

SEX

DESIGN. DISTORTION. REDEMPTION.

DESIGNED FOR INTIMACY

Genesis 1&2

REALITY: SEX IS EVERYWHERE

Social psychologist Sarah Murnen has studied the hypersexualization of women in media for more than 25 years. The research that she and her colleagues at Kenyon College conducted over the last several years found a steep increase in the pervasiveness of images in magazines that show young women in highly sexual ways.

https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/social_issues-july-dec13-sexualization_12-21

REALITY: COHABITATION IS INCREASING

Americans Not Putting a Ring on It

Percent married among 18-to 34-year-olds dropped by half since 1978

Source: U.S. Census



59% in 1978



29% in 2018

REALITY: MODERN SOCIETY REJECTS
BIBLICAL SEXUALITY

OBJECTIONS TO BIBLICAL VIEW ON SEX

Objection #1:

The Bible is an old book that only presents the accepted values of an ancient culture.

Response: Biblical teaching on sexuality was always "counter-cultural."

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Objection #2:

- *Our modern view on sexuality are better, so we should reject biblical views.*
 - *WHAT ARE MODERN VIEWS ON SEXUALITY?*
 - *SEXUAL FREEDOM, MEANING MULTIPLE SEXUAL PARTNERS, WILL PRODUCE HAPPIER, MORE SATIFIED PEOPLE.*

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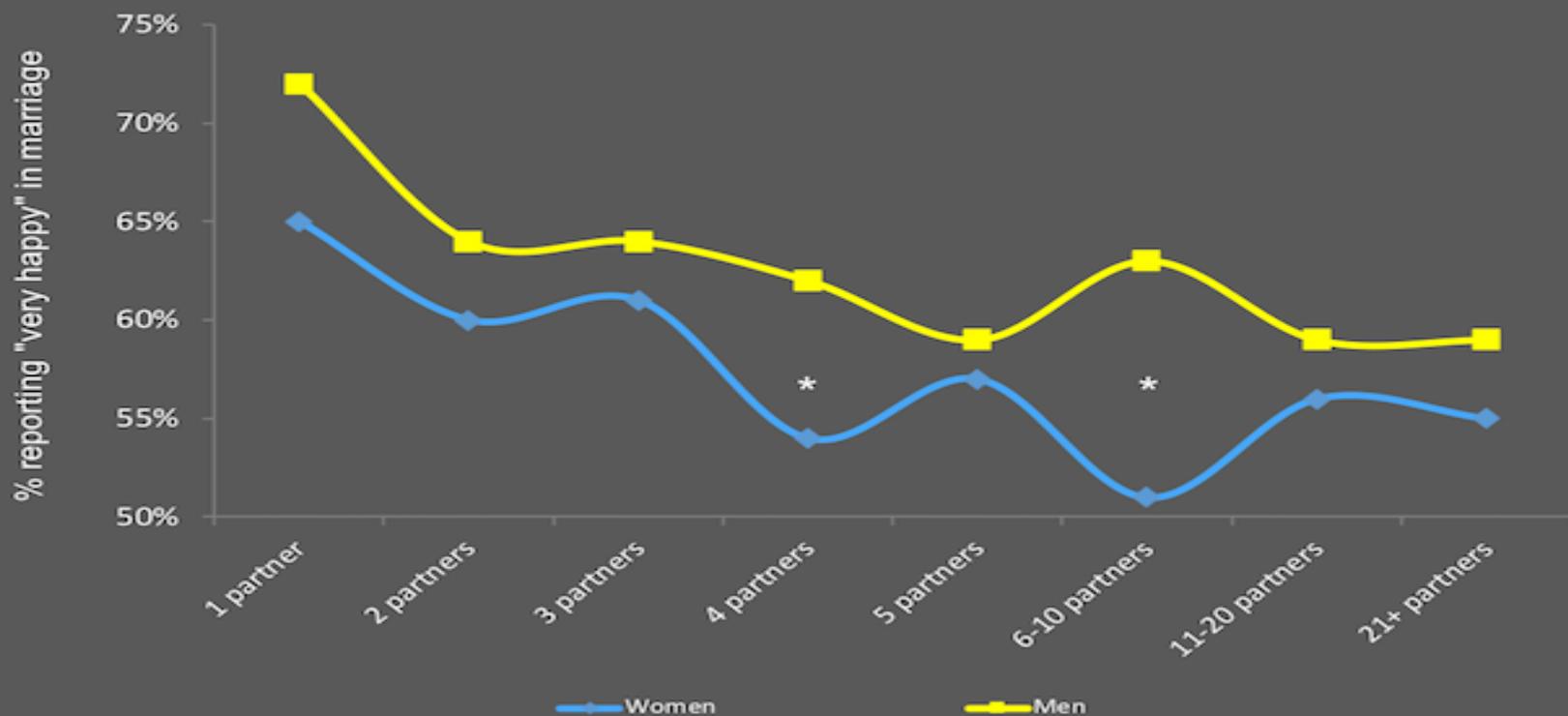
“Contrary to conventional wisdom, when it comes to sex, less experience is better, at least for the marriage,” said W. Bradford Wilcox, a sociologist and senior fellow at the Institute for Family Studies (and an Atlantic contributor). In an earlier analysis, Wolfinger found that women with zero or one previous sex partners before marriage were also least likely to divorce, while those with 10 or more were most likely.

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These divorce-proof brides are an exclusive crew: By the 2010s, he writes, just 5 percent of new brides were virgins. And just 6 percent of their marriages dissolved within five years, compared with 20 percent for most people.

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Figure 2: The Relationship Between Sexual History and Marital Satisfaction



Note: $N_s = 6,471$ (women) & $5,652$ (men)

* = significantly ($p < .05$) lower odds of a "very happy" marriage compared to women reporting two lifetime sex partners. Source: General Social Survey 1989-2016.

INTIMACY WAS IMAGINED IN THE
MIND OF GOD

INTIMACY WAS GOD'S IDEA

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YOU WERE CREATED FOR
INTIMACY

INTIMACY WAS GOD'S IDEA

- *God created sexual distinction*
- *God created sexual function*

CREATED FOR INTIMACY

- *Desire for Companionship*
- *Desire for Connection*

GOD'S DESIGN FOR SEX

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- *Passionate Pleasure*

GOD'S DESIGN FOR SEXUALITY

Proverbs 5:18–19 (ESV)

¹⁸Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth,

¹⁹a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.

Song of Solomon 7:6–12 (ESV)

⁶How beautiful and pleasant you are, O loved one, with all your delights!

⁷Your stature is like a palm tree, and your breasts are like its clusters.

⁸I say I will climb the palm tree and lay hold of its fruit. Oh may your breasts be like clusters of the vine, and the scent of your breath like apples,

Song of Solomon 7:6–12 (ESV)

⁹and your mouth like the best wine. It goes down smoothly for my beloved, gliding over lips and teeth.

¹⁰I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me.

¹¹Come, my beloved, let us go out into the fields and lodge in the villages;

¹²let us go out early to the vineyards and see whether the vines have budded, whether the grape blossoms have opened and the pomegranates are in bloom. There I will give you my love.

1 Corinthians 7.5

Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

GOD'S DESIGN FOR SEX

- *Passionate Pleasure*
- *Joyful Procreation*
- *Deep Connection*