



Who Should I Marry: Advice from Parents

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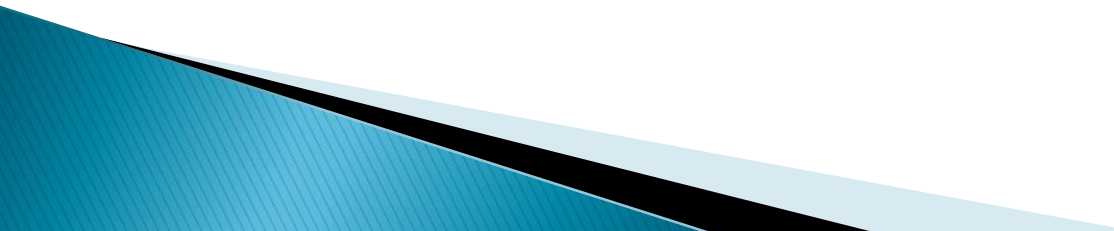
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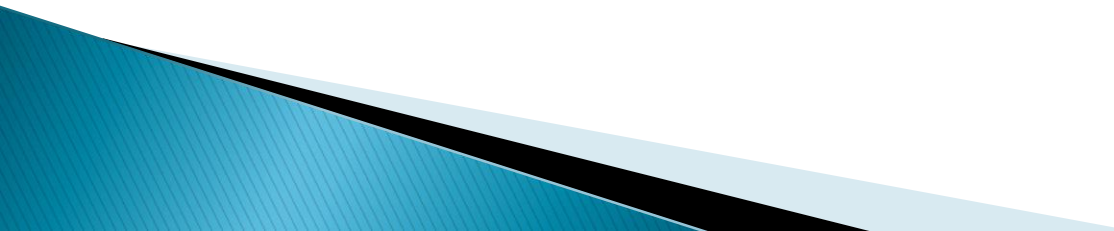
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Accepting Marriage Advice

- ▶ Likelihood to accept parental advice on a marriage partner
 - ▶ How positive we feel about our parents
 - ▶ Health of family relationships growing up
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Hypotheses

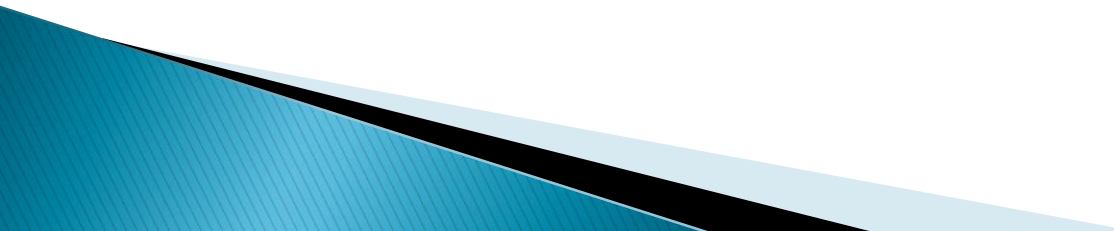
- ▶ Positive correlation between healthy relationships between parents and family and acceptance of advice on marriage partner.
 - ▶ Comparison of relationship status and willingness to listen to parental advice.
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Method

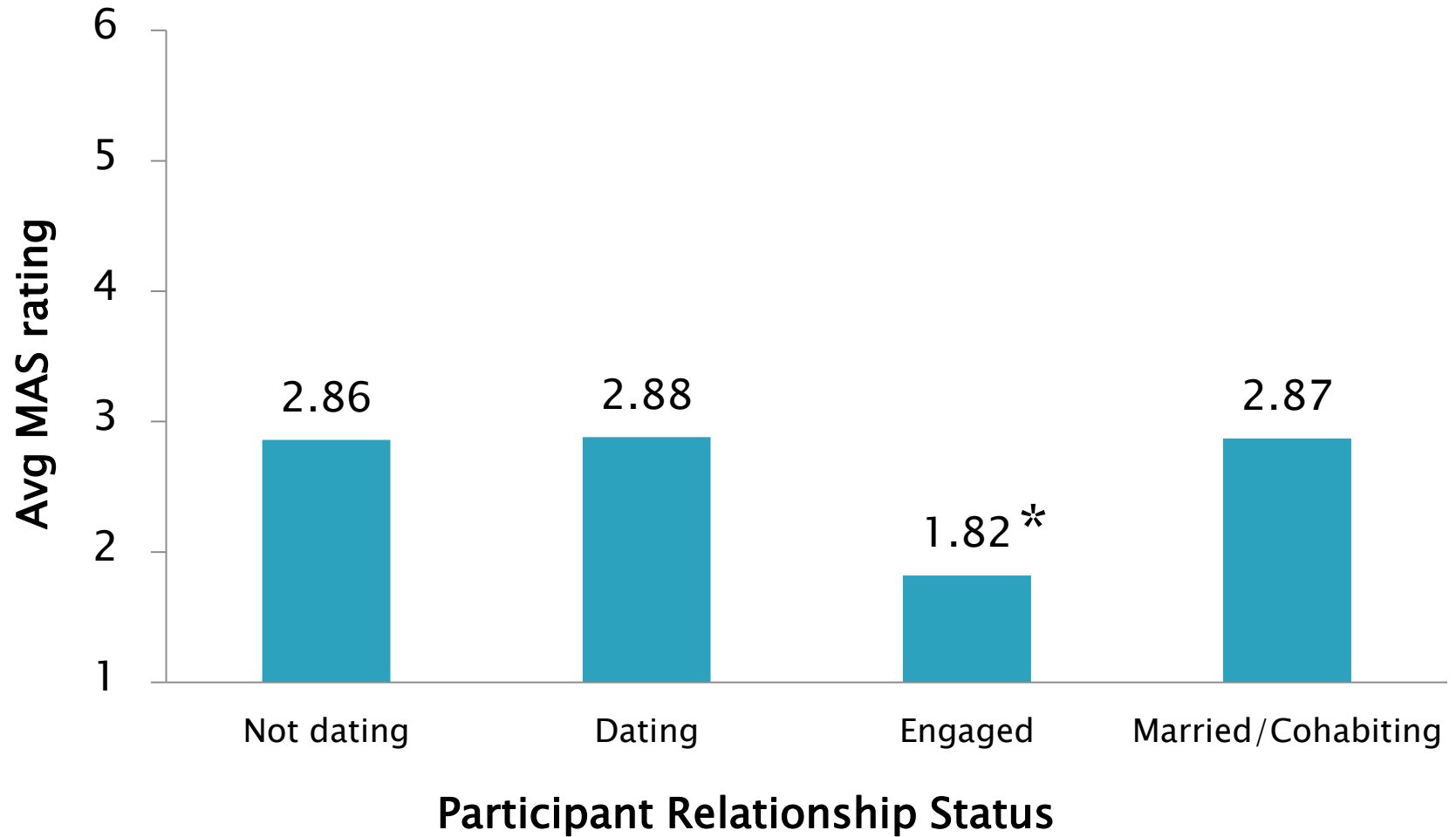
- ▶ 248 University students (72% female; 28% male)
- ▶ 4 questionnaires administered online
 - Demographics (age, relationship status, etc.)
 - Marital Advice Scale (MAS; Cronbach alpha= .87)
 - Perception of Parents Scale (PoP; Phares & Renk, 1998)
 - Family of Origin Scale (FOS; Hovestadt et al., 1985)

Sample Questions

All scales scored on a range from 1 – 6

- ▶ **MAS:** I would postpone my marriage if requested by my parents.
 - ▶ **PoP:** Proud of your parents.
 - ▶ **FOS:** My parents took full responsibility for what they did.
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Results



* $p < .05$

	1	2	3
1 Marital Advice	--	.25**	.24**
2 Perceptions of Parents		--	.76**
3 Family Functioning			--
<i>M</i>	2.86	4.77	3.96
<i>SD</i>	0.77	0.96	0.90

** $p < .001$

Future Possibilities

- ▶ Future research could look more closely at engaged participants.
 - ▶ Examine cultural aspects with nationalities with a history of arranged marriages.
 - ▶ Understanding these associations to increase knowledge of family relationships.
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