

# **Course: Advanced**

## **Level 3**

Day №12

***Does your culture dictate that women do  
all the housework?***

***How much has your marriage been affected by  
today's changing times?***



## Married Men Really Do Do Less Housework Than Live-in Boyfriends

*ScienceDaily* (Aug. 28, 2007) — The age-old stereotype that women do more housework than men has gotten more credibility with a George Mason University study co-written by sociologist Shannon Davis.

The study of more than 17,000 people in 28 countries found that married men report doing less housework than men who are live-in boyfriends.

According to Davis, the key finding of the study is that it suggests the institution of marriage changes the division of labor. Couples with an egalitarian view on gender--seeing men and women as equal--are more likely to divide the household chores equally. However, in married relationships, even if an egalitarian viewpoint is present, men still report doing less housework than their wives.



"Marriage as an institution seems to have a traditionalizing effect on couples--even couples who see men and women as equal," says Davis.

While the researchers did not follow cohabitating couples over time to see if their division of housework changed after marriage, their study provides a "snapshot" in time of couples all over the world.

"Our research suggests that couples across many countries are influenced by similar factors when deciding how to divide the housework," she says. "It's the way the society has defined what being married means, the institution itself, that affects behavior."

This study was recently published in the *Journal of Family Issues* by Davis and co-authors Theodore Greenstein and Jennifer Gerteisen Marks of North Carolina State University.

## What is the article about?

Main Points:

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## Survey: Housework done by men and women

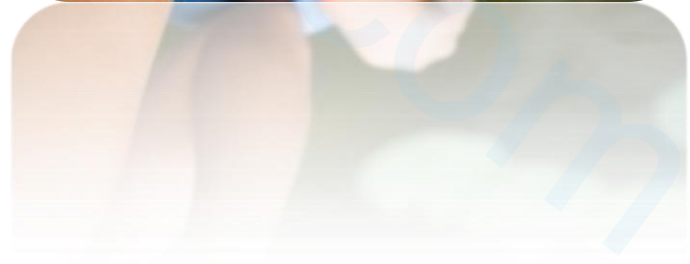
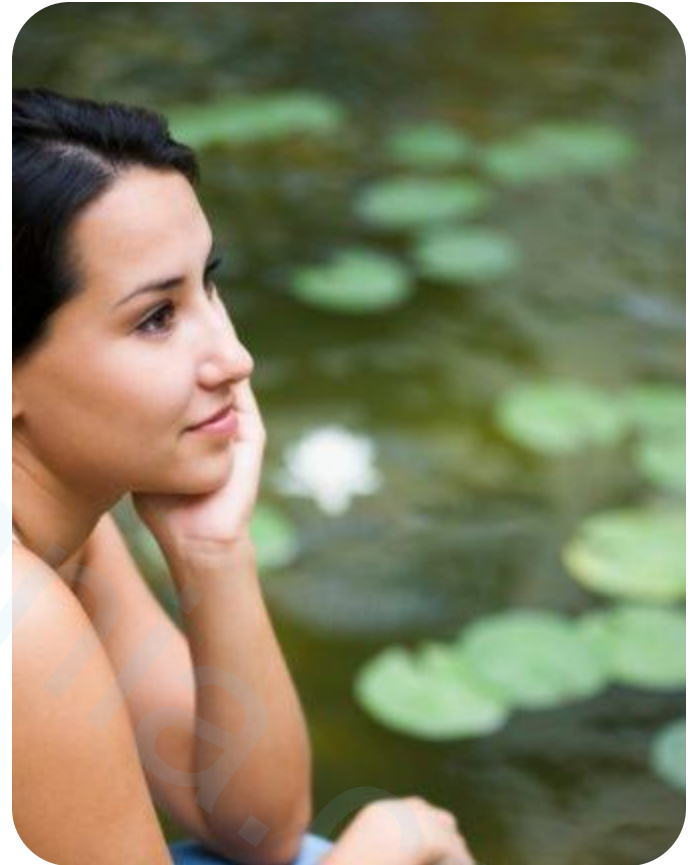
	Men	Women
• Australia	39.1%	70.3%
• Czech Republic	32.2%	28.6%
• France	30.9%	78.3%
• Israel	29.7%	75.1%
• Mexico	36.2%	70.4%
• Russia	35.8%	68.6%
• Sweden	36.3%	67.3%
• United States	37.3%	70.6%

Who has the most  
housework by  
percentage in all these  
countries?

What about in your  
country?

Think of a problem you  
have right now that you  
would like to ask  
advice about.

What is your problem?





Look at Hye-Jin's letter. Try to make a letter like hers.  
Introduce the person with the problem:

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Present the problem:

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Explain how you've solved the problem:

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Describe the person's reaction to your idea:

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Ask Dr Moon for her advice

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### Language Hints:

I have a big problem. I...

I have tried to...

...doesn't understand/won't  
listen to me.

Should I...?

What should I do?



## Activity:

Record a message for Dr. Moon about your problem. Use the outline you prepared in the previous step.





# Feedback

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***Thank you for  
today!***

***I'm looking forward to  
seeing you again!***