Inlaws: Dealing with Parental Influence and Grandparents

Test Section 4
In-Laws

- The 25% of partners that like the in-laws
Mothers

- Most difficult to get along with?
  - Mother-in-law. Why?
    - Mother of a child (especially son)
Brothers

- Brother-in-laws (easiest to get along with)
  - Unless perceived as lazy, immature, or inconsiderate
Conflict with In-Laws

- Expectations
Conflict with In-Laws

- Age of couple at marriage
Conflict with In-Laws

- Some parents do cause problems
  - Run to parent in problems
  - Seek advice
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  - Don’t like the person chosen
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  - The other person is different
  - A significant age difference
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  - Quick courtship

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Caring for Parents

- Positive and negative identification
- Care for Aging Parents
- Majority of families care for parents
- Affection and responsibility
- Economic factors
- Daughters do the majority of care
Grandparents

- Supervision
- Values
- Negotiators with adolescents
- Improve a view of aging
- Positive Benefits to grandparents
  - Evidence of continuity
  - Self-esteem
  - Vicarious accomplishment
  - Social contact
  - Physical assistance
Grandparents

- Primary caregivers have increased
- Positive benefits to grandchildren:
  - Help children feel secure/love
  - Crucial role during divorce
  - Increase trust in children
  - Help children connect with people that are different