

## SC1101E MAKING SENSE OF SOCIETY

### TUTORIAL THREE: Identities and Inequalities

#### Assigned Readings

1. Antolihao, *Other Societies*, Chapter 4.
2. Buford May, *Discrimination and Dress Codes in Urban Nightlife*.
3. Antolihao, *Other Societies*, Chapter 5.
4. Charles, *What Gender is Science*.
5. Antolihao, *Other Societies*, Chapter 6.
6. Caldwell, *The Rise of the Gourmet Hamburger*.

#### Discussion Guide Questions



Source: <https://www.economist.com/leaders/2011/08/20/asias-lonely-hearts>

For a more recent account on the issue (China) check

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jan/24/china-generation-z-resisting-marriage-and-babies>

1. In the article above, the London-based periodical *The Economist* highlighted how in contrast to marriage patterns in the West where people are marrying later, many Asians are not marrying at all. Singapore, in particular, have one of the highest rates of non-marriage in Asia. Focusing on one of the factors below, what could be some of the sociological reasons behind and consequences of such a phenomenon?

- a. Race
- b. Gender
- c. Class
- d. Other identity factors

2. Use relevant concepts or issues from Buford May's article on race and dress codes, Charles's gender in science, or Caldwell's race and gourmet hamburger which you find useful in understanding the decline of marriage in Asia. Why do you find these concepts useful and insightful?