

# **The study that men are 6 times more likely to leave their wife when she's sick has been retracted. Take that, man haters!**

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2015/07/21/researchers-retract-study-claiming-marriages-fail-more-often-when-wife-falls-ill/>

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Bangmade • 11 points • 31 January, 2023 05:39 AM

And yet

Harvard study by Alexandra Killewald:

For marriages formed after 1975, husbands' lack of full-time employment is associated with higher risk of divorce, but neither wives' full-time employment nor wives' share of household labor is associated with divorce risk. *Expectations of wives' homemaking may have eroded, but the husband breadwinner norm persists.*

RatDontPanic[S] • 3 points • 31 January, 2023 06:29 PM

The solid facts.

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That's bit surprising as it can lead to wives resenting husband

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Doesn't change the fact that females initiate 70% of all divorces

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but it's cause he doesn't do chores!!!!!!

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This is the academic rigor working correctly.

Amelia Karraker, the study's author and a professor at Iowa State University, told **Retraction Watch**. "As soon as we realized we made the mistake, we contacted the editor and told him what was happening, and said we made a mistake, we accept responsibility for it."

Glad-Discount-4761 • 3 points • 31 January, 2023 03:19 AM

Honestly,I believe it,That is kind of true!

Even if they don't leave, marriage is ruined already

This is why I always say to women if they got serious disease,plan to die early

RatDontPanic[S] • 6 points • 31 January, 2023 03:39 AM

Men are more likely to leave when their spouse is sick, but only 6% more likely, not 6 times more likely. It's still bad, but not what the manhaters have been throwing around for almost 20 years.

Ambassador • 2 points • 1 February, 2023 12:37 AM

It was shown that women are much more likely to stay when their husband's are sick when there is a life insurance policy. When there isn't the chances are about the same between genders.

RatDontPanic[S] • 2 points • 1 February, 2023 12:40 AM

Yikes, do you have a link to substantiate that? That's a scary indictment right there.

Ambassadior • 2 points • 1 February, 2023 05:07 PM\*

I read about this a couple years ago but I'll try to find it again. It also indicated higher rates of staying correlated to wealth the husband had to pass on to her if I remember correctly. When I originally read the studies it was in response to the narrative that women are somehow more righteous than men, but it was an entire expose against that claim.

RatDontPanic[S] • 1 point • 1 February, 2023 05:22 PM

Was it this one?

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4772968/>

InadequateSkeleton • 2 points • 31 January, 2023 01:05 PM

i never really questioned it, i figured it made sense that women would stick around to get their check since usually the men are the greater earners