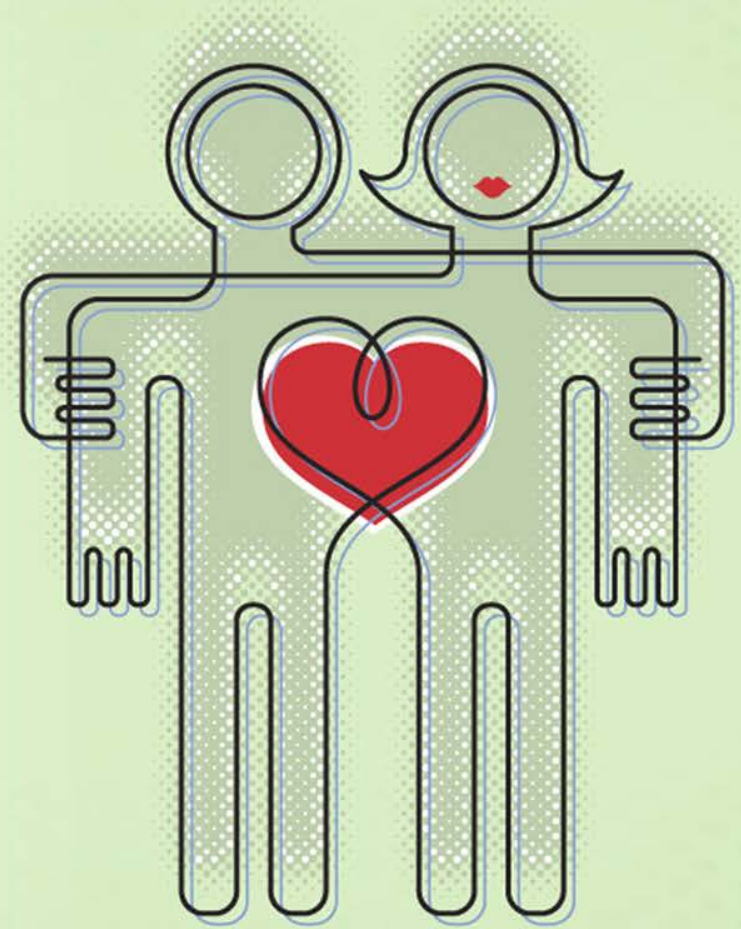


MARITAL RISKS



MARRIAGE RISKS

- *Too young*
 - Biggest Risk is when the Girl is under 20
 - *One or both may be choosing a mate to please someone else*
 - *Parents disapprove*
 - *Poor self-concept*
 - *Different values*
 - *Pre-marital pregnancy*
 - *One or both may have unaddressed personality or behavior problems*
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MARRIAGE RISKS

- Decision to marry is made too quickly
 - It takes
 - *Time*
 - *Knowing the person for a minimum of two years doubles the success rate of marriages*
 - *Togetherness*
 - *Being together and observing each other in different contexts*
 - *Talking*
 - *Points of Discussion*
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MARRIAGE RISKS

- *Parents are divorced or have a poor relationship*
 - *Dynamics of childhood and family experiences*
 - We think our family has no affect on us, but it has a huge affect
 - The patterns in a family create a lens that you view marriage through
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FAMILIES INFLUENCE . . .

- *How we express affection and anger*
 - How does his/her family show affection?
 - How does his/her family express anger?
 - What is the overall mood or atmosphere in the home
 - *How is Authority Handled? (Who's in charge)*
 - Authoritarian—Overly Strict
 - Permissive—Too Lenient
 - *How is Responsibility Handed out?*
 - Do kids have to do everything? Nothing?
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FAMILIES INFLUENCE . . .

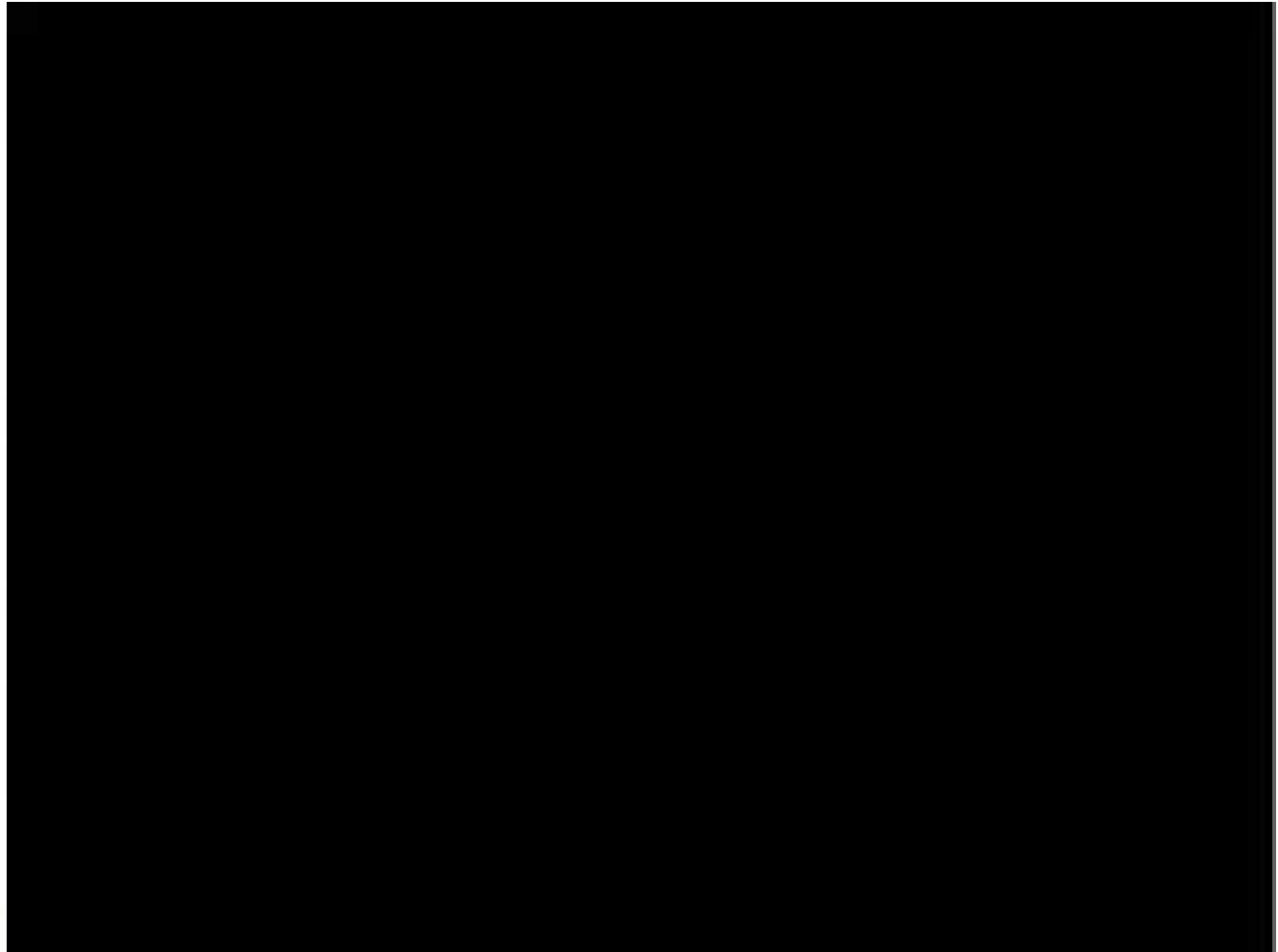
- *How is attention given?*
 - Do children get too much? (spoiled)
 - Too little? (neglected)
 - *How territorial are they?*
 - Is ownership respected?
 - Do they share well?
 - *What are the role definitions?*
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FAMILIES INFLUENCE . . .

- *How is his/her relationship with the parent of the same sex?*
 - Shapes Identity
 - Models how to treat spouse
 - *How is their relationship of opposite sex parent?*
 - How you view a spouse
 - You are not looking for someone with a perfect family, but it is important to analyze how your future spouse will be affected by their family.
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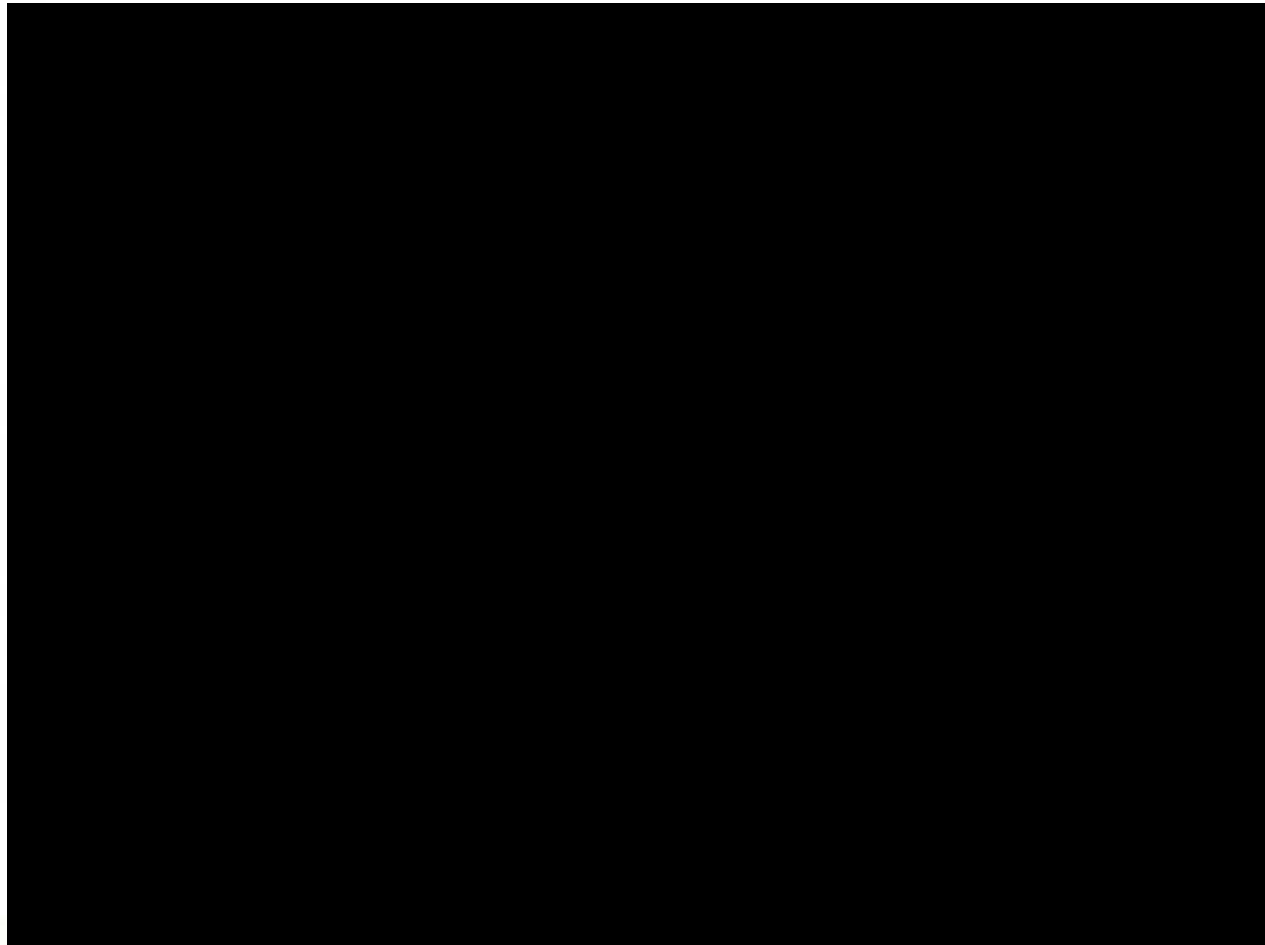
MARRIAGE RISKS

- *Couple has unrealistic expectations*



MARRIAGE RISKS

- *Living together before marriage*



MARRIAGE RISKS

- *Addiction to Pornography*



CAN A PERSON CHANGE?

- Yes but it takes . . .
 - Effort
 - Insight
 - Into what they want to change and why
 - New Information
 - How to do things differently
 - Time
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