

**Table 1.**

Item factor and reliability analyses

Item	Mean (SD)	Factor Loading	$\alpha$ if item removed
Single people who want to become parents ought to get married first.	3.13 (1.26)	.84	.67
It is a good idea for a person who intends to become a parent to be married first.	2.81 (1.23)	.75	.70
Married people who are parents together are generally happier than single people who actively chose to become parents without a partner.	2.89 (1.19)	.65	.72
Choosing to remain childless is usually the best solution when a single person who wants to become a parent cannot find a romantic partner.	3.05 (1.21)	.61	.72
It is alright for single people to become parents alone without ever intending to get into a romantic relationship (Reverse Coded).	3.85 (1.08)	.30	.81

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*Note:* Final scale  $\alpha = .77$ . All items were significantly correlated at  $p < .001$ .

**Table 2.**

Demographic information

Variable	Heterosexual	Lesbian/gay	Men	Women	Test Statistic	Test Statistic	Test Statistic	Differences
					Sexual Identity	Gender	S.I.xGender	
Race (Count)					$\chi^2 = .040$	$\chi^2 = 1.08$	-	n.s.
<i>White</i>	49%	48%	49%	48%				n.s.
	(211)	(97)	(172)	(136)				
<i>Multiracial</i>	11%	11%	10%	12%				n.s.
	(47)	(22)	(34)	(35)				
<i>Racial</i>	40%	41%	41%	40%				n.s.
<i>Minority</i>	(172)	(82)	(142)	(112)				
Age	25.64	26.63	27.38	24.90	$F(1, 627) = 4.90^*$	$F(1, 627) =$	$F(1, 627) =$	M > W****
	(.25)	(.37)	(.29)	(.34)		30.55****	0.01	L/G > H*
Education	3.15	3.30	3.28	3.17	$F(1, 627) = 1.65$	$F(1, 627) =$	$F(1, 627) =$	n.s.
	(.07)	(.10)	(.08)	(.09)		0.73	0.30	

Financial	3.96	3.96	3.89	4.03	$F(1, 627) < 0.01$	$F(1, 627) =$	$F(1, 627) =$	n.s.
Expectations	(.04)	(.06)	(.05)	(.06)		3.10	0.03	
Parenthood	3.65	3.33	3.41	3.58	$F(1, 627) = 7.36^{**}$	$F(1, 627) =$	$F(1, 627) =$	HM > G <sup>**</sup>
Desires <sup>1</sup>	(.07)	(.10)	(.08)	(.09)		2.09	4.29*	

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Note: <sup>1</sup>Heterosexual men (M = 3.69, SE = .12), Gay men (M = 3.12, SE = .12), Heterosexual women (M = 3.62, SE = .10), and lesbian women (M = 3.54, SE = .15). \* $p < .05$ , \*\* $p < .01$ , \*\*\* $p < .001$