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# EDUCATIONAL ASSORTATIVE MATING AND COUPLES' STERILIZATION BEHAVIOR IN THE US: VARIATIONS BY FEMALE PARTNER'S EDUCATION



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Using pooled data from the 2006–19 National Survey of Family Growth, this study documents variations in couples' sterilization behavior according to the educational gap between partners. There are marked differences in the pattern of variations in the association between the educational gap between partners and couples' sterilization behavior according to the female partners' education. Among women without a college education, female partners' relative level of education is positively associated with the odds of relying on female over male sterilization. Conversely, among college-educated women, the odds of female sterilization are higher among those in educational hypogamy than among their peers in other unions. Disparities in women's employment prospects, socioeconomic circumstances, and access to private insurance are key reasons why reliance on female sterilization differs by educational assortative mating and female partners' education. This study highlights the need for studies on contraceptive use to consider partner selection and ensuing assortative mating patterns.

## OUR SPEAKER



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