

Marriages among those who met online are as stable as others, study says

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Millions of people first met their spouses through online dating. How have those marriages fared compared with those of people who met in more traditional venues?

Pretty well, according to a new study. A survey of nearly 20,000 Americans reveals that marriages between people who met online are at least as stable and satisfying as those of couples who first met in the real world —possibly more so.

John Cacioppo, a psychologist at the University of Chicago, wondered how online dating has changed American family life.

A scientific adviser to eHarmony.com, one of the largest online dating sites, Cacioppo arranged for the company to pay for an online survey. Nearly half a million people received an e-mail questionnaire, and from the nearly 200,000 who responded, 19,131, all of whom got married between 2005 and 2012, had their replies analyzed.

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