This study aims to address the question of how 19-24-year-old women perceive marriage and articulate their own expectations around marriage. I will be conducting six semi-structured interviews with women in this age range who currently live in Vancouver, BC. As the landscape of expectations placed on young women changes alongside the evolution of family and marriage as institutions (such as the increasing divorce rates), there is a gap in sociological discourse on women’s perceptions of their own expectations of marriage and what they believe impact these expectations. With this study, I hope to expand on the existing, largely quantitative, body of knowledge surrounding the perceptions and expectations young women have by providing a nuanced analysis based on rich data from qualitative research. The goal of this project is to develop an analysis which connects the intersections of some of the different social locations these women may experience (such as their social class) to better understand how individuals’ experiences with marriage, as a concept and institution, may vary depending on their socialization (e.g., whether they have grown up in Vancouver or elsewhere) and context-specific assumptions about marriage therein. While the results of this study will not be generalizable to the broader population, it may provide a starting point for further discussion on the individual experiences women have with the topic of marriage.

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Comments: Very interesting study! The abstract is clear and has all the components. As you are still in the process of this research, do you have any hypothesis? A minor change could be to discuss the background and problem (knowledge gap) before discussing your methods.