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Male / Female Relationships



What is a relationship?



Symptoms of Unhealthy Relationships

- Criticism
- Contempt
- Defensiveness
- Stonewalling





Symptoms of Unhealthy Relationships

- Criticism – Individuals use phrases like “you always” and “you never” it turns into criticism
- Contempt – hostile behavior aimed directly at your partner and designed to hurt. For example, “fat”, “lazy”, “stupid”, “selfish”
- Defensiveness – The partner that is being attacked and feel like the victim and retaliate. Anger is matched with anger. When someone becomes defensive that person no longer listens to the other person.
- Stonewalling – This is when one partner withdraws from the relationship. The person no longer responds to contempt or criticism.

THIS IS NOT A HEALTHY WAY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM.



Real Life Statistics

- 40 percent of U.S. babies in 2007 were delivered by unwed mothers.
- The 1.7 million out-of-wedlock births, of 4.3 million total births, marked a more than 25 percent jump from five years before.
- Magazine-cover grabbers like Angelina Jolie and Bristol Palin are part of a now record-breaking trend of women who give birth outside of wedlock.

National Center for Health Statistics.



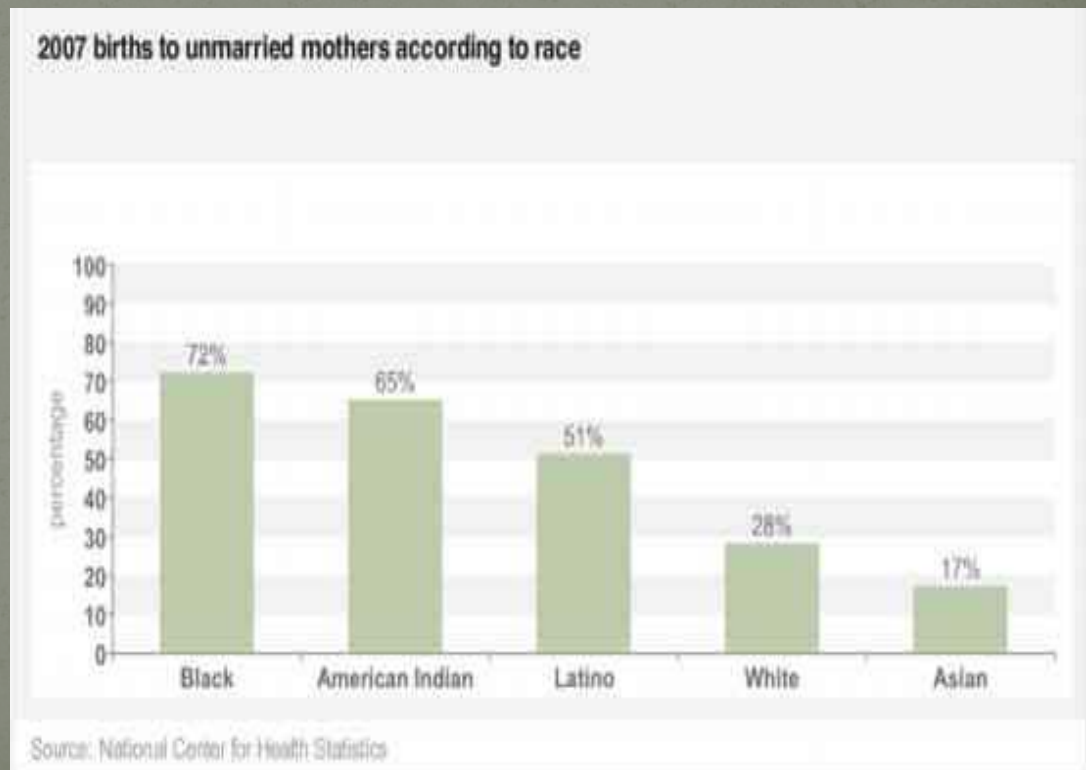
Real Life Statistics

- Children born out-of-wedlock face increased likelihood of poverty and greater HS dropout rates.
- 28 percent of white women gave birth out of wedlock in 2007, nearly 72 percent of black women and more than 51 percent of Latinas did.
- **IS THERE A CULTURAL DIFFERENCE?**



Real Life Statistics

- The bulk of the responsibility falls on the mother. According to a 2008 survey by the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 9.8 million single mothers versus 1.8 million fathers.





Dealing with Stereotypes

- Some females drive off men because they won't let them be the natural leaders of the family that 'The Maker of All Things' intended! This produces misery and single parent households, and could be avoided! {The children suffer, of course~} Are women trying to take over the leadership role {like Eve did when she spoke for the relationship and destroyed the human race} (Sorrell, 2009)



Dealing with Stereotypes

- God made a plan - that man should work and women should stay home and raise children, cook, and take care of the home.

Times have changed dramatically

- Men now have been known to take care of the children and the wife works. Sometimes this happens when the man can't find work and the woman can. This happens more than you think these days (Heart, 2009)
- Women used to do all the cooking. Now men and women are often take turns cooking and doing the dishes (Heart, 2009)

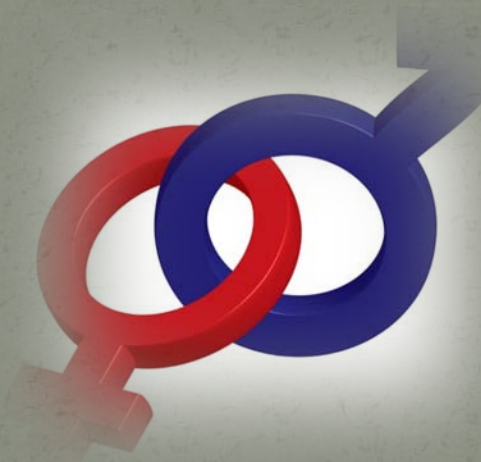


Dealing with Stereotypes

- Two generations ago, men were the providers in relationships. They worked morning to night to take care of their families. Everything owned and everything purchased was done by the sweat of the man. Today, women are highly successful as providers for their families (Rhonda M., 2009).



So what characterizes a “Good Relationship?”

- Good motives
 - Common Goals
 - Sensitivity to each other’s needs
 - A liking for each other’s culture
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- Flexibility
 - Solid, positive self-image
 - Spirit of Adventure
 - Ability to Communicate
 - Commitment
 - Sense of Humor



Is there a “The Secret
Epidemic” affecting
Adolescent African-American
Males???



Exploring the Mental Health Crisis

- The suicide rate for adolescent African-American males ages 15 – 19 increased from 5.6 to 13.8 per 1000,000 of the population.
- African-American male achievement begins to decline as early as the fourth grade.



Exploring the Mental Health Crisis

- In 2001, only 42.8 percent of African-American males graduated from high school, compared to 70.8 percent for their white counterparts.
- Adolescent African-American males are significantly more likely to be diagnosed with conduct disorder than white males.



Exploring the Mental Health Crisis

- Exposure to racism and poverty may contribute to family stressors among adolescent African-American males.
- Family poverty is directly linked to increased levels of psychological distress in adolescents.
- African-American children in particular, are especially likely to live in single-parent, mother-only families.



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