

Weddings around the world

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What is a wedding?



- „A **wedding** is a ceremony where two people are united in marriage.“
- „**Marriage**, also called **matrimony** or **wedlock**, is a socially or ritually recognized union or legal contract between **spouses** that establishes rights and obligations between them, between them and their children, and between them and their in-laws. “

Heterosexual marriage



Same-sex marriage







- **Marriages:** Argentina, Portugal, Spain, UK (Scotland, Wales, England), South Africa, Iceland, Brazil, Canada, France, Finland, Sweden, Uruguay, Mexico, Luxembourg,...
- **Civil unions:** Austria, Australia, Czech Republic, Malta, Liechtenstein, Italy, Slovenia, Venezuela,...
- **Illegal, punishable by death:** Libya, Sudan, Uganda, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Yemen, Qatar (muslims only), Malaysia, Singapore and Sierra Leone (males only),...

Polyamorous weddings



Self-marriage



Wedding with a... dog?



... a goat?



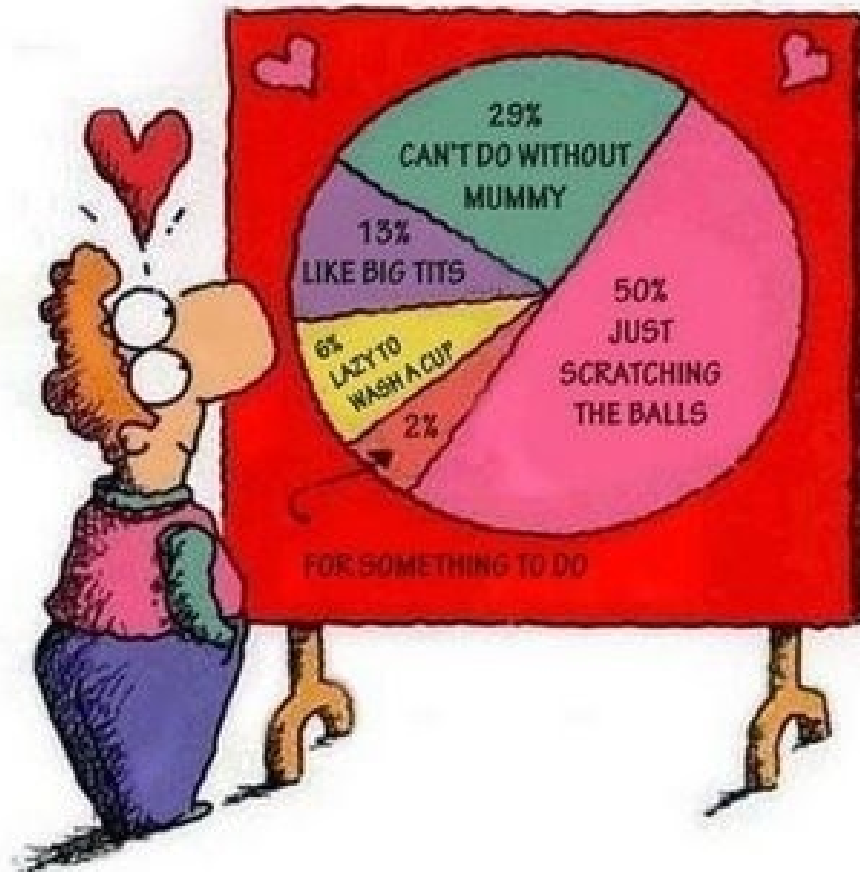
... don't even get me started on Japan.



Wait, what?
Better get back to normal
weddings.

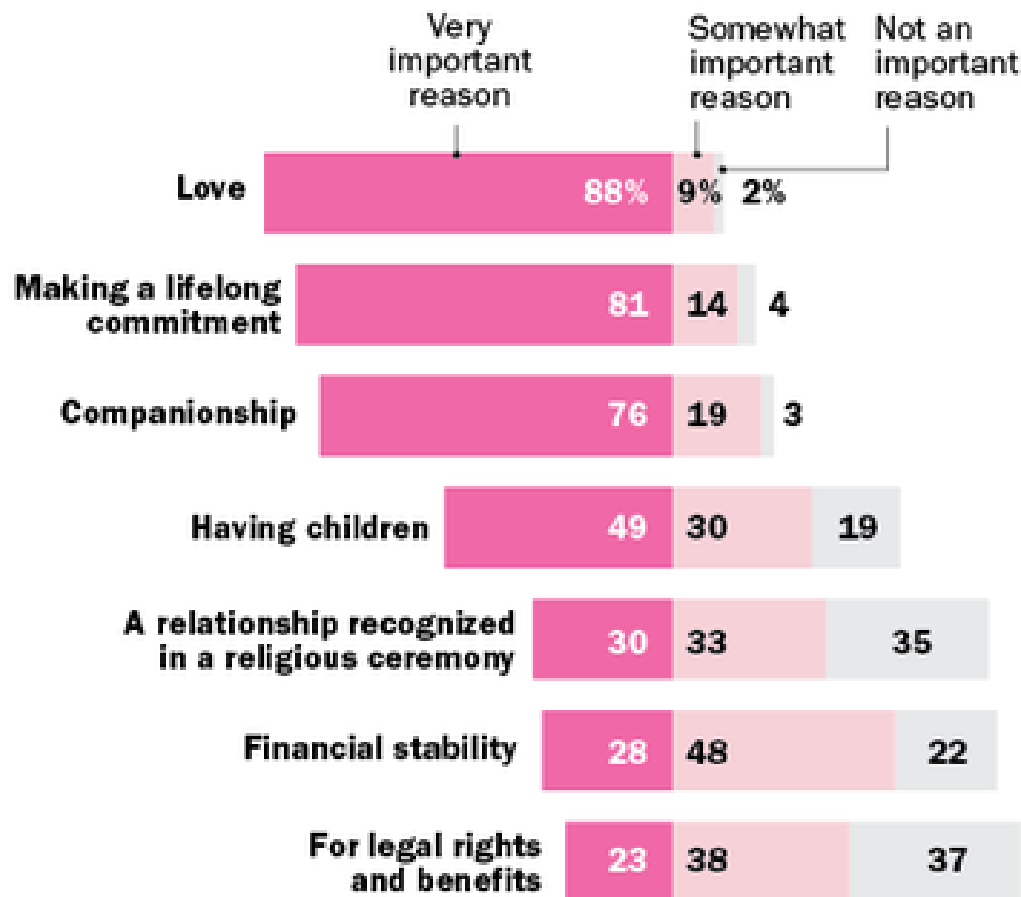
**Why do people get
married?**

WHY MEN GET MARRIED...



Why Get Married?

Percent of general public saying each is a ...



Source: Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, May 10-13, 2013
(online poll)

Note: "Don't know/Refused" not shown

Czech wedding traditions

- Bretislaus I., Duke of Bohemia – 12th century
 - Men married at 16-18, women at 14-16
 - Margaret of Bohemia married at 7 in 1328





We all know some typical Czech wedding traditions. But do you know why...

- ... the bride wears a veil?
- there are bridesmaids?
-do we throw rice?
-sprinkle the newlyweds with flower petals?
-do the newlyweds eat the soup jointly?
-do the circular dance?

And now let's go around the world
a little bit





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Wierd (?) wedding traditions

Indian Wedding Traditions



- **India = huge diversity in form of food & clothing & customs & traditions**
- **Marriage – a union of two individuals and their families**
- **Arranged marriages are still norm**
- **First ceremonies start months before the wedding**
- **There is numerous amount of pre-wedding, wedding and post-wedding ceremonies**



- One of pre-wedding ceremonies is *Mehendi* ceremony, the bride's hands and feet are decorated with intricate patterns by the application of Henna.
- The deeper the colour of the *mehendi* (henna) stronger is the groom's love for the bride
- Aafter the wedding, the bride is not expected to perform any housework until her *mehendi* has faded away.



- **Indian weddings are very colourful – red, yellow, green and white are crucial colours**
- **The actual wedding ceremony is 3 hours long**
- **Bride is decorated with flowers and jewellery, ornaments and stones, she wears a sari**
- **Traditionally groom comes to bride's home on decorated elephant or horse**



- The bride and groom are considered wed when the groom ties a **which is a sacred thread that symbolizes his promise to take care of the bride as long as he lives.**



- The thread is later replaced with a gold chain.

- **Nearly 60% of women in India had no say in the men they married.**
- **Only 18% of Indian women knew their husbands before the wedding.**
- **About a decade ago, the number of girls who married before puberty stood at 16%. Today that figure is 10%.**
- **More than 15% of married couples don't immediately move in together.**
- **The average age of couples moving in together is 18.**

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aeEA8t1x25I>

Thank you

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