

## **By the numbers**

**Marriage has become a mark of status,  
increasingly the preserve of the  
wealthy and educated.**

**Today, 26% of poor,  
39% of working-class,  
and 56% of middle- and upper-class  
adults aged 18 to 55 are married,  
according to research by  
Opportunity America and the  
American Enterprise Institute.  
This compares with 51%, 57% and 65%  
respectively in 1990.**

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