
Modern Families

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Divorce Rates in America

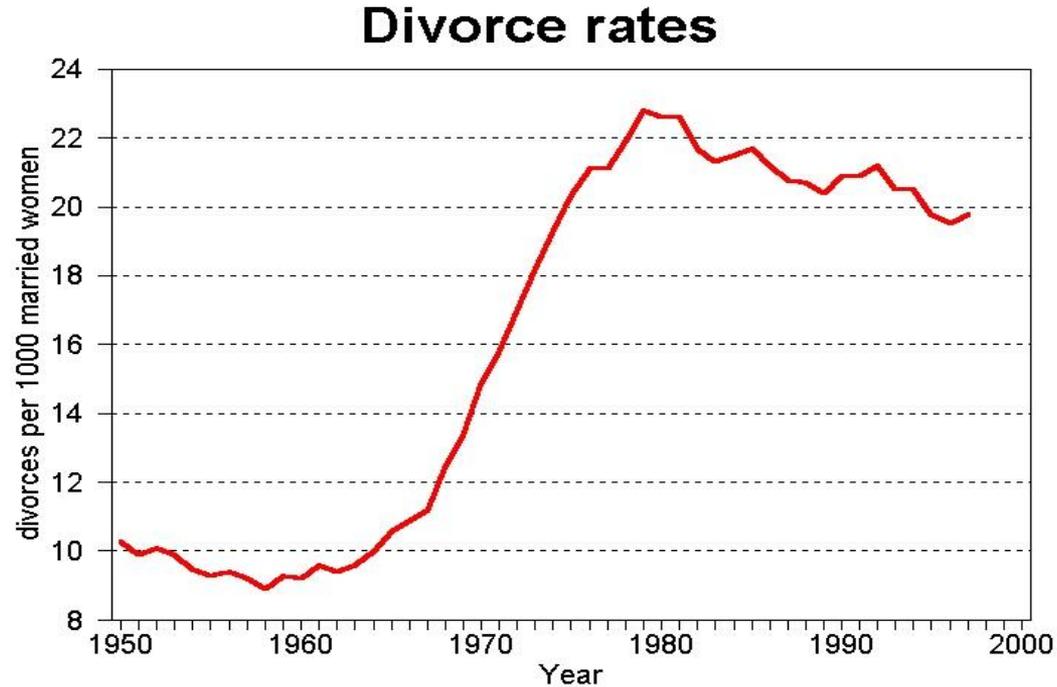
- Believe it or not 50% of marriages don't end in divorce
- The all time peak for divorce was 40% in 1980 and has slowly declined since

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Where did we first start thinking half of marriages end in divorce?

The myth that 50% of marriages end in divorce was due to a survey done in the 1980's that said divorce was steadily climbing and would be at 50% in a couple of years which we now know isn't true.

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Source: Monthly Vital Statistics Reports

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So what caused the divorce boom in the 1980's?

What seemed to kick off the divorce boom seen in the chart before was due to Ronald Reagan passing a bill the first “no-fault” divorce bill meaning that people could get divorce for whatever reason they wanted instead of needing to fabricate reasons of wrong doing.

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The era America was entering didn't help divorce rates either because as we know the 70's we're the era of discovery and freedom which motivated people to think freely and not follow the social limitations put on by family and the people around them



Divorce Rates Around the World

Divorce around the world is very different due to different countries cultures and what divorce means to them.

The top three countries with the highest divorce rates are:

3. Hungary: 67%
2. Portugal: 68%
1. Belgium: 71%

Divorce in Belgium

At first glance Belgium doesn't seem like the place to have the highest divorce rates but this is apparently due to the nation being extremely divided. The nation is so divided that successive elections have ended in the government collapsing for 535 days. This and the steady decline of religion being the main factor for divorce being so high.

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Divorce is something that has to do with culture, if it's not socially acceptable to get divorced, most people won't. This could be due to religious reasons, family or tax reasons in some cases.

The 3 countries with the lowest divorce rates are:

3. Mongolia: 0.38

2. Georgia: 0.37

1. Libya: 0.24

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The reason divorce is so rare in Libya for example is due to the fact that women are not seen as equals due to the religion and culture.

If women were seen as equals they would have the right to choose whether they want to be married or not and not be forced into marriage for political or family reasons.

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All in all divorce might not seem like a good thing but I think it is due to the freedoms it gives people to live the life they want to live and be able to be happy and not be stuck in a dead end marriage that will only cause trouble and heartache for the couple and the people around them