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Headline:   **For Gen Z, an Age-Old Question: Who Pays for Dates?**

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Summary: In a paper published in 2023 in Psychological Reports, a peer-reviewed journal, Dr. Shanhong Luo surveyed 552 heterosexual college students and asked them whether they expected men or women to pay for dates — and whether they, as a man or a woman, typically paid more. The researchers found that young men paid for all or most of the dates around 90% of the time, while women paid only about 2% (they split around 8% of the time). On subsequent dates, splitting the check was more common, though men still paid a majority of the time while women rarely did. Nearly 80% of men expected that they would pay on the first date, while just over half of women (55%) expected men to pay. Surprisingly, views on gender norms didn't make much of a difference: On average, both men and women in the sample expected the man to pay, whether they had more traditional views of gender roles or more progressive ones. Related: Post-Pandemic Recovery for America's Prime Age Labor Force: A Tale of Two Sexes and Men's Falling Labor Force Participation Across Generations and Econ Focus: Melissa Kearney

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