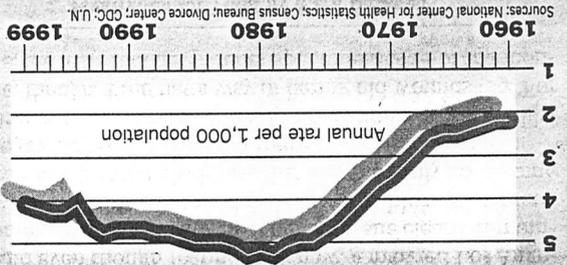


# BY THE NUMBERS

## THE STATE OF DIVORCE

Breakups more than doubled between the 1960s and the late 1970s but have been declining for the past 20 years

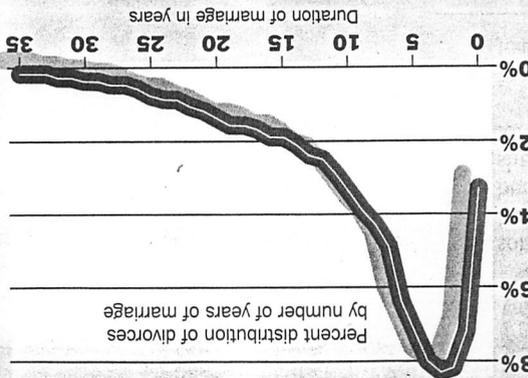


### U.S. DIVORCE RATE

Sources: National Center for Health Statistics; Census Bureau; Divorce Center, CDC, U.N.

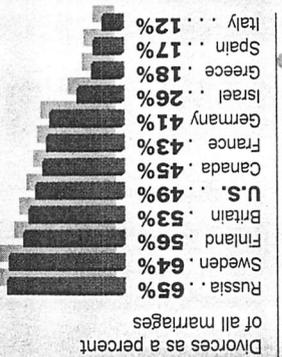
### WHEN IT HAPPENS

The chance of divorce is highest during the third year of marriage



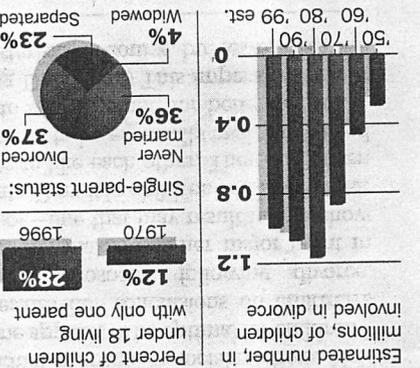
### AROUND THE GLOBE

The U.S. is certainly not the divorce capital of the world

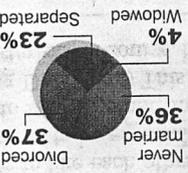


### CHILDREN AT RISK

Over 1 million children are involved in new divorces each year



Percent of children under 18 living with only one parent



### DIVORCE DATA

More than 40% of first marriages end in divorce

Total number of divorced adults grew from 4.3 million in 1970 to 20 million today

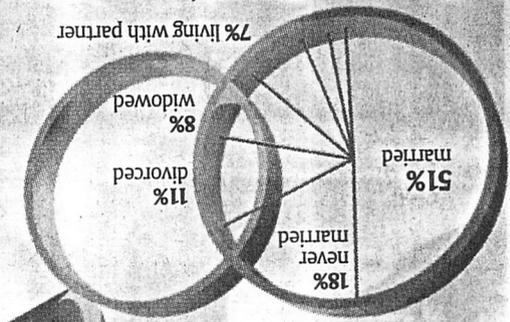
Married population dropped from 72% in 1970 to 60% today

Average duration of first marriages ending in divorce is eight years; duration of second marriages is six years

Average total household wealth of those ages 51 to 61 divorced: \$132,200

Widowed: \$42,300

### Half of adults in USA are married



2% no response 3% separated 7% living with partner

Source: Gallup Poll of 1,001 adults Jan. 10-14. Margin of error: ±3 percentage points.

Are children better off in: When parents get divorced, are children harmed?

Almost always harmed: 42%

Frequently harmed: 22%

Sometimes harmed: 27%

Seldom harmed: 8%

Do you agree or disagree that for the children's sake, parents should stay together and not get a divorce, even if the marriage isn't working?

Agree parents should stay together: 33% (1981)

Disagree: 62% (2000)

### TIME/CNN POLL

From a telephone poll of 1,278 adult Americans taken for TIME/CNN on Sept. 6-7 by Yankelevich Partners Inc. Sampling error is ±2.7%