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Marriage? Not now!

San Diego, CALIFORNIA: “The idea of the typical family” has changed. My name is Clarke Powell, today I will present the new topic of the day, which is about the unmarried couples. Gail Wyatt, the director of the University of California at Los Angeles sexual health program will tell us everything we want to know about the topic of the day.

Before, people had to be married to found a family. Step by step, today’s society has put an end to this obligation. From this evolution of society, new family structures as unmarried couple have emerged.

Three of four women in the U.S. live with someone without being married by the age of 30. According to the researchers, this increasing trend suggests that cohabitation is now a part of family life. Furthermore, the survey of 12,279 women between 15 and 44 years old also shows that 40% of unmarried couples decide to marry within 3 years. However, people are not married for several reasons: on the one hand, they cannot afford it: “Marriage is for people who have money and want to spend money just on the wedding itself” declare Wyatt. On the other hand, 48% of women who have been interviewed live their first union with their partner, only 38% of women used to live their first union with their partner and some prefer to buy a home or pay the rent. However, 23% of couples share a house as first union so as to live their union as a first marriage. Only 39% of couples used to share a house in 1995. Besides, even if they are married, they can always divorce.



Thus, they don’t need a divorce procedure. Moreover, their children have unmarried parents but they are viewed as genuine families.

Therefore, marriage is becoming less and less present in our society, people live together and have children without being married but it doesn’t mean that people still believe in marriage.

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