

## Supplementary Materials

### Supplementary Material 1 – Full Models of Divorce Risks of Married Couples

In Table 3 in the main text, we only reported parameters related to religious background of a couple. The table shown below provides estimates for *all* parameters included in models 1 to 6.

**Table S2** Multilevel logistic regression estimates of divorce risks of married couples: effects of couple-level variables, municipal-level variables, interactions and control variables ( $N = 674,100$  couple-years)

	Model 1			Model 2			Model 3			Model 4			Model 5			Model 6			
<i>Fixed-effect parameters</i>	<i>exp(b)</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>exp(b)</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>exp(b)</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>exp(b)</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>exp(b)</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>exp(b)</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>p</i>	
Constant	0.028	0.004	< .001	0.030	0.004	< .001	0.030	0.004	< .001	0.031	0.005	< .001	0.026	0.004	< .001	0.029	0.005	< .001	
<b>Couple-level variables</b>																			
Religious	0.759	0.029	< .001	0.864	0.036	.001				0.869	0.038	.001	1.275	0.197	.115	0.861	0.038	.001	
Visits to religious gatherings				0.591	0.048	< .001	0.622	0.058	< .001	0.590	0.048	< .001	0.581	0.047	< .001	1.136	0.343	.673	
<b>Denomination</b>																			
No denomination							<i>Ref</i>												
Roman-Catholic							0.887	0.046	.021										
Protestant							0.837	0.065	.023										
Muslim							0.695	0.081	.002										
Other							0.822	0.095	.090										
Mixed (both religious)							0.950	0.083	.559										
Mixed (one religious)							1.037	0.054	.480										
<b>Municipal-level variables</b>																			
% religious citizens										0.929	0.144	.636	1.271	0.244	.213	1.058	0.173	.731	
<b>Cross-level variables</b>																			
% religious citizens x religious													0.484	0.132	.008				
% religious citizens x visits to religious gatherings																0.279	0.153	.020	
<b>Couple-level control variables</b>																			
Average age	0.948	0.004	< .001	0.947	0.004	< .001	0.945	0.004	< .001	0.947	0.004	< .001	0.947	0.004	< .001	0.947	0.004	< .001	
<b>Difference in age</b>																			
m = f	<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			
m < f	1.159	0.114	.131	1.160	0.114	.129	1.157	0.114	.136	1.160	0.114	.130	1.159	0.114	.132	1.159	0.114	.131	
m > f	1.247	0.052	< .001	1.246	0.051	< .001	1.249	0.052	< .001	1.246	0.051	< .001	1.246	0.051	< .001	1.246	0.052	< .001	
Duration cohabitation	1.154	0.016	< .001	1.149	0.016	< .001	1.150	0.016	< .001	1.149	0.016	< .001	1.149	0.016	< .001	1.149	0.016	< .001	
Duration cohabitation <sup>2</sup>	0.993	0.001	< .001	0.993	0.001	< .001	0.993	0.001	< .001	0.993	0.001	< .001	0.993	0.001	< .001	0.993	0.001	< .001	
Duration cohabitation <sup>3</sup>	1.000	0.000	< .001	1.000	0.000	< .001	1.000	0.000	< .001	1.000	0.000	< .001	1.000	0.000	< .001	1.000	0.000	< .001	
Average level of education (ISLED)	0.999	0.001	.508	1.000	0.001	.788	1.000	0.001	.708	1.000	0.001	.775	1.000	0.001	.699	1.000	0.001	.743	
<b>Difference in level of education (ISLED)</b>																			
m = f	<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			
m < f	1.065	0.048	.166	1.066	0.048	.161	1.065	0.048	.164	1.066	0.048	.161	1.064	0.048	.144	1.065	0.048	.166	
m > f	1.123	0.050	.009	1.123	0.050	.008	1.126	0.050	.008	1.124	0.050	.008	1.123	0.050	.008	1.123	0.050	.009	
Income (m)	0.996	0.001	< .001	0.996	0.001	< .001	0.996	0.001	< .001	0.996	0.001	< .001	0.996	0.001	< .001	0.996	0.001	< .001	
Income (f)	1.004	0.001	< .001	1.004	0.001	< .001	1.004	0.001	< .001	1.004	0.001	< .001	1.004	0.001	< .001	1.004	0.001	< .001	
Homeownership	0.548	0.023	< .001	0.546	0.023	< .001	0.543	0.023	< .001	0.546	0.023	< .001	0.548	0.023	< .001	0.548	0.023	< .001	
Have children from earlier relationships	1.151	0.085	.057	1.153	0.085	.054	1.150	0.085	.059	1.152	0.085	.055	1.154	0.085	.054	1.152	0.085	.055	
Number of children at home	0.850	0.021	< .001	0.864	0.022	< .001	0.867	0.022	< .001	0.864	0.022	< .001	0.865	0.022	< .001	0.865	0.022	< .001	
<b>Age youngest child</b>																			
No children	<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			
< 5 years old	0.721	0.061	< .001	0.701	0.060	< .001	0.702	0.060	< .001	0.701	0.060	< .001	0.700	0.060	< .001	0.700	0.060	< .001	
5 – 17 years old	1.594	0.115	< .001	1.546	0.112	< .001	1.544	0.112	< .001	1.545	0.112	< .001	1.544	0.112	< .001	1.542	0.112	< .001	
> 18 years old	1.329	0.099	< .001	1.310	0.098	< .001	1.310	0.098	< .001	1.309	0.098	< .001	1.310	0.098	< .001	1.308	0.098	< .001	
Divorced parents (m)	1.288	0.076	< .001	1.276	0.075	< .001	1.273	0.075	< .001	1.275	0.075	< .001	1.276	0.075	< .001	1.275	0.075	< .001	

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Divorced parents (f)	1.389	0.076	< .001	1.371	0.075	< .001	1.374	0.075	< .001	1.370	0.075	< .001	1.370	0.075	< .001	1.369	0.075	< .001	
Earlier divorce (m)	1.104	0.077	.155	1.104	0.077	.154	1.110	0.077	.135	1.105	0.077	.152	1.102	0.077	.162	1.104	0.077	.154	
Earlier divorce (f)	1.317	0.092	< .001	1.313	0.092	< .001	1.320	0.092	< .001	1.313	0.092	< .001	1.311	0.092	< .001	1.311	0.092	< .001	
Migrant																			
No partner	<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			
One partner	1.118	0.066	.057	1.111	0.065	.073	1.124	0.068	.053	1.110	0.065	.076	1.100	0.065	.106	1.106	0.065	.086	
Two partners	0.684	0.059	< .001	0.696	0.060	<.001	0.765	0.075	.006	0.694	0.060	<.001	0.672	0.059	<.001	0.695	0.060	<.001	
<b>Municipal-level control variables</b>																			
Level of urbanization																			
Countryside	0.938	0.078	.441	0.941	0.077	.456	0.932	0.076	.390	0.949	0.079	.531	0.957	0.081	.602	0.950	0.079	.537	
Slightly urbanized	0.948	0.062	.414	0.943	0.060	.363	0.932	0.060	.274	0.953	0.065	.480	0.959	0.066	.544	0.955	0.064	.494	
Moderately urbanized	0.885	0.062	.084	0.879	0.061	.063	0.871	0.060	.045	0.886	0.063	.088	0.889	0.064	.100	0.889	0.063	.095	
Urbanized	0.960	0.060	.517	0.961	0.058	.516	0.955	0.058	.451	0.964	0.059	.556	0.969	0.060	.605	0.966	0.058	.572	
Highly urbanized	<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			
<b>Constant</b>																			
sd(constant)	0.0153	0.008		0.0128	0.008		0.0126	0.008		0.0130	0.008		0.0115	0.008		0.0122	0.008		
sd(religious)													0.0081	0.021					
sd(visits to religious gatherings)																0.0543	0.094		
<b>Model fit indicator</b>																			
Log-likelihood				-19726.75			-19704.30			-19701.06			-19704.18			-19700.50			-19701.04

Notes: In a baseline model without any religious variables, sd(constant) = 0.0150.

## Supplementary Material 2 – Full Models of Union Dissolution Risks of All Couples

In Table 4 in the main text, we only reported parameters related to the marital status or religious background of a couple. The table shown below provides estimates for *all* parameters included in models 7 and 8. Both models are included with married couples as well as cohabiting couples as the reference group to facilitate comprehension of the religious effects.

**Table S3** Multilevel logistic regression estimates of union dissolution risks of all couples: effects of couple-level variables, municipal-level variables, interactions and control variables ( $N = 825,164$  couple-years)

Fixed-effect parameters	Reference group: Married couples						Reference group: Cohabiting couples					
	Model 7			Model 8			Model 7			Model 8		
	exp(b)	se	p	exp(b)	se	p	exp(b)	se	p	exp(b)	se	p
Constant	0.043	0.005	< .001	0.045	0.005	< .001	0.043	0.005	< .001	0.045	0.005	< .001
<b>Couple-level variables</b>												
Religious	1.072	0.137	.585	0.854	0.037	< .001	1.178	0.157	.220	0.936	0.053	.239
Visits to religious gatherings	0.562	0.046	< .001	0.934	0.283	.822	1.076	0.219	.719	1.806	0.629	.090
Cohabiting	1.452	0.053	< .001	1.452	0.053	< .001						
Cohabiting x religious	1.099	0.075	.168	1.096	0.075	.179						
Cohabiting x visits to religious gatherings	1.913	0.417	.003	1.933	0.425	.003						
Married							0.689	0.025	< .001	0.689	0.025	< .001
Married x religious							0.910	0.062	.168	0.912	0.062	.179
Married x visits to religious gatherings							0.523	0.114	.003	0.517	0.114	.003
<b>Municipal-level variables</b>												
% religious citizens	0.954	0.137	.746	0.883	0.111	.321	0.954	0.137	.746	0.883	0.111	.321
<b>Cross-level variables</b>												
% religious citizens x religious	0.652	0.144	.053				0.652	0.144	.053			
% religious citizens x visits to religious gatherings				0.340	0.186	.049				0.340	0.186	.049
<b>Couple-level control variables</b>												
Average age	0.950	0.003	< .001	0.950	0.003	< .001	0.950	0.003	< .001	0.950	0.003	< .001
Difference in age												
m = f	Ref			Ref			Ref			Ref		
m < f	1.136	0.078	.062	1.136	0.078	.062	1.136	0.078	.062	1.136	0.078	.062
m > f	1.240	0.039	< .001	1.240	0.039	< .001	1.240	0.039	< .001	1.240	0.039	< .001
Duration cohabitation	1.111	0.010	< .001	1.111	0.010	< .001	1.111	0.010	< .001	1.111	0.010	< .001
Duration cohabitation <sup>2</sup>	0.994	0.000	< .001	0.994	0.000	< .001	0.994	0.000	< .001	0.994	0.000	< .001
Duration cohabitation <sup>3</sup>	1.000	0.000	< .001	1.000	0.000	< .001	1.000	0.000	< .001	1.000	0.000	< .001
Average level of education (ISLED)	0.996	0.001	< .001	0.996	0.001	< .001	0.996	0.001	< .001	0.996	0.001	< .001
Difference in level of education (ISLED)												
m = f	Ref			Ref			Ref			Ref		
m < f	1.099	0.037	.005	1.099	0.037	.005	1.099	0.037	.005	1.099	0.037	.005
m > f	1.129	0.040	.001	1.130	0.040	.001	1.129	0.040	.001	1.130	0.040	.001
Income (m)	0.996	0.000	< .001	0.996	0.000	< .001	0.996	0.000	< .001	0.996	0.000	< .001
Income (f)	1.003	0.001	< .001	1.003	0.001	< .001	1.003	0.001	< .001	1.003	0.001	< .001
Homeownership	0.557	0.018	< .001	0.558	0.018	< .001	0.557	0.018	< .001	0.558	0.018	< .001
Have children from earlier relationships	1.265	0.065	< .001	1.264	0.065	< .001	1.265	0.065	< .001	1.264	0.065	< .001
Number of children at home	0.902	0.018	< .001	0.903	0.018	< .001	0.902	0.018	< .001	0.903	0.018	< .001
Age youngest child												
No children	Ref			Ref			Ref			Ref		
< 5 years old	0.619	0.034	< .001	0.618	0.034	< .001	0.619	0.034	< .001	0.618	0.034	< .001
5 – 17 years old	1.400	0.072	< .001	1.397	0.072	< .001	1.400	0.072	< .001	1.397	0.072	< .001
> 18 years old	1.233	0.072	< .001	1.231	0.072	< .001	1.233	0.072	< .001	1.231	0.072	< .001
Divorced parents (m)	1.241	0.050	< .001	1.241	0.050	< .001	1.241	0.050	< .001	1.241	0.050	< .001
Divorced parents (f)	1.328	0.051	< .001	1.327	0.051	< .001	1.328	0.051	< .001	1.327	0.051	< .001
Earlier divorce (m)	1.066	0.054	.208	1.067	0.054	.202	1.066	0.054	.208	1.067	0.054	.202
Earlier divorce (f)	1.261	0.064	< .001	1.261	0.064	< .001	1.261	0.064	< .001	1.261	0.064	< .001

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Migrant												
No partner	<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>		<i>Ref</i>		<i>Ref</i>				
One partner	1.118	0.050	.012	1.121	0.050	.010	1.118	0.050	.012	1.121	0.050	.010
Two partners	0.787	0.055	.001	0.798	0.055	.001	0.787	0.055	.001	0.798	0.055	.001
<b>Municipal-level control variables</b>												
Level of urbanization												
Countryside	0.970	0.063	.642	0.964	0.062	.570	0.970	0.063	.642	0.964	0.062	.570
Slightly urbanized	0.928	0.049	.160	0.924	0.048	.129	0.928	0.049	.160	0.924	0.048	.129
Moderately urbanized	0.905	0.049	.068	0.904	0.049	.061	0.905	0.049	.068	0.904	0.049	.061
Urbanized	0.986	0.046	.769	0.983	0.045	.709	0.986	0.046	.769	0.983	0.045	.709
Highly urbanized	<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>		
<b>Constant</b>												
sd(constant)	0.0072	0.005		0.0073	0.005		0.0072	0.005		0.0073	0.005	
sd(religious)	0.005	0.124					0.005	0.124				
sd(visits to religious gatherings)				0.172	0.103					0.172	0.103	
<b>Model fit indicator</b>												
Log-likelihood				-31413.70			-31410.96			-31413.70		-31410.96

Notes: In a baseline model without any religious variables but controlling for effects of civil status, sd(constant) = 0.0103.

### Supplementary Material 3 – Sensitivity Analysis: Registered Partnerships in the Married Group or Excluded

In the analyses shown in the main text, couples with registered partnerships are included in the unmarried group instead of the married group, as these couples actively choose to not follow traditional norms and enter a marriage. However, it can be argued that registered partnerships and marriages have a similar legal status in the Netherlands. In this supplement, we show that our conclusions remain the same when registered partnerships were included in the group of married couples instead, or excluded from the model altogether (which reduces the sample size by 2%).

**Table S4** Multilevel logistic regression estimates of union dissolution risks: effects of couple-level variables, municipal-level variables, interactions and control variables, including registered partners in the married group ( $N = 825,164$  couple-years) or excluding registered partners ( $N = 809,144$  couple-years).

	Registered Partnerships in Married Group ( $N = 825,164$ couple-years)						Excluded Registered Partnerships ( $N = 809,144$ couple-years)					
	Model 7			Model 8			Model 7			Model 8		
<i>Fixed-effect parameters</i>	<i>exp(b)</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>exp(b)</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>exp(b)</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>exp(b)</i>	<i>se</i>	<i>p</i>
Constant	0.043	0.005	< .001	0.044	0.005	< .001	0.042	0.005	< .001	0.044	0.005	< .001
<b>Couple-level variables</b>												
Religious	1.061	0.136	0.640	0.844	0.036	< .001	1.073	0.138	.585	0.855	0.037	< .001
Visits to religious gatherings	0.567	0.046	< .001	0.940	0.284	.838	0.562	0.046	< .001	0.931	0.281	.813
Cohabiting	1.474	0.054	< .001	1.473	0.054	< .001	1.492	0.056	< .001	1.492	0.056	< .001
Cohabiting x religious	1.131	0.078	.073	1.129	0.078	.079	1.117	0.077	.111	1.114	0.077	.119
Cohabiting x visits to religious gatherings	1.824	0.404	.007	1.840	0.412	.006	1.837	0.407	.006	1.855	0.415	.006
<b>Municipal-level variables</b>												
% religious citizens	0.949	0.137	.714	0.876	0.110	.293	0.945	0.138	.700	0.873	0.111	.287
<b>Cross-level variables</b>												
% religious citizens x religious	0.650	0.144	.052				0.652	0.145	.056			
% religious citizens x visits to religious gatherings				0.341	0.186	.049				0.344	0.188	.051
<b>Couple-level control variables</b>												
Average age	0.951	0.003	< .001	0.951	0.003	< .001	0.951	0.003	< .001	0.951	0.003	< .001
Difference in age												
m = f	<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>		
m < f	1.136	0.078	.062	1.136	0.078	.062	1.143	0.079	.054	1.143	0.079	.055
m > f	1.242	0.039	< .001	1.242	0.039	< .001	1.244	0.040	< .001	1.244	0.040	< .001
Duration cohabitation	1.112	0.010	< .001	1.112	0.010	< .001	1.111	0.010	< .001	1.111	0.010	< .001
<b>Duration cohabitation<sup>2</sup></b>	0.994	0.000	< .001	0.994	0.000	< .001	0.994	0.000	< .001	0.994	0.000	< .001
<b>Duration cohabitation<sup>3</sup></b>	1.000	0.000	< .001	1.000	0.000	< .001	1.000	0.000	< .001	1.000	0.000	< .001
Average level of education (ISLED)	0.996	0.001	< .001	0.996	0.001	< .001	0.996	0.001	< .001	0.996	0.001	< .001
Difference in level of education (ISLED)												
m = f	<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>		
m < f	1.099	0.037	.005	1.099	0.037	.005	1.102	0.037	.004	1.102	0.038	.004
m > f	1.129	0.040	.001	1.129	0.040	.001	1.135	0.040	< .001	1.135	0.040	< .001
Income (m)	0.996	0.000	< .001	0.996	0.000	< .001	0.996	0.001	< .001	0.996	0.001	< .001
Income (f)	1.003	0.001	< .001	1.003	0.001	< .001	1.003	0.001	< .001	1.003	0.001	< .001
Homeownership	0.560	0.018	< .001	0.561	0.018	< .001	0.560	0.018	< .001	0.561	0.018	< .001
Have children from earlier relationships	1.263	0.065	< .001	1.262	0.065	< .001	1.266	0.066	< .001	1.265	0.066	< .001
Number of children at home	0.901	0.018	< .001	0.902	0.018	< .001	0.900	0.018	< .001	0.901	0.018	< .001
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< 5 years old	0.630	0.035	< .001	0.630	0.035	< .001	0.637	0.036	< .001	0.636	0.036	< .001
5 – 17 years old	1.407	0.072	< .001	1.405	0.072	< .001	1.424	0.074	< .001	1.421	0.074	< .001
> 18 years old	1.241	0.072	< .001	1.239	0.072	< .001	1.267	0.075	< .001	1.265	0.075	< .001
Divorced parents (m)	1.243	0.050	< .001	1.243	0.050	< .001	1.227	0.050	< .001	1.228	0.051	< .001
Divorced parents (f)	1.329	0.051	< .001	1.328	0.051	< .001	1.322	0.051	< .001	1.322	0.051	< .001

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Earlier divorce (m)	1.067	0.054	.202	1.068	0.054	.196	1.036	0.054	.496	1.037	0.054	.486
Earlier divorce (f)	1.266	0.064	< .001	1.266	0.064	< .001	1.269	0.066	< .001	1.269	0.066	< .001
Migrant												
No partner	<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>		
One partner	1.114	0.050	.015	1.117	0.050	.013	1.115	0.050	.016	1.119	0.060	.013
Two partners	0.784	0.055	.000	0.795	0.055	.001	0.781	0.055	< .001	0.793	0.055	.001
<b>Municipal-level control variables</b>												
Level of urbanization												
Countryside	0.974	0.063	.683	0.968	0.062	.608	0.980	0.064	.759	0.973	0.063	.678
Slightly urbanized	0.933	0.049	.192	0.929	0.048	.157	0.934	0.050	.207	0.930	0.049	.168
Moderately urbanized	0.909	0.050	.080	0.907	0.049	.072	0.901	0.050	.060	0.900	0.049	.053
Urbanized	0.991	0.046	.839	0.987	0.045	.777	0.981	0.046	.692	0.977	0.045	.623
Highly urbanized	<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>			<i>Ref</i>		
<b>Constant</b>												
sd(constant)	0.0073	0.005		0.0073	0.005		0.0071	0.005		0.0073	0.005	
sd(religious)	0.005	0.124					0.005	0.123				
sd(visits to religious gatherings)				0.171	0.103					0.164	0.103	
<b>Model fit indicator</b>												
Log-likelihood			-31405.97			-31403.30			-30513.63			-30511.26