

Table 3. Logistic regression coefficients showing the effect of various characteristics on a couple's choice of contraceptive sterilization over other methods, by which spouse's characteristics are controlled for in the analysis

Characteristic	N	Husband's	Wife's	Both	Characteristic	N	Husband's	Wife's	Both
HUSBAND'S CHARACTERISTICS					SPOUSES' RELATIVE CHARACTERISTICS				
Age	1,671	0.1095***	na	0.0776*	Age				
Race					Same age†	902	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
White†	993	0.0000	na	0.0000	Wife older	184	0.4885*	-0.2076	0.1419
Black	501	-1.0004***	na	-1.1363	Husband older	585	-0.3109	0.1267	-0.1975
Other	177	0.1678	na	-0.1497	Race				
Education					Same race†	1,534	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
<high school	158	-1.0612***	na	-1.6489***	Different race	137	-0.6366*	-0.6524*	-0.7450*
High school†	640	0.0000	na	0.0000	Previous marriage				
>high school	873	-0.4534**	na	0.1857	Neither†	1,237	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Religion					Husband only	152	0.2182	0.3531	0.1858
Protestant†	1,046	0.0000	na	0.0000	Wife only	176	0.3375	0.2904	0.3259
Catholic	404	-0.3664*	na	-0.5426*	Both	106	1.1795***	1.1750***	1.2213***
Other	68	-2.1579***	na	-1.6978*	Education				
None	153	-0.4855	na	-0.8356*	Same level†	1,036	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Region of residence					Wife more	307	0.8118***	0.7606***	1.5384**
Northeast	247	-0.2289	-0.2503	-0.1570	Husband more	328	0.3821*	0.3275	-0.2908
South	754	-0.1151	-0.0952	-0.0329	Religion				
Midwest	413	-0.0934	-0.0209	-0.0082	Same†	1,326	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
West†	257	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	Different	345	-0.4225*	-0.4953**	-0.3561*
WIFE'S CHARACTERISTICS					COUPLE CHARACTERISTICS				
Age	1,671	na	0.0983***	0.0474	Marriage duration (in years)	1,671	0.0781***	0.0829***	0.0668**
Race					No. of pregnancies	1,671	0.0291	0.0083	0.0224
White†	1,007	na	0.0000	0.0000	No. of children	1,671	0.3365***	0.3196***	0.3537***
Black	476	na	-0.8320**	0.1721	Status of last pregnancy				
Other	188	na	0.2664	0.6028	Intended†	824	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Education					Unintended, female method used	118	0.8543**	0.8818**	0.8440**
<high school	162	na	-0.1034	0.3847	Unintended, male method used	74	1.1635***	1.0722***	1.1875***
High school†	660	na	0.0000	0.0000	Unintended, no method used	291	0.4607*	0.4357*	0.4703*
>high school	849	na	-0.1469	-0.7888	No pregnancy in this marriage	364	-0.2506	-0.3019	-0.3577
Religion					<i>Constant</i>		-5.9267***	-5.7979***	-6.3212***
Protestant†	1,063	na	0.0000	0.0000	<i>Log likelihood</i>		-684.1	-698.7	-677.7
Catholic	411	na	-0.1637	0.1469	<i>Chi-squared (df)</i>		422.2 (27)***	393.0 (27)***	435.0 (35)***
Other	88	na	-1.5596***	-0.6142					
None	109	na	-0.0775	0.5480					

*p<.05. **p<.01. ***p<.001. †Reference group.