

1. Rarer than polygyny
2. About a dozen societies practice
3. Tibetans
 - a. fraternal polyandry=wife married to brothers
 - b. Why do they practice?
 - They say it's economically advantageous (emic view)
 - It prevents the family's property from becoming divided & higher standard of living for each brother
 - Pizza pie analogy

III AFTER DEATH

A. Levirate=widow marries her dead husband's brother

1. Benefits
 - a. woman taken care of
 - b. all family relationships remain intact

B. Ghost marriage=woman marries a dead man

1. Any offspring she bears are considered the dead man's.
2. Why does this occur?

Offers the opportunity for a dead man to have an heir to inheritance in a patrilineal society.

ex: Nuer + Zulu

C. Sororate=wife dies and man marries his sister in-law