

Saving Marriages Before They Start

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When you hear the word “Single,” what comes to mind?

Reasons people are single:

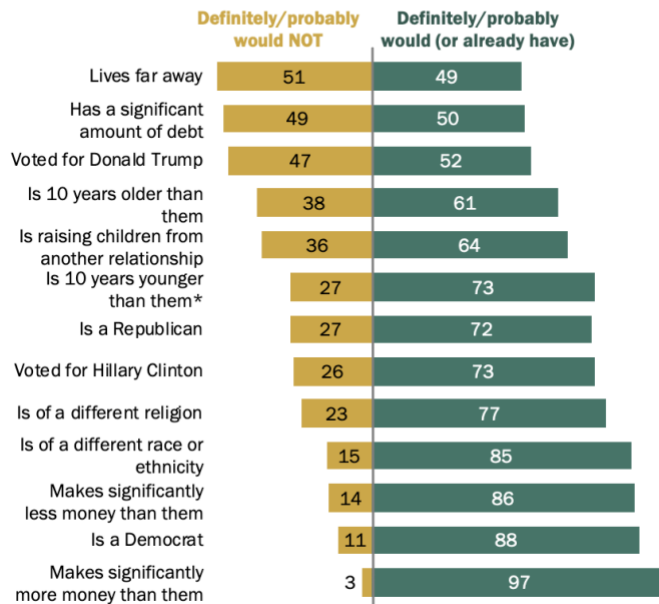
In a study Published in the National Institute of Health, in May of 2020 they surveyed a wide variety of singles and came up with these reasons why singles are single or want to be single. These are some of the top five:

- poor flirting skills
- freedom
- fear of getting hurt
- having different priorities
- being too picky

Top relationship deal breakers according to 2020 PEW Research study:

Long-distance relationships, debt and voting for Donald Trump top list of relationship deal breakers

% saying they would/would not ever consider being in a committed relationship with someone who ____, among single adults who are looking for a relationship



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1. What Every Single Wants

- Connection
- Value
- Purpose
- Respect
- Healthier Relationships
- Possible Marriage

2. Why marriage is going out of style.

- High Divorce Rates
- Eroding confidence in marriage
- Cultural Shifts - Changes in marriage beliefs
- Cohabitation
- Fear of Failure
- Fear of Relationship Commitment – Gen Z

3. Why marriage is important

- It's Important to God
- It Holds Our Churches and Our Nation Together. If it's healthy.

4. Next Steps to Healthier Relationships

- Provide a Pathway for Singles.
- Lay A Foundation for healthy relationships now.
- Build Your Intentional Relationships.
- Build Your Community.