family Income | | | Region | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Yes | 34% | 36% | 31% | 20% | 36% | 33% | 36% | 41% | 28% | 30% | 38% |
| No | 47% | 46% | 48% | 53% | 43% | 54% | 45% | 36% | 54% | 49% | 47% |
| Not sure | 19% | 18% | 21% | 27% | 22% | 13% | 20% | 23% | 19% | 21% | 15% |
| Totals | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| (Unweighted N) | (997) | (786) | (107) | (104) | (363) | (292) | (199) | (169) | (196) | (337) | (295) |