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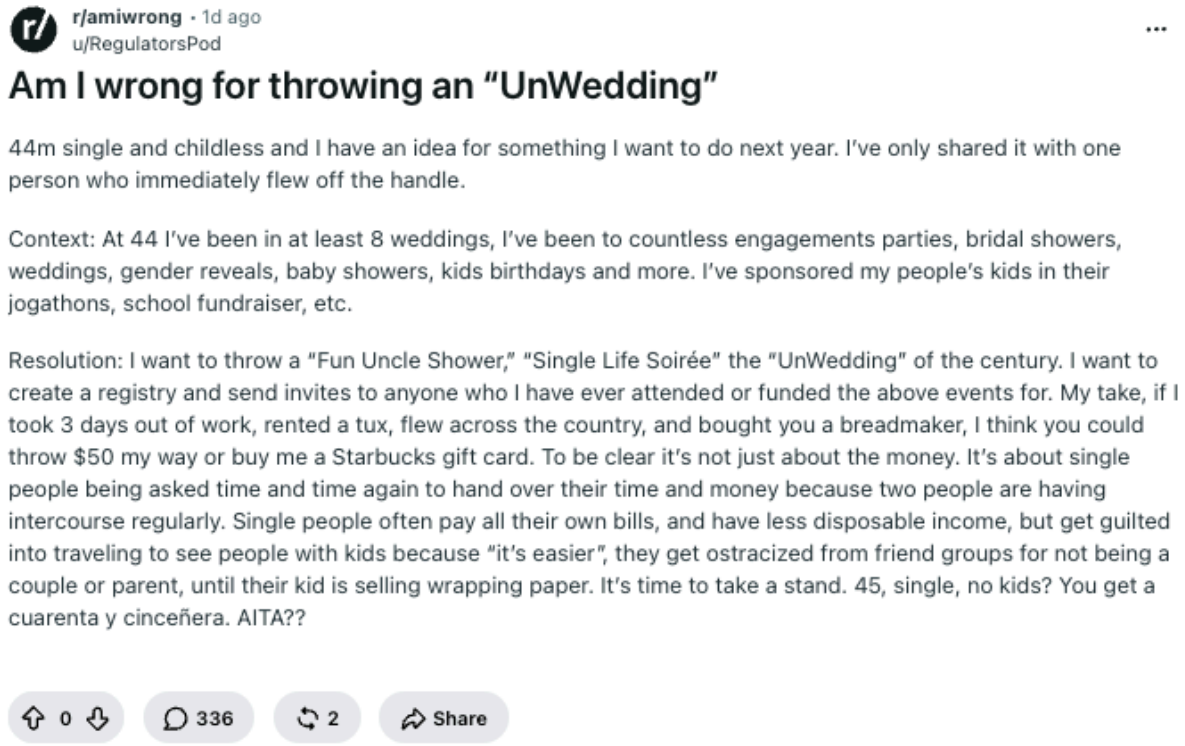

r/amiwrong · 1d ago
u/RegulatorsPod

Am I wrong for throwing an "UnWedding"

44m single and childless and I have an idea for something I want to do next year. I've only shared it with one person who immediately flew off the handle.

Context: At 44 I've been in at least 8 weddings, I've been to countless engagements parties, bridal showers, weddings, gender reveals, baby showers, kids birthdays and more. I've sponsored my people's kids in their jogathons, school fundraiser, etc.

Resolution: I want to throw a "Fun Uncle Shower," "Single Life Soirée" the "UnWedding" of the century. I want to create a registry and send invites to anyone who I have ever attended or funded the above events for. My take, if I took 3 days out of work, rented a tux, flew across the country, and bought you a breadmaker, I think you could throw $50 my way or buy me a Starbucks gift card. To be clear it's not just about the money. It's about single people being asked time and time again to hand over their time and money because two people are having intercourse regularly. Single people often pay all their own bills, and have less disposable income, but get guilted into traveling to see people with kids because "it's easier", they get ostracized from friend groups for not being a couple or parent, until their kid is selling wrapping paper. It's time to take a stand. 45, single, no kids? You get a cuarenta y cinceñera. AITA??

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Comments of Note:

missunderstood888 · 20h ago

See, the *concept* of this Fun Uncle Shower to UnWedding is fun imo, and something I'd get a kick out of if a single friend did.

HOWEVER, your *rationale* behind is it extremely off putting, because it entirely focuses on your resentment towards your friends and family. And makes it seem like you view your relationships as extremely transactional, as it sounds like you're keeping a running tab of your expenses from being 'forced' to be involved in people's lives.

And yeah, back to back wedding events do get very expensive, but they aren't mandatory -- you don't HAVE to go to or pay for a wedding if you don't want to or can't afford it.

The stuff about sponsoring kids and contributing to school fundraisers is even flimsier because that is not at all mandatory. You chose to do that, and are going to turn it around and act like they're exploiting you or taking advantage. If you don't want to be actively involved in these kids' lives then don't be!

If I was your friend this would change how I see you and our relationship, because you talking about being present at these big moments of your loved one's lives like you're in a hostage situation.

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RegulatorsPod OP · 18h ago

It's wild that I suggest I have a party suggesting my friends and family put in effort and attend, and then the response is that I resent my friends and family, lol. I think the married people in this sub are pressed because deep down they agree that the life of a married parent is more valuable than that of a single person. It's been enlightening

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missunderstood888 · 17h ago

Yep, you're right. You figured it out. And isn't it convenient that the 'real' answer is the one that doesn't require you to be vulnerable, take any risks, challenge your current worldview, or take an active role in creating the life that you want to live? I mean, what are the odds??

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remoteblips · 1d ago

I feel like you're fundamentally not understanding that people who are married and do have kids, don't have parties thrown for them 'just because' - big celebrations are tied to milestones, because we live in a society and part of living in a society is celebrating common milestones.

It seems like you want people to splash cash and give you gifts for simply existing?

Just have a birthday party, or a party to celebrate a promotion, or go back to tertiary education and get another degree and have a party to celebrate graduation, or move to a new place and have a great housewarming. You can have milestone celebrations without needing a partner or kids and without being a bitter incel loser about it, Jesus Christ.

It just seems like you're mad that you haven't done anything worth celebrating independently and you're trying to make that everyone else's problem.

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Archkat · 15h ago

I'm not defending OP for wanting to celebrate being himself, but. I don't have kids and I cannot count the amount of money I've spend on my nephews and nieces over the years. I do it happily don't get me wrong, and what's the alternative , not gift the little ones? But from economical point of view yes I have spend disproportionally way way more money on my brothers and sisters (with my husbands family combined) than all of the together on me. Its what it is, I'm not bitter but I am also allowed to be annoyed at this fact even if I wouldn't want to change it. At the same time my sister in law is having baby this month and omg that's another 3 years of having to go to their place because "we have kids and we can't come to yours". Her oldest is 3 years old and they have been to our place once after he was born. Even for my husband birthday we have to go and celebrate it to their house because "it's just easier with the kids you know". To be fair that's just them being weird, my brother takes his kids everywhere and doesn't bat and eyelid but again I think that's what's OP saying, that parents get a lot of things that childless people don't. Is it fair? No. Is it correct to do so? Yes.

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remoteblips · 13h ago · Edited 13h ago

I also don't have children yet and I'm not married, so I get it - but you've hit the nail on the head. When there are more people in a family, you have to buy more gifts (unless you're doing Kris Kringle). When people have kids, they're less mobile because of infant/toddler sleep schedules and routines (and all kids are different - some can sleep anywhere, some absolutely can't like my little niece). Conversely, if you became physically disabled, things would probably shift to accommodate what was easier for you. The kids won't be young forever and when it comes to celebrating, what families usually do is make arrangements that facilitate everyone participating. What you're saying is more than reasonable, but your argument isn't the same as OP's

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Well yes because unlike OP I m not an antisocial jerk and I also love my family haha But we literally live 15min away by car from his sister and it's always "but the kids" excuse. Is she milking it? Yes. Am I bothered by it? I'm annoyed but it doesn't exactly ruin my day, I still want to spend time with them so it's not worth the "fight". I think OP isn't getting any emotional advantage and that's their main issue even if they can't articulate it. I get so much love from my nieces for example, so sure I spend so much money on them but it's not even a drop in the ocean compared to the feelings I get back. So if OP is spending money constantly but because they are antisocial their connection stops there I can see why they become bitter about it.

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I think you're probably right. Hope your SIL starts being a bit more reasonable moving forward.

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