

# Chelsea Clinton Discusses Plans to Have Children



After two years of marriage, former First Daughter Chelsea Clinton is finally talking babies with Marc Mezvinsky. [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) reports that in the September issue of *Vogue* Clinton shares that starting a family is “certainly something that Marc and I talk a lot about.” But the couple is in no rush. “Marc and I are both working really hard right now, but I think in a couple of years, hopefully . . . literally, God willing. And I hope my mom can wait that long.” Clinton is coincidentally the same age as her mother, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, was when she gave birth.

**How do you know when it's the right time to have kids?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

After marriage the idea of having kids can be exciting, but you have to make sure you are settled in your life before taking on a whole new adventure. Here's how to make sure the timing is right:

**1. Financially secure:** You want your kids to have the best life possible, and if you're having money problems your child will be negatively affected. Having children is all about love but don't forget that you also need to be able to support them.

**2. You've spent enough alone time in your marriage:** After your big wedding day, spend at least a couple of months in the honeymoon phase of your marriage. Get to know each other as a married couple and enjoy your intimate alone time before you add a plus one.

**3. You know what you're getting into:** The thought of having children can conjure up images of love, playfulness and happiness, but you need to be prepared for all of the difficulties behind the positives. You need to read up on what to expect during pregnancy, how to care for newborns and then some. It would even help to get advice from other families. No one knows exactly what to expect when starting a family, but it's good to be knowledgeable about the basics.

**How would you know when it's the right time to have kids? Tell us below.**

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# **Are Chelsea Clinton and New**

# Husband Headed for Divorce?



Some celebrities have to spend more time defending their relationship than actually having one. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), this has been the case lately with Chelsea Clinton and husband, Marc Mezvinsky. Many tabloids have wrongfully reported that the couple who tied the knot with a lavish fairy tale wedding in Rhinebeck, NY, last August, are headed for divorce. As a friend of the newlyweds recently stated, "They're one of the best and most in love couples I've ever known." The former first daughter and her husband were also recently seen having dinner in New York where they seemed very much in love.

**What are ways to combat break-up rumors?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

The only thing worse than break-up rumors is an actual break-up. When it comes to these ridiculous untruths, either fight

them head on or ignore them all together:

- 1. Seeing is believing:** When rumors strike, go out in public as couple to show everyone just how happy you really are.
  - 2. Give them the cold shoulder:** Ignoring the rumors completely is always a solid option. As long as you know the truth, that's all that matters.
  - 3. Make a statement:** If this is something you decide to be vocal about, make it short and sweet.
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## Celebrity Couples Make a Blessing Out of Interfaith Relationships





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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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# Chelsea Clinton Marries Longtime Boyfriend Marc Mezvinsky



Chelsea Clinton and Marc Mezvinsky have finally tied the knot in a fairytale wedding! Surrounded by 400 close friends and family, the now Mrs. Mezvinsky walked down the aisle in a gorgeous wedding dress by Vera Wang (a family friend). This summer's post talked about wedding took place at Rhinebeck, a small town in upstate New York. The beautiful interfaith ceremony was presided by Rabbi James Ponet and Rev. William Shillady at Astor Courts, reported [People](#). Mother of the bride, Hillary Clinton, released a statement that said, "We could not have asked for a more perfect day to celebrate the beginning of



their life together, and we are so happy to welcome Marc into our family.”

**How can you prepare for your dream wedding without going overboard?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Everyone wants a fairytale wedding, but that dream comes with a very expensive price-tag. The ideal wedding usually takes around a year to plan – take your time, and use Cupid's helpful tips to save money and stay classy!

**1. Budget:** Figure out how much money you can afford to spend for your big day. You don't want to start your new life as husband and wife with huge wedding debt.

**2. Pick and choose:** Decide what factors are most important to you for the wedding (e.g. wedding dress, cake, food), and let other details, like custom linens, take backseat.

**3. DIY:** Small things that may seem like a big deal can actually be done yourself! There are some great websites that explain how to make bridesmaids bouquets, or where to get the bows and ribbons to decorate the church or venue for half the price.

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## **What Role Will Religion Play at Chelsea Clinton's Wedding?**







In just a few days, Chelsea Clinton and fiancé Marc Mezvinsky will tie the knot, as Cupid reported last month. Before the big day on July 31, the media is abuzz with speculation. Will the wedding really cost two million dollars? What's on their playlist? But there's one detail that hasn't received quite as much attention: how will religion play a role in the ceremony? Clinton was raised Methodist, while Mezvinsky is Jewish. CBS's Early Show had life coach and dating expert Donna Barnes offer her perspective on interfaith marriages last week.

## **What are some unique ways to incorporate religion into a wedding?**

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

With the number of people marrying outside their own religion on the rise, discussing what role religion will play in the ceremony is important. Understanding and respecting your partner's beliefs and practices can also help create a happy home life of mixed faiths. Here are a few circumstances to consider for the big day:

**1. Interfaith weddings:** If you and your partner don't share the same religion, but want to incorporate faith into the ceremony, you could go the interfaith route and have one officiant from each religion present.

## **2. Want a religious ceremony in a non-religious location:**

You've dreamed of saying "I do" on the beach, or maybe even in your own backyard, with a religious ceremony. This may be difficult, as many faith-based officiants won't perform wedding ceremonies outside places of worship. You could, however, opt for two separate ceremonies: an intimate celebration at a place of worship, as well as another at your dream location, led by a non-religious officiant, like a Justice of the Peace.

**3. Non-practicing:** If you and your spouse's family have religious roots, but you don't currently practice a particular faith, you may wonder if having a wedding in a place of worship is appropriate. Ask yourself and your partner how comfortable you feel when inside these locations, talk to your families about the role that faith may or may not play at the ceremony, and seek advice from a religious leader.

Ultimately, do what feels right for you and your spouse.