

Perceptions of Marriage Survey

My name is Matthew Gin and I am researching current perceptions of marriage among university students in both the United States and Japan. In recent years, there have been declining marriage rates in both the United States and Japan. The goal of this survey is to find general opinions of university students who both do, and do not want to get married, and their reasoning behind their answer. Thank you for taking the time to do this survey.

Research Questions

1. What are some contributing factors to the current declining marriage rate in Japan among University Students?
2. What are the expectations of Japanese and American men and women that do want to get married?

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Background Information

1. **1. Age ***

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- 17-18
- 19-21
- 22-24
- 25+

2. **2. Gender ***

Mark only one oval.

- Male
- Female

3. **3. Relationship Status ***

Mark only one oval.

- Single
- In a relationship
- Engaged

4. **4. Do you ever want to get married? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes *After the last question in this section, skip to question 11.*
- No *After the last question in this section, skip to question 38.*

5. **5. Are your parents still together? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

6. **6a. Has your parents relationship affected your views of marriage at all? ***

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- Yes
- No

7. **6b. Please explain your answer in short detail. ***

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8. **7. Would you say that you're close with your family? ***

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- Yes
- No

9. **8a. Has your relationship with your family affected your views of marriage?**

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- Yes
- No

10. **8b. Please explain your answer in short detail. ***

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Questions For Those That Want to Get Married

11. **9. How many years should a couple be together before they get married? ***

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- 1-6 months
- 7-11 months
- 1-2 years
- 3-4 years
- 5+ years
- Other:

12. **10. What age is ideal to get married? ***

Mark only one oval.

- 18-22
- 23-26
- 27-29
- 30-34
- 35-39
- 40+

13. **11a. What are your reasons for wanting to get married? ***

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Peace of mind	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To have children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Living with the person that I love	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social credibility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making my parents happy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Convenient lifestyle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic stability/government benefits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Independence from parents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. **11b. If you have another reason, please explain below.**

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15. **12. Are you currently married? ***

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- Yes
- No

16. **13a. What are your reasons for not currently being married? ***

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Haven't met the right person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I'm shy around others/ I don't meet people often	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I'm not financially stable enough	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Need to save money	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Focusing on starting a career	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't want children yet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't want to settle down yet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. **13b. If you have another reason, please explain below.**

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18. **14a. What are your plans after you get married? ***

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Stay at home parent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Continue working	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Both working with children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Both work without having children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. **14b. If you have another plan, please explain below.**

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20. **15a. What do you expect your future spouse to do once you're married? ***

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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Stay at home parent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Continue working	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To not want children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. **15b. If you have another expectation, please explain below.**

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22. **16a. What are the most important factors in a marriage? ***

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Dependence on one another	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Personal space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being able to efficiently communicate with one another	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trust in one another	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Physical attraction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Individual success of the spouse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. **16b. If you have another reason, please explain below.**

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24. **17a. What roles in marriage do you expect your future spouse to fulfill? ***

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Breadwinner	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housekeeping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cooking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raising children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Caretaker	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't really know/ I don't have any expectations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Others (Please explain below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. **17b. If you have another expectation, please explain below.**

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26. **18a. What roles in marriage do you expect yourself to fulfill? ***

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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Breadwinner	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housekeeping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cooking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raising children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Caretaker	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't really know/ I don't have any expectations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Others (Please explain below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27. **18b. If you have another expectation, please explain below.**

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28. 19a. What responsibilities in a marriage do you think should be a joint effort? *

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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Breadwinner	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housekeeping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cooking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raising children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Caretaker	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't really know/ I don't have any expectations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

29. 19b. If you have another expectation, please explain below.

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What are your opinions of the following statements?

30. 20. Personal Life in Regards to Marriage *

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A couple should live together before marriage.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pre-marital sex is morally wrong.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A career is more important than marriage.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

31. 21a. Choice in Marriage Partner *

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A potential spouses socioeconomic position is irrelevant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

32. **21b. Please explain your answer in short detail.**

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33. **22a. I would be okay with marrying someone that is younger than me. ***

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

34. **22b. If you answered yes, how much younger?**

Check all that apply.

1-3 years

4-6 years

7-10 years

11-15 years

15+ years

35. **23a. I would be okay with marrying someone that is older than me. ***

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

36. **23b. If you answered yes, how much older?**

Check all that apply.

1-3 years

4-6 years

7-10 years

11-15 years

15+ years

37. **24. Post Marriage ***

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
It is better for both people in the marriage to work, even if they have children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is better for one person in the marriage to work, while the other stays at home and cares for the household.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If a couple were to get married, it is imperative that they have their own individual space and goals separate from each other.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When you get married, the marriage/family always comes before personal aspirations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If a couple were to get married, they should have children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Questions For Those That Do Not Want to Get Married

38. **25a. What are your reasons for not wanting to get married? ***

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I want my personal freedom	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Institutionalized marriage doesn't have any meaning to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't like the religious subtext of marriage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marriage isn't equal under the law for everybody	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I'm afraid of divorce	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My career is more important than getting married	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

39. **25b. If you have another reason, please explain below.**

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40. **25c. Please explain in short detail your primary reason for not wanting to get married.**

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41. **26a. What are the best benefits of staying single? ***

Mark only one oval per row.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Personal freedom	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic independence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Easy to maintain friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sexual Freedom	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining relationships at work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining relationships with the family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

42. **26b. If you have another benefit in mind, please explain below.**

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Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey!

