

Normative and Nonnormative Events

Divorce is considered one of the more significant life stressors. According to Tejada-Vera and Sutton (2009), in 2008, the marriage rate was estimated at 7.1 per 1,000 adults and the divorce rate was estimated at 3.5 (44 states and Washington, DC reporting) per 1,000 adults.

If marriage is considered a normative life event, would divorce be considered a nonnormative life event?

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