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## A quarter of Americans are hesitant about a coronavirus vaccine - Reuters/Ipsos pollones

(Reuters) - A quarter of Americans have little or no interest in taking a coronavirus vaccine, a Reuters/Ipsos poll published on Thursday found, with some voicing concern that the record pace at which vaccine candidates are being developed could compromise safety.

While health experts say a vaccine to prevent infection is needed to return life to normal, the survey points to a potential trust issue for the Trump administration already under fire for its often contradictory safety guidance during the pandemic.

Some 36% of respondents said they would be less willing to take a vaccine if U.S. President Donald Trump said it was safe, compared with only 14% who would be more interested.

Most respondents in the survey of 4,428 U.S. adults taken between May 13 and May 19 said they would be heavily influenced by guidance from the Food and Drug Administration or results of large-scale scientific studies showing that the vaccine was safe.

Less than two-thirds of respondents said they were "very" or "somewhat" interested in a vaccine, a figure some health experts expected would be higher given the heightened awareness of COVID-19 and the more than 92,000 coronavirus-related deaths in the United States alone.

"It's a little lower than I thought it would be with all the attention to COVID-19," said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease and vaccine expert at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. "I would have expected somewhere around 75 percent."

Fourteen percent of respondents said they were not at all interested in taking a vaccine, and 10% said they were not very interested. Another 11% were unsure.

Studies are underway, but experts estimate that at least 70% of Americans would need to be immune through a vaccine or prior infection to achieve what is known as "herd immunity," when enough people are resistant to an infectious disease to prevent its spread.

Trump has vowed to have a vaccine ready by year's end, although they typically take 10 years or longer to develop and test for safety and effectiveness. Many experts believe a fully



tested, government-approved vaccine will not be widely available until mid-2021 at the earliest.

There are more than 100 COVID-19 vaccine candidates in development globally, including some already in human clinical trials. Earlier this week, U.S. biotech Moderna Inc announced potentially promising preliminary results from just eight individuals who took part in a safety study.

Among those respondents who expressed little or no interest in a coronavirus vaccine, nearly half said they were worried about the speed with which they are being developed. More than 40% said they believe the vaccine is riskier than the disease itself.

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Overall, 84% of respondents said vaccines for diseases such as measles are safe for both adults and children, suggesting that people hesitant to take a coronavirus vaccine might reconsider, depending on safety assurances they receive.

For example, among those who said they were "not very" interested in taking the vaccine, 29% said they would be more interested if the FDA approved it.

Some experts have said the White House's emphasis on speed - its vaccine effort is called "Operation Warp Speed" - could leave people worried that safety was being sacrificed for swiftness.

FILE PHOTO: People gather in downtown amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak in Chelsea, Massachusetts, U.S., May 20, 2020. REUTERS/Brian Snyder/File Photo

In addition, misinformation about vaccines has grown more prevalent on social media during the pandemic, according to academic researchers.

"It's not surprising a significant percentage of Americans are not going to take the vaccine because of the terrible messaging we've had, the absence of a communication plan around the vaccine and this very aggressive anti-vaccine movement," said Peter Hotez, dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, where he is developing a vaccine.

The poll underscores how the country's deepening polarization has affected people's view of the pandemic.

Nearly one in five Republicans say they have no interest in a vaccine, more than twice the proportion of Democrats who said the same.

Trump, a Republican, has offered mixed messages during the outbreak. He has at times downplayed the seriousness of the pandemic and encouraged public protests against his government's own stay-at-home guidelines intended to slow the pathogen's spread.

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## Could coronavirus help Amazon workers unionize?

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Warehouse employees last month staged a walkout in Michigan to demand safer working conditions at their facility. So did workers in New York, Illinois and Minnesota.

These and other Amazon.com Inc employees across the country are seizing on the coronavirus to demand the world's largest online retailer offer more paid sick time and temporarily shut warehouses with infections for deep cleaning.

Employees in at least 11 states this year have voiced their concerns and staged actions to highlight a variety of purported workplace deficiencies, allegations the company has denied.

Supporting these Amazon workers are labor groups and unions eager to penetrate the Seattle-based behemoth after years of failed attempts to unionize its operations.

Reuters spoke with 16 unions and labor groups targeting Amazon. They included established organizations such as the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) and the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU), as well as newer worker advocacy groups like Warehouse Workers for Justice and Athena, a coalition of labor and social justice groups that have criticized Amazon's business practices.

Most unions acknowledged their long odds at organizing Amazon using traditional tactics such as holding meetings and gauging interest. Legal hurdles to unionizing the company's workplaces and mounting elections are steep. For now, many groups said, they are showing workers how to harness public opinion to shame Amazon into granting concessions.

The strategy proved effective in the national "Fight for \$15" campaign to raise the minimum wage. Labor organizations in recent years helped retail and fast-food workers stage highly publicized protests and social media campaigns to draw attention to their modest pay at a time when the economy was booming.

Cities and states including Seattle, San Francisco, California, Arkansas and Missouri raised their minimum wages

as did some large U.S. employers, including Amazon, which attributed its pay hikes to a tight labor market as well as pressure from lawmakers and labor groups.

In labor's latest efforts targeting Amazon, organizations are helping workers create on-line petitions, connect with elected officials, contact media and file labor complaints with the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The initiative puts public pressure on Amazon to respond, several groups said, while laying the groundwork for unions to recruit card-carrying members in the future.

"We expect that there will be more push for unionization when we get to the other side

of this," said Stuart Applebaum, president of RWDSU.

Amazon spokeswoman Rachael Lighty said Amazon already offers what these groups are requesting: \$15 per hour or more to start, health benefits and opportunities for career growth.

"We encourage anyone interested in the facts to compare our overall pay and benefits, as well as our speed in managing this crisis, to other retailers and major employers across the country," she said.

Central to the organizing effort, union officials said, is fear among some front-line Amazon workers over the spread of coronavirus in the company's warehous-

es.

At least 800 workers in Amazon's 519 U.S. distribution facilities have tested positive for COVID-19, based on internal company figures compiled by Jana Jumpp, an Amazon warehouse employee in Indiana, who shared the numbers with Reuters. Amazon sends text messages and automated calls to employees alerting them to positive cases in their facilities. Jumpp aggregates cases mentioned in messages sent to her by Amazon workers around the country.

Jumpp said the informal process she has developed likely misses cases. She and other employees said Amazon does not share a running tally of cases at each facility or provide a nationwide count.



Former Amazon employee, Christian Smalls, stands with fellow demonstrators during a protest outside of an Amazon warehouse as the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continues in the Staten Island borough of New York U.S., May 1, 2020. REUTERS/Lucas Jackson

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## BUSINESS

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### White House Predicting Swift Economic Recovery As Warnings Of Major Problems Persist



Attendees at E3 in 2019. (Getty Images for E3/Entertainment Software Association)

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WASHINGTON - White House officials are increasingly predicting a swift economic recovery as they break off talks with Congress on additional federal stimulus, expressing optimism that the "reopening" of states will reverse the economic damage caused by the coronavirus.

President Donald Trump and his senior advisers, encouraged by the relative strength of the stock market and some indicators like credit card receipts, have in recent days expressed confidence the U.S. economy will roar back to life in the second half of this year despite staggering increases in unemployment and small business closures.

"It almost feels like today is the first day," Trump said during a White House meeting on Monday. "People are starting to go out. They're opening. They get it." The White House's rosy view of the U.S. economy's trajectory clashes with the dire predictions of many mainstream economists, as well as Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, who is set to testify before the Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday alongside Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.

Powell said last week that lawmakers should strongly consider passing additional stimulus measures to avoid a severe and prolonged economic downturn. The unemployment rate rocketed from 3.5% in February to 14.7% in April, and it is projected to continue climbing.



Many economists and Wall Street analysts say the unemployment rate could remain above 10% into 2021 -- a level unseen since the Great Depression -- even if lawmakers approve more emergency aid. Powell said in a "60 Minutes" interview that it could eclipse 25% later this year.

White House economic officials believe some of these trends can be quickly reversed. They are monitoring the reopen-

ing of states such as Georgia and Texas with cautious optimism that they could presage a broader recovery, according to two people in communication with them granted anonymity to discuss private talks.

On Monday, White House economist Kevin Hassett cited what he called positive economic trends in retail, business re-openings, and credit card transaction data over the last two weeks. He said the administration has "a little bit of a luxury to watch and see" before having to approve additional aid.

"I've been really positively impressed by how quickly things are turning around," Hassett told reporters on Monday. He added at a separate White House event: "I was pretty depressed about how bad it looked a few weeks ago, but you can really see it turning on faster than I thought."



**Kevin Hassett, senior White House economic adviser. (Photo/Washington)** Numerous economists and the leader of the nation's central bank are strongly warning against too sunny a view of the economic recovery. Critics say Trump and his aides have for months overstated how quickly the economy might rebound, and that the White House risks exacerbating the already devastating economic impact of the virus by delaying additional emergency assistance. Few economists outside the White House are talking about a "V" shaped recovery anymore, a scenario in which the economy rebounds just as quickly as it plummeted. Analysts believe major threats to the economy will persist even if states fully relax their public health restrictions because many Americans will not quickly return to work and consumer spending will lag.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has projected an unemployment rate of above 10% for 2020 and 2021. Goldman Sachs has similarly projected the unemployment rate could remain at 10 percent by the end of this year, even with an additional aid package.

Powell has urged Congress and Trump to consider spending more money to aid the economy. In the "60 Minutes" interview broadcast Sunday, he urged lawmakers to focus on helping the unemployed pay their bills and assisting small businesses, many of which can only partially re-open. He warned that the recovery is likely to be slow and could take until the end of 2021.



"If we let people be out of work for long periods of time, if we let businesses fail unnecessarily, waves of them, there'll be longer term damage to the economy. The recovery will be slower," Powell said in the "60 Minutes" interview. "The good news is we can avoid that by providing more support now."

The White House appears to be unlikely to approve help soon. Administration officials are not engaged in serious negotiations with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., over the \$3 trillion aid package approved by the House on Friday, according to a congressional aide.

The rate of economic growth will likely increase in the third quarter, analysts say, but even a dramatic increase may be insignificant given the steep contraction in the period from April to June. Among economists at big companies, 86% expect the U.S. economy will decline between March 2020 and March 2021, according to a survey of more than 100 economists last month who are part of the National Association of Business Economics.

"What matters to people is not GDP rates, seasonally adjusted at an annual growth rate," said Michael Feroli, chief US economist at JPMorgan. "It is the labor market and unemployment and jobs. And it's very likely that, by the end of the year, the unemployment rate could still be north of 10 percent."



When the unemployment rate is high, Americans tend to pull back markedly on spending, which creates a huge drag on the economy. It can take a long time for consumer confidence to recover, a necessary step before Americans begin resuming sizable purchases.

On Monday, White House officials voiced increasing optimism about the economic recovery despite these dire predictions. Larry Kudlow, director of the White House's National Economic Council, cited improvements in housing and gasoline demand, as well as an increase in the New York State manufacturing index.

"Unemployment claims look terrible, but they look a lot less terrible," Kudlow said at a White House event with restaurant executives. "Things are starting to turn -- that's my take."

Trump has for weeks been the leading cheerleader of a rapid economic recovery, saying in early April it will take off "like a rocket ship" after the virus is contained. Trump touted Monday's stock market rise on upbeat news of an early-stage coronavirus vaccine trial. The president's confidence in a "spectacular" economic comeback is shared by White House officials, said Stephen Moore, an economic adviser to the White House at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think-tank. (Courtesy <https://www.stamfordadvocate.com/>)

# Editor's Choice



Motorists line up at a drive-through site to collect samples for coronavirus pandemic testing in Leesburg, Virginia. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque



NASA astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley arrive at the Kennedy Space Center to prepare for the launch of SpaceX's Crew Dragon capsule, at Cape Canaveral, Florida. REUTERS/Joe Skipper



Dot Costello, 101 years old, sits on a bed at an evacuee centre after being evacuated from her home along the Tittabawassee River, after several dams breached, in Midland, Michigan. REUTERS/Rebecca Cook



A woman carries her son as she tries to protect him from heavy rain while they rush to a safer place, following their evacuation from a slum area before Cyclone Amphan makes its landfall, in Kolkata, India. REUTERS/Rupak De Chowdhuri



Volunteer hairdressers from the International Association for Relief and Development (ON-SUR) wearing face masks and gloves cut the hair of internally displaced children, ahead of the Eid al-Fitr Muslim holiday, at an IDP camp in Idlib, Syria....



A red squirrel feeds on a specially made small beer bench, eating nut kernels from a small plate on a balcony in Munich, Germany. REUTERS/Ayhan Uyanik



Russian conscripts wearing protective face masks sit next to their beds at a recruiting station in Kalinin-grad, Russia. REUTERS/Vitaly Nevar



People sit in a car as the Hungarian National Circus opens a drive-in Safari Park in Szada, Hungary. REUTERS/Bernadett Szabo

## Abbott Gives Green Light To Day Care, Bars, Bowling, Youth Sports And Summer Camps



Texas Governor Greg Abbott (center) announces the reopening of more Texas businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic at a press conference at the Texas State Capitol in Austin on Monday, May 18, 2020. Abbott said that childcare facilities, youth camps, some professional sports, and bars may now begin to fully or partially reopen their facilities as outlined by regulations listed on the Open Texas website. (Photo/The Dallas Morning News Pool/L. Gonzalez)

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Gov. Greg Abbott Monday unveiled his plans for an accelerated return to a semblance of normal life Monday, immediately reopening child care centers, Scouting and other youth clubs, as well as massage, tattoo, piercing and other personal services, with a limited reopening of bars, bingo halls and bowling alleys Friday, when restaurants will be allowed to go from quarter to half capacity. Abbott said that while bars, craft breweries and wine tasting rooms will be limited to 25% capacity, "those capacity limits do not apply to outdoor areas that maintain safe distancing."

With an eye to summer, Abbott also announced that as of May 31, Boy Scout, 4-H, Vacation Bible and all other day and overnight summer camps can reopen, as well as youth sports program, like Little League, at which he said, "parents will be able to spectate as long as appropriate social distancing is followed." "Also, professional sports can return on May, the 31st," Abbott said. "That includes pro-golf, auto racing, baseball, , softball, tennis, football and basketball."

The professional sports won't be able to have in-person spectators and will have to adhere to special safety standards to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner John Hellestedt, MD (right), responds to Texas Governor Greg Abbott's announcement allowing the reopening of more Texas businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic at a press conference at the Texas State Capitol in Austin on Monday, May 18, 2020. (Photo/The Dallas Morning News Pool/L. Gonzalez.)

Abbott also said that school districts can, if they want, provide summer school beginning June 1 as long they maintain safe distancing practices and other health

protocols, the same standards guiding all the reopenings in the governor's new executive order.

It was Phase 2 of the governor's Open Texas plan and he said that its implementation would be delayed a week for five counties, four - Potter, Randall, Moore and Deaf Smith - in and around Amarillo, and El Paso.

"As many people know the area around Amarillo is suffering the fastest growth of COVID-19 in Texas," Abbott said. "But this problem is largely the result of meatpacking plants in the area. That COVID-19 spread, as well as the challenges that it poses to the region, is something that impacts the regional healthcare system, and requires a temporary pause in the opening process." (<https://www.statesman.com/>)



Retired Dallas banker and Chairman of Governor Abbott's Strike Force to Open Texas James Huffines (second from left) speaks after Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced the reopening of more Texas businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic at a press conference at the Texas State Capitol in Austin on Monday, May 18, 2020. (Photo/The Dallas Morning News Pool/L. Gonzalez.)

Related

### Texas reports massive jump in COVID-19 cases in single day



Paramedics with the Montgomery County Hospital District administer tests for COVID-19 outside

### of an elderly care facility, Thursday, May 14, 2020, at Focused Care at Beechnut in Houston.

Texas reported 1,801 new COVID-19 cases on Saturday — the biggest single-day jump in cases since the pandemic began.

A growing outbreak in the Texas Panhandle is a big reason for the surge in cases. More than 700 new cases were reported out of Amarillo on Saturday with Texas Gov. Greg Abbott warning those numbers will continue to climb as the state increases testing in that hot spot.

Before Saturday, Texas never reported more than 1,500 cases in a single day and had been averaging 1,227 cases per day over the last seven days. Moments after the new numbers were released, Abbott released a statement saying surge response teams sent to Amarillo earlier this month are testing more people and identifying more people in the Texas Panhandle as they try to contain the outbreak.

"That is exactly why I established Surge Response Teams," Abbott said. "By immediately deploying resources and supplies to these high-risk areas, we will identify the positive cases, isolate the individuals and ensure any outbreak is quickly contained, which is the strategy being deployed in Amarillo."

Officials in Amarillo have traced a surge in cases to the region's meatpacking industry. City officials told the Amarillo Globe-News that many of the tests were focused on a Tyson Foods meat packing plant near Amarillo.



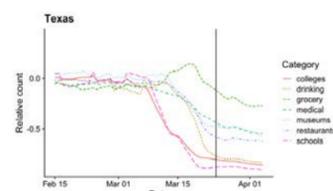
Texas Governor Greg Abbott explains why he established Surge Response Teams in Texas.

The surge in positive cases comes at the same time Texas has seen a spike in deaths over the last three days. The state

reported 33 more deaths on Saturday, bringing the three-day total to 147 — the worst three days since the pandemic began. On Thursday the state reported 58 deaths — the highest single-day increase in deaths in one day in Texas during the fight against COVID-19.

While the positive numbers and deaths are increasing, Abbott has consistently stressed the state's death rate is far below most other states and the state still has plenty of hospital beds and ventilators available. Texas has 1,791 people hospitalized and has more than 17,000 available beds still.

Overall, Texas has reported 1,305 deaths. Other big states have had far more. In California 3,204 people have died and in New York 22,478.



Credit: University of Texas at Austin COVID-19 Modeling Consortium

Graph above shows the frequency with which residents in Texas visited different establishments over the course of February and March as compared to that frequency between January and February. A decrease of .5 from zero represents a 50% reduction. The black vertical line shows when that state reached the threshold of one COVID-19 death per 3 million people.

Abbott has been trying to re-open the state's economy. On May 1, Abbott allowed restaurants, malls, movie theaters and retail stores to open up at 25 percent capacity with social distancing guidelines in place. He followed that with opening hair salons and barbershops on May 8. Last Monday, Abbott announced that restaurants, malls, theaters and retail stores could go to 50 percent capacity. (Courtesy <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/>)



# 婚姻的秘密：为什么爱伴侣要胜过爱孩子？



1950年4月13日，新中国第一部法规《婚姻法》诞生，70年后的今天，我们就来聊一聊婚姻的秘密，从心理、历史、经济、科学研究等方面，多维度地理解婚姻。本期听外刊中的图片，全部来自美国《时代》周刊的往期封面，自新千年之后，这本权威的刊物每隔两三年就要专门来探讨婚姻中的问题。足见，婚姻之于人类是一个永恒的话题。在中译，我们也有“亲密关系心理学”小课、《为爱成婚》和《亲密关系》的书目解读，欢迎点击收听和留言。

关键词：当你得到一个配偶时，你失去了什么？

在2015年美国最高法院决定同性婚姻合法化的两年后，高达61%的同性伴侣结婚，这是一个非常高的参与率。虽然一些人可能是为了获得合法权利和利益而结婚，但大多数兴奋的伴侣都将婚姻视为“他们婚姻成功的公共标志”。但是研究表明，不管婚姻有什么好处，它总有代价。

正如契诃夫所说：“如果你害怕孤独，就不要结婚。”研究人员认为契诃夫的话不无道理，在针对不同族群的研究显示，婚姻实际上削弱了人与社会的联

系，与单身人士相比，已婚人士不太可能拜访或致电亲朋，也不太可能在家务和交通等事情上给予他们情感上的支持或实际的帮助，更不会与邻居交往。那么，这是否可以用照顾幼儿的需要来解释这些影响，也许已婚的父母没有多余的时间和精力为亲朋提供帮助。但当科学家进一步检查数据时，他们发现那些没有孩子的已婚人士才是最孤独的。有一种解释是，这些夫妇往往有更多的时间，因此需要从家人和朋友那里得到的帮助更少，也不太可能提供帮助作为回报。有了孩子可能会稍微缓解婚姻中的孤立效应，因为父母经常向他人寻求帮助。这种自给自足的婚姻模式，意味着越来越多的人会向他们的配偶寻求帮助——从医疗保健到经济资助，从自我发展到职业辅导，所有的一切都要落在一个人的身上：当你生病时，伴侣应该为你煮汤；当你回到学校学习时，伴侣应该为你付房租。

还有一个问题是，当社会把婚姻放在生活的中心位置时，会产生哪些严重的后果呢？强调婚姻意味着人们经常忽视其他有意义的关系，比如深厚的友谊、更广泛的亲属关系等，这些关系往往

是亲密和彼此支持的重要来源。在美国，“双亲加孩子”的家庭模式只占美国家庭的20%，没有孩子的已婚和未婚夫妇占25%；其余数以百万计的美国人仍在独居。值得思考的是，如果他们生活在一种只支持结婚的文化中，并且用同样的精力来庆祝和支持婚姻，这些人会经历怎样根本没有必要的痛苦？

关键词：为什么爱伴侣要胜过爱孩子？

一直以来，孩子们迫切而又难以确定的需要很容易引起大人的奉献；相反地，配偶们不需要喂饭、穿衣、擦眼泪，而且长得一点也不可爱。因此在婚姻中，配偶很容易被忽略。那么，为什么要为生活中不那么可爱且更有能力的人而努力呢？

实际上，其中一个原因正是为了孩子。研究表明，父母彼此相爱的孩子比那些在没有爱的环境中长大的孩子更快乐、更安全。他们不仅有一个关系的模型，而且还有一个人们应该如何对待彼此的模型。而且，夫妻之间的紧张关系往往会影响到父母与孩子的互动，尤其是父亲与孩子的互动。不仅如此，孩子会因为父母打架而自责，在学校的表现也更差。2014年一项针对4万个英国家

庭的调查显示，总体来说，当母亲对自己与男性伴侣的关系感到满意时，青少年感到最幸福。因此，父母能为孩子做的最好的事情之一就是彼此相爱。

关键词：为什么婚姻可以促进经济发展？

研究发现，从1980年至2012年，已婚家庭收入中值增长了30%，而未婚家庭收入同期仅增长了14%。此外，这种不结婚的状态与男性较低的劳动力参与率有关。而且，在美国一个州的已婚父母比例越高，该州的经济效益越好。原因是较高的结婚率与较高的州人均GDP、较高的向上经济流动性、较低的儿童贫困水平和较高的家庭收入，密切相关。此外，在双亲家庭中长大的孩子，从高中辍学的几率比平均辍学率低15%。

在美国，已婚双亲家庭的收入往往高于单亲家庭，这意味着父母有机会进入更好的学校、更好的社区和收获更好的就业机会。他们也更有可能投入更多的时间和资源来抚养孩子，因此，这些优势不仅会在父母的一生中持续存在，而且还会代代相传。

关键词：结婚前，我们需要知道哪些科学事实？

第一，蜜月期不会永远持续下去。意大利帕维亚大学2005年的一项研究发现，蜜月的感觉大约可以持续一年。之后，一种名为“神经生长因子”的化学物质的水平开始下降，这种物质与强烈的浪漫感觉有关。目前科学界尚不清楚为何“恋爱的感觉”会消退，但是基于进化论的观点认为，花费很多时间关注一个人会导致新陈代谢的速度过高，并不利于人体进化。

第二，如果你对伴侣的好消息感到兴奋，你们的关系会更好。在多项研究中，那些积极庆祝好消息的夫妇，拥有更高的幸福感。

第三，不一起做家务的夫妻很快就会产生怨恨。超过60%的美国人表示，打理家务对于婚姻的成功至关重要。专家建议，每个家庭成员都应该专注于他们的最擅长的家务，并自觉履行。

第四，快乐的夫妻往往在政治问题上意见一致，受教育程度相近，并且相信交流的力量。

关键词：婚姻史上的五个关键时刻

第一，战略联盟。对于盎格鲁-撒克逊人和英国早期的部落群体来说，婚

姻被视为建立外交和贸易关系的战略工具，通过与他人结婚，可以建立和平、贸易和相互的义务。而且随着财富的分化，父母们不再满足于把孩子嫁给邻居，孩子也想把自己嫁给一个和自己一样有钱有势的人。这段时期的婚姻变化莫测，成为阴谋和背叛的中心。

第二，婚姻圣礼。早在12世纪，罗马天主教的神学家就把婚姻视为一种圣礼，一种与体验上帝同在有关的神圣仪式。直到1563年，特伦托会议（Council of Trent）才正式将婚姻视为天主教七项圣礼之一，另外六项圣礼包括：施洗礼、圣餐礼、坚洗礼、忏悔礼、临终涂油礼、圣职礼。

第三，结婚誓言。婚姻誓言可以追溯到500年前《共同祈祷书》（Book of Common Prayer）中列出的誓言，虽然这本书在1552年和1662年进行了修订，但是现代婚礼中类似“无论富有还是贫穷”这样的说辞仍未改变。

第四，离婚。1858年以前，英国人离婚是非常罕见的。1670年，一起以妻子通奸为由的议会离婚开创了先例，为此，英国国会通过了一项法案来支持人们离婚，这一事件标志着“现代离婚”的开始。

第五，爱的体现。游吟诗人在中世纪歌唱爱情，莎士比亚的《罗密欧与朱丽叶》在舞台上表演爱情，但直到维多利亚时代，爱情才成为婚姻的基础。这一时期人们非常重视爱情，认为婚姻实际上应该建立在爱情或友情的基础之上。因为那时中产阶级和新兴产业的重要性日益增长，从而模糊了婚姻在传统社会中的界限。

关键词：婚姻如何改变你的性格？

研究表明，不管是好是坏，婚姻可以从根本上改变一个人的性格。佐治亚大学的一项研究表明，夫妻在婚姻的第一年半时间里会经历显著的性格变化。最明显的是，当他们习惯了婚姻生活后，双方都会变得不那么友好和配合。但是随着时间的推移，当丈夫们适应了他们的角色后，会变得更有责任心，而妻子们则变得不那么焦虑、沮丧和生气了。有趣的是，调查结果并没有因配偶的年龄、人口统计学特征、婚前是否同居、最初的婚姻满意度、为人父母的状况，甚至是结婚前两人在一起的时间长短而有所不同。