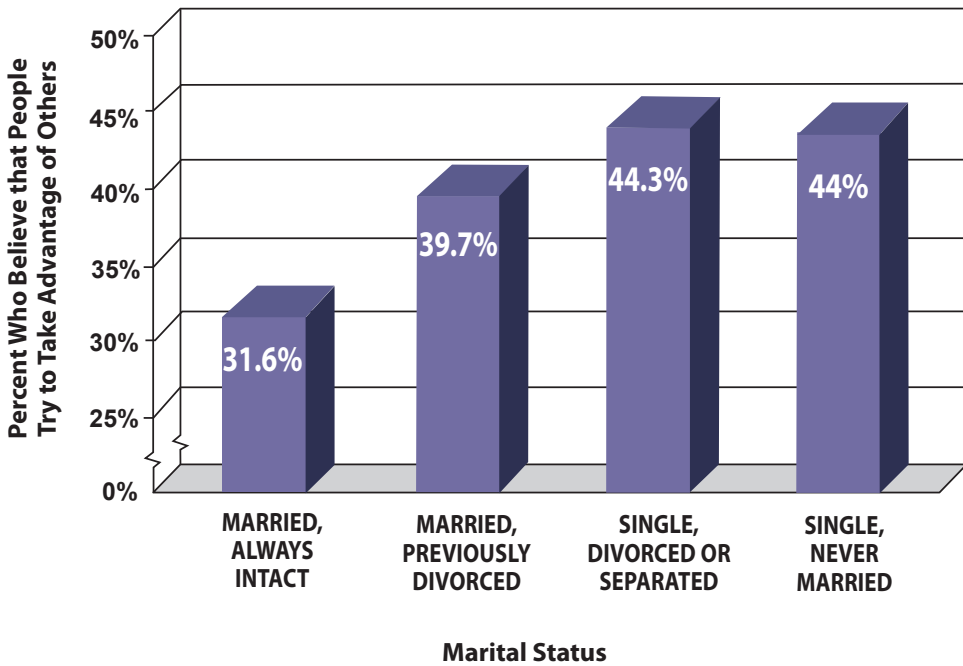




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Source: General Social Survey (1972-2006)

Always-intact married adults are less likely than married, previously divorced adults and unmarried adults to believe that most people would try to take advantage of others.

**Description:** According to the General Social Survey (GSS), 31.6 percent of always-intact married adults believe that, given the opportunity, most people would try to take advantage of others, followed by 39.7 percent of married, previously-divorced adults, 44 percent of single, never-married adults, and 44.3 percent of single, divorced or separated adults.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This chart draws on data collected by the General Social Survey, 1972-2006. From 1972 to 1993, the sample size averaged 1,500 each year. No GSS was conducted in 1979, 1981, or 1992. Since 1994, the GSS has been conducted only in even-numbered years and uses two samples per GSS that total approximately 3,000. In 2006, a third sample was added for a total sample size of 4,510.

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