Statistics Concerning Mixed Orientation Couples

Mixed orientation couples means that one spouse is either gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

It is estimated that there may be as many as 4 million mixed orientation couples in the USA alone. Add the millions of others worldwide, and we have a huge number of individuals not living authentic lives.

According to Amity Buxton of the Straight Spouse Network, "When the gay, lesbian, or bisexual spouse comes out, a third of the couples break up immediately; another third stay together for one to two years, sorting out what to do and then divorce; the remaining third try to make their marriages work.

A half of these couples divorce, while half of them (17% of the total) stay together for three or more years." (Not necessarily in a happy union.)

- The Family Pride Coalition compiled the following statistics:
- 20 percent of all gay men in America are in a heterosexual marriage.
- 50 percent of all gay men in America have fathered children.
- 40 percent of all lesbians in America are married to a male partner.
- 75 percent of all lesbians have children.

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