

**MARRIAGE AND WORK: AN ANALYSIS FOR FRENCH COUPLES IN THE 2000S**  
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This paper investigates the relationship between labour market polarization and assortative mating of couples. There is a growing number of studies showing that labour market participation of the two partners is positively correlated and that the “additional worker” hypothesis is not always confirmed. The literature on collective household behaviour assumes that couples’ sharing of non-labour income is the major factor driving the choice of hours of work of husband and wife. Marriage and class have been modelled by economists adopting a job search framework. Here we expand on this framework to model couple labour market behaviour and assortative mating within a job search framework. We then go on and test for the hypothesis that assortative mating draws labour market polarization and that the two are co-determined. Our model is estimated with data on French couples for the years 2000s. We find that assortative mating has a statistically significant impact on labour market polarization and that the two events are significantly correlated.