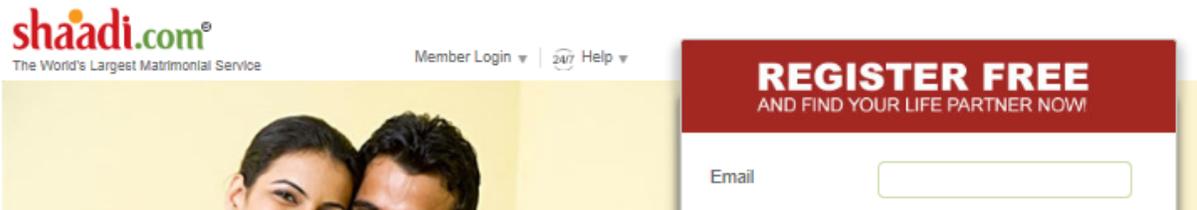


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INCOMING!

I suspect that this posting is going to generate a significant amount of comments, corrections, and amplifications. I'm going to take a stab at this thing that seems so alien to a boy from Arizona – the arranged marriage.

If anybody wants to post a comment or correction, send it to me at jmillermdmph@gmail.com.

It is pretty clear that the extended family wields considerable influence in all aspects of life. A young doctor, anticipating the completion of his or her residency, does not have the whole world to choose from. Odd are that the family has plans for him- and that is with respect to where you are going to settle down.

I have talked to both men and women about arranged marriage, and found that: 1) It works, at least better than chance, and 2) the west is adopting arranged marriage faster than Indian families are giving it up.

Things I have heard: for the girl, she doesn't have to date a lot of guys to find the right guy. She knows that right guy is out there, she can hang out with her girlfriends till it is time to meet that guy; and it can relieve some pressure that often accompanies dating.

I'm not sure that guys are as eager not date as the girls.

The moms have skin in the game; it is in both families interest to make sure that the match is a good match.

It really doesn't seem all that different than Match.Com, except humans are doing the matching instead of allowing some programmer to run a Rasch analysis on your 400 question survey.

I hear more and more that US couples have met through an online service.

With that said, I asked about the divorce rate and I heard that divorce is relatively uncommon (compared to the

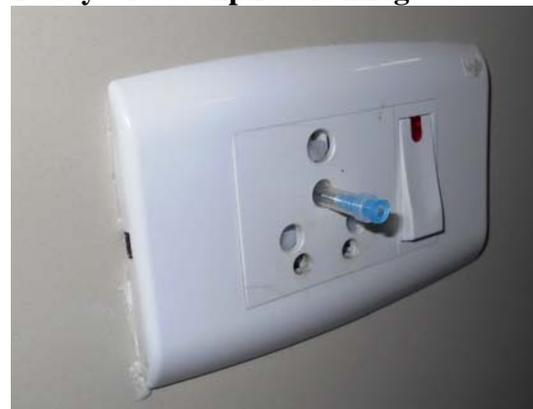
US) and it is because often the woman has no ability to leave the marriage, get gainful employment, and/or take her dowry with her if she gets out of the relationship.



A lot of the women that Rajakumari is helping get back on their feet are women who are trying to get free of bad relationships but have no financial independence.

More power to her, and them.

Today's least explicable image



Found in the OR. Might explain the fast phaco times.



ONLY HAND FAN I HAVE SEEN

Sorry, Sarah, it is the only fan I have found, and it was not for sale. I'll keep looking!

SURGERY EDUCATION. Starting to get some confidence. Patients doing well. N=12

Regards to all- Joe