

# Contemporary College Students' Views on Marriage

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**Abstract.** The view of marriage, like the world outlook, is a tool for us to know and change the world. With the development of science and technology and economic society, some changes have taken place in people's views, especially in the young generation of students are more obvious, and college students are the best representative of the young generation. Therefore, in order to better understand the younger generation for marriage and the view of life, the paper randomly chosen from different regions, different family background and growth environment of college students, explore their views on marriage, love, and life, through our research, the survey also found some problems, The research on these issues can help us better understand the dynamic development of society for subsequent research.

**Keywords:** View of marriage, Love, Relationship, College student, Sex.

## 1. Introduction

The concept of marriage is people's view of marriage and life in contemporary society. It is an important part of people's life. As people all know, the foundation of marriage is mutual willingness and affection. With the rapid development of social science and economy, people's views on the world and marriage have also undergone some changes. As the future builders and successors of the motherland, college students' views on marriage also show many new characteristics under the diversified background.[1]

Youth is the most important force in social development, they lead the times, representing the direction of The Times, such a force is the society cannot ignore, when people grow up to a certain age, they will have a desire for love, in order to have a sense of security and legal status in love, this is marriage. university of science and rational analysis reflect the problems, Through the analysis and understanding of the problem, public can better understand the development trend of The Times, but also better guide college students to establish a good and healthy view of marriage, play a positive role in the steady development of society and economy, so as to better promote the development of history.

## 2. Literature Review

Marriage is a long-term contractual relationship established by both men and women on the basis of equality and willingness. Marriage is essentially an equal and voluntary marriage between a man and a woman of marriage age in the name of husband and wife in economic life, spiritual and material aspects, which should be recognized by medicine, public order and good customs, politics, civil law and other levels, and be recognized in a form of intimacy or sex to form a social union or legal constraints of interpersonal kinship.

For example, Yang and Yang [2] believe that love and marriage are people's views on love, marriage and sex and other basic issues. The view of love and marriage is an important part of values, which is directly related to people's basic attitude towards love, marriage and sex.

The contemporary college students are at the forefront of the ideological field in the new era, and their views on marriage and love are facing fierce value conflicts in the era change and social transformation. College students' view of love and marriage is not only closely related to their mental health, personality growth and character cultivation, but also predicts. Because of the development

trend of love morality in Chinese society, the research on college students' view of love and marriage has very important theoretical and practical significance.

Some parents, influenced by the market economy and pragmatism, regard the amount of money and power as the first item of their children's love and marriage choice, which directly distorts college students' view of love and marriage. In addition, parents' emotional disharmony, often quarrel, one of the parents is not loyal to the marriage is not responsible for these will also cause children's marriage view of the negative side.[3]

In the concept of "post-90s" college students, falling in love is their own business, is the right and freedom to be aboveboard, not subject to anyone's constraints and interference. They pursue the liberation of individuality, choose the way they like to express their love to the opposite sex, without concealment, as for the way of love is increasingly open.[4]

Schools should try to carry out rich campus cultural activities through various forms, expand the scope of students' participation, meet the spiritual needs of college students from various aspects, and avoid students to enter the world of two people too early [5].

Cao [6] pointed out that the concept of love and marriage refers to people's or society's attitude and views towards marriage and love and related issues in a certain period of time. Wang [7] emphasizes that the concept of love and marriage is an individual's fundamental view of love, gender relations, marriage and family. Research on the structure of love and marriage, especially research and experimental data are very limited.

Through theoretical construction and exploratory factor analysis, Su [8] obtained the structure of college students' love and marriage view composed of seven factors: love and marriage motivation, marriage tendency, marriage autonomy, marriage role view, marriage loyalty view and sex choice view. Cai [9] also used factor analysis method to conduct research and put forward a structural model of college students' love and marriage view, which specifically involves six dimensions: mate selection conditions, love value, emotional needs, sexual morality, marital nature and marital status.

It is very necessary to investigate, understand and analyze college students' views on love and marriage and guide them to form civilized, healthy and rational views on love and marriage. Based on this, this study takes college students as the object and adopts the form of questionnaire to investigate the current situation, characteristics, causes and countermeasures of college students' love and marriage views. Education on love and marriage will be incorporated into the education system of high schools to strengthen young people's awareness of respect, integrity and responsibility for their emotional life, and guide them to develop a civilized, healthy and rational view of love and marriage [10]

Sexual orientation refers to a person's ability to have deep emotional, emotional, and sexual attraction to, and the ability to form intimate relationships and sexual relationships with individuals of a different gender (heterosexual), the same gender (homosexual), or more than one gender (bisexual) [11]. In 2014, according to statistics, the number of homosexuals in China reached 70 million, among which the number of gay men was more than 30 million, which indicates that with the change of The Times, sexual orientation is becoming more diversified, which is an inevitable problem faced by contemporary college students in love and marriage

Combined with previous studies, this paper will analyze the contemporary college students' views on love and marriage through the analysis of the results of the questionnaire, based on the behavior of college students, and combined with the characteristics of the development of college students' cognition and emotion. It includes love tendency, love value, mate choice view, sex behavior view, marriage autonomy view, marriage role view and marriage loyalty view.

### 3. Participants

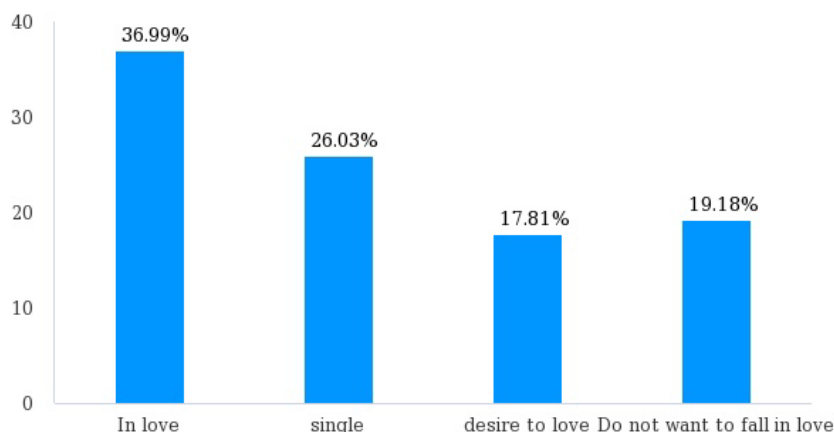
The research method is the questionnaire survey method, The students in the survey were from Shandong Technology and Business University through the sample survey of school classmates and friends circle to study of college students, the research sample is 73, the ratio of male to female is

close to 4:6, effectively avoiding the impact of gender differences on the survey results. The participants were university students aged 18-22 years.

In addition, the population participating in the survey is evenly distributed from freshman to senior. The research methods cover different genders, different family backgrounds and growth environments, and there is no restriction or discrimination against participants.

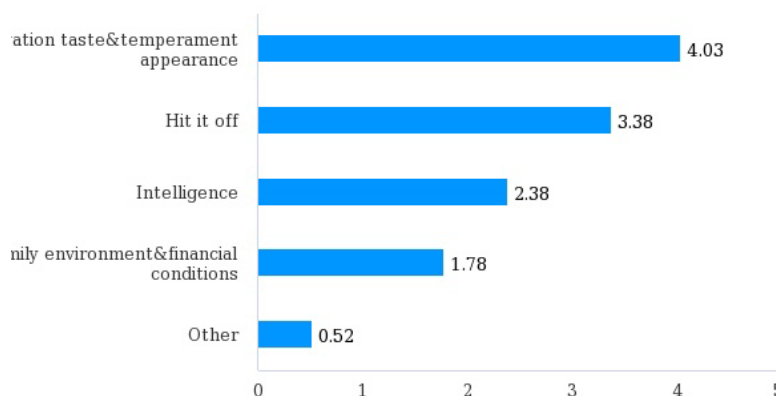
#### 4. Results

The results shows that 36.99% people are in love now and 63.01% people are single or do not want to fall in love with someone. What they value in a partner is the cultivation taste and temperament appearance. 38.36% student focus on the age of their partners but others are not. On the basis of mutual consent, 34.25% of people think it is necessary to listen to the advice of family members and teachers, 32.88% chose to listen to the advice of close friends, but 46.58 % chose to listen to their heart. As for the expenses incurred by love, 35.62 % of people think they should come from their parents, 40.96% from themselves, and 23.42 % people with better economic conditions should pay more. 84.93% people should love according to their ability. In terms of region, 98.63% said they should meet locally, while no one chose long-distance dating and 1.37% chose online dating. 46.5% said love should be aimed at marriage, while 43.8 percent said they would never marry. In terms of action, 50.68% chose to pursue their love actively, while 17.81% chose to be passive. On the question of love and family of origin, the respondents adjusted the ratio of family affection, friendship and love to 5:3:2. 57.53% said love does not need to be separated by gender, 20.55% said love needs to be separated by gender, and 21.92 % said it does not matter.



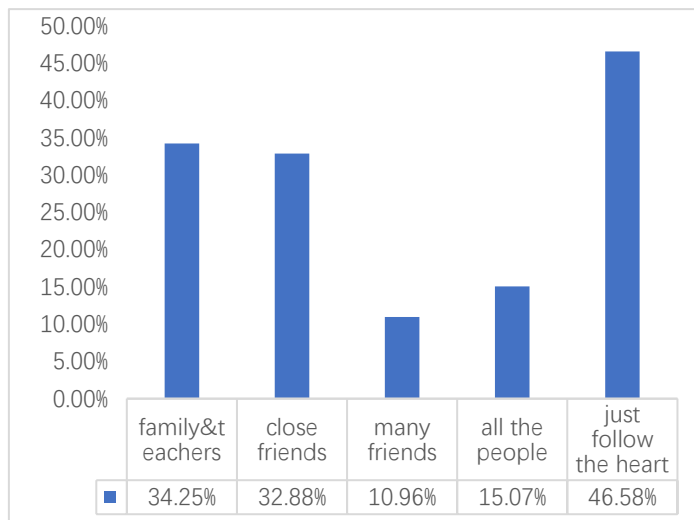
**Figure 1.** The Love State of Contemporary College Students

The results shows that 36.99% people are in love and 63.01% people are single or do not want to fall in love with anyone.



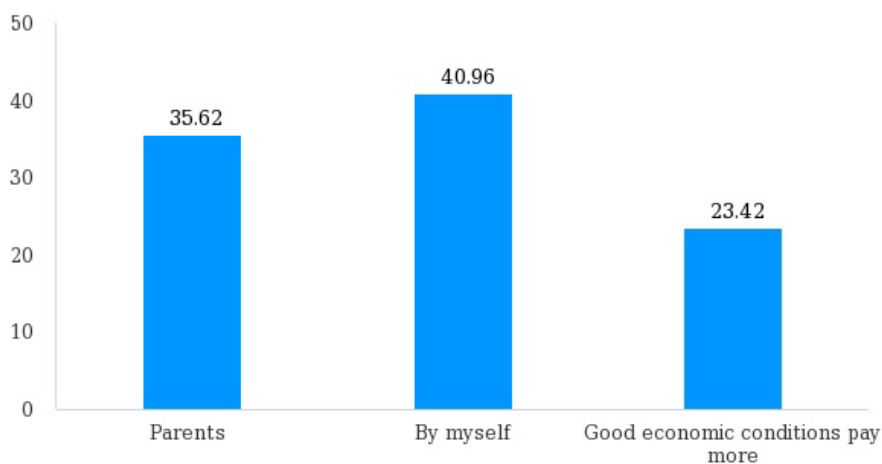
**Figure 2.** What Do They Value Most in a Partner

The society traditionally think of marriage as a necessity, but these results of the percent study support the hypothesis that marriage and love are not a necessity in the life planning of college students today. It is interesting that what they value in partner is the cultivation taste and temperament appearance. 38.36% student focus on the age of their partners but others are not.



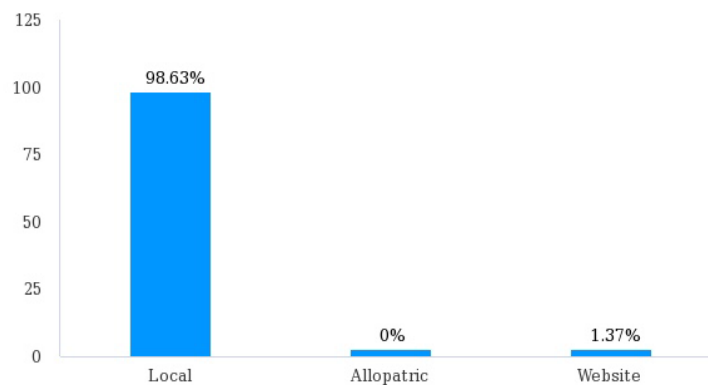
**Figure 3. Who to Ask for Advice in a Relationship?**

On the basis of mutual consent, 34.25% students think it is necessary to listen to the advice of family members and teachers, 32.88% chose to listen to the advice of their close friends. But most of the people, 46.58% students just follow their heart. It is also means that young people today have more freedoms and openness in their marriage choices than ever before.



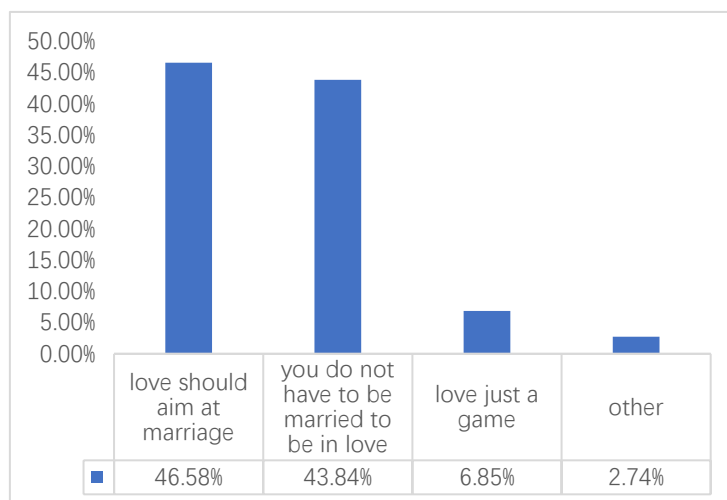
**Figure 4. The Cost**

As for the expenses incurred by love, 35.63% students think they should come from their parents, 40.96% from themselves, and 23.42% students thinks the person who has a better economics should pay more. Traditional ideas think before people fall in love the boys should pay more, but with the development of social economy, the idea of people increasingly diversified, with the further development of equality between men and women, increasing women's social status, income also increased, our traditional concept has been shaken, it is for the development of our society is not a negative thing.



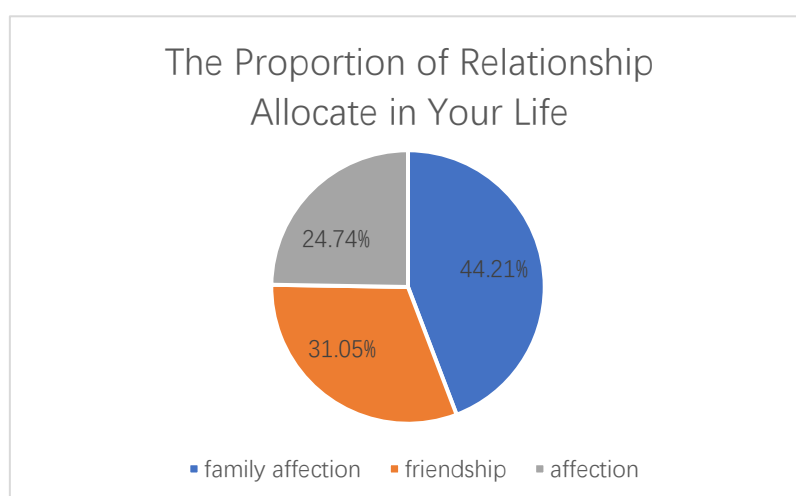
**Figure 5. Which Region is Good for Love?**

In terms of region, 98.63% students said that they should meet locally, while no one chose long-distance dating and 1.37% students chose online.



**Figure 6. Love Has to Do with Marriage**

46.5% said love should be aimed at marriage, while 43.8% students said they would never marry anyone. In terms of action, 50.68% chose to pursue their love actively, while 17.81% chose to be passive.



**Figure 7. The Proportion of Relationship You Allocate in Life**

On the question of love and family of origin, the respondents adjusted the ratio of family affection, relationship and love to 5:3: 2, 57.53% students said love does not need to be separated by gender, but others are not.

## 5. Discussion

Through the questionnaire survey of College Students' Outlook on love, combined with the actual situation, the report summarized and analyzed the following points about the characteristics and reasons of College Students' Outlook on love:

First, Love is supreme. Some students put love in the first place, regard love and being loved as the pole of life, and think that "without love, living is meaningless". All day long, I indulge in love and affection, and I am indifferent to everything around me. In the process of love, there are often many negative effects, some of which are distracting, wasting time and declining grades, some of which are only "two people" in the world, divorced from the collective, and some of which affect the normal student exchanges. Once lovelorn, he becomes pessimistic and depressed, thinking that life has no meaning and learning has no motivation.

Second, pay attention to the love process and despise the love results. There is a popular doggerel among modern college students that "people don't want to live forever; people just want to have once". Some college students regard love as a kind of emotional experience to have fun in time, to seek stimulation and to meet spiritual enjoyment. Some college students regard love as a recreational culture in order to enrich their after-school life, eliminate loneliness and fill the void. The essence of this behavior is that it only emphasizes the right of love and denies the responsibility of love.

Third, the concept of love is open, and the traditional morality is diluted. With the development of the times, college students' love concept is becoming more and more open, and the traditional morality is gradually weakening. In the past, college students mostly pursued like-minded partners when they fell in love. They could control their feelings within the scope allowed by social morality. Few deviant behaviors occurred, making love develop along a healthy track. However, nowadays, college students take a less serious attitude towards sexual behavior, thinking that this is "personal freedom" that can be free from interference and do whatever they want. At present, the sexual culture with low social style is rampant, especially with the development of the Internet, the online world is in a state of no fence, and yellow information can be seen everywhere; In addition, college students are influenced by the Western ideas of "freedom of movement" and "sexual liberation". It has affected the gender view of most college students and prematurely broke the defense line of sex. No longer pay attention to chastity as before, some people even regard sex as a kind of entertainment and pursue sexual stimulation as the reason and purpose of communicating with the opposite sex. Some college students also think that the physiological needs of "sex" are the same as "eating when hungry and drinking water when thirsty". Although Chinese traditional culture and ethics have a deep impact on college students, with the continuous expansion of the scope of opening to the outside world, college students' Outlook on love has gradually become open.

Forth, the ability to bear love is weak. Some students can't get rid of the "emotional crisis". Some lose confidence, give up their pursuit of love, and make a vow, "look at the eyes, bow down and be single". There are a few people who lose their love, ambition and morality, but they have a great impact.

The outlook on marriage is the actual reflection of outlook on life, and what kind of outlook on life is what kind of outlook on marriage. Nowadays, with the continuous development of society and the continuous integration of western ideology and culture, many new changes have taken place in contemporary college students' view of love. It is very important to understand the view of contemporary college students correctly to help them grow up healthily.

## 6. Conclusion

The view of love and marriage is a complex and dynamic system with obvious characteristics of the times. The traditional view of love and marriage mostly points to a conservative and cautious attitude towards the behavior of love and marriage, while the modern view of love and marriage is more embodied in a concept of openness, equality, freedom and individuality. As the main position for college students to grow up, it is necessary to guide them to set up a civilized and rational view

of marriage and love so as to promote their healthy growth. One is to guide college students to correct their view of mate selection and avoid utilitarianism. College education to guide students in choosing a romantic partner is more pay attention to each other's temperaments, interests and hobbies, moral character, ability, talent, give full consideration to both sides of the emotional foundation, avoid satisfying the vanity of the moment, and in marriage emotional and marriage with utilitarian purpose, thus buried the future of marriage and family burden of unstable pain. Then, to help college students establish a noble concept of love and marriage morality, enhance the sense of responsibility. Part in the face of the current college students in marriage ethics and the reality of marriage ethics more brittle weak, the school shall timely carry out effective marriage education, including courses in special marriage education or blend in its education courses, special topic lecture and campus activities, provide psychological counseling services, etc., to help college students to love about sex during the process of confusion and doubt, Enhance the ability to control and resist sexual misconduct, and avoid bad consequences caused by ignorance and impulsiveness. "The lack of a correct understanding of the nature of love and marriage leads to a 'death' cycle of answering problems with problems." In fact, love and marriage is essentially a spiritual activity that serves individual happiness, while marriage life is essentially a combination of spirit and material. For the majority of young college students in the marriage and love age period, the public should correctly understand the marriage and love and marriage life and their own status in the marriage and love emotion, strengthen the inner self-moral cultivation and anti-frustration ability, civilized and rational treatment of gender relations, so as to lay a solid foundation for the harvest of happy marriage and family life.

Through investigation and study, it is easy to find, contemporary college students' marriage to generally healthy, they brave pursuit of love and positive snowball help in trouble, but compared to 90s, after marriage will generally low, and there are fast food type love mode, they boldly open, but for marriage, the effects of increasing socialization, marriage trends, economic status, income, etc., are how much they value the effort. Therefore, problems are inevitably influenced by social, school, family and internal factors. The direction of follow-up research is expected to study these factors.

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