



Columnist: Anti-Marriage Movement Risking Young Women's Futures

Description

Over the weekend, two contrasting discussions about womanhood went viral. Emily Ratajkowski shared her personal thoughts on birth, divorce, and single motherhood, while Hannah Neeleman, a mother of nine, became the focus of a cultural debate about traditional family roles.

A rising anti-marriage movement is gaining traction, driven by viral trends on TikTok and statements by celebrities who often portray men negatively. Columnist Ingrid Jacques highlighted this trend in a recent USA Today article, warning that it may eventually harm women more than men. She described a growing sense of "heteropessimism," reflecting women's disappointments with relationships. Jacques noted that trends like "divorce glow-ups" contribute to this divide.

Research shows that married women report higher happiness and better health than single women. Jacques pointed out that many modern media portrayals depict men in unflattering ways, reducing them to stereotypes of laziness or toxicity. She mentioned the bestselling book "Yesteryear," where men are often seen as immature or oppressive.

Recent statistics reveal that only 47% of American households were married couples in 2025, a significant drop from 66% 50 years earlier. Furthermore, only 37% of married households included children under 18, compared to 54% in 1975. Jacques believes that the shift is linked to liberal attitudes, with those on the left opting out of traditional family structures more frequently than conservatives.

Jacques concluded that a return to valuing marriage is essential for bridging the divide between men and women, urging a move away from dismissing the institution entirely.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who shared personal thoughts on birth, divorce, and single motherhood?

- Option: Hannah Neeleman
- Option: Ingrid Jacques
- Option: Emily Ratajkowski
- Option: Unknown

2. What percentage of American households were married couples in 2025?



- Option: 54%
- Option: 66%
- Option: 47%
- Option: 37%

3. What term did Ingrid Jacques use to describe the growing disappointment women feel regarding relationships?

- Option: Heteropessimism
- Option: Divorce glow-ups
- Option: Toxicity
- Option: Stereotypes

4. In which year does the article suggest a significant drop in married households occurred?

- Option: 2025
- Option: 1975
- Option: 50 years earlier
- Option: Unknown

5. What percentage of married households included children under 18 in 2025?

- Option: 37%
- Option: 54%
- Option: 66%
- Option: 47%

6. What do some viral trends on TikTok focus on according to the article?

- Option: Marriage
- Option: Single Motherhood
- Option: Family Roles
- Option: Men's portrayal

True-False

7. Hannah Neeleman became the focus of a cultural debate about modern family roles.

8. Research indicates that single women report higher happiness than married women.

9. Ingrid Jacques believes that media portrayals of men are often unfavorable.

10. The percentage of married households that include children under 18 decreased from 66% to 37% since



1975.

11. The trend of 'divorce glow-ups' is positively viewed by Ingrid Jacques.

12. Jacques argues for the importance of valuing marriage in society.

Gap-Fill

13. A significant drop in married households occurred, falling from 66% to _____.

14. The term used to describe women's disappointments with relationships is called _____ pessimism.

15. Jacques mentions that only _____ of married households included children under 18 in 2025.

16. Emily Ratajkowski's discussion about womanhood included topics such as birth, divorce, and _____ motherhood.

17. Research shows that married women report better _____ compared to single women.

18. The cultural debate highlighted by Jacques is based on traditional family _____ roles.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Emily Ratajkowski 2. 47% 3. Heteropessimism 4. 50 years earlier 5. 37% 6. Single Motherhood

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. True 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. 47% 14. hetero 15. 37% 16. single 17. health 18. family

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