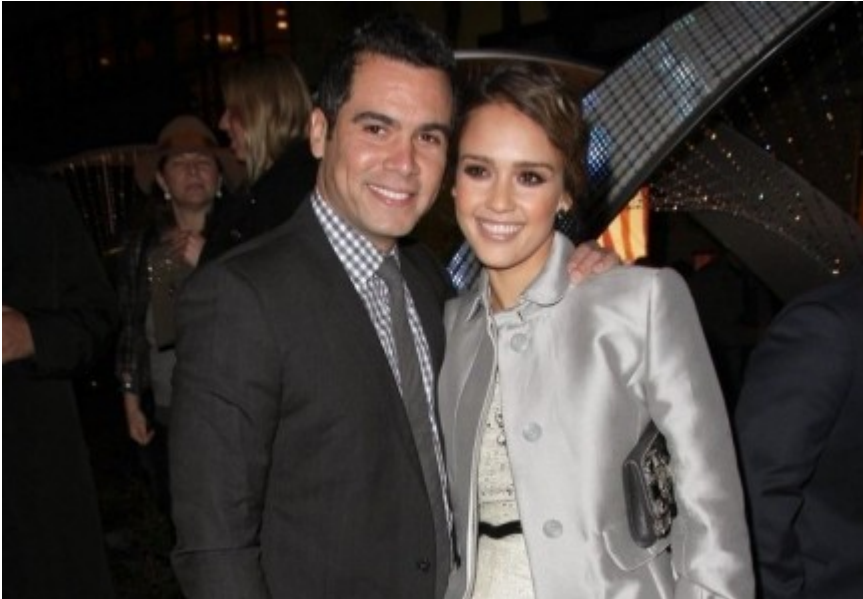


# Celebrity Couples Saving the Earth



By Tanni Deb

With Earth Day this Friday, people everywhere are making pledges to support the planet and show appreciation for the environment. Whether it's planting trees, recycling, or just walking instead of driving, plan to do something eco-friendly on April 22 – you'll join the countless celebrities who continue to raise awareness about persevering our planet. Here are some celebrity couples who are not only committed to each other, but to Mother Nature as well:

**1. Bar Rafaeli and Leonardo DiCaprio:** DiCaprio is one of the most outspoken celebrities to discuss environmental issues, and girlfriend Rafaeli is no different. In 2008, the *Titanic* star purchased a condominium in Riverhouse, an eco-friendly building in New York City. He also drives a hybrid, flies commercially to reduce his carbon footprint, inspires other

celebrities to go green, founded the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation to support many eco-friendly causes, and created a documentary about the global environmental crisis called *The 11th Hour*. Meanwhile, Rafaeli is an activist in promoting alternative energy sources.

**2. Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom:** The Victoria's Secret model has an organic skin care line called Kora, was named Earth Hour's global ambassador for 2011 and modeled nude for *Rolling Stone's* Green Issue to raise environmental awareness. Bloom, Kerr's husband, built an eco-friendly house in London and was named a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador in 2009.

**3. Jessica Alba and Cash Warren:** In 2008, this couple bought an eco-friendly house in Los Angeles to raise their daughter, Honor Marie in. The couple also lives green. In an interview with *InStyle*, Alba said, "I would like to see a cleaner earth for my child."

**4. Rachel Bilson and Hayden Christensen:** They might keep their relationship private, but when it comes to causes like Aeropostale's Teens for Jeans, Bilson and Christensen enjoy discussing its recycling campaign. In addition to encouraging people to donate their jeans, Bilson uses reusable shopping bags, drives a hybrid Toyota Prius and wears cloths made from organic cotton. Christensen owns an organic farm in Canada.

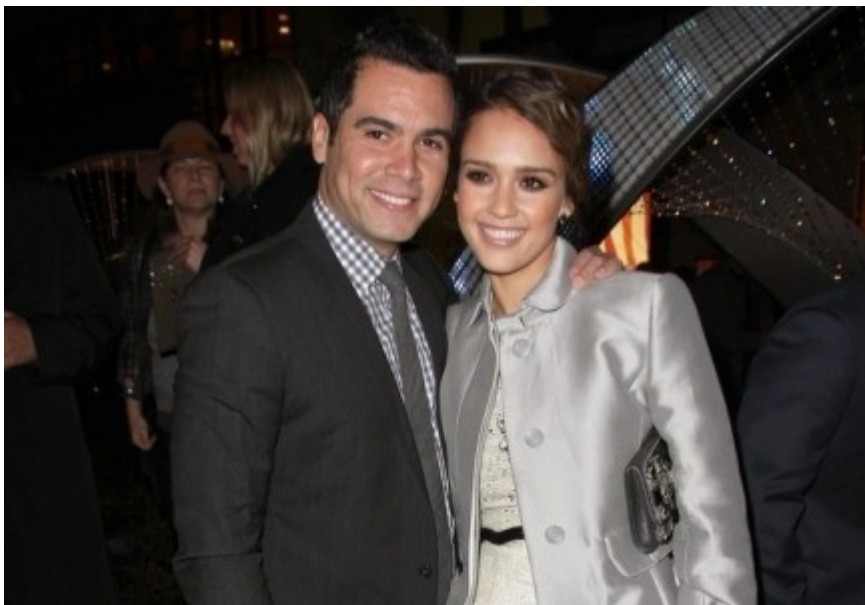
**5. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt:** These two have been praised for all the charity work they participate in and the organization they founded in 2006, the Jolie-Pitt Foundation, which assists with worldwide humanitarian crises. The couple is also dedicated to creating eco-friendly communities. Shortly after Pitt received permission to run his project, Make It Right NOLA, which focuses on building affordable green houses in New Orleans, he volunteered to be a designer of an environmental luxury hotel in Dubai.

These are just a few of the dozen celebrities who are

committed to creating a healthier planet. Follow in their footsteps and make a difference this Earth Day.

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## Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie Keep a Tight Family Life



If their life was like a sitcom, it'd be called "The Brangelina Bunch." Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie were out in New Orleans last weekend with their entire clan of kids, according to [People](#). While things are busy on vacation with the family, the life of this celebrity family is becoming, as a source said, "organized chaos." "Of course it's wild when all the kids are there, and evening tends to be a bit chaotic with dinner and bedtime are both good with rules," the source said. "[Pitt and Jolie] there are definitely consequences, like time-outs, for bad behavior, but for the most part the kids all get along."

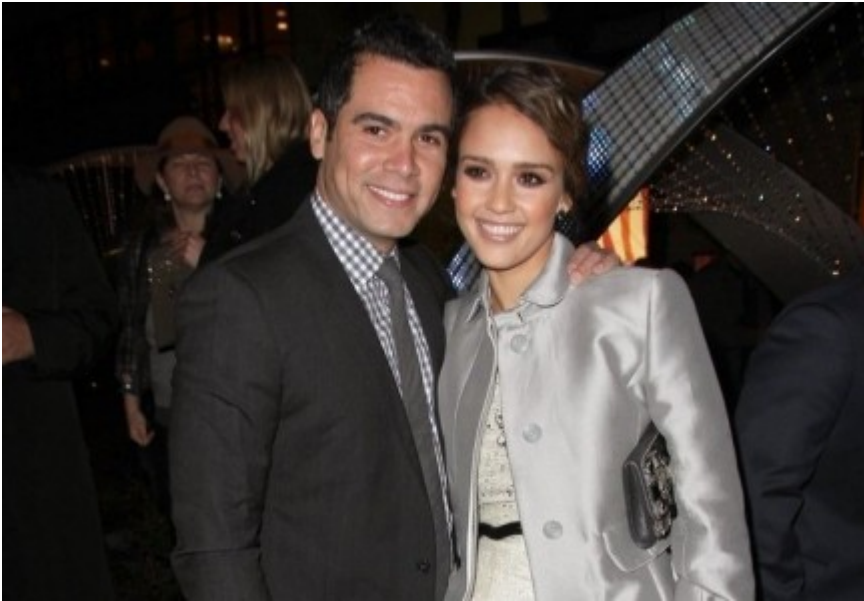
## How can you include your kids in date night?

### Cupid's Advice:

- 1. Go somewhere kid friendly:** Avoid the bars and clubs with your children. Instead, perhaps try a child's movie, bowling or mini-golfing. Plus, it's sometimes fun to revisit your own childhood!
  - 2. Back before bedtime:** Try to have your kids in early. But just because they went to sleep, doesn't mean your night is over. Rent a movie to watch after the kids are sleeping so you can have some romantic alone time.
  - 3. Keep it 'G-Rated':** Try to be mindful about you and your partner's PDA. Your offspring are observant creatures so try to set the example for proper etiquette when in public.
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## The Law of Attraction Between Celebrity Couples





By Yolanda Shoshana,

Luscious Lifestyle Diva

Biker boy and ex-husband to America's sweetheart, Jesse James recently declared that 2010 was the best year of his life.

That declaration definitely made some people raise an eyebrow or two. Since when does a messy divorce and the possibility of losing your child constitute the time of one's life? But according to James, it all led to him finding love with Kat Von D. When he announced his engagement to Von D, people said they are perfect for each other, which was not necessarily a compliment in their case. That said, there's no doubt that the law of attraction was working its magic when the two of them met.

Simply speaking, the law of attraction is when "like" attracts "like." Take a look at Jesse James and Sandra Bullock's different places in life. Clearly, they had perspectives and ideals that simply didn't match, whereas James and Von D are on the same page.

Another example of the law of attraction at work is between celebrity couple Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. They ended up together not just because of physical attraction, but also due to other attraction elements. Chances are there were issues in the Pitt and Aniston marriage, which allowed Jolie to swoop

in. Now, people see Aniston as a woman who can't find love, while I see her as a woman who likes freedom, loves her body, likes a good looking dude, and just wasn't about to have a tribe of children. Aniston's attraction to Pitt didn't last because they simply have different energies and wants in life.

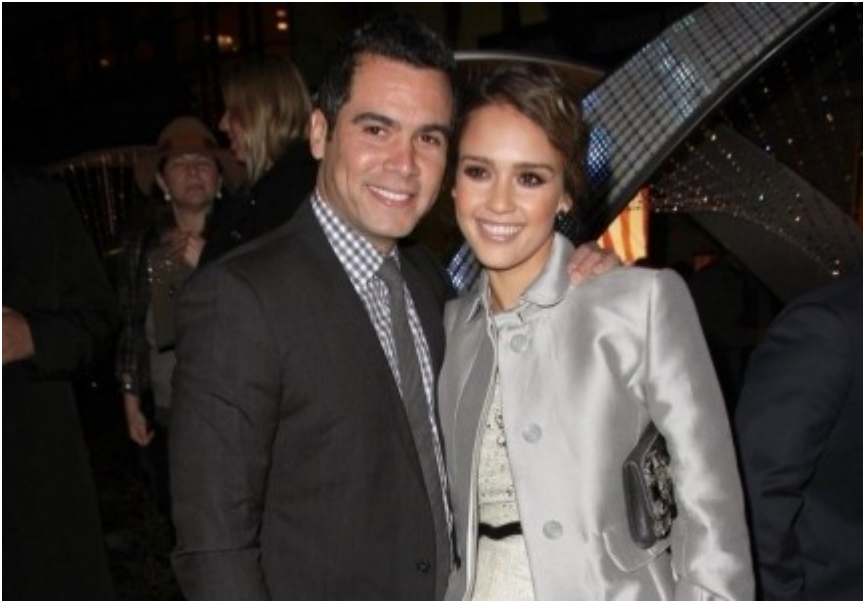
In other words, they broke the law of attraction.

The law of attraction is a key ingredient when it comes to finding the love of your life. To utilize it in your search for love, all you have to do is ask, believe and receive with full clarity. As simple as that sounds, people get impatient when it comes to the "believe" part. While it would be fabulous if the love of your life arrived five minutes after you incorporated the law of attraction, it doesn't happen that way. Sometimes it takes time for the opportunity to present itself, but know that it's well worth the wait.

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## Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt Share a PDA-Filled Golden Globes





Angelina Jolie may not have won big at the Golden Globes this past Sunday, but she didn't leave empty-handed! At the end of the night, she still got to go home with her hunky mate, Brad Pitt. As host Ricky Gervais brutally mocked Jolie's nomination for *The Tourist*, the 35-year-old actress sat with her head resting on her man's shoulder. Then, according to *UsMagazine.com*, she was later seen sweetly fixing Pitt's tie. Although Jolie didn't get an award, her partner's reassuring consolation certainly won her heart!

**What are subtle ways to show you care in public?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

At the Golden Globes, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt managed to show that they cared for each other without getting too mushy.

Cupid thought of some ways that you can do the same:

**1. Hold hands:** Holding your special someone's hand in public is a great way to make him or her feel special. It may not seem like you're doing much, but it's actually a great way to show your partner that you're proud to be in a relationship.

**2. Do sweet favors:** When it comes to adoring your partner in public, waiting on them hand and foot never fails. It could be as simple as taking her jacket, filling her glass of wine,



or even helping her out of a chair. If you do something before she has to ask, it shows you were thinking about her happiness first.

**3. Wink:** A very simple and overlooked gesture that goes a long way is a small bat of the eye. A wink as you smile at your partner shows her that you have eyes for no one else!

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## Forbes: What Do Powerful Celebrity Women Really Want From a Relationship?



By Krissy Dolor

*Forbes* may be a money magazine, but that doesn't mean that they don't love celebrities, too! Last week, the magazine reported on a recent study conducted by the University of



Abertay Dundee in Scotland, which found that as women earn money and financial independence, their attraction to good-looking, older men increases. In addition, these women hold a man's looks to a higher standard. The university has dubbed this "The George Clooney effect."

Previous studies have found that women care more about whether or not a man can provide for them, while men were more attracted to lookers. This new study showed that when a woman's income increases, her taste in men change.

"We'd assumed that as women earn more, their partner preferences would actually become more like those of men, with a tendency towards preferring younger, more attractive partners rather than those who can provide and care for children," said lead researcher Dr. Fhionna Moore, a psychology lecturer at the University of Abertay Dundee. "However, the preferred age difference did not change as we'd expected – more financially independent women actually preferred even older men. We think this suggests greater financial independence gives women more confidence in partner choices, and attracts them to powerful, attractive older men."

*Forbes* analyzed 12 celebrity couples, posing this question: What is each woman in the celebrity couple attracted to? They say that Angelina Jolie, as one of the highest-earning women in Hollywood (\$20 million), wants a hot, older man. Hubby Brad Pitt is 12 years older than the starlet. Think Demi Moore's marriage to Ashton Kutcher is part of the cougar effect? Think again. She told *Harper's Bazaar* she does not like the term – and Kutcher's Twitter presence seems to garner enough fame on its own. We can even look at Ellen DeGeneres, who earned \$55 million last year, and is married to Portia De Rossi – a woman 15 years her junior.

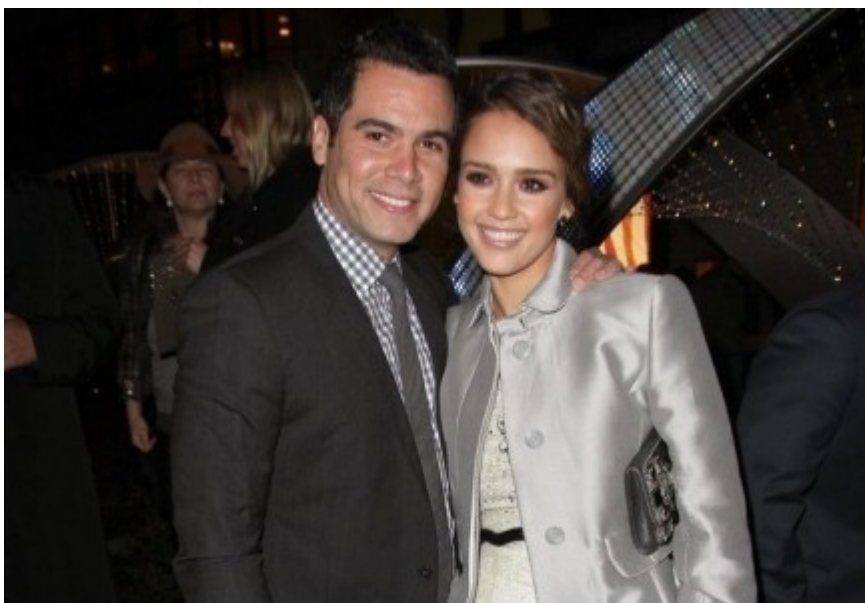
In addition to the UK study, lead researcher at dating site [eHarmony](#), Gian Gonzaga, said in the *Forbes* article that high-

earning women are attracted to successful men who have established careers – and typically, these men are older. “In the data I’ve seen, women always want higher earning men,” said Gonzaga. He also said, “the Cougar thing is likely a myth.”

Well, there you have it: money only begets more money. If only there were a slew of George Clooney and Brad Pitt look-alikes up for grabs...

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## Chelsea Handler Trashes Angelina Jolie for Jennifer Aniston



Chelsea Handler has a mouthful of expletives ready for actress, Angelina Jolie

when it comes to defending new best friend, Jennifer Aniston. [Us Weekly](#) reported that while performing in Newark, NJ, Chelsea Handler did not hold back – even going so far as to include Angelina Jolie’s children. “She can rescue as many babies from as many countries as she wants to,” Handler said.

Does this mean the *Chelsea Lately* comedienne won’t be seeing Jolie’s newest movie, *The Tourist*?

## **How can you help a friend after a breakup?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Consoling and supporting your friend after a tough break-up is important. It’s a tough job, but if there’s anyone ready and willing, it should be her best friend:

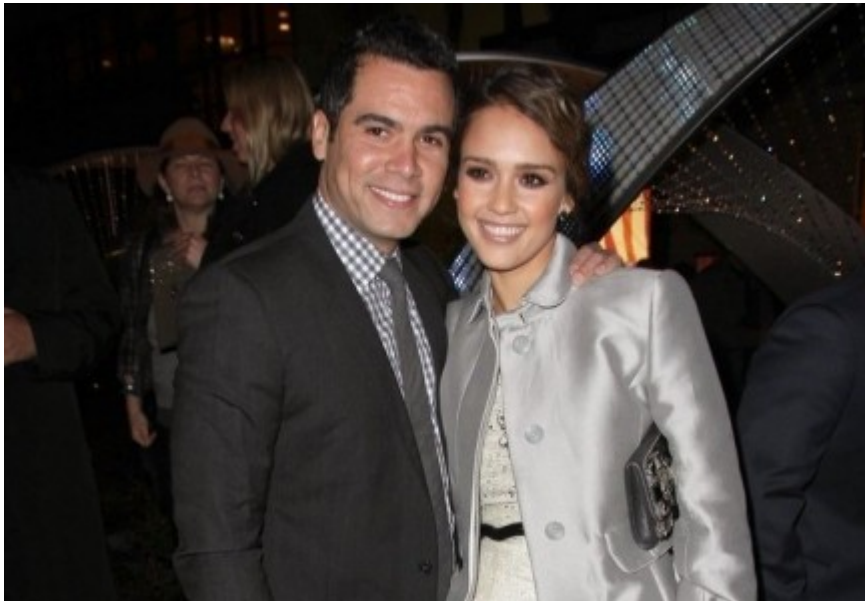
**1. Be patient:** Going through a break-up is never easy. While it may seem to be the only topic of conversation for a while, let them express how they feel – anger, guilt, remorse, and hopefully eventually, happiness. It’s all part of the process of moving on.

**2. Keep busy:** After your friend has gotten everything out, get her out of the house! Go out to dinner, indulge in a shopping spree, or hit the town to remind her how many opportunities await.

**3. Laugh it up:** They say laughter is the best medicine. While *Sex and the City*’s Charlotte’s incident in Cabo san Lucas might not be an option, put a smile back on your friend’s face.

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# A New Hollywood Trend: Dating with Kids



By Kelly Seal

Considering dating someone with kids?

Celebrities without children are daring to date single parents these days, at least according to the tabloids. Rocker Matt Bellamy recently started dating single mom Kate Hudson. Brad Pitt became an adoptive father to Angelina Jolie's oldest son shortly after their relationship took off. And let's not forget Jake Gyllenhaal's romance with Reese Witherspoon, single mother of two.

I have to admit, I never thought I'd be dating a man with children, let alone marry him. I don't have any myself, and had never dated any single dads previously. It's one thing to figure out the twists and turns of being in a relationship, and quite another when you add children to the mix. And yet I decided to pursue this path, not only because I fell in love

with my husband, but because I saw him as a compassionate, caring, and loving father with his kids.

Whether this is a new trend in Hollywood or not, dating a single mom or dad comes with its own unique challenges. If you find yourself in this situation and are looking to navigate your way through, here are some considerations that may help guide you in the right direction.

**1. Are you looking for a long-term relationship?** Perhaps you've fallen for a single mom or dad, but you aren't really sure if it's just a fling or something more substantial. Until you decide that you are in it for the long-term, don't meet the children. They do not need more instability added to their lives, and it's more confusing when girlfriends or boyfriends come and go. Take your time so you really know what you want.

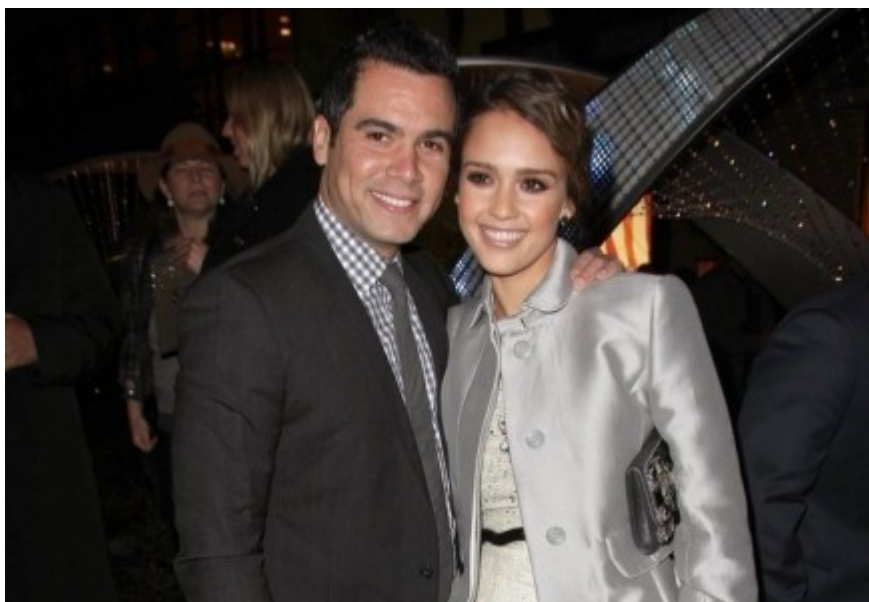
**2. Be flexible.** Single parents are going it alone, so remember if a child gets sick or has a change in schedule, the parent has to take care of things. If you planned a nice evening out or a trip with your beloved and it gets canceled due to the kids, recognize that sometimes you have to go with the flow.

**3. Do you want to form a relationship with the kids, too?** When you date someone with kids, you're also entering a relationship with his/her children. If you are uncomfortable with the idea of taking the kids places or getting to know them, you may want to reconsider.

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# Celebrity Couples Make a Blessing Out of Interfaith Relationships



By Erika Hymowitz

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Chelsea Clinton/Marc Mezvinsky, Naomi Watts/Liev Schreiber, Tom Cruise/Katie Holmes and even Brad Pitt/Angelina Jolie are among the numerous celebrity couples attempting to make an interfaith relationship work. While it's nice to believe the old saying "love conquers all," there are often many challenges an interfaith couple faces. Speaking from experience, I entered into an interfaith marriage five years ago. It has taken a tremendous amount of respect and understanding between me and my husband to make our relationship work and to be able to provide a stable



foundation for our children.

[ABC News](#) says that one in three U.S. couples is in a religiously mixed marriage. However, back in June, the [Chicago Family Law Blog](#) highlighted the issue and cited data taken from a 2001 American Religious Identification Survey, which show couples in mixed-religion families were *three times* more likely to be divorced than those who were of the same faith. The [New York Times](#) also wrote on the issue this past summer, following the high-profile marriage of Chelsea Clinton and Marc Mezvinsky. Clinton, a Methodist and Mezvinsky, who is Jewish, pushed the issue of mixed marriage into the spotlight again.

**Whether mixed-religion marriages are becoming the new norm or not, if you are in such a relationship and are questioning whether or not it can work, here are a few things to consider:**

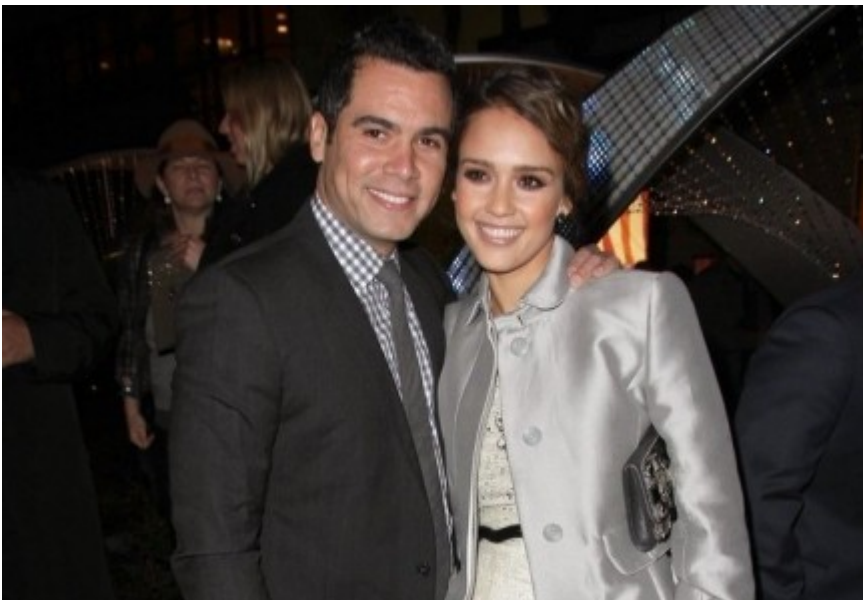
**1. Don't ignore the differences:** Religion often contributes to who we are. As such, it's crucial not to disregard religious beliefs. One of the top mistakes that couples make is that they believe their love for one another will conquer all interfaith marital problems. This is not always true. Take the time to discuss your beliefs. You may find that your partner feels the same way, or you may realize you come from completely different backgrounds.

**2. Look for clergy counseling:** If you're looking for that mixed marriage blessing, you'll want to consider speaking with clergy from your place of worship. When my husband and I first considered getting married, we immediately went to meet with my Rabbi. He was very open to the idea of us getting married, with the understanding that we will raise our children in the Jewish faith. A member of the clergy will help outline the challenges you may face as a couple as well as give advice on how to best approach your respective families, who may not be as accepting.

**3. Think of the children:** The last thing you'll want to do is make a child decide which religion they want to follow. Before you even have children, you and your spouse should decide how you want to raise them. Lay the foundation from the beginning, and be honest with each other about your wishes. You don't want to confuse your child, but rather give them a solid sense of faith and culture. There is nothing wrong with celebrating all holidays, but make sure that as your children get older, they have a belief system.

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## Election Day Celebrity Style



By Kaitlyn Monteiro

With this year's 2010 midterm elections coming to a close today, we aren't seeing the celebrity star power that we witnessed in 2008. Make no mistake; it's not the Presidential election but it's still an important time to

vote. According to experts, Hollywood is staying home this election period. Why the lack of star power now? Where's Brad and Angelina? Demi and Ashton? Whether we like it or not, these famous folks can influence public opinion. If you and your partner are ready to vote but don't see eye-to-eye when it comes to politics, there are still ways that you can make a stance while maintaining a healthy relationship:

1. One way to achieve neutral ground is by educating others. Instead of focusing your attention on who you're voting for, put the spotlight on the traditional lack of voter turn out instead and help increase the numbers.

2. Stand behind a group. While Jay-Z has made it clear in the past Presidential election who he was voting for, this time around he's working with the Vote Again 2010 campaign headed by HeadCount, a nonpartisan organization that works with musicians to promote participation in democracy. Find ways to get involved with groups that share the same political viewpoint as you.

3. Avoid trying to change your partner's opinion. You're with them because of the person they are, not the political candidate they support. Respect that they have the right to an opinion that differs from yours. Don't ridicule your significant other's views on certain issues – instead, listen and work to understand their stance.

Without becoming a political celebrity staple, celebrity couples are taking on a more open-minded and neutral stance when it comes to the midterm elections, and you and your significant other can try this out too. While issues dealt with during political elections can be the breaking point for some couples, that doesn't mean that Republicans, Democrats, and all parties alike cannot find mutual grounds in the dating world.

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# Jersey Shore's Angelina Goes on a Terrifying Date



In spite of leaving her castmates at *Jersey Shore* before the end of the season for the second time, Angelina's reality TV career is far from over. According to [RadarOnline](#), just in time for Halloween, the Jersey girl appeared on IFC's 5-part horror satire series, *Dead Set*. It seems that Angelina may be trading in her tan juice head guidos for a much paler partner. As part of IFC's spoof, Angelina shocked the GTL off of her *Jersey Shore* castmates by dating the undead. Anyone who thinks their last blind date was bad can't top Angelina's date with a zombie. Her disgust can be seen as she speaks in candid detail about why this zombie isn't right for her. Perhaps, next time she will look for guys on the boardwalk instead of at the graveyard.

## What are some date deal breakers? Cupid's Advice:

There is nothing like a bad date to ruin a perfectly good evening. But, remember, going on a bad date isn't your fault, staying on one is:

**1. Disrespect:** If your date makes hurtful comments about your appearance, family background, religion, or anything else, end the date immediately. This is unacceptable behavior that doesn't warrant a second of your attention.

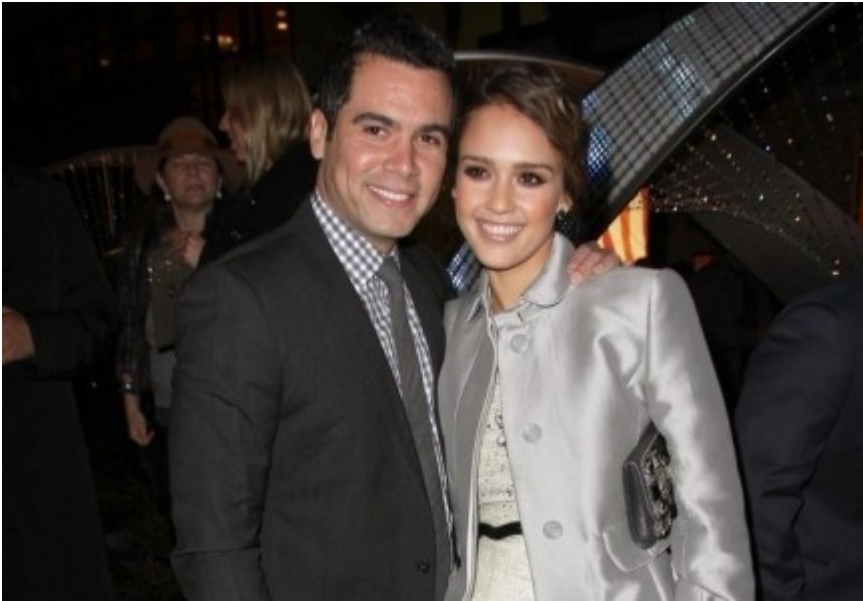
**2. Too touchy-feely:** Though everyone has a different timeline when it comes to the sensual side with someone you have been dating, if that's all your date is interested in, there is no point in dating him/her.

**3. No chemistry:** Your date may be a great person, but there's just something missing. He/she may appear to be the perfect partner, but maybe just not for you. Don't feel guilty; at least you didn't lead him on!

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## Angelina Jolie to Write, Direct & Produce New Film





As if Angelina Jolie wasn't busy enough already, she's now set to direct, write and produce a new love story set during the Bosnian War, [People](#) reported. The actress and mother to six children visited Bosnia as a UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador in April. "The film focuses on a Serbian man and a Bosnian woman who meet on the eve of the war and the effect the war has on their relationship," Graham King's GK Films announced.

### **How do you balance your relationship and your work schedule?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

As a career woman with a busy work schedule, it can be tough to balance that with the relationship with your partner.

Cupid has some tips that may help:

**1. Protect your private time:** Make sure to schedule time for yourself. It's easy to get so caught up in your busy life that you forget about setting aside time to wind down.

Missing your private time should be just as bad as missing a doctor's appointment!

**2. Figure out what matters:** More than likely there are things in your life that simply don't matter. It's a matter of putting the things that truly mean something to you at the front of the line – as your number one priority.



**3. Get help:** Just because you accept help from your friends and family doesn't mean you've lost control of your life. That's sometimes one of the hardest things to realize. Next time a friend offers to babysit for a night, take them up on it!

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## Angelina Jolie On Brad Pitt: We Have Each Other's Backs



With six kids at home and the paparazzi waiting outside, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie depend on each other more than ever. The 35-year-old *Salt* actress tells [People](#) in last week's issue, "We have each other's backs." This can come in handy when the kids are fighting.

## How can you make co-parenting more effective?

### Cupid's Advice:

Parenting is a difficult job, but if you share the responsibilities equally with your partner, it will be a lot less challenging.

- 1. Power struggle:** A major parenting problem is who's going to play the bad guy, but neither of you have to play that role. Establish a balance of power by agreeing to issues before they happen. One rule is to never undermine your spouse in front of your kids.
  - 2. Ask for help:** Don't take things out on your partner if you're having a hard time with the children. Instead, tell him or her what you're struggling with, and ask for their help and input. Your spouse is more likely to be there for you when their opinions are being accounted for.
  - 3. Savor the moments:** Keep in mind that your children learn by watching you, so don't let parenting be a burden that makes you irritable and angry towards your partner or others. Set aside some time for R&R each day or week to enjoy each other's company.
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## Angelina Jolie's New Tattoo is 'For Brad'





Angelina Jolie is well known for both her high-profile romance with Brad Pitt, as well as her array of inspiring tattoos. During a recent interview with [MTV](#), Jolie was questioned on her latest ink, located on her inner thigh. Fans got a glimpse of it in *Vanity Fair*, which featured the actress as August's cover story. When MTV asked about it, Jolie shied away from the topic, and said, "Um, it's for Brad."

**How else can I express commitment in my relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Getting a tattoo in honor of your loved one is a permanent and significant way to show you care. Want a less drastic approach? Cupid has some ideas:

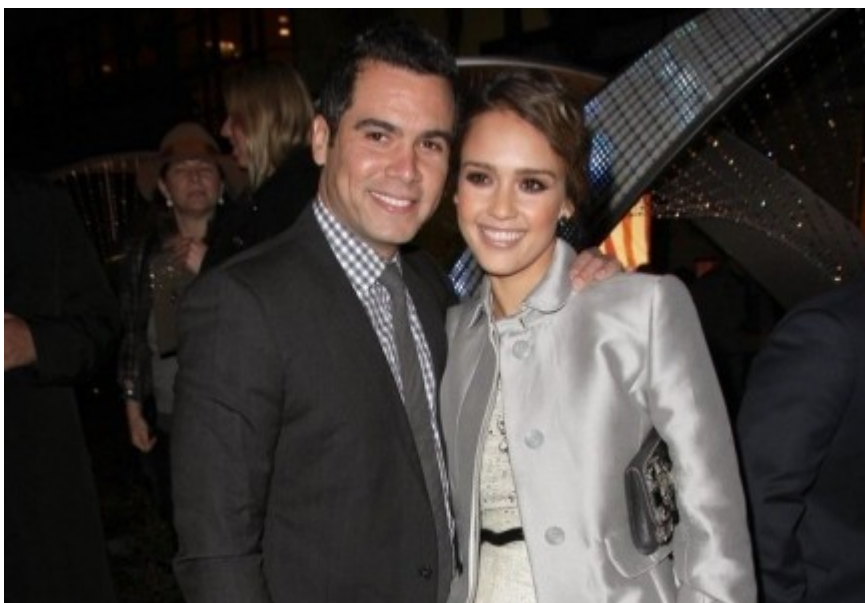
- 1. Try the alternative:** If you like the idea of something permanent, try getting a piercing instead. If you don't want it to be seen, you can simply take it out. Beats laser surgery!
- 2. Commit:** If you're jumping the gun by getting a tattoo in your partner's honor, it looks as if you're ready for marriage. Not the case? Try a promise ring. Already

married? Take celebrating anniversaries a step further and commemorate your first date or your first kiss with a sentimental tradition, then promise to do it every year.

**3. The small things count:** You don't always need a physical object to show you care. Just being there for your partner says you're in it for the long haul. Simple gestures, such as surprising your partner with breakfast in bed, or even just saying, "I love you," can go a long way.

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## Angelina Jolie Shares Her Secrets On Staying Together



After several years in the public eye, six kids, and a slew of

movies to her name, Angelina Jolie spoke with *Parade Magazine* about how she keeps her relationship with Brad Pitt going strong. "The children certainly tie us together, but a relationship won't hold if it's only about the kids," Jolie said. "You also must be really interested in each other and have a really, really wonderful, exciting time together. We do. Brad and I love being together. We enjoy it. We need it, and we always find that special time. We stay connected. We talk about it. It's very important."

## **What can you do to keep the spark alive in a relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Staying interested in each other, enjoying each other's company, and talking about things are all major components for a healthy relationship. However, there are other ways to stay connected. Cupid has some ideas:

- 1. Spice up your dates:** Try doing something you and your partner wouldn't normally do, like attending a wine tasting class, or a taking a spur of the moment road trip. Opening yourself up to new options will reduce the chance of boredom. Oh, and don't forget to take turns planning the new adventures!
- 2. Talking dirty not your thing?** Use the past as an aphrodisiac! Stroll down memory lane and tell each other your most intimate and favorite time as a couple.
- 3. Nothing to talk about?** Sometimes couples get to a point in their relationship where they think they know everything about the other person, and they have nothing additional to share. Experience new things on your own and share it with your partner later. Not only does it make for interesting conversation, but it can help you find fun, creative hobbies along the way.