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Just as the baby boomers changed society in our youth, so are we affecting seniors divorce rates. World-wide, divorce rates are jumping for persons in long-term marriages.

In Canada, according to Zoomer Magazine, divorce is spiking only among 50-plusers and becoming increasingly common for couples aged 65 or older. It is such a common trend it is now called "grey divorce".

Many times it is the woman who pulls the plug on the marriage - according to a 2004 study by A.A.R.P., women initiated the breakup to a long marriage 66% of the time. And yes, they report that most husbands don't see it coming, so you are not alone.

What happens next? After you work with family lawyers and sign a separation agreement that

divides up your assets and debts and spousal support, then what?

The good news here is that you will get through this, and you will be O.K. 80% of the A.A.R.P. clients reported either a somewhat or very positive outlook on their lives post-divorce. And yes, men tend to re partner sooner after a divorce, and 76% of men find love again.

Finally, you will also be alright financially. Due to longer periods of uninterrupted employment at generally higher wages, and greater contributions to the Canada Pension Plan, private pension plans, and various savings instruments such as RRIFs and RRSPs, senior men tend to have a comfortable post-divorce standard of living [while senior women often struggle financially post separation].



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My wife just told me she wants a divorce. We have been married for 46 years! What is going on?



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