

Table 1. Percentage of Respondents Who Gave Specified Responses to Survey Questions, by Parental Marital Situation (n in parentheses)<sup>1</sup>

Marriage Was:	Parents' Marriage Intact <sup>2</sup>			Children of Divorce <sup>3</sup>	
	Very Happy, Low Conflict	Not Happy, <sup>4</sup> Low Conflict	Not Happy, <sup>4</sup> High Conflict	"Good" Divorce <sup>5</sup>	"Bad" Divorce <sup>5</sup>
<u>Adult Characteristics</u>					
Very Happy	72.7 (348)	47.8 (347)	41.7 (48)	57.1 (359)	51.1 (329)
Very Satisfied with Life as Whole	73.1 (349)	56.2 (349)	50.0 (48)	62.3 (361)	54.3 (328)
Never-Divorced (of those Ever-Married)	89.9 (227)	86.7 (240)	81.8 (33)	76.3 (241)	82.6 (218)
Agreed: Most people can be trusted.	62.7 (343)	51.2 (344)	39.6 (48)	53.2 (359)	44.5 (328)
Agreed: I don't feel that anyone really understands me.	7.2 (349)	17.5 (348)	29.2 (48)	14.6 (361)	30.0 (330)
Agreed: I have experienced many losses in my life.	37.0 (349)	42.0 (347)	52.1 (48)	53.2 (361)	61.0 (330)
Agreed: In my family relationships my own needs have to come first.	16.8 (346)	21.0 (347)	25.0 (48)	20.2 (361)	30.9 (329)
Agreed: When I have conflict with someone I usually feel it can only get worse, not better.	6.0 (347)	11.7 (349)	10.7 (47)	8.6 (360)	20.0 (330)
Agreed: I think my understanding of right and wrong is cloudy.	5.2 (347)	7.2 (349)	8.3 (48)	6.1 (361)	10.6 (330)

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Pre-adult Characteristics

Agreed: My  
parents protected  
me from their  
worries.           88.2           81.7           35.4           77.7           45.4  
                          (348)           (349)           (48)           (359)           (330)

Agreed: My  
mother's household  
rules and my  
father's household  
rules were the  
same.           93.7           81.1           60.5           57.7           32.4  
                          (348)           (349)           (48)           (352)           (330)

Agreed: What  
my mother said  
was true and what  
my father said was  
true were often  
two different  
things.           12.1           24.1           56.5           29.3           78.4  
                          (346)           (345)           (46)           (355)           (329)

Agreed: At  
times I felt  
like an outsider  
in my home.           6.9           21.8           52.1           19.2           44.6  
                          (349)           (348)           (48)           (360)           (330)

Agreed: I  
felt like a  
different  
person with each  
of my parents.   12.4           26.1           47.9           28.7           59.9  
                          (346)           (345)           (48)           (358)           (329)

Agreed: It  
was stressful  
in my family.           6.3           35.2           93.6           51.7           82.3  
                          (349)           (347)           (48)           (359)           (328)

Agreed: My  
childhood was  
filled with  
playing.           94.8           90.3           77.1           81.2           70.4  
                          (349)           (349)           (48)           (356)           (324)

Agreed: I  
always felt  
like an adult,  
even when I was  
a little kid.           36.1           38.6           50.0           50.5           70.2  
                          (343)           (347)           (48)           (360)           (329)

Agreed: My  
family was in  
the habit of

sharing a family meal together.	96.8 (349)	89.4 (348)	83.3 (48)	70.9 (358)	64.3 (328)
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Agreed:  
Christmas or Hanukkah was a stressful time in my family.

	7.5 (346)	19.2 (343)	26.2 (47)	22.3 (359)	54.0 (330)
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Agreed: I often heard stories about my birth.

	74.1 (348)	61.7 (347)	64.6 (48)	60.8 (360)	58.4 (330)
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Agreed: I often missed my mother.

	15.1 (343)	30.8 (347)	39.1 (46)	25.7 (358)	38.0 (329)
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Agreed: I often missed my father.

	31.2 (343)	37.6 (348)	34.0 (47)	55.6 (360)	67.8 (328)
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Agreed: I felt the need to protect my mother emotionally.

	23.1 (346)	36.4 (349)	68.7 (48)	44.0 (359)	65.8 (327)
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Agreed: I felt the need to protect my father emotionally.

	12.4 (347)	17.2 (348)	35.4 (48)	20.1 (359)	42.0 (330)
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Felt Too Responsible for Taking Care of Mother

	7.7 (349)	8.0 (349)	39.6 (48)	14.7 (361)	34.5 (330)
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Felt Too Responsible for Taking Care of Father

	0.9 (349)	4.9 (349)	10.4 (48)	3.3 (361)	16.4 (330)
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Felt Too Responsible for Taking Care of a Brother or Sister

	5.2 (349)	17.2 (349)	37.5 (48)	24.7 (341)	40.6 (308)
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Agreed: I generall felt

physically safe.	98.5 (349)	96.6 (349)	87.5 (48)	94.3 (361)	83.3 (330)
Agreed: I generally felt emotionally safe.	98.9 (349)	93.1 (349)	60.4 (48)	81.9 (361)	57.8 (329)
Agreed: Children were the center of my family.	93.7 (349)	86.5 (349)	79.2 (48)	77.1 (354)	57.8 (320)
Agreed: I was alone a lot as a child.	4.9 (349)	20.6 (349)	41.6 (48)	30.2 (361)	59.9 (329)
Agreed: Sometimes I felt like I didn't have a home.	0.0 (349)	5.7 (349)	20.9 (48)	8.9 (360)	29.4 (330)
Agreed: At times I feared being homeless.	1.2 (349)	5.7 (349)	14.6 (48)	4.7 (359)	5.1 (330)

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#### Religion Variables

Said they were "very religious."	30.0 (337)	24.9 (329)	30.4 (46)	20.6 (350)	19.4 (309)
Said they were "very spiritual."	35.0 (346)	32.1 (346)	35.4 (48)	30.7 (358)	33.0 (330)
Said prayer is regular part of life.	56.1 (344)	51.2 (346)	50.0 (48)	51.1 (356)	48.6 (329)
Prayed when a child.	88.2 (348)	83.6 (348)	91.7 (48)	86.0 (357)	81.2 (325)
Attend religious services almost every week.	41.3 (349)	30.2 (348)	31.3 (48)	26.1 (360)	22.1 (330)
Currently a member at a place of worship	66.5 (349)	60.1 (346)	60.9 (46)	49.0 (361)	47.9 (330)
Agreed: My mother encouraged me to practice a religious faith.	80.2 (349)	76.8 (349)	70.9 (48)	59.5 (361)	53.8 (329)

Agreed: My father encouraged me to practice a religious faith.	71.9 (349)	57.6 (349)	50.0 (48)	31.8 (359)	30.7 (329)
Agreed: My mother taught me how to pray.	75.7 (345)	65.7 (347)	63.8 (47)	44.6 (352)	38.4 (328)
Agreed: My father taught me how to pray.	57.6 (347)	37.8 (347)	37.5 (48)	17.9 (352)	16.8 (328)
Agreed: I often prayed with my mother.	59.2 (348)	47.7 (348)	60.4 (48)	40.0 (360)	31.5 (330)
Agreed: I often prayed with my father.	50.7 (349)	31.6 (348)	22.9 (48)	17.3 (359)	15.8 (330)
Agreed: I worry about what will happen to me when I die.	21.3 (347)	29.3 (348)	22.9 (48)	23.6 (360)	29.0 (328)
Agreed: Religion doesn't seem to address the important issues in my life.	27.0 (345)	31.0 (348)	34.0 (47)	33.8 (355)	46.6 (328)
Agreed: My spirituality has been strengthened by adversity in my life.	69.1 (343)	74.1 (347)	85.4 (48)	78.1 (356)	73.2 (328)
Agreed: When I have needed help God has been there for me.	86.0 (342)	85.9 (341)	83.3 (48)	83.6 (353)	83.6 (323)
Agreed: I believe I can find ultimate truth without help from a religion.	30.9 (346)	40.6 (347)	43.5 (46)	43.1 (357)	50.0 (328)
Agreed: I think I am more religious now					

than my mother ever was.	7.9 (342)	21.4 (345)	20.8 (48)	28.4 (356)	34.1 (328)
Agreed: I doubt the sincerity of my mother's religious beliefs.	3.8 (346)	13.5 (342)	22.9 (48)	13.0 (355)	25.5 (322)
Agreed: I think I am more religious now than my father ever was.	18.1 (343)	36.4 (343)	50.0 (48)	43.8 (354)	52.6 (329)
Agreed: I doubt the sincerity of my father's religious beliefs.	5.8 (346)	18.8 (341)	35.4 (48)	21.0 (348)	37.7 (318)
Agreed that God:					
Loves us unconditionally.	95.0 (339)	93.5 (339)	89.6 (48)	94.0 (351)	93.1 (320)
Is all powerful.	91.8 (342)	90.7 (343)	87.6 (48)	90.4 (319)	89.0 (354)
Is caring. (340)	95.6 (342)	96.2 (48)	93.8 (352)	94.3 (321)	93.8
Does not exist.	7.8 (345)	6.5 (338)	8.3 (48)	11.8 (355)	9.3 (322)
Is angry.	13.5 (340)	16.5 (340)	16.7 (48)	15.6 (352)	19.1 (319)
Is just.	90.4 (333)	91.9 (333)	93.8 (48)	90.8 (349)	85.9 (313)
Is absent.	11.4 (341)	14.8 (338)	10.4 (48)	15.1 (350)	20.8 (322)
Is conniving	9.0 (333)	4.2 (336)	6.3 (48)	4.3 (350)	5.1 (316)
Is Compassionate.	94.7 (338)	96.8 (341)	91.7 (48)	93.8 (353)	92.8 (321)
Is like a friend.	88.0 (341)	87.1 (340)	91.7 (48)	88.1 (354)	88.5 (321)

Is like a father.	85.4 (342)	85.0 (340)	85.1 (47)	83.8 (352)	82.9 (322)
Is like a mother.	73.4 (338)	73.7 (339)	66.0 (47)	74.0 (350)	72.9 (317)
Is forgiving.	95.9 (242)	97.1 (342)	93.8 (48)	94.3 (349)	94.1 (322)
Agreed: Because there is so much suffering in the world I find it hard to believe in God.	12.1 (346)	15.9 (345)	20.8 (48)	15.0 (360)	21.0 (324)
Agreed: Sometimes I feel the presence of God.	77.6 (343)	81.8 (341)	83.3 (48)	80.1 (356)	80.4 (326)
Agreed: I think of God as the loving father or parent I never had in real life.	16.5 (333)	25.8 (337)	50.0 (48)	34.8 (348)	46.6 (322)
Agreed: I feel like a member of God's family.	88.0 (343)	86.2 (341)	81.3 (48)	86.5 (356)	83.7 (325)
Agreed: The hardships in my life come from God.	16.3 (343)	17.7 (345)	22.9 (48)	23.2 (354)	22.7 (322)
Agreed: When I think of the bad things that have happened in my life I find it hard to believe in a God who cares.	10.2 (344)	17.0 (342)	16.7 (48)	16.0 (357)	25.7 (323)

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<sup>1</sup>Cases with "don't know" and "no response" codes are omitted from the base for the percentages.

<sup>2</sup>When the respondent was age 14.

<sup>3</sup>Persons who did not see both parents at least once a year after the parents separated until the persons were age 18 or left home was excluded from the study.

<sup>4</sup>Parental marriages not reported to be "very happy" are considered not happy.

<sup>5</sup>If the respondent reported "a lot" of post-divorce parental conflict, being kidnapped by a parent, being told he or she might be kidnapped, parental requests to keep secrets from the other parent, and/or having to take sides in parental conflict, the divorce is classified as "bad." All other divorces are classified as "good."