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1. Simple or elaborate proposal

Do you think it is better to have a simple wedding proposal or an elaborate one?

		Ge	nder		Α	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Simple	75%	77%	74%	72%	72%	75%	87%	74%	76%	77%
Elaborate	7%	5%	8%	12%	10%	4%	2%	9%	6%	6%
Not sure	18%	17%	18%	17%	18%	21%	11%	17%	18%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(999)	(477)	(522)	(171)	(277)	(391)	(160)	(341)	(418)	(240)

			Race		F	amily Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Simple	75%	78%	63%	72%	72%	83%	81%	75%	76%	77%	73%
Elaborate	7%	5%	13%	10%	8%	5%	6%	7%	6%	7%	8%
Not sure	18%	17%	24%	17%	19%	11%	13%	18%	18%	17%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(999)	(746)	(116)	(137)	(378)	(292)	(190)	(187)	(226)	(380)	(206)

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2. Public or private proposal
Do you think a wedding proposal should be done in private or in public?

		Ge	nder		А	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
In private	70%	71%	69%	63%	61%	72%	86%	70%	67%	76%
In public	8%	7%	9%	14%	12%	3%	4%	10%	8%	5%
Not sure	22%	22%	23%	23%	27%	25%	10%	20%	25%	19%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (476)	100% (523)	100% (171)	100% (278)	100% (390)	100% (160)	100% (340)	100% (418)	100% (241)

			Race		F	amily Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
In private	70%	72%	57%	66%	71%	72%	74%	72%	71%	68%	69%
In public	8%	5%	17%	14%	9%	6%	5%	11%	5%	9%	6%
Not sure	22%	22%	26%	20%	20%	22%	21%	17%	24%	23%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(999)	(747)	(115)	(137)	(378)	(292)	(190)	(187)	(226)	(379)	(207)

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3. Women making proposalsNow, thinking about a marriage proposal between a man and a woman, do you think....

		Ge	nder		А	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
The man should make the proposal to the woman It doesn't matter whether it's the man or the woman who makes	46%	40%	52%	50%	42%	42%	56%	42%	43%	61%
the proposal The woman should make the proposal to	48%	53%	43%	45%	50%	51%	43%	56%	49%	35%
the man	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	_	1%	1%	1%
Not sure	5%	6%	4%	4%	5%	6%	1%	2%	7%	4%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (477)	100% (522)	100% (171)	100% (278)	100% (391)	100% (159)	100% (341)	100% (418)	100% (240)

			Race		F	amily Income)		Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The man should make the proposal to the woman It doesn't matter whether it's the man or the woman who makes	46%	45%	52%	48%	47%	45%	49%	52%	43%	48%	40%
the proposal The woman should make the proposal to	48%	51%	40%	41%	46%	49%	50%	46%	50%	47%	51%
the man	1%	0%	4%	3%	2%	1%	_	1%	1%	1%	1%
Not sure	5%	4%	4%	8%	5%	4%	2%	1%	5%	4%	8%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (746)	100% (116)	100% (137)	100% (378)	100% (291)	100% (191)	100% (187)	100% (226)	100% (379)	100% (207)

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4. Women making proposals okIs it okay or not if the woman proposes to the man?

Asked of those who think the man should propose to the woman

		Ge	nder		Α	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes, it is okay	58%	68%	51%	52%	65%	58%	56%	57%	61%	55%
No, it is <u>not</u> okay	32%	21%	40%	34%	26%	34%	34%	33%	31%	32%
Not sure	10%	11%	9%	14%	9%	8%	9%	9%	8%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(441)	(189)	(252)	(77)	(118)	(160)	(86)	(139)	(156)	(146)

			Race		F	amily Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it is okay	58%	57%	50%	73%	56%	60%	59%	57%	53%	59%	63%
No, it is <u>not</u> okay	32%	34%	33%	24%	36%	27%	33%	37%	27%	34%	28%
Not sure	10%	9%	17%	4%	8%	13%	8%	6%	20%	7%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(441)	(317)	(60)	(64)	(168)	(125)	(87)	(85)	(96)	(175)	(85)

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5. Stay togetherWhat kinds of couples do you think are MORE likely to stay together—those who had a simple proposal or those who had an elaborate proposal?

		Ge	nder		Α	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Simple	32%	35%	29%	30%	32%	31%	38%	27%	33%	37%
Elaborate	3%	2%	3%	5%	4%	1%	0%	2%	2%	5%
No difference	56%	52%	61%	55%	56%	58%	56%	61%	55%	52%
Not sure	9%	11%	7%	10%	9%	10%	6%	10%	10%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(475)	(523)	(171)	(278)	(390)	(159)	(341)	(417)	(240)

			Race		F	amily Income	•		Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Simple	32%	32%	33%	30%	34%	35%	32%	31%	30%	32%	35%
Elaborate	3%	2%	2%	6%	4%	1%	4%	1%	4%	2%	4%
No difference	56%	58%	56%	50%	52%	59%	58%	58%	56%	59%	51%
Not sure	9%	8%	9%	14%	10%	5%	6%	10%	10%	7%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(745)	(116)	(137)	(377)	(291)	(191)	(186)	(226)	(379)	(207)

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6. Been engaged Have you ever been engaged?

		Ge	nder		А	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	68%	62%	74%	28%	70%	81%	90%	70%	63%	77%
No	29%	34%	24%	69%	26%	17%	7%	28%	33%	22%
Prefer not to say	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(477)	(523)	(171)	(278)	(391)	(160)	(341)	(418)	(241)

			Race		F	amily Income)	Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	68%	73%	54%	52%	65%	75%	81%	60%	71%	72%	66%
No	29%	25%	43%	40%	32%	25%	18%	38%	26%	25%	30%
Prefer not to say	3%	2%	3%	8%	3%	0%	1%	2%	2%	3%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(747)	(116)	(137)	(378)	(292)	(191)	(187)	(226)	(380)	(207)

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7. Experience - simple or elaborate propsal
When you became engaged, was the proposal a simple or an elaborate one?
(If you've been engaged more than once, just answer for the most recent engagement.)
Asked of those who have been engaged

		Ge	nder		Α	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Simple	94%	94%	94%	86%	90%	95%	100%	95%	93%	95%
Elaborate	5%	4%	6%	12%	8%	3%	_	4%	6%	4%
Don't remember	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(720)	(330)	(390)	(59)	(205)	(313)	(143)	(236)	(290)	(194)

			Race		F	amily Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Simple	94%	94%	91%	96%	94%	98%	92%	94%	98%	93%	92%
Elaborate	5%	5%	6%	4%	4%	2%	8%	6%	2%	5%	5%
Don't remember	1%	1%	3%	_	1%	_	_	_	_	2%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(720)	(579)	(63)	(78)	(258)	(219)	(159)	(120)	(173)	(282)	(145)

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8. Experience - public or private
Did the proposal take place in public or in private?
(If you've been engaged more than once, just answer for the most recent engagement.)

Asked of those who have been engaged

		Ge	nder		А	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
In private	86%	86%	86%	82%	80%	88%	92%	87%	85%	88%
In public	12%	11%	13%	13%	18%	10%	7%	13%	12%	11%
Don't remember	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(719)	(329)	(390)	(60)	(205)	(312)	(142)	(236)	(289)	(194)

			Race		F	amily Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
In private	86%	87%	83%	86%	87%	87%	87%	86%	90%	85%	84%
In public	12%	12%	13%	14%	11%	12%	13%	13%	8%	13%	14%
Don't remember	2%	2%	4%	_	2%	1%	_	1%	1%	2%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(719)	(577)	(64)	(78)	(258)	(220)	(157)	(120)	(171)	(282)	(146)

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9. Experience - went well or badly
Leaving aside everything else about the relationship, would you say the proposal went well or badly?
(If you've been engaged more than once, just answer for the most recent engagement.)

Asked of those who have been engaged

		Ge	nder		А	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Went well	92%	91%	93%	80%	93%	92%	97%	90%	93%	94%
Went badly	4%	5%	4%	9%	4%	5%	1%	7%	2%	5%
Prefer not to say	3%	4%	3%	11%	3%	3%	2%	3%	5%	1%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (718)	100% (328)	100% (390)	100% (59)	100% (205)	100% (312)	100% (142)	100% (237)	100% (289)	100% (192)

			Race		F	amily Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Went well	92%	93%	87%	89%	89%	97%	96%	97%	92%	92%	89%
Went badly	4%	3%	10%	9%	7%	3%	3%	1%	7%	4%	5%
Prefer not to say	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	5%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(718)	(576)	(64)	(78)	(257)	(220)	(158)	(120)	(172)	(281)	(145)

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10. Who proposed
Did you propose or were you the one who was proposed to?
(If you've been engaged more than once, just answer for the most recent engagement.)
Asked of those who have ever been engaged

		Ge	nder		Α	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
I proposed	42%	83%	9%	18%	45%	46%	39%	32%	46%	47%
I was proposed to	56%	13%	90%	74%	52%	53%	61%	67%	51%	52%
Prefer not to say	2%	4%	1%	8%	3%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(720)	(329)	(391)	(60)	(205)	(313)	(142)	(236)	(290)	(194)

			Race		F	amily Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
I proposed	42%	41%	41%	42%	35%	38%	64%	50%	43%	42%	31%
I was proposed to	56%	56%	55%	58%	63%	61%	35%	48%	57%	55%	65%
Prefer not to say	2%	2%	3%	_	2%	1%	1%	2%	_	3%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(720)	(578)	(64)	(78)	(258)	(219)	(159)	(120)	(173)	(281)	(146)

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11. Practice before proposingHow much, if at all, did you practice your proposal before you proposed?

Asked of those who have ever proposed to someone else

		Ge	nder		А	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
A lot	2%	2%	4%	_	4%	2%	_	3%	2%	1%
Some	12%	11%	22%	7%	15%	12%	10%	16%	9%	14%
Not much	27%	29%	9%	31%	34%	24%	22%	27%	29%	23%
Not at all	57%	56%	62%	62%	45%	60%	64%	53%	58%	57%
Don't remember	2%	2%	2%	_	1%	2%	4%	_	2%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(317)	(283)	(34)	(12)	(97)	(150)	(58)	(80)	(143)	(94)

			Race		F	amily Income)		Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A lot	2%	1%	4%	6%	2%	1%	4%	4%	3%	0%	3%
Some	12%	13%	14%	3%	12%	13%	12%	6%	13%	15%	13%
Not much	27%	28%	29%	19%	20%	27%	36%	28%	29%	29%	20%
Not at all	57%	56%	53%	68%	65%	56%	47%	58%	56%	55%	61%
Don't remember	2%	2%	_	4%	1%	3%	1%	4%	_	1%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(317)	(254)	(28)	(35)	(87)	(89)	(107)	(62)	(76)	(129)	(50)

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12. Previously discussed or not
Had you and your partner seriously discussed getting engaged before the proposal or not?

Asked of those who have ever been engaged

		Ge	nder		А	ge			Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Seriously discussed getting engaged before the proposal Never seriously discussed getting engaged before the	45%	42%	48%	63%	50%	43%	37%	45%	45%	46%
proposal Don't remember	46% 9%	48% 11%	44% 8%	30% 8%	44% 6%	47% 11%	53% 11%	47% 8%	44% 11%	46% 7%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (721)	100% (330)	100% (391)	100% (60)	100% (205)	100% (313)	100% (143)	100% (237)	100% (290)	100% (194)

			Race		F	amily Income	•		Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Seriously discussed getting engaged before the proposal Never seriously discussed getting engaged before the	45%	48%	30%	36%	39%	51%	49%	50%	45%	45%	41%
proposal	46%	43%	57%	59%	51%	41%	44%	42%	42%	46%	53%
Don't remember	9%	9%	13%	5%	10%	8%	7%	8%	14%	9%	6%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (721)	100% (579)	100% (64)	100% (78)	100% (258)	100% (220)	100% (159)	100% (120)	100% (173)	100% (282)	100% (146)

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13. Engagement rings necessaryDo you think engagement rings are necessary?

		Gender			А	ge	Party ID			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	47%	44%	50%	50%	51%	43%	44%	46%	44%	55%
No	44%	44%	44%	38%	42%	46%	53%	47%	44%	39%
Not sure	9%	12%	7%	12%	7%	12%	3%	7%	12%	6%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (476)	100% (521)	100% (171)	100% (277)	100% (389)	100% (160)	100% (341)	100% (416)	100% (240)

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	47%	48%	55%	37%	48%	45%	48%	52%	47%	45%	45%
No	44%	44%	37%	52%	43%	45%	46%	42%	43%	45%	46%
Not sure	9%	9%	8%	11%	9%	10%	6%	7%	10%	10%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(997)	(745)	(116)	(136)	(378)	(290)	(190)	(187)	(223)	(380)	(207)

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14. Wedding rings necessaryDo you think wedding rings are necessary?

		Gender			Α	ge	Party ID			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	71%	68%	73%	69%	68%	68%	83%	72%	68%	76%
No	23%	26%	21%	24%	26%	24%	15%	23%	23%	22%
Not sure	6%	6%	6%	7%	5%	8%	3%	5%	9%	2%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (996)	100% (475)	100% (521)	100% (171)	100% (277)	100% (388)	100% (160)	100% (339)	100% (417)	100% (240)

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	71%	71%	81%	60%	73%	71%	67%	74%	74%	70%	67%
No	23%	23%	17%	29%	21%	24%	29%	23%	19%	24%	25%
Not sure	6%	6%	2%	11%	6%	5%	4%	3%	7%	6%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(996)	(745)	(115)	(136)	(377)	(290)	(191)	(186)	(225)	(378)	(207)