

Table 4. Multinomial logistic regression coefficients showing the effect of various characteristics on a couple's choice of male sterilization over female sterilization, 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	0.0713	na	0.1559*	Age				
Race					Same age†	902	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
White†	993	0.0000	na	0.0000	Wife older	184	-0.4887	-0.4363	0.1012
Black	501	-2.3326**	na	0.7337	Husband older	585	-0.4814	-0.3845	-0.9375**
Other	177	-0.6378	na	-0.2307	Race				
Education					Same race†	1,534	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
<high school	158	-0.8086	na	-0.1802	Different race	137	0.4698	0.6223	0.3495
High school†	640	0.0000	na	0.0000	Previous marriage				
>high school	873	0.0271	na	-0.7195	Neither†	1,237	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Religion					Husband only	152	-0.1485	0.1117	-0.1109
Protestant†	1,046	0.0000	na	0.0000	Wife only	176	-1.2990**	-1.1687**	-1.1416*
Catholic	404	-0.1801	na	-0.3869	Both	106	-0.3937	-0.1129	-0.2332
Other	68	-1.0408	na	-2.0262	Education				
None	153	0.7462	na	-0.2134	Same level†	1,036	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Region of residence					Wife more	307	-0.3333	-0.5559*	-1.0715
Northeast	247	-1.1426**	-1.2036**	-1.2231**	Husband more	328	-0.2657	0.0291	0.5101
South	754	-1.2966***	-1.3121***	-1.2777***	Religion				
Midwest	413	-0.6930*	-0.7074*	-0.7484*	Same†	1,326	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
West†	257	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	Different	345	0.6769*	0.6899*	0.7075*
WIFE'S CHARACTERISTICS					COUPLE'S CHARACTERISTICS				
Age	1,671	na	-0.0167	-0.1088	Marriage duration (in years)	1,671	0.0565	0.1105**	0.0734*
Race					No. of pregnancies	1,671	-0.2689*	-0.2907*	-0.2541*
White†	1,007	na	0.0000	0.0000	No. of children	1,671	0.1274	0.1405	0.1125
Black	476	na	-2.9592**	-3.7304*	Status of last pregnancy				
Other	188	na	-0.8504*	-0.4761	Intended†	824	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Education					Unintended, female method used	118	-0.1043	-0.1909	-0.3003
<high school	162	na	-0.3182	-0.7712	Unintended, male method used	74	1.5242***	1.2544**	1.4496**
High school†	660	na	0.0000	0.0000	Unintended, no method used	291	0.0849	-0.0189	0.0034
>high school	849	na	0.3583	0.8270	No pregnancy	364	-1.2451*	-1.2842*	-1.2827*
Religion					<i>Constant</i>		-1.4935	0.6398	-0.9597
Protestant†	1,063	na	0.0000	0.0000	<i>Log likelihood</i>		-894.3	-905.4	-880.2
Catholic	411	na	0.1021	0.3499	<i>Chi-squared (df)</i>		542.3 (54)***	520.2 (54)***	570.5 (70)***
Other	88	na	0.0499	1.2424					
None	109	na	1.4961**	1.6082*					

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