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Table 1: The Effect of Sex and Race on Marital Happiness

Independent Variables	Main Effects									
	Model 1		Model 2		Model 3		Model 4		Model 5	
	b	SD	b	SD	b	SD	b	SD	b	SD
White	.186	(.013) ***								
Husband	.068	(.008) ***								
White husband			.283	(.019) ***	.147	(.019) ***	.061	(.008) ***	Omitted Group	
White wife			.223	(.018) ***	.087	(.019) ***	Omitted Group		-.061 (.008) ***	
Black husband			.136	(.025) ***	Omitted Group		-.087	(.019) ***	-.147 (.019) ***	
Black wife			Omitted Group		-.136	(.025) ***	-.223	(.016) ***	-.283 (.019) ***	
Work status	-.009	(.005)	-.009	(.005) *						
Divorced	-.008	(.009)	-.008	(.009)						
Child in home <18	-.101	(.009) ***	-.101	(.009) ***						
Age										
18-24	.050	(.026)	.050	(.026)						
25-34	-.009	(.023)	-.010	(.023)						
35-44	-.057	(.023)	-.058	(.023)						
45-54	-.078	(.023) **	-.080	(.023) **						
55-64	-.058	(.022) *	-.059	(.022) *						
65-75	-.039	(.022)	-.040	(.022)						
75 plus										
Family income	.011	(.002) ***	.011	(.002) ***						
Education of respondent	.001	(.002)	.001	(.002)						
Education of spouse	.012	(.002) ***	.012	(.002) ***						
Nature of religion										
Fundamental	.010	(.011)	.011	(.011)						
Moderate	-.006	(.010)	-.007	(.010)						
Liberal										
Church attendance	.022	(.001) ***	.022	(.001) ***						
Year	-.004	(.000) ***	-.004	(.000) ***						

Note. Repetitive unstandardized parameter estimates are omitted in Models 3 to 5. Adapted from Table 1 "Unstandardized Parameter Estimates and Standard Errors Assessing the Effect of Sex and Race on Marital Happiness," Corra, M., Carter, S. K., Carter, J., & Knox, D. (2009). Trends in Marital Happiness by Gender and Race, 1973 to 2006. *Journal of Family Issues*, 30(10), 1379-1404.

Table 2: Relationship Quality and Descriptive Statistics of Cohabiters and Marrieds in Older Adulthood

Variable	Union Type	
	Cohabiting (n=54)	Remarried (n=558)
<i>Dependent variables</i>		
Happiness	47%	63% *
Emotional satisfaction	77%	79%
Pleasure	72%	77%
Openness	76%	75%
Time together	52%	55%
Criticizes	32%	43% *
Demands	23%	38% **
<i>Demographics</i>		
Male	44%	62%
Age (in years)	65.6	66.3
White	85%	89%
Union duration (in years)	9.3	20.6
<i>Social support</i>		
Living children	86%	88%
Regular religious attendance	7%	37% ***
+ $p < 0.10$.		
* $p < 0.05$.		
** $p < 0.01$.		
*** $p < 0.001$ (one-tailed tests).		

Note. Dependent variables in table are dummy coded 0-1. Adapted from Table 1 "Descriptive statistics (means or percentages) for all variables used in the analyses, by union type," Brown, S. L., & Kawamura, S., (2010). Relationship Quality Among Cohabiters and Marrieds in Older Adulthood, *Social Science Research*, 39(5), 777-786.

Table 3: Descriptive Statistics (Means and SE or Percentages) Comparing Wives and Husbands in Covenant and Standard Marriages

	Covenant				Standard			
	Wife		Husband		Wife		Husband	
	Cohab	No Cohab	Cohab	No Cohab	Cohab	No Cohab	Cohab	No Cohab
Dependent Variables								
Marital instability	1.3 (1.8)	0.5 (1.1) ***	1.2 (1.7)	0.6 (1.2) ***	1.6 (2.2)	1.2 (1.7)	1.6 (2.1)	1.0 (1.6) *
Marital happiness	7.3 (1.3)	7.8 (1.4) **	7.7 (1.4)	7.8 (1.4)	7.7 (1.7)	7.6 (1.8)	7.8 (1.6)	7.9 (1.5)
Marital dependence	2.7 (1.1)	3.0 (1.2) *	2.8 (1.4)	2.9 (1.4)	2.4 (1.3)	2.6 (1.3)	2.4 (1.4)	2.2 (1.5)
Divorce	18%	8% **			18%	20%		
Demographics								
Husband's income	4.2 (1.6)	4.4 (1.8)			4.4 (1.9)	4.6 (2.2)		
Wife earns more	17%	14%			18%	10% *		
Husband earns more	59%	63%			62%	58%		
Previous marriage	26%	22%	29%	26%	38%	24% **	38%	26% **
Partner's parental divorce	23%	13% **			27%	13% ***		
Age	27.4 (6.6)	28.0 (7.6)	29.1 (7.3)	29.7 (8.3)	30.5 (8.9)	29.9 (9.7)	32.9 (9.8)	32.5 (11.3)
Both white	71%	84% ***			76%	76%		
Both black	12.9	8.0			13.1	10.3		
Other ethnic combinations	15.7	8.0			11.0	13.4		
Premarital factors								
Husband's financial troubles	2.5 (1.4)	2.2 (1.3)			2.8 (1.5)	2.1 (1.2) ***		
Premarital risk	1.4 (1.9)	0.7 (1.4) ***			1.0 (1.6)	.7 (1.2) *		
Met in church	7%	30% ***			2%	16% ***		
Family and peer approval	3.7 (2.4)	4.9 (2.7) ***	3.5 (2.8)	4.5 (2.9) **	3.7 (2.8)	4.0 (2.9)	3.4 (3.0)	3.8 (3.1)
Marital factors								
Religiosity	57%	84% ***	46%	76% ***	33%	45% **	24%	39% ***
Child at marriage start	33%	20% **			51%	27% ***		
Child since marriage	49%	36% *			35%	31%		

Note. *p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (one-tailed tests). Values under wife column only represent couple measurements. Adapted from Table 1 "Descriptive statistics (means and SE or percentages) for variables used in the analyses," Brown, S. L., Sanchez, L., Nock, S. L., & Wright, J. D., (2006). Links Between Premarital Cohabitation and Subsequent Marital Quality, Stability, and Divorce: A Comparison of Covenant Versus Standard Marriages, *Social Science Research*, 35(2), 454-470.

Table 4: Descriptive Characteristics of Married Women by Cohabitation and Nonmarital Birth Status

Variable name	No Cohabitation or NonMarital Birth (n=1,046)		Cohabitation Only (n=1,980)		Nonmarital Birth (n=932)	
	M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
Race						
Non-Hispanic White	.61		0.69		0.32	
Black	0.16		0.10		0.51	
Hispanic	0.23		0.17		0.17	
Relationship Characteristics						
Age at first marriage	21.48	4.84	21.22	5.33	25.07	6.61
Age at first birth	24.84	5.23	24.78	5.85	19.17	4.12
Second marriage observed	0.12		0.30	1.85	0.20	3.05
Cohabitation duration (years)	-		1.57		2.58	
Cohabitation with spouse	-		0.56		0.53	
Premarital birth with spouse	-		-		0.33	
Time-varying characteristics						
Weeks spouse worked*	49.65	7.74	48.56	9.72	47.41	11.65
Weeks respondent worked*	37.80	21.1	37.14	20.93	34.95	21.76
Number of children*	2.23	1.11	2.07	1.14	2.68	2.68
Annual family income	\$67,808	\$87,630	\$57,998	\$88,774	\$35,058	\$46,163
Marital quality*						
Marital happiness	2.71	0.50	2.65	0.54	2.53	0.59
Frequency of argument	1.84	0.46	1.87	0.48	1.99	0.52
Time spent together	3.77	0.45	3.75	0.49	3.67	0.58

Note. Descriptive statistics are unweighted. Standard deviations are listed for continuous variables.

*Time-varying variables are averaged across all person-year observations. Adapted from Table 1 "Descriptive Characteristics of Married Women by Cohabitation and Nonmarital Birth Status (N=3,598)," Tach, L., & Halpern-Meehin, S., (2009). How Does Premarital Cohabitation Affect Trajectories of Marital Quality?, *Journal of Marriage & Family*, 71(2), 298-317.

Table 5: Characteristics of Unmarried Couples in Fragile Family Sample by Veteran Status

	All Couples	Couples with Nonveteran Fathers			Couples with Veteran Fathers		
	(N=2,679)	Black (N=1,388)	White (N=284)	Hispanic (N=721)	Black (N=156)	White (N=43)	Hispanic (N=80)
Couple ever married since child's birth	24%	16% ^{abc}	32%	34%	25%	37%	32%
Parent's demographic characteristics							
Age							
Father's age	27 (7.07)	26 ^a (6.97)	26 ^a (6.28)	26 ^a (6.09)	34 ^c (8.43)	31 (7.52)	30 (6.80)
Mother's age	24 (5.53)	23 ^a (5.31)	23 ^a (5.23)	24 ^a (5.48)	27 (6.05)	27 (6.55)	26 (6.21)
Family Structure							
Both parents raised by two parents	17%	8% ^{bc}	23% ^d	30%	12% ^{bc}	28%	28%
Dad only raised by two parents	19%	19%	24%	18%	18%	21%	18%
Mom only raised by two parents	22%	20% ^c	25% ^a	25%	23% ^b	9% ^d	31%
Neither parent raised by two parents	42%	53% ^{bc}	29%	26%	47% ^c	41% ^d	22%
Attitudes and Behaviors							
Marriage attitudes							
Father's pro-marriage attitudes	2.92 (0.68)	2.88 (0.68)	2.90 (0.62)	3.00 (0.70)	2.89 (0.72)	2.72 (0.64)	3.03 (0.66)
Mother's pro-marriage attitudes	2.76 (0.70)	2.79 (0.71)	2.58 (0.64)	2.78 (0.67)	2.78 (0.69)	2.42 (.68)	2.81 (0.80)
Relationship status: Cohabiting	58%	46% ^{bc}	77%	72%	51% ^{bc}	76%	69%
Relationship quality							
Father's rating of partner's supportiveness (1-3)	2.63 (0.39)	2.61 ^{bc} (0.38)	2.68 (0.35)	2.66 (0.36)	2.55 (0.47)	2.60 (0.38)	2.66 (0.47)
Mother's rating of partner's supportiveness (1-3)	2.63 (0.37)	2.60 ^{bc} (0.38)	2.72 (0.35)	2.68 (0.35)	2.59 ^b (0.40)	2.71 (0.31)	2.62 (0.40)
Father's rating of couple conflict (1-3)	1.45 (0.38)	1.50 ^{bc} (0.40)	1.41 (0.34)	1.39 (0.36)	1.50 ^{bc} (0.40)	1.34 (0.30)	1.38 (0.36)
Mother's rating of couple conflict (1-3)	1.46 (0.40)	1.50 ^{bc} (0.41)	1.43 (0.36)	1.40 (0.38)	1.50 ^b (0.40)	1.35 (0.27)	1.46 (0.43)
Father's report of own substance abuse problems	7%	6% ^b	12% ^d	6%	7%	7%	10%
Mother's report of own substance abuse problems	3%	3%	6% ^d	2%	2%	2%	4%
Father's report of mothers' hitting/slapping	1.17 (0.44)	1.20 ^{bc} (0.48)	1.15 (0.40)	1.14 (0.38)	1.18 (0.44)	1.12 (0.32)	1.15 (0.43)
Mother's report of father's hitting/slapping	1.05 (0.24)	1.06 ^b (0.27)	1.01 ^d (0.10)	1.05 (0.24)	1.06 (0.24)	1.02 (0.15)	1.04 (0.20)

Note. Significant differences ($p < .05$) are identified as follows: between ^a veterans and nonveterans of the same race or between races within veteran or nonveteran groups. ^b Blacks and Whites, ^c Blacks and Hispanics, ^d Whites and Hispanics. Adapted from Table 1, "Characteristics of Unmarried Couples in the Fragile Families Sample," Urdansky, M. L., London, A. S., & Wilmoth, J. M., (2009). Veteran Status, Race-Ethnicity, and Marriage Among Fragile Families, *Journal of Marriage & Family*, 71(3), 768-786.

Table 6: Partner and Relationship Characteristics by Union Status

	Total Sample N=5,564	Married before Pregnancy (n=4,247)	Unmarried at Beginning of Pregnancy (n=623)	Unmarried Cohabiting (n=694)	M=married U=Unmarried C=Cohabiting
Age (years)					
Mother	29.9 (5.88)	31.1 (2.19)	26.4 (6.04)	25.2 (5.81)	C<U<M
Difference	3.7 (3.73)	3.5 (3.65)	4.4 (4.19)	4.2 (3.72)	M<UC
Race/ethnicity of mother (%)					
White	66%	71%	62%	40%	C<U<M
Black	6%	5%	10%	11%	M<UC
Hispanic	21%	18%	20%	46%	MU<C
Asian	4%	5%	3%	1%	C<MU
Native American Indian	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Other	2%	1%	3%	1%	MC<U
Different from father	13%	10%	16%	23%	M<U<C
Employment hours					
Mother	18.7 (19.47)	18.5 (19.42)	19.2 (19.90)	19.2 (19.49)	
Difference	28.4 (20.97)	29.2 (21.03)	28.0 (20.70)	24.3 (20.35)	C<MU
Siblings in household (%)					
Only child	37%	34%	58%	42%	M<C<U
Full sibling(s)	50%	58%	17%	31%	U<C<M
Half sibling(s)	8%	4%	23%	21%	M<UC
Full and half siblings	4%	4%	2%	6%	U<C
Child is male (%)	52%	51%	55%	56%	
Relationship happiness (1-3 <i>not happy-very happy</i>)					
Mother	2.72 (0.48)	2.74 (0.47)	2.71 (0.49)	2.58 (0.54)	C<MU
Difference	0.29 (0.44)	0.28 (.43)	0.30 (0.45)	0.36 (0.47)	MU<C
Relationship conflict (1-27 <i>never-always</i>)					
Mother	16.7 (4.62)	16.6 (4.50)	16.8 (4.81)	17.7 (5.06)	MU<C
Difference	3.7 (3.31)	3.6 (3.21)	3.8 (3.32)	4.4 (3.71)	MU<C

Note. Weighted sample of ECLS-B 2-year coresident biological parents. Differences by union status are assessed using *t* tests. Adapted from Table 1 "Partner and Relationship Characteristics by Union Status," Hohmann-Marriott, B., (2011). Coparenting and Father Involvement in Married and Unmarried Coresident Couples, *Journal of Marriage & Family*, 73(1), 296-309.

Table 7: Weighted Means and Standard Errors of all Variables by Gender and Relationship Status

	Women			Men		
	Dating	Cohabiting	Married	Dating	Cohabiting	Married
<i>Dependent variables</i>						
Perpetrated violence (with current partner)	0.2 _{1,2} *** (0.02)	0.38 ₂ *** (0.03)	0.28 ₁ ** (0.02)	0.09 _{1,2} (0.02)	0.18 (0.02)	0.18 (0.02)
Victim of violence (with current partner)	0.11 _{1,2} (0.02)	0.27 ₂ (0.03)	0.18 ₁ (0.02)	0.11 _{1,2} (0.02)	0.22 (0.03)	0.26 (0.03)
<i>Individual factors</i>						
No children in household	.85 _{1,2} (0.02)	0.66 ₂ (0.03)	0.42 (0.03)	.99 _{1,2} (0.01)	0.75 ₂ (0.03)	0.48 (0.04)
Only couple's children	.08 _{1,2} (0.02)	0.23 ₂ (0.03)	0.51 (0.03)	0.01 _{1,2} (0.00)	0.24 ₂ (0.03)	0.50 (0.04)
Other children in household	0.07 (0.01)	0.11 (0.02)	0.07 (0.02)	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.02 (0.01)
White	0.68 ₂ (0.03)	0.71 (0.04)	0.77 (0.04)	0.70 (0.04)	0.74 (0.04)	0.74 (0.04)
Black	0.18 ₂ (0.03)	0.13 ₂ (0.03)	0.07 ₁ (0.02)	.12 (0.03)	0.10 (0.02)	0.08 (0.02)
Hispanic	0.09 (0.02)	0.11 (0.02)	0.13 (0.03)	.11 (0.03)	0.12 (0.03)	0.15 (0.03)
Other race/ethnicity	0.06 (0.01)	0.05 (0.01)	0.03 (0.01)	.07 ₂ (0.02)	0.04 (0.01)	0.03 (0.01)
Age	21.34 _{1,2} (0.14)	21.75 ₂ (0.03)	22.51 ₁ (0.13)	21.69 _{1,2} (0.15)	22.43 ₂ (0.16)	22.98 ₁ (0.13)
<i>Family of origin factors</i>						
Two-parent biological	0.6 ₁ (0.03)	0.48 (0.03)	0.54 (0.03)	.63 ₁ (0.03)	0.10 (0.02)	0.56 (0.03)
Step-family	0.14 ₁ (0.02)	0.20 (0.02)	0.18 (0.02)	.14 ₁ (0.02)	0.20 (0.03)	0.16 (0.03)
Single mother	0.22 (0.02)	0.22 (0.02)	0.18 (0.02)	.19 (0.03)	0.36 (0.03)	0.14 (0.02)
Other family structure	0.04 _{1,2} (0.01)	0.09 (0.02)	0.10 (0.01)	.04 _{1,2} (0.01)	0.19 (0.02)	0.14 (0.03)
Maternal closeness	17.51 (0.17)	17.5 (0.17)	17.29 (0.15)	18.16 ₂ (0.14)	17.72 (0.18)	17.56 (0.23)
Religiosity	3.04 ₁ (0.07)	2.86 ₂ (0.08)	3.16 ₁ (0.06)	3.02 ₁ (0.06)	2.68 (0.10)	2.91 (0.09)
Mistreatment by adult	0.27 (0.02)	0.31 (0.03)	0.26 (0.02)	0.31 (0.03)	0.38 (0.03)	0.34 (0.03)
<i>Relationship factors</i>						
Relationship satisfaction (1-5)	4.70 (0.03)	4.67 (0.04)	4.70 (0.04)	4.63 ₂ (0.05)	4.70 (0.04)	4.79 (0.04)
Love (0-3)	3.84 _{1,2} (0.02)	3.92 [*] (0.02)	3.93 (0.02)	3.78 ₂ (0.03)	3.84 ₂ (0.03)	3.95 ₁ (0.02)
Duration (months)	26.17 _{1,2} (1.29)	33.72 ₂ (1.59)	52.65 (1.42)	24.86 _{1,2} (1.22)	29.01 ₂ (1.72)	49.01 ₁ (1.87)

Note. Significantly different from men, *p<.05, **p<.01, ***p<.001 (tested for dependent variables only). All analyses are corrected for the complex sampling design of the Add Health. ₁ Significantly different from cohabitators p<.05, ₂ significantly different from marrieds p<.05. Adapted from Table 1 "Weighted means and standard errors of all variables by gender and marital status," Brown, S. L., & Bulanda, J., (2008). Relationship Violence in Young Adulthood: A Comparison of Daters, Cohabitators, and Marrieds, *Social Science Research*, 37(1), 73-87.

Table 8: Relationship Quality and Couple Characteristics

	All	Married (M)	Cohabiting (C)	Unmarried Nonresident (U)	Difference p<.05
Conflict					
Mean	1.40	1.31	1.41	1.49	U>C>M
(SD)	(0.29)	(0.25)	(0.29)	(0.32)	
Conflict Differences					
Mean	2.04	1.58	2.07	2.49	U>C>M
(SD)	(1.38)	(1.24)	(1.35)	(1.40)	
Physical Aggression	11%	8%	13%	20%	C>U>M
Verbal Aggression	25%	10%	49%	52%	C, U>M
First Child Together	53%	43%	67%	78%	M>C>U
Length of Relationship in Years					
Mean	5.14	7.72	4.10	3.88	M>C, U
(SD)	(4.62)	(5.08)	(3.88)	(3.93)	
Age					
Mean	27	30	26	24	M>C>U
(SD)	(6.23)	(5.57)	(5.49)	(6.06)	
Difference	30%	29%	32%	30%	
Race/Ethnicity					
Both White	32%	43%	18%	7%	M>C>U
Both Black	21%	11%	26%	57%	U>C>M
Both Hispanic	27%	25%	36%	21%	U>C>M
Both Asian/Both Native American	4%	5%	3%	1%	M>C>U
Different	16%	16%	17%	15%	

Note. Adapted from Table 1 "Relationship quality and couple characteristics," Hohmann-Marriott, B. E., (2009). Emotional Supportiveness and the Union Transitions of Married and Unmarried Parents, *Marriage & Family Review*, 45(1), 4-25.

Table 9: Distribution of Independent Variables by Union Status of Parents at Child's Birth

	Total (N=2,249)	Married (n=886)	Cohabiting (n=1,363)
Mother's race or ethnicity			
White	44.03	55.39	18.41 *
Black	33.85	22.99	58.35 *
Mexican American	22.12	21.62	23.24
Mother's Characteristics			
Age (years)	28.12	29.58	24.83 *
Parents married at age 15	54.42	62.32	36.59 *
Relationship Quality			
Emotional support from father (1-3)	2.72	2.74	2.68
Disagreement (0-6)	1.74	1.64	1.94
Father hits or slaps	1.66	1.78	1.38 *
Mothers' substance abuse	3.08	2.56	4.26
Fathers' substance abuse	2.32	2.1	2.82
Mothers' relationship history			
Prior marriage	6.94	5.82	9.47
Prior cohabitation	20.93	18.19	27.09 *
Parent's fertility history			
Mother has prior child	22.14	13.15	42.42 *
Father has prior child	19.81	12.74	35.77 *
Couple has prior child	52.01	56.39	42.11 *
Couple has new child within 3 years	35.23	36.35	32.71
Child conceived prior to union	6.53	4.16	11.85 *
Relationship duration prior to birth	3.86	5.78	2.43 *

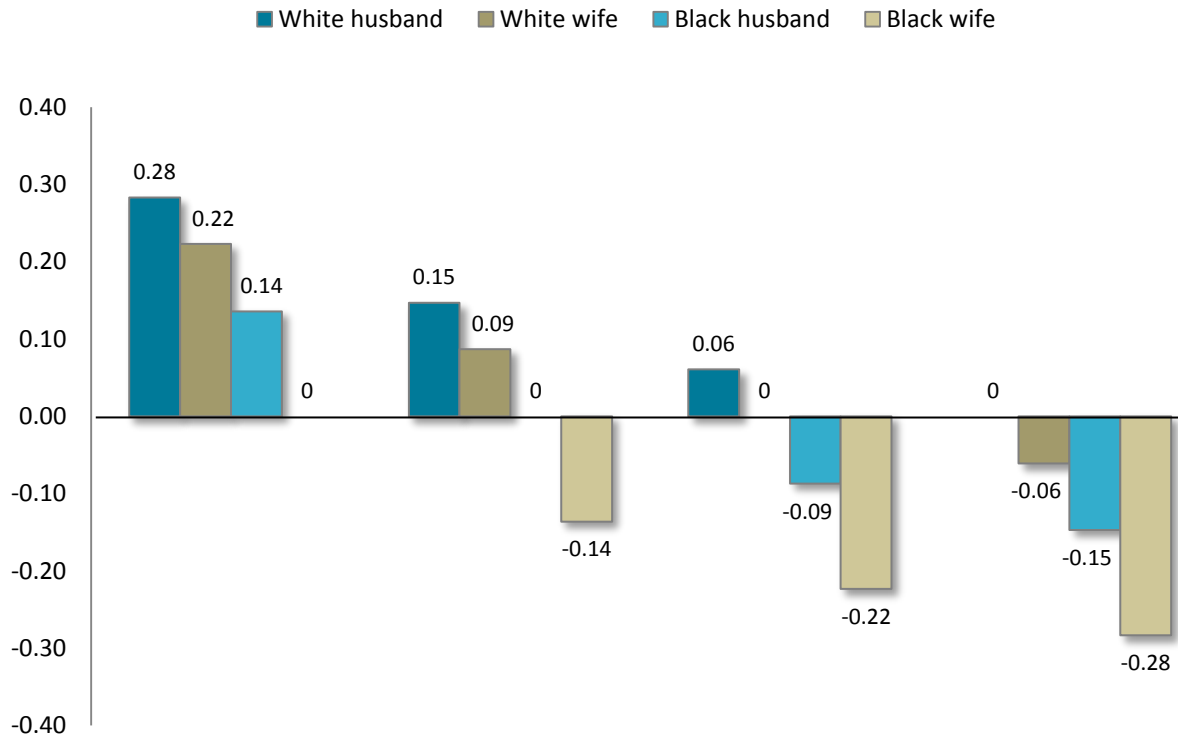
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Table 10: Means, Standard Deviations, and Effect Sizes for Parental Marital Status Comparisons

Construct	Married		Divorced		Never married		Married vs. divorced effect size	Divorced vs. never effect size	Married vs. never effect size
	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>			
Relationship adjustment	16.39	3.44	15.56	3.59	14.75	4.04	0.24 **	0.21 *	0.44 ***
Dedication	5.40	1.01	5.36	0.98	5.16	1.10	0.04	0.19	0.23 *
Negative communication	1.61	0.48	1.72	0.50	1.81	0.56	-0.22 **	-0.17	-0.38 ***
Physical aggression	0.39	0.83	0.38	0.71	0.67	1.07	0.01	-0.33 **	-0.29 **
Parents a good model	3.69	1.22	2.06	1.10	2.50	1.31	1.41 ***	-0.37 **	0.94 ***
Parental conflict	2.45	0.72	3.00	0.79	2.67	0.84	-0.73 ***	0.4 ***	-0.28 **

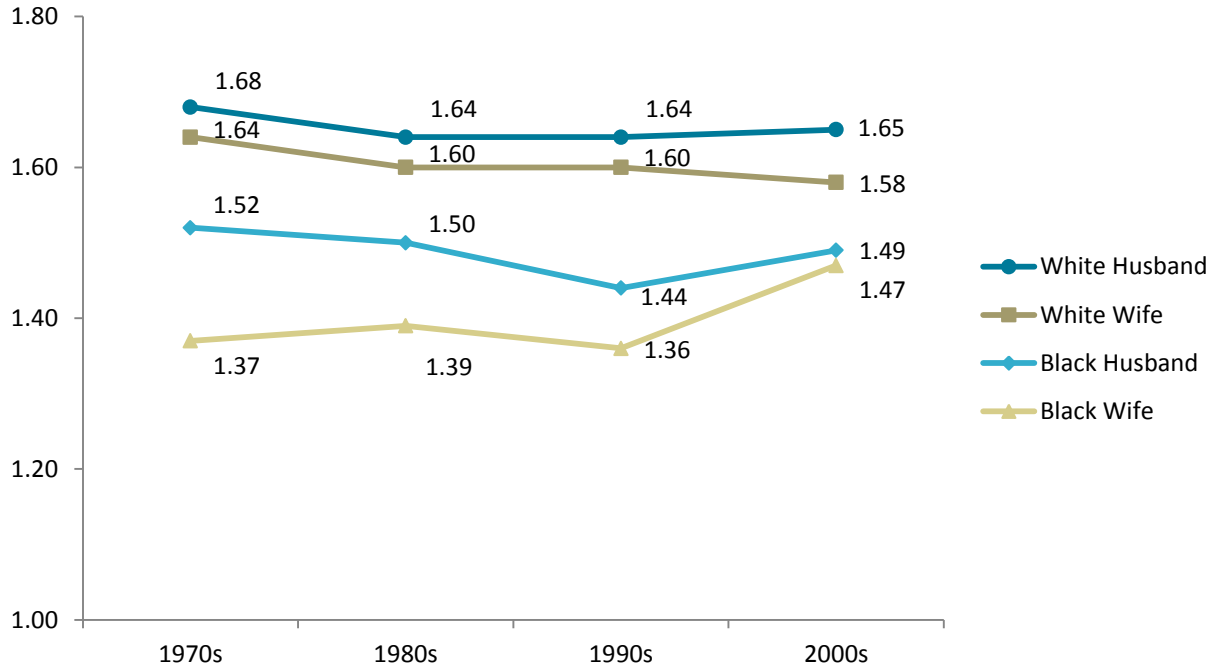
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Figure 1: Main Effects of Race and Gender Predicting Marital Happiness



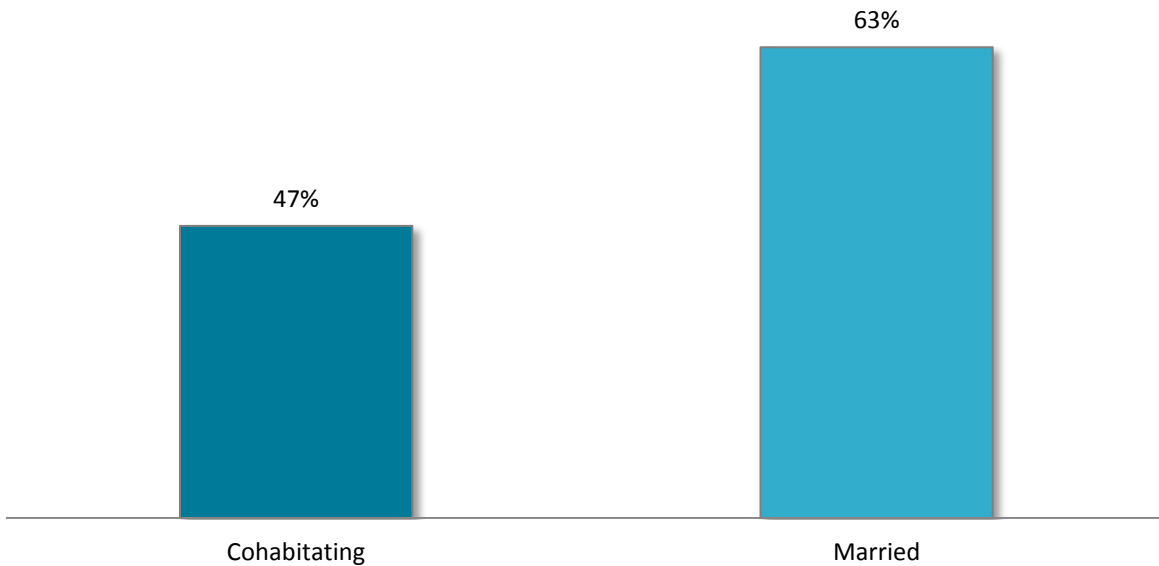
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Figure 2: Unadjusted Marital Happiness Scores by Decade, Ethnicity, and Status



Note. Source: Created from Figure 1 "Unadjusted Marital Happiness Scores by Decade for White Husbands, White Wives, Black Husbands, and Black Wives," Corra, M., Carter, S. K., Carter, J., & Knox, D. (2009). Trends in Marital Happiness by Gender and Race, 1973 to 2006. *Journal of Family Issues*, 30(10), 1379-1404.

Figure 3: Percentage Reporting Happiness in Their Relationship by Union Type Among Older Adults, 2010



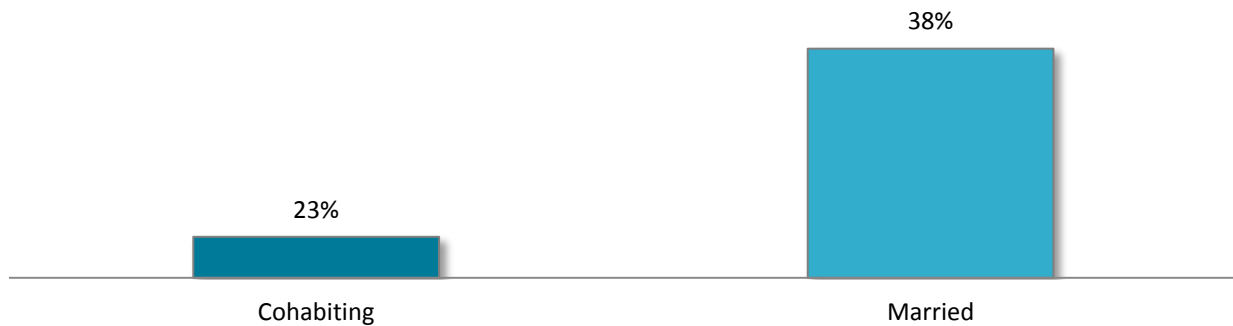
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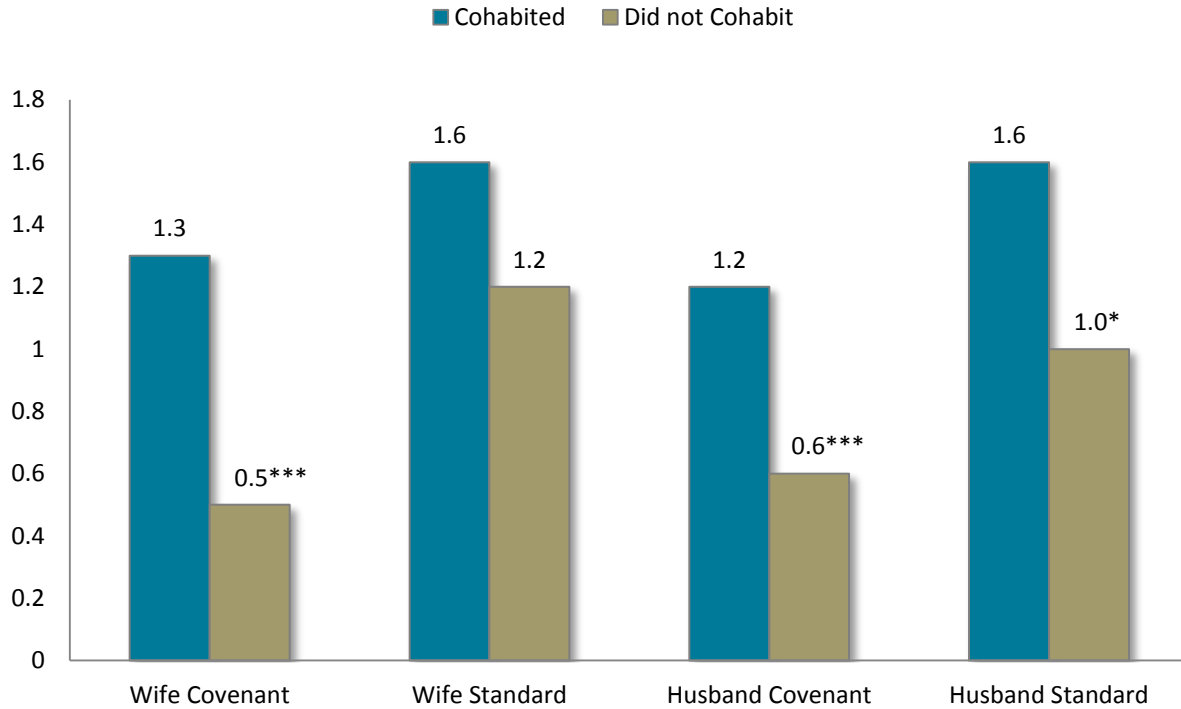
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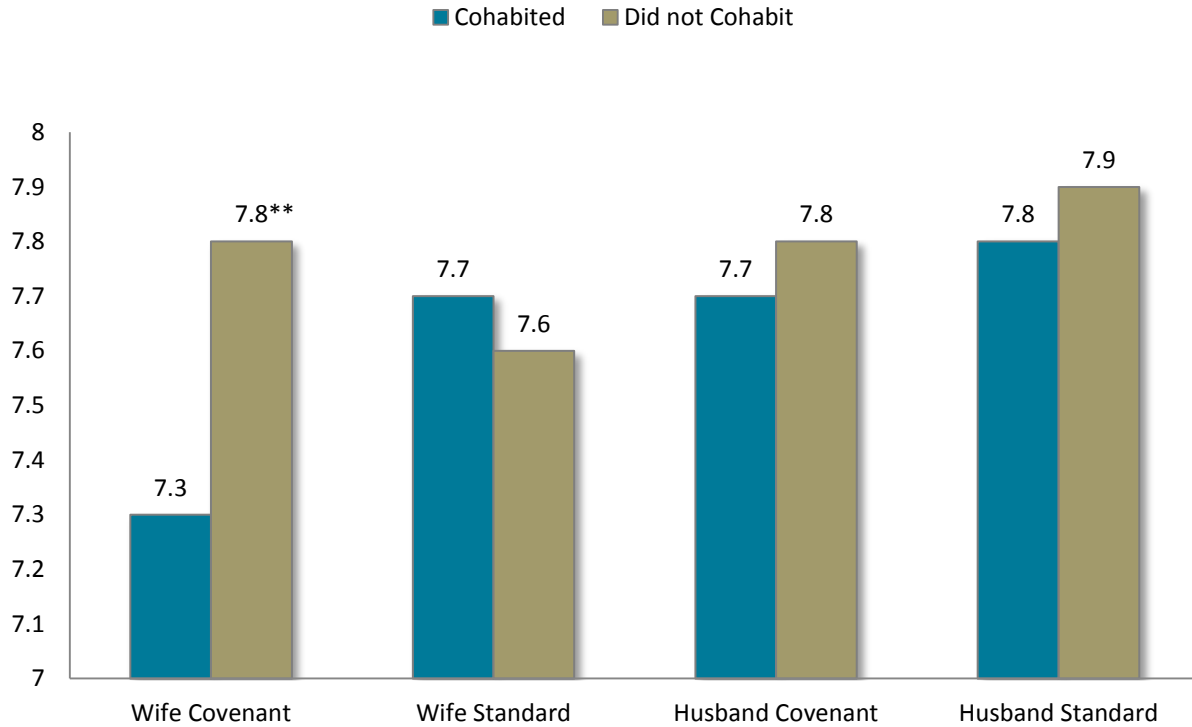
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Figure 6: Marital Instability of Wives and Husbands in Standard and Covenant Marriages by Premarital Cohabitation, 2006



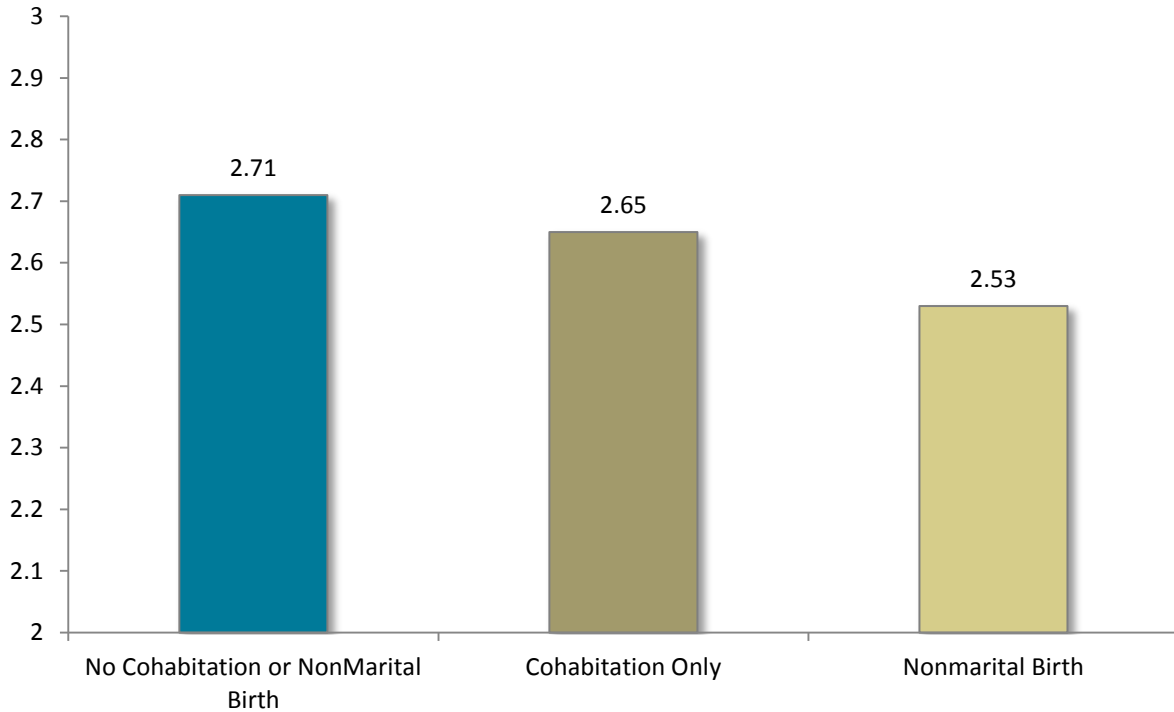
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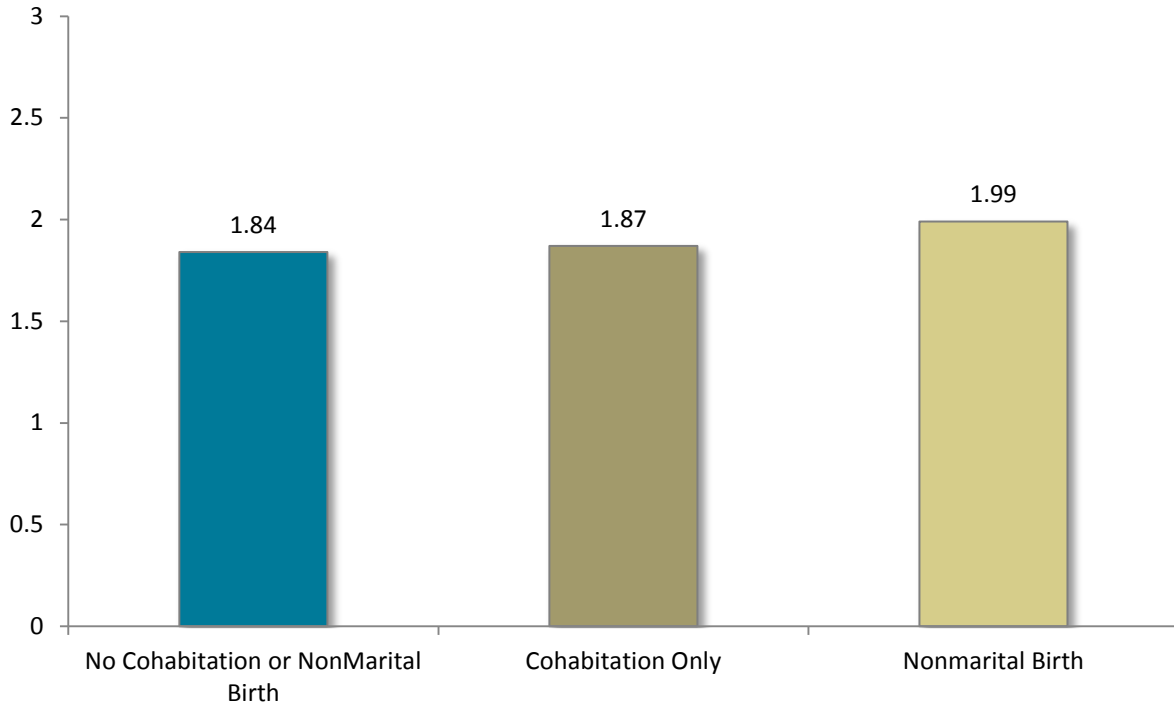
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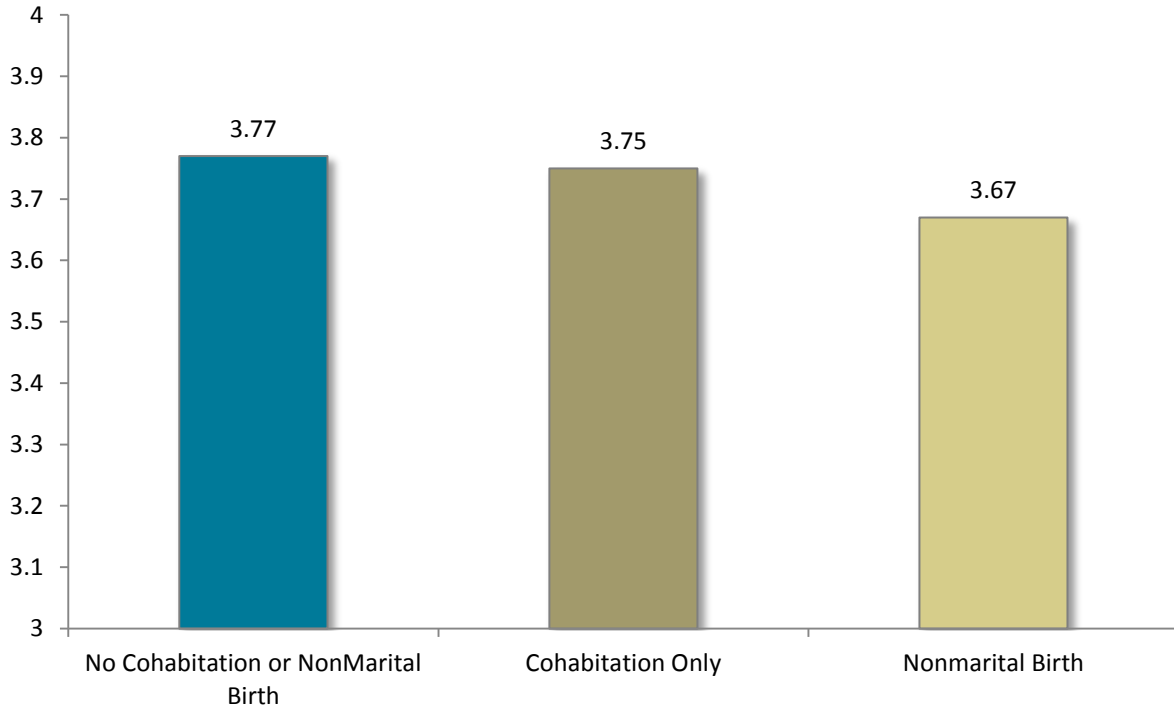
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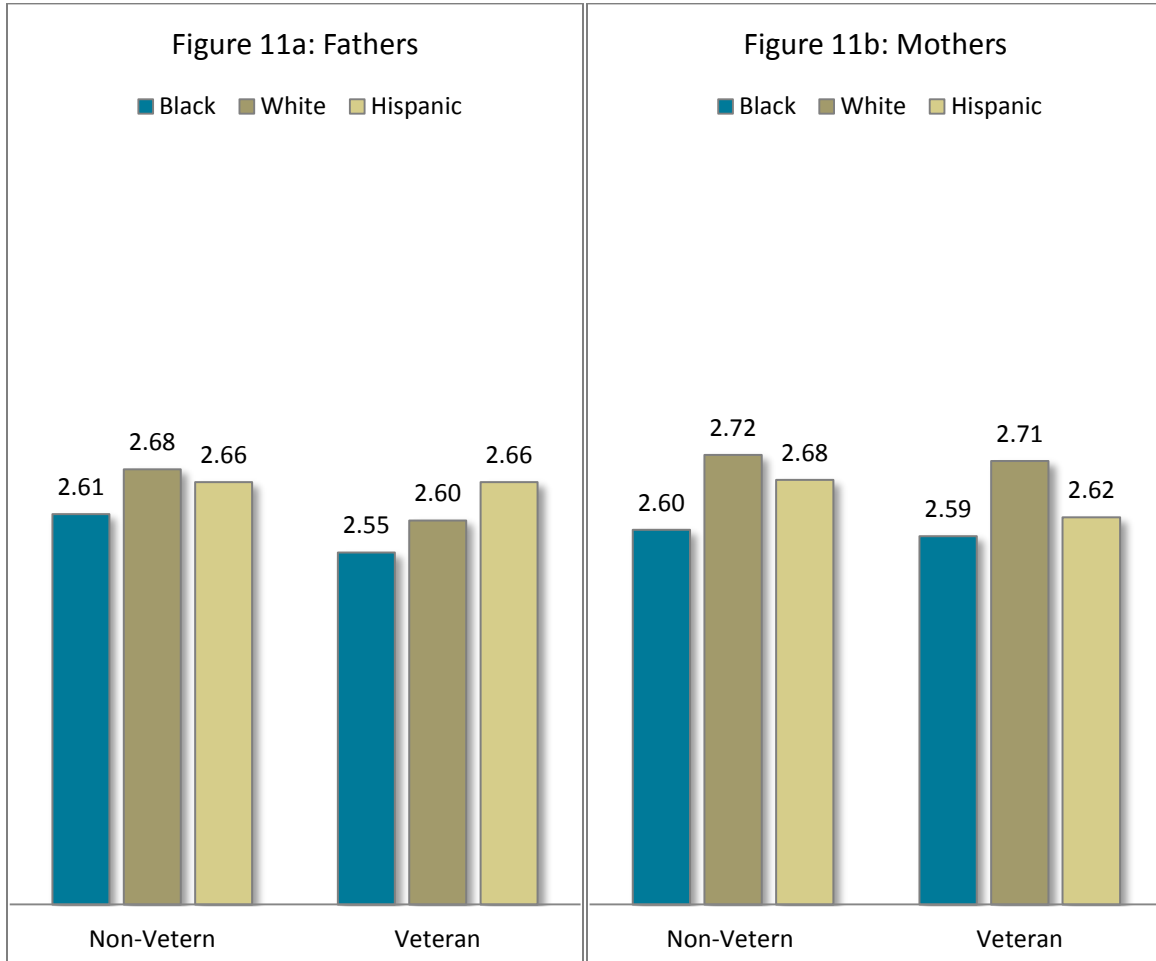
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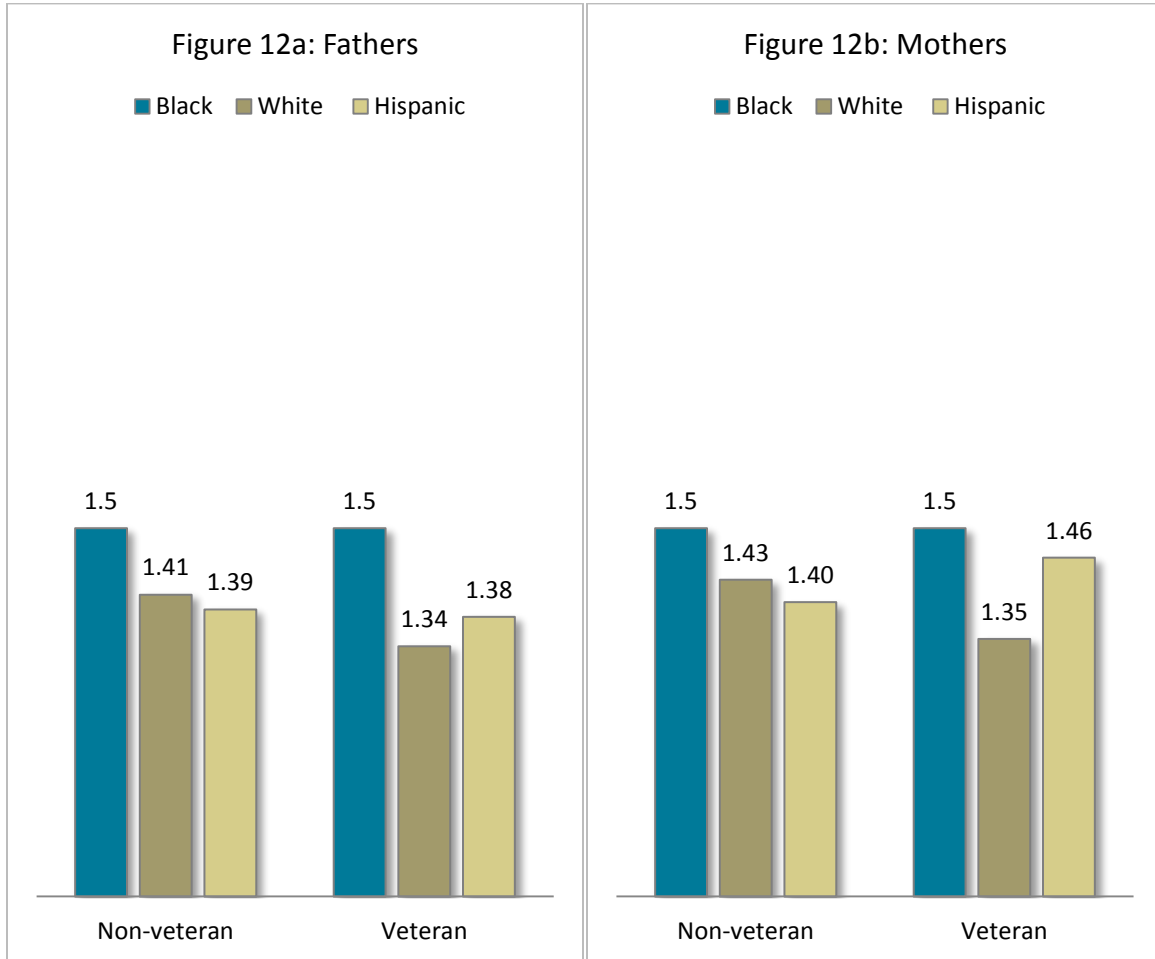
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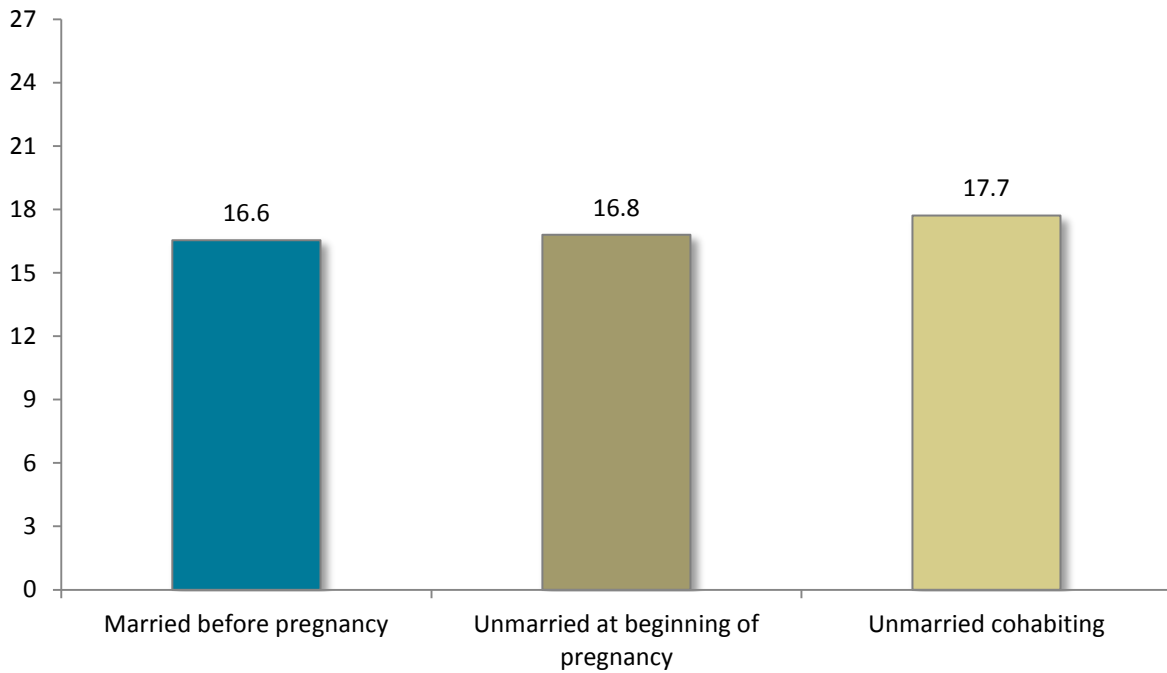
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Figures 12a & 12b: Father's & Mother's Rating of Couple Conflict by Ethnicity Across Couples with Veteran and Non-Veteran Fathers, 2009



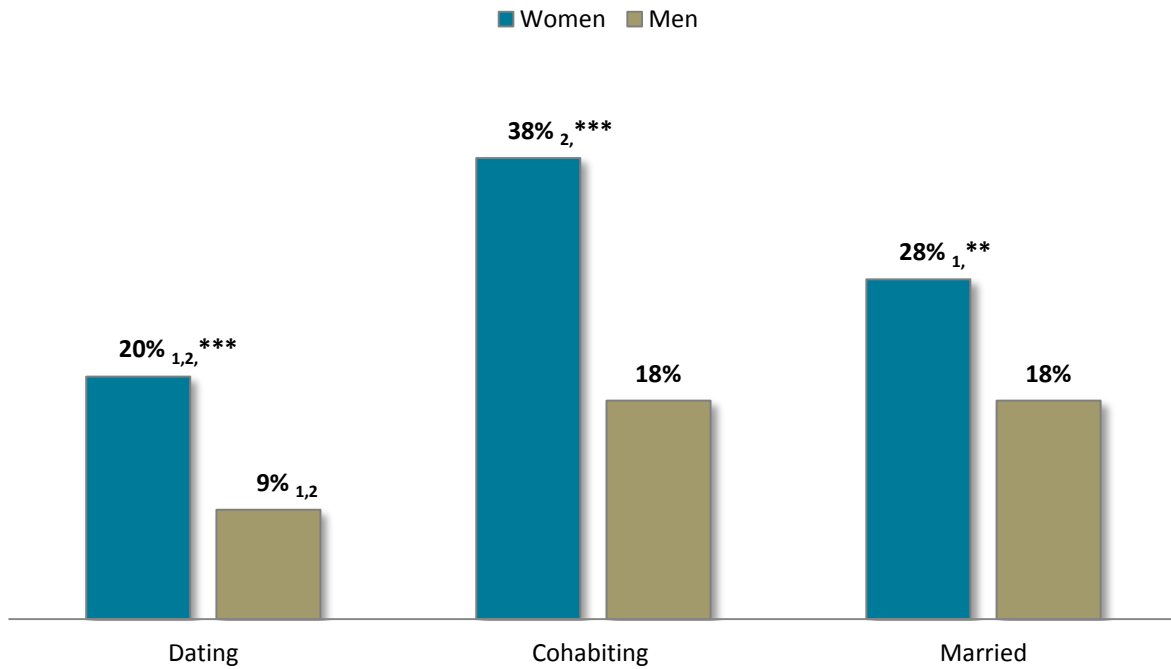
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Figure 13: Mother's Relationship Conflict by Union Status, 2011



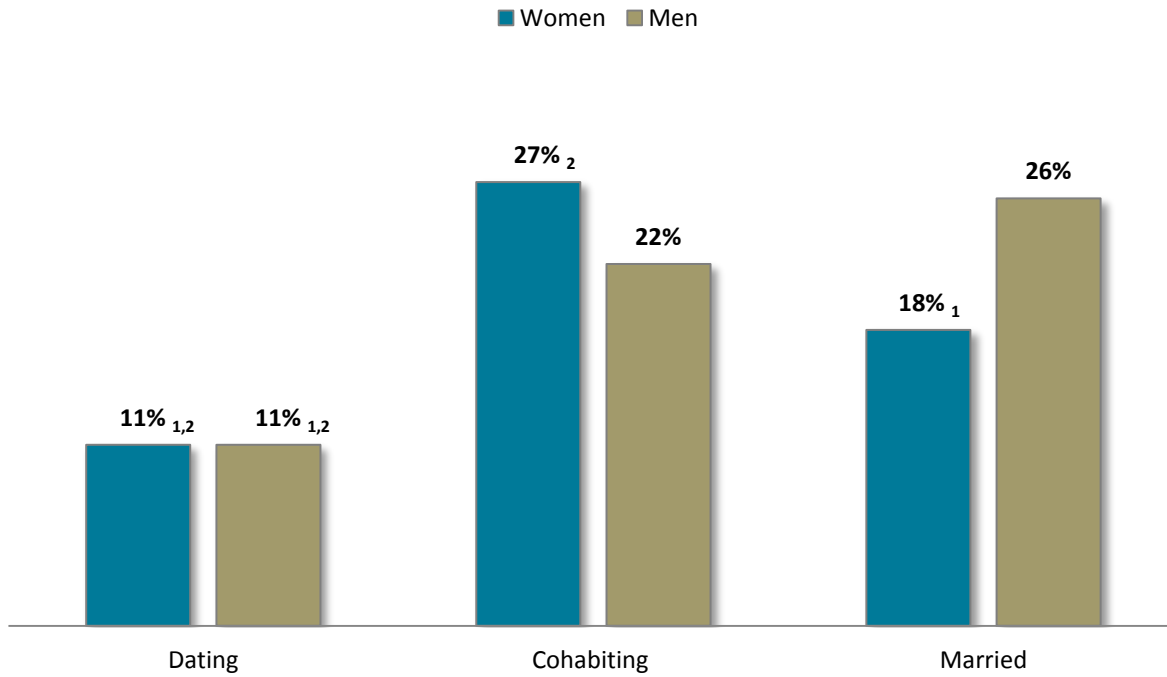
Note. Weighted sample of ECLS-B 2-year coresident biological parents. Relationship conflict is measured on a scale ranging from 1-27/never-always. Differences by union status are assessed using *t* tests. Cohabiting women report significantly more conflict than all other women. Adapted from Table 1 "Partner and Relationship Characteristics by Union Status," Hohmann-Marriott, B., (2011). Coparenting and Father Involvement in Married and Unmarried Coresident Couples, *Journal of Marriage & Family*, 73(1), 296-309.

Figure 14: Perpetrated Violence by Gender and Union Status, 2008



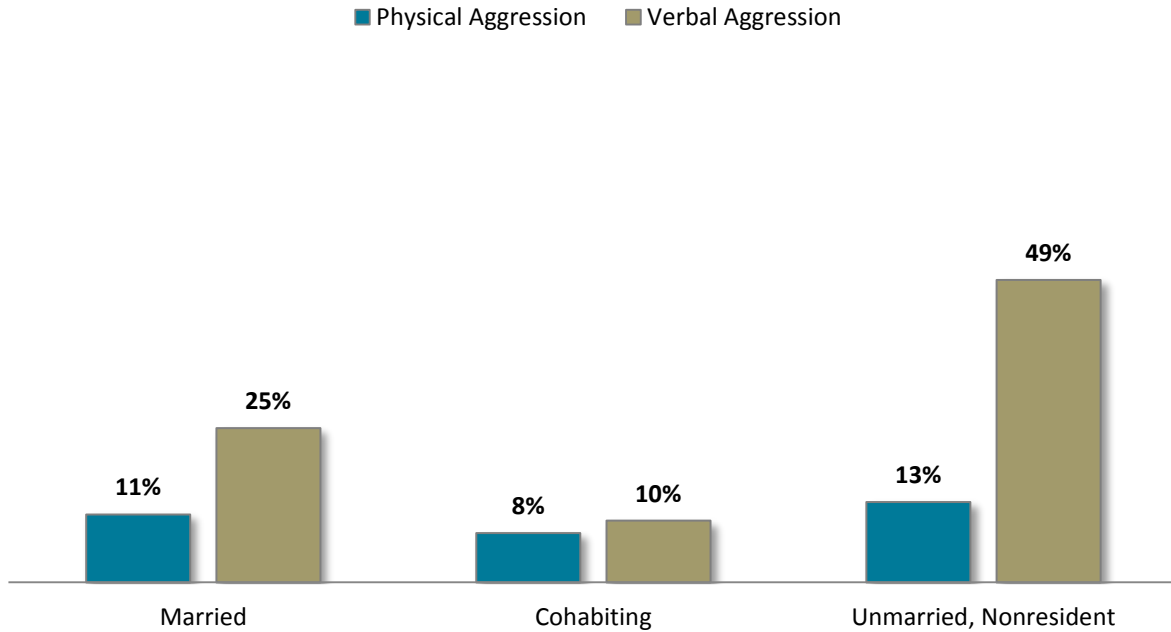
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Figure 15: Victims of Violence by Gender and Union Status, 2008



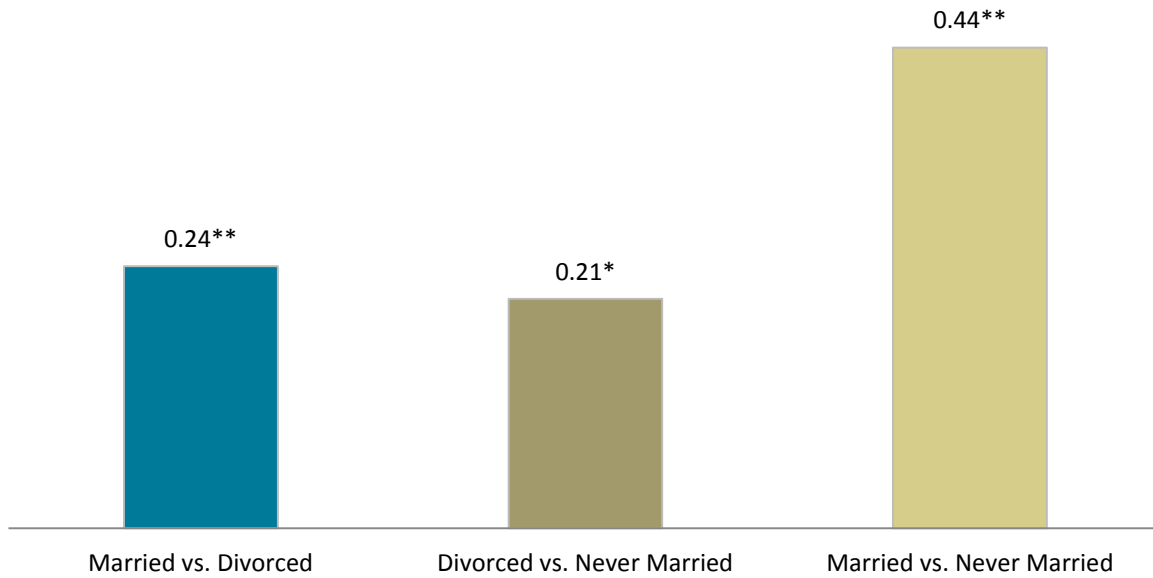
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Figure 16: Relationship Aggression by Union Status, 2009



Note. Physical Aggression: unmarried-nonresident couples report significantly more than cohabiting couples and cohabiting couples report significantly more than married couples. Verbal Aggression: cohabiting couples report significantly more than unmarried-nonresident couples and unmarried-nonresident couples report significantly more than married couples. Adapted from Table 1 "Relationship Quality and Couple Characteristics," Hohmann-Marriott, B. E., (2009). Emotional Supportiveness and the Union Transitions of Married and Unmarried Parents, *Marriage & Family Review*, 45(1), 4-25.

Figure 17: Effect of Parental Marital Status on Young Adults' Relationship Adjustment



Note. Effect sizes are Cohen's *d* values. Significant differences between two groups, based on *t* tests. * $p \leq .05$. ** $p < .01$. *** $p < .001$. Relationship adjustment is measured with a 4-item version of the Dyadic Adjustment Scale. Higher scores indicate better relationship adjustment. Adapted from Table 3 "Means, Standard Deviations, and Effect Sizes for Parental Marital Status Comparisons," Rhoades, G. K., Stanley, S. Sm., Markman, H. J. & Ragan, E. P., (2012). Parents' Marital Status, Conflict, and Role Modeling: Links With Adult Romantic Relationship Quality, *Journal of Divorce & Remarriage*, 53(5), 348 - 367.