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Table 1
Q. 1 Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

## Base: All respondents



Marriage is important to Socievy and should be
Eromoled by the state

| Agree | $\begin{gathered} 135 \\ 7 \\ 68 \% \end{gathered}$ | 672 $68 \%$ | 685 $67 \%$ | 144 $60 \%$ | 202 $63 \%$ | 233 $61 \%$ | 212 $62 \%$ | 220 $73 \%$ | 347 $82 \%$ | 396 $73 \%$ | 364 $63 \%$ | 288 $68 \%$ | 309 $67 \%$ | 352 $69 \%$ | 391 $74 \%$ | 307 $61 \%$ | 205 $71 \%$ | 102 $58 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Disagree | $\begin{gathered} 390 \\ 19 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 185 \\ 19 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 205 \\ & 20 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 57 \\ & 24 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 75 \\ & 23 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 84 \\ & \text { 22\% } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 82 \\ & 24 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 49 \\ & 16 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43 \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 91 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 142 \\ & 24 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 76 \\ & 18 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 82 \\ & 18 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 93 \\ & 18 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 79 \\ & 15 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 108 \\ & 21 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 19 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 54 \\ & 31 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Don't know | $\begin{aligned} & 257 \\ & 13 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 125 \\ 13 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 131 \\ & 13 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 44 \\ & 14 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 64 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 46 \\ & 13 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32 \\ & 11 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 31 \\ 7 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 54 \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 75 \\ & 13 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 57 \\ & 14 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 71 \\ & 15 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 64 \\ & 13 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 58 \\ & 11 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 88 \\ & 18 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 28 \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \\ & 11 \% \end{aligned}$ |

Although death or divorce
may prevent it, children have
the best chance in life if
raised by their own mother
and father in a stable,
committed relationship

| Agree | $\begin{array}{r} 168 \\ 7 \end{array}$ | 868 | 819 | 168 | 244 | 313 | 289 | 269 | 404 | 480 | 476 | 344 | 388 | 435 | 458 | 404 | 247 | 143 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 84\% | 88\% | 80\% | 70\% | 76\% | 82\% | 85\% | 90\% | 96\% | 89\% | 82\% | 82\% | 84\% | 85\% | 87\% | 80\% | 85\% | 82\% |
| Disagree | $\begin{gathered} 175 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 58 \\ 6 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 117 \\ & 11 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45 \\ & 14 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 35 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 33 \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 18 \\ 6 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & 1 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 40 \\ 7 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 41 \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 38 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 33 \\ 6 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 38 \\ 7 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 62 \\ & 12 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27 \\ & 9 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Don't know | $\begin{gathered} 142 \\ 7 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 56 \\ 6 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 85 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 33 \\ & 14 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 31 \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 33 \\ & 9 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \\ & 5 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14 \\ 5 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13 \\ & 3 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22 \\ 4 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 49 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 35 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 36 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 42 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 33 \\ & 6 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 36 \\ & 7 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ 5 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \\ & 9 \% \end{aligned}$ |

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Q. 1 Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

## Base: All respondents

|  | Gender |  |  |  | Age |  |  |  | Social Class |  |  |  |  |  |  | Region |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | $\underline{65+}$ | AB | C1 | C2 | DE | South East | Midlands | North England | Wales \& South West | Scotland |
| Weighted base | $\begin{array}{r} 200 \\ 4 \end{array}$ | 982 | 1022 | 241 | 321 | 381 | 341 | 301 | 421 | 541 | 581 | 421 | 461 | 509 | 529 | 503 | 289 | 174 |


the civil partnership scheme

| Agree |  | 531 | 657 | 157 | 226 | 243 | 218 | 161 | 182 | 314 | 374 | 237 | 262 | 298 | 293 | 315 | 186 | 95 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 59\% | 54\% | 64\% | 65\% | 71\% | 64\% | 64\% | 54\% | 43\% | 58\% | 64\% | 56\% | 57\% | 59\% | 55\% | 63\% | 64\% | 55\% |
| Disagree | $\begin{gathered} 465 \\ 23 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 279 \\ 28 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 187 \\ 18 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 38 \\ & 16 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & 12 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 65 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 76 \\ & 22 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 83 \\ & 28 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 164 \\ 39 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 138 \\ & 25 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 102 \\ 17 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 111 \\ 26 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 114 \\ & 25 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 113 \\ & 22 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 146 \\ & 28 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92 \\ & 18 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 69 \\ & 24 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45 \\ & 26 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Don't know | $\begin{gathered} 351 \\ 18 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 173 \\ & 18 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 179 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 46 \\ & 19 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 55 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 72 \\ & 19 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 46 \\ & 14 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 19 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 76 \\ & 18 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 89 \\ & 16 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 105 \\ 18 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 72 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 85 \\ & 18 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 98 \\ & 19 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 90 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 95 \\ & 19 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 34 \\ & 12 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 34 \\ & 19 \% \end{aligned}$ |


| Marriage should continue to |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| exclusive commitment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| between a man and a woman |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agree | $\begin{array}{r} 140 \\ 2 \end{array}$ | 678 | 723 | 158 | 205 | 240 | 237 | 220 | 341 | 390 | 382 | 301 | 329 | 368 | 399 | 320 | 206 | 109 |
|  | 70\% | 69\% | 71\% | 66\% | 64\% | 63\% | 70\% | 73\% | 81\% | 72\% | 66\% | 72\% | 71\% | 72\% | 75\% | 64\% | 71\% | 63\% |
| Disagree | 431 | 220 | 212 | 64 | 86 | 100 | 80 | 46 | 55 | 113 | 144 | 83 | 91 | 97 | 93 | 133 | 64 | 46 |
|  | 22\% | 22\% | 21\% | 27\% | 27\% | 26\% | 23\% | 15\% | 13\% | 21\% | 25\% | 20\% | 20\% | 19\% | 18\% | 26\% | 22\% | 26\% |
| Don't know | 171 | 84 | 87 | 19 | 29 | 40 | 23 | 35 | 25 | 38 | 55 | 37 | 41 | 45 | 37 | 50 | 20 | 19 |
|  | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 8\% | 9\% | 11\% | 7\% | 12\% | 6\% | 7\% | 10\% | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 7\% | 10\% | 7\% | 11\% |

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Q. 1 Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

## Base: All respondents



| Although death or divorce |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| the best chance in life if |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| raised by their own mother |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | committed relationship |
| Agree | 168 | 413 | 861 | 213 | 197 | 310 | 93 | 93 | 125 | 97 | 1360 | 956 | 441 | 1292 |  |
|  | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 84\% | 75\% | 93\% | 76\% | 84\% | 85\% | 82\% | 86\% | 83\% | 82\% | 84\% | 80\% | 95\% | 92\% | 65\% |
| Disagree | 175 | 80 | 41 | 32 | 20 | 40 | 15 | 10 | 19 | 14 | 133 | 139 | 20 | 69 | 96 |
|  | 9\% | 14\% | 4\% | 11\% | 8\% | 11\% | 13\% | 9\% | 13\% | 12\% | 8\% | 12\% | 4\% | 5\% | 22\% |
| Don't know | 142 | 60 | 26 | 37 | 18 | 17 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 124 | 92 | 4 | 41 | 57 |
|  | 7\% | 11\% | 3\% | 13\% | 8\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 4\% | 6\% | 8\% | 8\% | 1\% | 3\% | 13\% |

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## Base: All respondents



| Stable relationships between |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| legally recognised through |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| the civil partnership scheme |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agree | $\begin{array}{r} 118 \\ 8 \end{array}$ | 379 | 460 | 198 | 147 | 217 | 74 | 65 | 82 | 65 | 963 | 1188 | - | 713 | 384 |
|  | 59\% | 69\% | 50\% | 70\% | 63\% | 59\% | 64\% | 60\% | 55\% | 56\% | 60\% | 100\% | - | 51\% | 89\% |
| Disagree | $\begin{gathered} 465 \\ 23 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 73 \\ & 13 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 294 \\ 32 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & 14 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 55 \\ & 24 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 84 \\ & 23 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 26 \\ & 23 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 37 \\ & 24 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 33 \\ & 28 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 375 \\ 23 \% \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 465 \\ & 100 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 427 \\ & 30 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 31 \\ 7 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Don't know | $\begin{aligned} & 351 \\ & 18 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 101 \\ 18 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 173 \\ 19 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 44 \\ & 16 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32 \\ & 14 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 66 \\ & 18 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & 13 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & 23 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32 \\ & 21 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 279 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 262 \\ 19 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 17 \\ 4 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Marriage should continue to be defined as a life-long |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agree | $\begin{array}{r} 140 \\ 2 \end{array}$ | 329 | 752 | 151 | 167 | 282 | 83 | 85 | 113 | 92 | 1102 | 713 | 427 | 1402 | - |
|  | 70\% | 60\% | 81\% | 53\% | 71\% | 77\% | 73\% | 78\% | 75\% | 78\% | 68\% | 60\% | 92\% | 100\% | - |
| Disagree | $\begin{gathered} 431 \\ 22 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 157 \\ & 28 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 133 \\ 14 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 93 \\ & 33 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45 \\ & 19 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 66 \\ & 18 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 23 \\ & 20 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \\ & 17 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 28 \\ & 18 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21 \\ & 18 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 362 \\ & 22 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 384 \\ 32 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 31 \\ 7 \% \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 431 \\ & 100 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| Don't know | $\begin{gathered} 171 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 67 \\ & 12 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 42 \\ 4 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 39 \\ & 14 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 23 \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 19 \\ 5 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 7 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & 5 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ 7 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & 4 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 153 \\ 9 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 91 \\ 8 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & 2 \% \end{aligned}$ | - | - |

