

Adoption Mindset

A survey of Indian parents
through the '80s – '90s – Present Date



Families of Joy Foundation

surveyed 3500 adults across India
to study their mindset, ease of procedures and key drivers
in choices related to adoption across the '80s, '90s and present day.



'80s

as a young adult forming
impressions on adoption



'90s

As a parent
building one's family



TODAY...

as parent of a young adult forming
impressions on adoption

Key Findings



- **70% respondents** said that Family, Friends, Films and Media influenced their understanding on adoption
- **80% respondents** believe the same continue to influence the choice to adopt, EVEN TODAY.

'80s

Forming impressions
on adoption

'90s

Building one's family

- There was a **50:50 split** between those who considered adoption as a choice while building their family vs those who didn't even consider it as a choice
- Of those who considered adoption as a choice, only 23% finally adopted a child – **77% didn't adopt**
- **Adoption did not even occur to 43% people** as a choice to build a family
- Of those who adopted, **fewer than 7% found support from Government** or Public resources
- **70% didn't find any support** while adopting

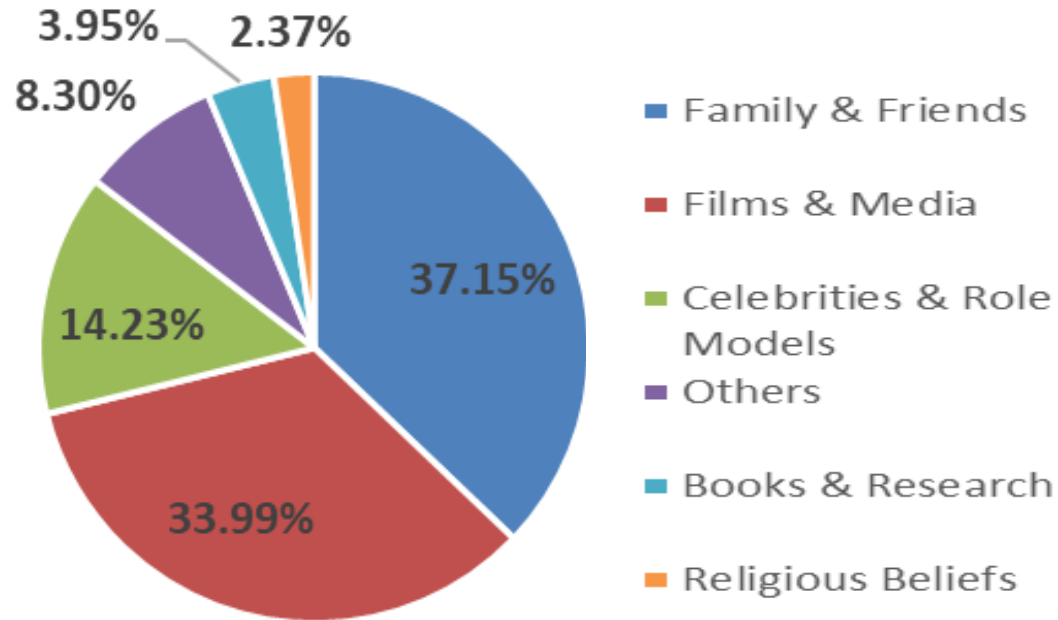


- **80% believe their kids would consider adoption** as a choice
- **15% feel adoption won't occur to their kids**, as a choice
- **93% would endorse** their kids' decision to adopt
- **64% would proactively suggest adoption** as a choice, to their kids

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Q1. What MOST INFLUENCED your understanding about adoption, as a young adult



In the '80s

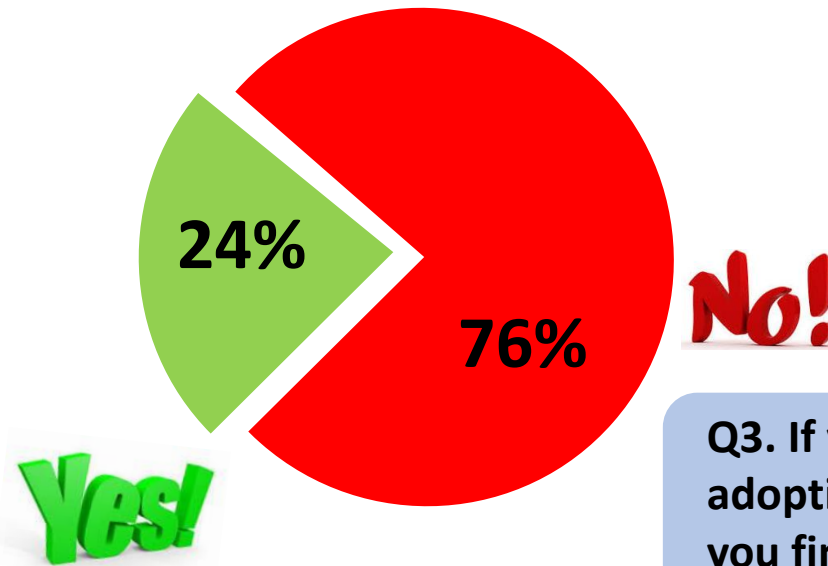
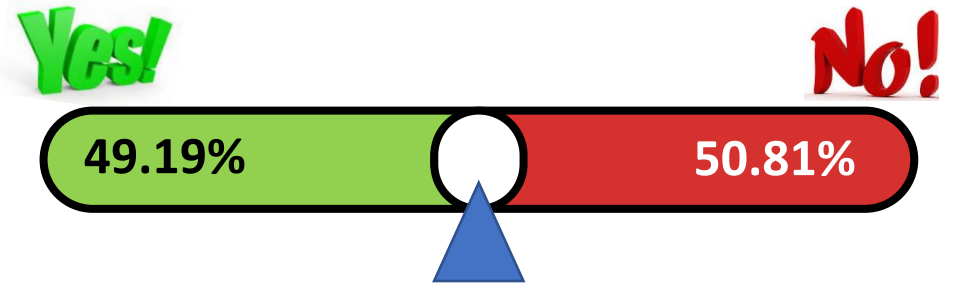
Opinions of Family & Friends plus Films & Media influenced impressions on adoption for **70%** respondents



Thru the '90s

76% of those who considered adoption "as a choice" did not finally adopt a child

Q2. Did you consider adoption "as a choice" for building your family

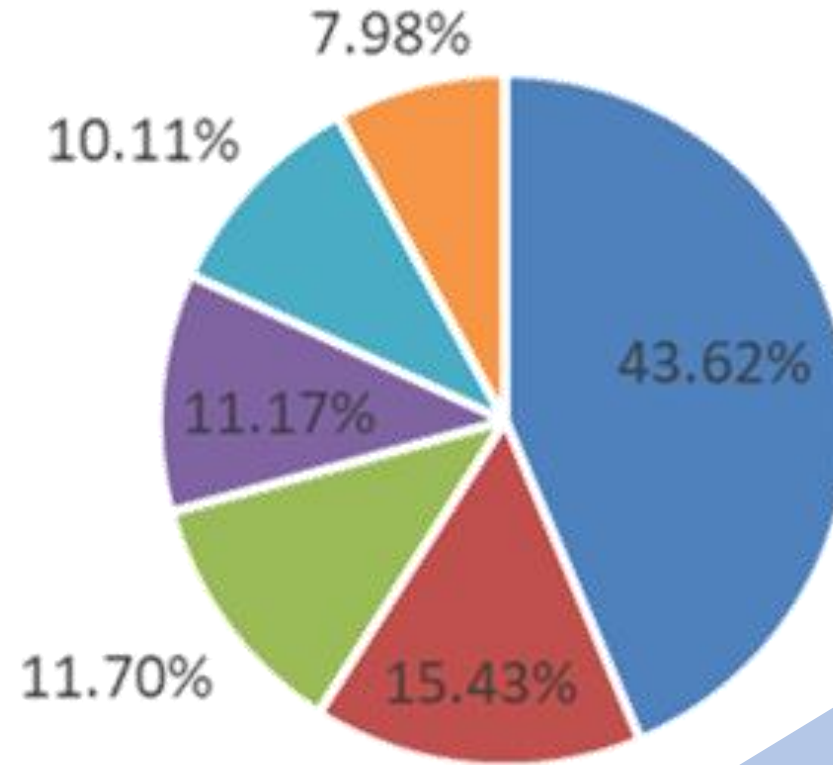


Q3. If you did consider adoption as a choice, did you finally adopt a child



**Thru the
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Q4. Why didn't you consider adoption as a choice?

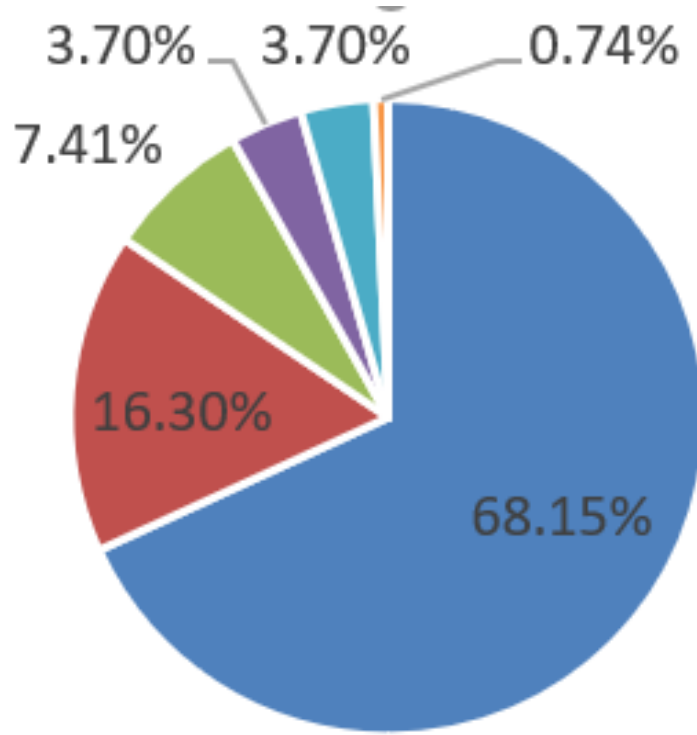


- Never occurred
- Lack of family/spouse support
- Others
- Not Applicable
- Wanted own child only
- Difficult procedures

43% said
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as a choice, while
building their family

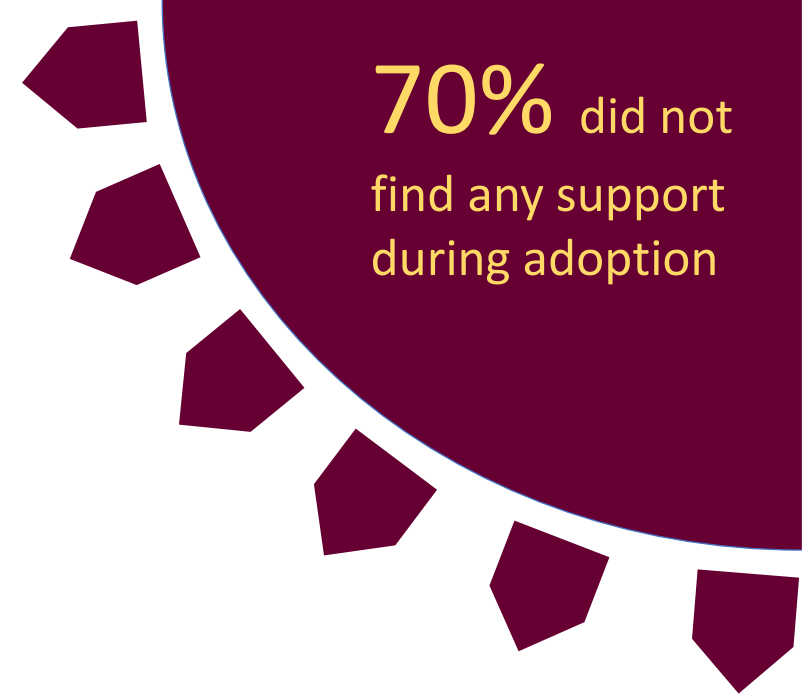


Thru the '90s



- No support
- Support from community
- Adoption Support Groups
- Support from Govt
- Others
- Public Resources

Q5. What helped you most in your journey in adoption



** Almost 50% believe that there still isn't enough support in the eco system, to adopt a child*

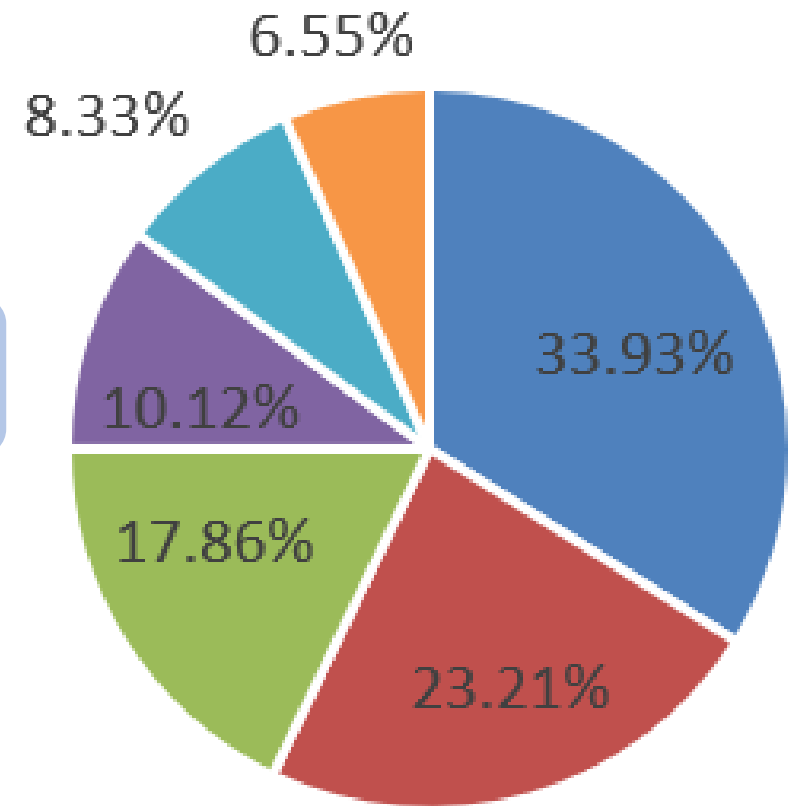


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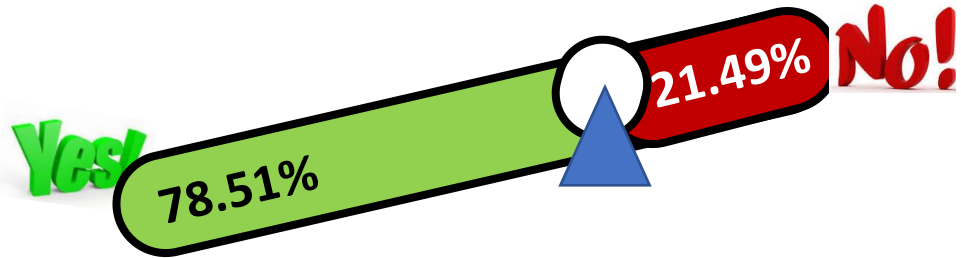
25% could not/did not adopt a child due to lack of information, support from family or difficult procedures

Q6. Why could you not proceed with adoption, despite considering it initially

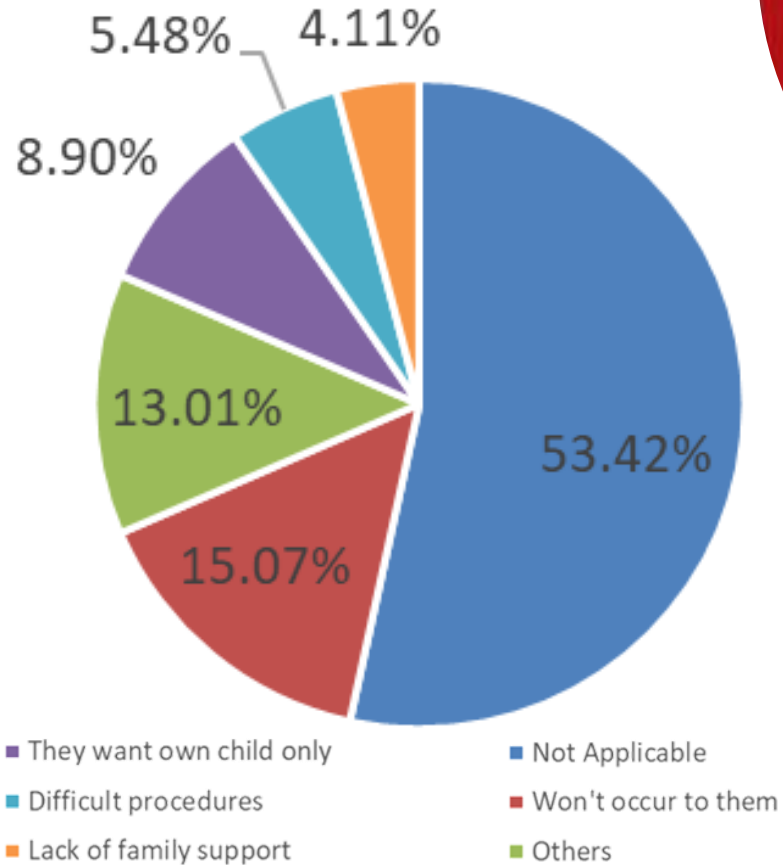
- Not Applicable
- Had own child
- Others
- Lack of information
- Spouse/Family Disagreement
- Difficult procedures



Q7. Do you think your children will consider adoption when building their family.



25% kids may not adopt today as adoption won't occur as a choice to them or they may want their own kids



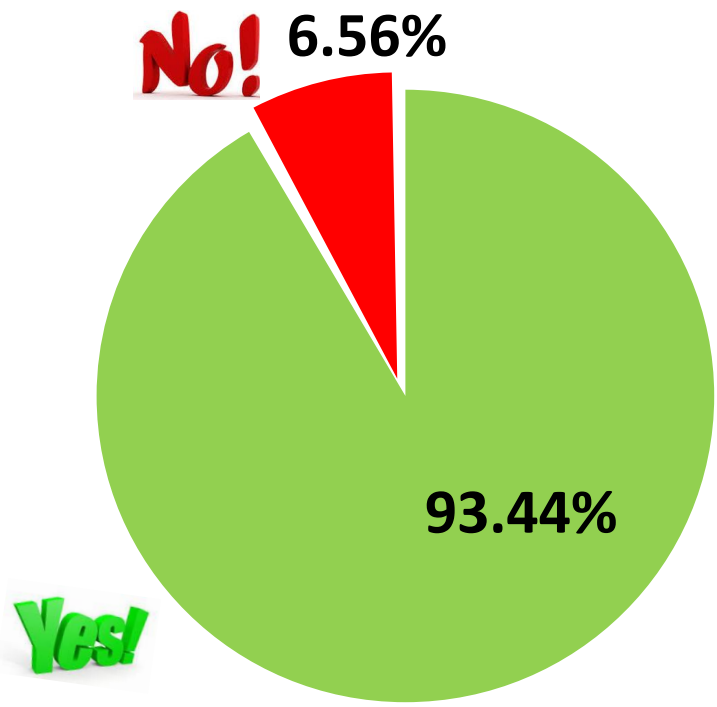
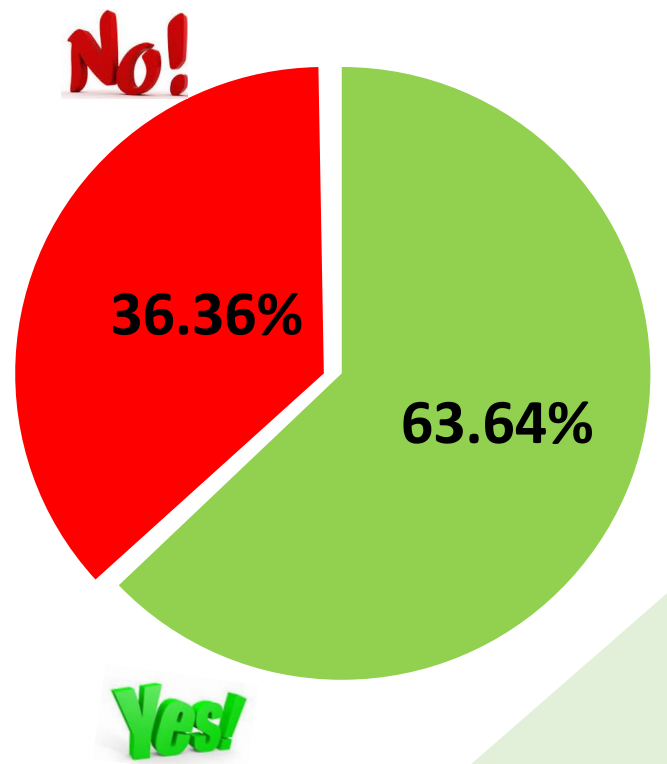
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Q8. In case you think your children will not consider adoption as a choice for building their family, why not?



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Q9. Would you proactively suggest adoption as a choice of building a family to your children?



Q10. Would you encourage if your children chose to adopt a child

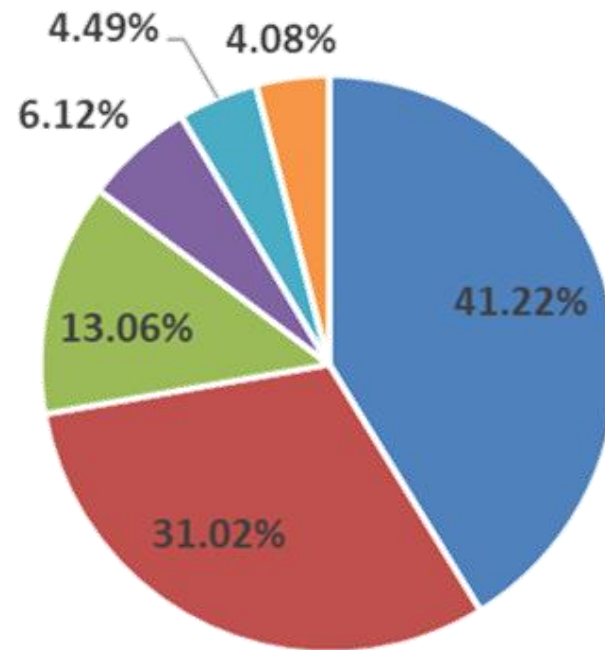


63-93% parents today are supportive of their kids' choice to adopt



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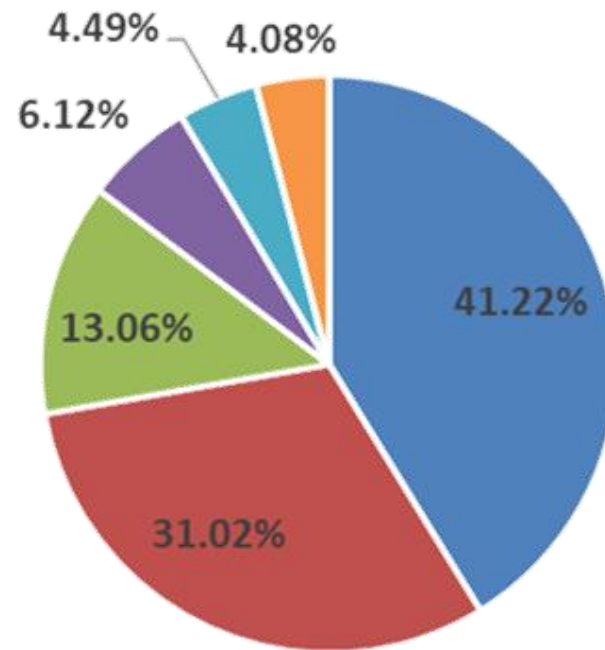
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“We thought it over and decided not to have ANY children, biological or adopted”

“Timeline was too long, and process too complicated”.

“I thought of adoption, but didn’t have enough courage to carry through”

“It seemed to be too late; we already had kids who were 2-4 years old and didn’t think that we could deal with having to take care of babies again. It was never a thought when we thinking of starting a family, unfortunately”

“We’re told that sometimes not knowing their physical and mental health could make raising them a challenging process”

“Not enough resources to support another child at this point. Hope to still adopt once my kids are grown up.”

“I was not sure if I could treat my adopted child and biological child the same, without any bias, and if that would affect both the children”

“Adopted a dog, since not married”

Some other inputs from our respondents



Respondents' Profile

Number of respondents : 3547

Age Group : 45 years and above

Gender: Male 1572 | Female 1975

Cities Covered:

Agra, Ahmedabad, Allahabad, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Bangalore, Bareilly, Bhopal, Chandigarh, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Dhanbad, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Guwahati, Gwalior, Hubli, Hyderabad, Indore, Jabalpur, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kanpur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Madurai, Meerut, Mumbai, Mysore, Nagpur, Nashik, Patna, Pune, Raipur, Rajkot, Ranchi, Solapur, Srinagar, Surat, Thane, Tiruchirappalli, Vadodara, Varanasi, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam.

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