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Sommario/riassunto

This helpful book is designed to provide a broad view of the diversity of contemporary U. S. attitudes, behaviors, and relationships. It also covers basic sociological concepts and research methods. Marital and Sexual Lifestyles in the United States: Attitudes, Behaviors, and Relationships in Social Context integrates the sociological approach with a focus on individual choices and behaviors. Covering dating, sex, marriage, divorce, homosexuality, and other sexual issues, this helpful book is plentifully illustrated with tables, charts, and figures that show where we are going as well as where

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